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## GUARDIANS OF SECURITY!

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Amit Shah, PK Mishra, Ajit Doval, Tapan Deka, Govind Mohan, Nityanand Rai, Bandi Sanjay Kumar and others on concluding day of the DGs/IGs Conference, in Bhubaneswar on Sunday. p5

'Maha' CM suspense continues, Shinde returns to Mumbai

### 'Unconditional support for any decision by Modi-Shah'

First India Bureau  
Mumbai

Maharashtra caretaker CM and Shiv Sena Chief Eknath Shinde, who had taken ill after a hectic election schedule, returned to Mumbai on Sunday after recuperating in his native village, Dare Tamb, in Satara. Shinde was given a 'guard of honour' by the Satara police before flying back to the state capital. Addressing mediapersons before his departure, Shinde reiterated that the Mahayuti alliance's chief ministerial candidate would be announced on Monday. "I have already given my unconditional support to decision of PM Modi, Shah, and Nadda, and I will support whatever they decide for Maharashtra," he said.



Caretaker CM of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde addresses a press conference in Satara on Sunday.

#### CM CANDIDATE WILL BE DECIDED TODAY: SHINDE

Addressing media, Eknath Shinde said, "Our government's work in the last 2.5 years will be written in golden letters in history... This is why people have given us a historic mandate and did not give Opposition a chance to elect a leader of opposition. All 3 allies of Mahayuti have a good understanding... The CM candidate will be decided today."

Shinde acknowledged the heavy workload during his tenure and attributed his illness to the hectic schedule and said, "I am doing good now. I had come here to rest after the hectic election schedule... I did not take any leave during my 2.5 years as the CM. People are still here to meet me. This is why I fell ill. This govt will listen to the people."

#### FADNAVIS FINALISED FOR MAHA CM: SUDHIR

Amid continued suspense over who will succeed Shinde as CM of Maharashtra, a senior BJP leader on late Sunday said name of Devendra Fadnavis has been finalised. Meanwhile, BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar also said that meeting will take place to choose our parliamentary leader. The announcement will be made ahead of oath ceremony.

Society will perish if population growth rate goes below 2.1%: Bhagwat

First India Bureau  
Nagpur

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday stressed the importance of family, saying that a society will perish if its population growth rate falls below 2.1. Speaking at 'Kathale Kul Sammelan' in Nagpur, he said that 'kutumb' is an integral part of society, with each family serving as a unit. "Decreasing population is a matter of concern because the Lok-sankhya Shastra says that if we go below 2.1, then that society perishes, no one will destroy it, it will perish by itself," Bhagwat added. He said population policy of India, decided around 1998 or 2002, states that the population growth rate should not be below 2.1.



RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat speaks during the 'Kathale Kul Sammelan', in Nagpur, Sunday.

Ultimate Sporting Sunday Showdown!

### Jay Shah is new ICC BOSS!

Jay Shah has officially taken charge as the Chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on December 1, marking a new chapter in global cricket administration. Shah outlined his vision, focusing on leveraging cricket's inclusion in Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games as a transformational opportunity and prioritising the growth of women's game.

I'm honored to become ICC Chair and thankful for the trust of Directors and Member Boards. I look forward to working with global partners to grow cricket.

JAY SHAH, NEW ICC CHAIRMAN



HOME FAVOURITE SHUTTLERS CREATE HISTORY!

Indian shuttlers ended their title drought at Syed Modi India International Super 300 tournament in Lucknow, clinching 3 out of 5 titles on final day. PV Sindhu triumphed over China's Luo Yu Wu 21-14, 21-16, marking her third win at tournament, joining Saina Nehwal. Lakshya Sen secured his first title with a dominant 21-6, 21-7 victory against Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh. Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand made history as first Indian women's doubles pair to win title since the tournament's inception in 2009.



#### IN SHORT

- 7 Maoists, including Top Commander, lilled in Telangana Police encounter.
- Bangladesh turned back over 54 members of the ISKCON who possessed valid travel documents.
- The ECI files police complaint against man over claim that he can hack EVM.
- GST collections grew 8.55% to over ₹1.82 lakh crore in November on higher revenues from domestic transactions.
- Andhra Pradesh government dissolves Waqf Board for 'better' governance.

### Happy 64th Birthday Mr Chief!



Union Health Minister and BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda celebrates his 64th birthday today. Known for his steadfast leadership, JP Nadda has served as the Bharatiya Janata Party's backbone and PM Narendra Modi-Union Home Minister Amit Shah 'confidant', guiding it through significant political milestones. His strategic vision and organizational skills have strengthened the party, ensuring its growth and success in Indian politics.

#### BUSY SUNDAY FOR THE CM

### CM Sharma meets Hosabale & other RSS leaders; reviews preps for PM Modi's visit

Aishwary Pradhan  
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma visited Bharati Bhavan and held a meeting with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leaders on Sunday. RSS Sarkaryavah Datatreya Hosabale is currently on a visit to Rajasthan, during which he held a significant discussion with Chief Minister Sharma for about half an hour. The meeting was also attended by Rajasthan's Prant Pracharak Babu Lal. This marks the



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma reviews preparations of one year of State government celebrations, in Dadiya on Sunday. Also seen are Madan Rathore, Ramcharan Bohra, Ashok Parnami, Sudhansh Pant, Shikhar Agrawal, Abhay Kumar, Biju George Joseph, Bhupendra Saini and others.

first important meeting between the two following the introduction of the Anti-Conversion Ordinance. Later CM Sharma also visited the Dadiya where celebrations of one year of the government is to be celebrated and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a public gathering. p8

Jet fuel and commercial LPG prices hiked!

First India Bureau  
New Delhi/Jaipur

Jet fuel, or ATF, price on Sunday was hiked by 1.45%, and rates of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants increased by ₹16.5/19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with international oil price trends. This is second straight monthly increase in prices. Flight tickets are likely to get costlier with price hike.

ATF IN DELHI  
₹91,856.84/kl  
LPG IN JAIPUR  
₹1,846

## RISING RAJASTHAN IN FOCUS

Preparations and beautification work are in full swing for the Rising Rajasthan, Amber's Mautha is being cleaned up and Sand arts are being made in Pushkar



A spectacular view of Amber's Mautha on Sunday, recently cleaned in preparation for the Rising Rajasthan Summit, scheduled from December 9 to 11. **NAIM KHAN**



Varieties of flowers are being planted and fountains are being checked and repaired at the Kesar Kyari near Amber Fort in Jaipur on Sunday. **SUNIL SHARMA**



Sand Artist Ajay Rawat raising awareness for the Rising Rajasthan Summit by making sand art on the sandy dunes of Pushkar in Ajmer on Sunday.



Fountains are being checked and repaired at the Kesar Kyari near Amber Fort in Jaipur on Sunday. **SUNIL SHARMA**

## MP Tiwari lauds CM Sharma for the Anti-conversion Bill

Yogesh Sharma  
Jaipur

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Ghanashyam Tiwari addressing a PC at BJP state office, welcomed and expressed gratitude for the decisions taken by CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's govt in the cabinet meeting. Tiwari said that CM has made historic work by taking action against illegal religious conversion and imposing a ban on love jihad. The CM fulfilled this requirement by passing The Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill 2024 in the cabinet.

He said that this bill was introduced during tenure of previous BJP govt, but then Governor did not sign it and sent it to President. But this BJP govt will pass it.



MP Ghanashyam Tiwari, Pramod Vashista, and other BJP leader during the press conference at BJP HQs in Jaipur on Sunday.

### JAGMOHAN MEENA THANKS VOTERS, WILL EMBARK ON 'AABHAAR YATRA' FROM DEC 3

Dausa: BJP leader Jagmohan Meena announced that he will be taking out Matdata Aabhaar Yatra to express his gratitude to the voters on December 3. He expressed gratitude for the love and support he received from all sections of society. Meena urged his supporters to remain united and addressed concerns about negative comments on social media and said, "Those making baseless remarks cannot be my supporters." He also criticized individuals creating fake profiles to spread social animosity and emphasized the need to put an end to such activities. **Laxmikant Sharma**

### RATHORE EMPHASISES RAJASTHAN'S PROGRESS UNDER CM SHARMA

Ajmer: Senior BJP leader Rajendra Rathore praised the BJP-led Rajasthan govt for its impactful decisions during a PC in Ajmer. He highlighted the approval of the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2024, aimed at curbing illegal religious conversions. He said that CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's govt is focused on economic growth, targeting exports of Rs 1.5 lakh crore in five years. Policies like MSME Policy 2024, amendments to land and tenancy laws,



and initiatives will boost industrial growth and tourism. The govt also addressed sand shortages through an M-Sand policy. Rathore emphasized bypolls results

as a testament to the govt's success. On Ajmer Dargah Sharif, Rathore refrained from commenting further, urging respect for the judicial process.

Sanitation workers call off their seven day long strike

Bharat Dixit  
Jaipur

The seven-day strike by sanitation workers has come to an end on Sunday evening. A meeting was held at the residence of the MLA with a delegation of sanitation workers. After the meeting, the delegation proceeded to the Heritage Corporation headquarters. Former union president Nand Kishore Dandoria made the announcement of calling off the strike.

It is to be mentioned that a directive has been issued for the employees on strike by the JMCH Commissioner stating that the strike is gross negligence under Rajasthan Service Rules 86. Sunday was the 7th day of sanitation workers' strike.

### ACTION AT 7 AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOPS IN TRANSPORT NGR

## 11 child labourers rescued in Jaipur

Dinesh Kasana  
Jaipur

Acting on the instructions of District Collector Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, the District Child Labor Task Force conducted a rescue operation in Transport Nagar on Sunday. The team raided 7 automobile repair shops and rescued 11 child labourers working there. Senior Labor Inspector Ankita Maharshi said that the rescued child labourers have been handed over to the team of the Child Welfare Committee at Gandhi Nagar for counselling and temporary care. Representatives of Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Prayas Sanstha, Labuor Inspector Rahul Saplanji and police team were present during the rescue operation.



Police team during the action at Transport Nagar in Jaipur on Sunday afternoon.

### 2 PEOPLE HELD WITH NINE PISTOLS, & THIRTEEN LIVE CARTRIDGES IN UDAIPUR'S SUKHER AREA

Udaipur: In a joint action by ATS and Sukher police station in Udaipur, two criminals were arrested with a consignment of pistols & cartridges. There were 9 pistols and 13 live cartridges. Police are interrogating the accused, Tausif & Ejaz, who are from Ratlam. **Ravi Sharma**



### MAN HELD FOR POSTING AGAINST DY CM PC BAIKWA FROM DUDU

Mozamabad police in Dudu detained the president of Mozamabad Business Board, Ghasi Ram Prajapati, for making indecent comments against Deputy CM Prem Chand Bairwa in the WhatsApp group of BJP Mandal on Saturday. The accused's wife is also a Panchayat Samiti member of BJP. Mozamabad SHO Sanjay Meena is investigating the case.

### RETD MAN DUPED OF OVER RS 1 CR THROUGH DIGITAL ARREST

Jodhpur: A case of digital arrest has come to light in Jodhpur where a retired man was reportedly cheated of over Rs 1.85 cr. The victim was threatened in the name of money laundering and was made to transfer money through different cheques into a bank account. Banad police station has registered a case and has started an investigation. **Shivprakash Purohit**

## Black money of ₹137 cr uncovered after 4 day long raid concludes

Vimal Kothari  
Jaipur

The four-day-long raid on a transport company concluded on Sunday, marking one of the largest seizures of gold jewelry in Rajasthan. Income tax officials claim to have uncovered Rs 137 crore in unaccounted wealth during the raids. Over 45 kilograms of gold jewelry and approximately Rs 4 crore in cash were confiscated. Additionally, no records were found for Rs 95 crore of income reportedly earned from transport operations, which officials suspect is also part of unaccounted wealth.

The case pertains to raids on Udaipur Golden



Transport and Logistics Pvt. Ltd. The Income Tax Investigation Branch began operations on Thursday morning across 6 cities in three states, including Ahmedabad and Vapi in Gujarat, Mumbai, three locations in Banswara, one in Jaipur, and 16 locations in Udaipur. Raids were also conducted at the residences of company directors Tikam Singh Rao and his brother Govind Singh Rao.

Poonia's remark on beating up govt officers stirs storm

First India Bureau  
Balotra

Abhimanyu Poonia, the Youth Cong State Prez, has stirred up a controversy with his 2 remarks during public addresses. In the first remark, he said that if any officer troubles you, then beat him up. "Later, I and MP Umedaram Beniwal will handle it," he said during a public gathering in Barmer. The video of the statement at the 'Nasha Nahi Naukari Do' programme has gone viral. FIN, however, does not confirm viral video.

His second comment was aimed at BJP's Radha Mohan Das Agrawal. He said that if anything happens to Agrawal, the government would be responsible.

### HARINAM SANKIRTAN

## For safety of Bangladeshi Hindus, devotees chant at Gupt Vrindavan Dham in Jaipur

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Thousands of devotees from across Jaipur gathered at Gupt Vrindavan Dham on Sunday morning to appeal for peace and harmony in Bangladesh through Harinam Sankirtan. Devotees participated in special Harinam Sankirtan and a protest to pray for safety and well-being of followers of Sanatan Dharma in Bangladesh.



Devotees during special Harinam Sankirtan for Bangladeshi Hindus at Gupt Vrindavan Dham in Jaipur on Sunday.

The procession began from the premises of Gupt Vrindavan Dham and passed through the temple's main gate, Akshay Patra Circle, Krishna

na Balamarg, and Hare Krishna Marg, concluding at Vrindavan Garden. Throughout the route, devotees chanted Harinam Sankirtan and raised slogans advocating the protection of Hindus. Anant Shesh Das, Vice President of Gupt Vrindavan Dham, provided details about the event and said that the purpose of the procession was to spread a message of peace and security worldwide through Harinam Sankirtan.

One worker dead, 3 hurt as tunnel collapses in Kota

Bhanwar S Charan  
Kota

Superintendent of Police, Kota Rural, Sujit Shankar informed that a worker died and three were injured when a section of an under-construction tunnel on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway collapsed here, police said on Sunday.

"The incident took place in the Modak police station area on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. The 4.9-km green overpass tunnel is being constructed under the hills of the Mukundra Tiger Reserve," he said.

### Crowd for CLAT Exam



Candidates coming out after giving their CLAT exam at SS Jain Subodh College in Jaipur on Sunday. CLAT UG and CLAT PG took place in a single shift, from 2 pm to 4 pm.

**NAIM KHAN**





**Gajendra Singh**

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## Language Matters

# UNITED WE STAND VS BANTOGE TO KATOGE

## A TALE OF CATCHY SLOGANS



**I**n a world where words shape perception, spark emotions, and rally crowds, one might think the key to unity is in the subtle, yet profound, power of a slogan. Take, for example, the slogan “United We Stand” used during the recent US election. Ah, the sophistication! This phrase not only unites, it practically sings the virtues of harmony. But there is competition in the world of slogans, and this time there is also a regional player in the fray, which was used especially in the by-elections in Maharashtra and other parts of the country, namely “Bantoge to Katoge”. The latter’s got a certain rawness, a local spice to it that just doesn’t go unnoticed. But let’s dissect it – does language really matter in getting the point across?

“United We Stand” sounds like it’s wearing a tuxedo at the nation’s unity gala. A slogan that could appear on a polished marble plaque in a prestigious hall of fame for inspiring phrases. It gently urges, suggesting that we may have differences but, for the greater good, perhaps we can keep it together. Its audience? Everyone. Its appeal? Global. You could say this to anyone, anywhere, and it would resonate, from diplomat in New York to a shepherd in the Alps. Now, let’s turn our attention to its contender: “Bantoge to Katoge.” Now here’s a phrase that takes unity to the street, gives it a pair of rugged jeans, and maybe even



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a tattoo. It’s earthy, raw, and so unmistakably “direct.” No frills, no grandiose gestures. It’s the street vendor of slogans, yelling out to everyone in earshot, “Look, buddy, either we stick together, or we’re toast!” It’s a slogan that says, “I’m not here to sugarcoat it; we’re on a sinking ship, and paddling in different directions means we’re all going under.”

The elegance of “United We Stand” is like the warm embrace of a skilled diplomat, wooing people into cooperation with a glass of wine and an inspiring speech. On the other hand, “Bantoge to Katoge” rolls up its sleeves, looks you squarely in the eye, and speaks in a language that demands attention. It doesn’t ask nicely; it declares consequences. For

people who are tired of veiled hints about the need for unity, this slogan pulls out the big guns. It’s almost like hearing a parent say, “Keep it up, and I’ll turn this car around!” No one doubts the seriousness.

In an ideal world, everyone would be moved by “United We Stand,” recognizing it as the shining example of eloquence. But let’s face it: sometimes, people need a reminder that there are stakes involved. Where “United We Stand” sounds hopeful, “Bantoge to Katoge” sounds like a last warning call. When people hear it, they know – oh, we better work together, or things could go south. Fast.

So, does language matter? Well, imagine watching a politician in a three-piece suit say, “Bantoge to Katoge” with the stern expression of scolding teacher. It would be jarring, wouldn’t it? And equally strange would be local activist in dusty jeans earnestly calling, “United We Stand!” So yes, language matters – because it’s not just what you say, it’s how you say it, and to whom. In one context, a phrase like “United We Stand” would uplift the crowd; in another, it might sound like wishful thinking. And “Bantoge to Katoge”? It may not make it to any marble plaques, but it just might get people thinking – or at least, cooperating. Well, whatever case may be, languages and slogans have the power to convert crowds into votes.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

## IN-DEPTH

### Trump’s appointments are fantastic for making United States awesome

**I** am a very happy camper. Not only did my tribe win the US presidential election on November 5, it did so in a stunning fashion. Since then, The Don has wasted absolutely no time in signaling appointment after appointment that make all of the people I disagree with most incandescently furious.

President-Elect Donald Trump’s cabinet and staff picks have been grenades, each tailor-made to signal that they will be tasked with administering their departments and, even better, burning them to the ground. Good, they deserve it. If you’ve read a smidge of my writing here you know what I think of the administrative state, that den of vipers that truly runs the federal bureaucracy and actually purports to rule the country through rules of procedure and forms.

Making Robert F. Kennedy Jr. the secretary of Health and Human Services and Tulsi Gabbard the head of the “Intelligence Community” is a gauntlet thrown down. RFK is openly skeptical of much of the vaccine schedule and fluoridated water. And Tulsi was put on a domestic terrorism watchlist the moment she endorsed Donald. The current administration’s decision to make enemies of the people who will be in charge of them in two months is so boneheaded, you must conclude that they never meaningfully considered they’d ever be out of power again. What dumbos.

And their lack of “credentials” and “experience” is more than half the point. Neither television presenter Pete Hegseth nor attorney Lee Zeldin (nor any of the previous three, either) have gone through the cursus honorum — “course of honors” — govt built to properly neuter any Mr. Smiths on their way to Washington and mold them into effective regime toadies, regardless of party. Their youth and inexperience is point. Get out way, Grandpa.

Matt Gaetz’s own withdrawal of his nomination may seem one fly in the ointment, but it just might have been part of a plan all along, given that he tweeted recently about how Special Counsels don’t need Senate confirmation. Time will tell if the pitbull will be released. Trump’s picks are meant to convey one thing, and one thing only: The status quo is on its way to the gallows. And we see the beasts in Washington already beginning to bay, with people like Senator Lisa Murkowski stating unequivocally she won’t fall in line with Trump’s agenda. But it likely won’t be up to them for two reasons. First, we already know that billionaire Elon Musk has made very real threats to punish anyone who stands in the way of trifecta govt coalescing; this is not to be taken lightly. I believe that naysayers will be whipped into shape.

Second, looming specter of recess appointments is always present. Of course, houses of Congress can always hold pro forma sessions — sessions held regularly — to avoid a recess, but there appear to be enough Trump loyalists in one or the other house to force a disagreement on a recess. Then he can just recess appoint whoever he wants, or even use the Federal Vacancies Act too. There are options here folks. Yes, their terms will expire at the end of 2026, but so what? Who cares, the plan will be enacted by then.

SOURCE: FAIR OBSERVER



**President-elect Donald Trump has made great appointments for his cabinet and staff, including Robert F. Kennedy and Tulsi Gabbard. These politicians will surely vanquish our botched political system in time for the US’s 250th anniversary in 2026. With Elon Musk’s help, we may even go to Mars!**

## TO UPLIFT CROWD

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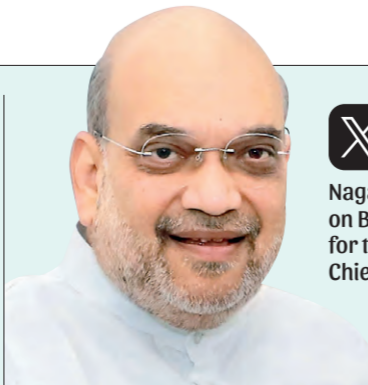
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## TOP TWEETS



✕ Greetings to the people of Nagaland on their Statehood Day. Nagaland is widely admired for its rich culture and the wonderful nature of people belonging to the state. Naga culture is known for its spirit of duty and compassion. Praying for Nagaland’s continuous progress in the times to come.

Narendra Modi @narendramodi



✕ Warm greetings to our Naga sisters and brothers on Nagaland Day. Blessed with a glorious culture and heritage, Nagaland is a shining example of our diversity on Bharat’s rich cultural tapestry. I pray to God for the state to prosper under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri @Neiphu\_Rio Ji.

Amit Shah @AmitShah

## SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

BUDDHA

## PM Modi expresses concern over threats from digital frauds, AI

PTI  
Bhubaneswar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed concern over the potential threats generated on account of digital frauds, cybercrimes and AI technology, particularly the potential of deepfake to disrupt social and familial relations. Addressing the concluding session of the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police, the prime minister also called for the use of technology to reduce the

workload of the police constabulary and suggested that the police station be made the focal point for resource allocation. Deliberations were held on emerging security concerns along the border with Bangladesh and Myanmar, trends in urban policing and strategies for countering malicious narratives, according to an official statement. In-depth discussions were held on existing and emerging challenges to national security, including counter-terrorism, leftwing extremism, cybercrime, economic secu-

rity, immigration, coastal security and narco-trafficking. Modi noted that wide-ranging discussions were held on national and international dimensions of security challenges and expressed satisfaction on the counter strategies that emerged during the conference, the statement said. As a counter measure to the potential threats generated by digital frauds, cybercrimes and AI technology, the prime minister called on the police leadership to convert the challenge into an opportunity by harnessing



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah attends the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police, in Bhubaneswar, Sunday.

India's double AI power of artificial intelligence and Aspirational India. Appreciating the steps taken in urban policing, Modi suggested that each initiative be collated and implemented entirely in 100 cities. He expanded the mantra of SMART policing and called on the police to become strategic, meticulous, adaptable, reliable and transparent. The SMART policing idea was introduced by the prime minister at the 2014 conference in Guwahati. It envisaged systemic changes to transform the Indian po-

lice to be Strict and Sensitive, Modern and Mobile, Alert and Accountable, Reliable and Responsive, Techno-savvy and Trained (SMART). Further, a review of the implementation of the newly-enacted major criminal laws, initiatives and best practices in policing, and the security situation in the neighbourhood was undertaken. Discussing the success of hackathons in solving some key problems, the prime minister suggested deliberating on holding a national police hackathon.

## 'Nation transformed under BJP leadership'



BJP National President JP Nadda with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav visits an exhibition at Hunat Haat on the occasion of World AIDS Day, in Indore, Sunday.

First India Bureau  
Indore

The country has transformed under the leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party but opposition parties have not changed yet, Union Minister JP Nadda said on Sunday. He was speaking at an event organised in Indore in Madhya Pradesh to mark World AIDS Day. "I do not want to indulge in politics today, but many people say nothing has changed in the country. I just tell them that your status has not changed, everything else has changed. You are in opposition and will stay like this in future also," the BJP president said. He cited India's successful campaign against COVID-19 and asserted that strong medical infrastructure has been devel-

**AIDS-RELATED DEATHS DOWN BY 79 PC, NEW HIV INFECTIONS BY 44 PC IN 2023: NADDA**  
Deaths from AIDS in the country came down by 79 per cent while HIV infections fell by 44 per cent in 2023 and the country is committed to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of eradicating AIDS by 2030, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said on Sunday. He was speaking at a function here on the occasion of World AIDS Day. Nadda said the renewed IDS response measures of 'test and treat' and universal viral load testing will be endorsed and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017 will be implemented in toto. India has worked out a formula of '95-95-95' in view of the target of eliminating AIDS by 2030, he added.

oped in different areas of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "If someone can see how the country changes, it is a very good thing. I often say that I can improve your eyesight, but I can't give you vision. Now if someone does not have vision, what should I do? Intelligence is re-

quired for vision," the Union health and family welfare minister emphasised. Taking a swipe at previous governments, Nadda said it took 40 years for tetanus medicine to come to India, 20 to 25 years for TB medicine, 20 years for diphtheria medicine and 100 years for Japanese encephalitis medicine.

## 'Embodiment of courage': PM hails BSF on its Raising Day

First India Bureau  
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday lauded the Border Security Force on its raising day, saying it stands as a critical line of defence, embodying courage, dedication and exceptional service. "Warm wishes to the Border Security Force on their Raising Day! The BSF stands as a critical line of defence, embodying courage, dedication and exceptional service. Their vigilance and courage contribute to the safety and security of our nation," Modi said. The BSF is deployed



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

### PM GREETES NAGALAND ON STATEHOOD DAY

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday greeted people of Nagaland on their statehood day and wished for the state's continuous progress in the times to come. "Greetings to the people of Nagaland on their Statehood Day. Nagaland is widely admired for its rich culture and the wonderful nature of people belonging to the state," Modi said. "Naga culture is known for its spirit of duty and compassion. Praying for Nagaland's continuous progress in the times to come," he said.

## 'New J'khand BJP president by Feb 2025'

PTI  
Ranchi

BJP's Jharkhand in-charge Laxmikant Bajpai on Sunday said the party's new state president is likely to be selected by February next year. The announcement comes after the BJP suffered a defeat in the 81-member Jharkhand assembly elections. He said a membership drive of the BJP would begin in the state on December 7 or 8. "Through this membership drive, we will reach out to every individual and create an all-encompassing organisation that will provide protection to all," Bajpai told reporters.

### FI TOON



**DELAY IN GOVT FORMATION 'INSULT' TO MAHARASHTRA: AADITYA THACKERAY**  
Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray on Sunday expressed strong criticism regarding the Mahayuti alliance's failure to appoint a chief minister and form a government more than a week after the results of the Maharashtra assembly elections were announced. He called this delay an "insult" to the people of Maharashtra, underscoring the frustration over the political impasse.

## BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RAJA MAHENDRA PRATAP

### Our history books have done injustice to our heroes: Jagdeep Dhankhar

ANI  
New Delhi

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday criticised the manipulation of Indian history, stating that it has been distorted to create a monopoly around a select few individuals being credited for India's independence. "Our history books have done injustice to our heroes. Our history has been manipulated and doctored, creating a monopoly of a few who



Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar addresses the gathering at the 138th Birth Anniversary celebration of Raja Mahendra Pratap at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi, Sunday.

are credited with gaining us independence. It is an unbearable pain on our conscience. It is a burden on our soul and heart. I am certain we must bring about significant change. There is no better occasion to reflect on this than the com-

memoration of the first Bharat Sarkar in 1915," Dhankhar said while addressing the 138th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Dhankhar described Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh as a natural diplomat, statesman, visionary, and nationalist. He highlighted how Raja Mahendra Pratap epitomised patriotism, nationalism, and foresight by demonstrating what could be achieved for the nation.

स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं का निरंतर उत्थान  
आयुष्मान भारत, आयुष्मान राजस्थान

## स्वस्थ शरीर, तेज दिमाग आओ बनाएं अनीमिया मुक्त राजस्थान

श्री भजनलाल शर्मा  
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री

**अनीमिया क्या है?**

आयरन की कमी से खून में हीमोग्लोबिन की मात्रा घटती है, जिससे शरीर और मस्तिष्क पर नकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ता है।

बच्चों, किशोर-किशोरियों, गर्भवती महिलाओं व धात्री माताओं पर इसका विशेष प्रभाव पड़ता है।

**अनीमिया के सामान्य लक्षण**

- जल्दी थकान होना • काम में मन न लगना
- यादाशत में कमी • सांस फूलना
- शारीरिक कमजोरी

**समय पर उपचार लें**

- यदि अनीमिया के लक्षण महसूस हों तो तुरंत नजदीकी राजकीय स्वास्थ्य केंद्र में जांच कराएं।

**अनीमिया से बचाव के उपाय**

- अपने भोजन में शामिल करें-दालें, काले चने हरी पत्तेदार सब्जियां, नींबू, आंवला, टमाटर गुड़, बाजरा, तिल जैसे खाद्य पदार्थ

**प्रत्येक मंगलवार को शक्ति दिवस**

प्रत्येक मंगलवार को सभी आंगनबाड़ी केंद्रों, राजकीय विद्यालयों में आईएफए की दवा और राजकीय चिकित्सालयों व सभी स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों में अनीमिया की जांच, उपचार, फॉलोअप व परामर्श सेवाएं नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध होती हैं।

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन

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चिकित्सा, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण सेवाएं (आई.ई.सी.), राजस्थान

राजस्थान

**Cyclone Fengal** Puducherry has declared holiday for all schools and colleges on Monday

## Puducherry endures heaviest rainfall in decades; army steps in

PTI

Puducherry/Chennai

After making landfall near Puducherry on November 30, Cyclone Fengal weakened on Sunday, but torrential downpour under its influence paralysed the union territory, with the Army stepping in to evacuate stranded persons in inundated streets. Old-timers recalled such a fury of nature was not witnessed in this tiny UT for the last three decades.

Villupuram in neighbouring Tamil Nadu also suffered following heavy rains and inundation, with Chief Minister M K Stalin terming the rainfall in the district as 'unprecedented.'

Operations at the Chennai airport, which had been suspended on Saturday, resumed past midnight but many flights saw cancellations and delays initially, officials said. However, later in the day, operations were normal.

It is likely to move westwards very slowly and weaken gradually into a depression over north Tamil Nadu during the next 12 hours, it added. Normal life was crippled in Puducherry.



Fishermen try to retrieve their fishing nets near Marina Beach in the aftermath of Cyclone Fengal, in Chennai, Sunday.

### IMD ISSUES RED ALERT FOR FOUR DISTRICTS IN KERALA

Thiruvananthapuram: The (IMD) on Sunday issued a red alert for four districts in the state, predicting isolated heavy rains on December 2. According to the latest update from the IMD, the northern districts of Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, and Kannur are expected to experience extremely heavy rainfall on Monday. The weather agency has placed Kottayam, Ernakulam, Idukki, and Thrissur districts under an 'orange alert.'

### ARMY CARRIES OUT MULTIPLE RESCUE OPS IN PUDUCHERRY

Puducherry: Amid the flooding in many districts of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry caused due to Cyclone Fengal, the Indian Army conducted multiple rescue operations on Sunday across several areas in the city. The rescue operations were conducted in flood-hit areas in the Union Territory, including Krishna Nagar, Kuber Nagar, and Jiva Nagar. The operations successfully evacuated hundreds of residents from these inundated areas.

### CYCLONE WEAKENED INTO DEEP DEPRESSION; 3 KILLED

At least three people were killed in separate rain-related incidents in Chennai as Cyclone 'Fengal' made landfall along the coastal lines of Tamil Nadu-Puducherry on Saturday night, causing heavy rainfall and flooding in several parts of the city. Among the three fatalities, one was a migrant worker who was electrocuted while trying to withdraw cash from an ATM in Chennai. His body was later found floating near the area.

## Yogi assures action on public complaints at Janta Darshan

PTI  
Gorakhpur (UP)

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday urged officials to adopt a sensitive approach in addressing public grievances, stressing that no injustice would be tolerated.

Addressing people at a 'Janta Darshan' held at the Gorakhnath Temple, Adityanath reiterated the government's commitment to fairness and transparency in handling public issues, a statement issued here said.

"No injustice will be tolerated. Every individual will get justice," he said while directing officials to ensure prompt and satisfactory resolutions to complaints.

Adityanath said that

the government stands firm in its resolve to address every grievance, the statement read.

He directed officials to adopt a sensitive approach while resolving issues, according to the statement.

The chief minister advised mediation for family disputes, suggesting legal action if reconciliation efforts fail, it said. He also ordered strict action against illegal land encroachments by influential individuals.

Several people sought financial assistance for medical treatments. Adityanath assured them of full support and directed officials to expedite the process of estimating treatment costs and forwarding the proposals to the govt for approval.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during 'Janta Darshan' programme, in Gorakhpur, Sunday.

### CRUCIAL READ

#### 17 arrested after communal clash in Buldhana village

Buldhana: Some vehicles were burnt and stones hurled as members of two communities clashed over the bursting of crackers in a village in Buldhana district of Maharashtra, leading to the arrest of 17 people, police said on Sunday. Two groups clashed in Shivaji Nagar area of Dhad village on Saturday night.

#### Four girls killed after mound of soil collapses

Buxar: Four girls were killed after a mound of earth collapsed on them in Bihar's Buxar district on Sunday morning, police said. The incident happened in Sarenja village in Rajpur police station area when six girls were digging earth to get mud for setting up a kuchcha house, the police said.

#### Boy, 14, dies of heart attack while practising running

Aligarh: A 14-year-old boy died after suffering a heart attack while he was running in UP's Aligarh district this week. The incident took place on Friday when the boy, Mohit Chaudhary, was practicing running for a sports competition at his school. The boy initially ran around two rounds with his friends.

## Judicial panel members inspect Jama Masjid area

PTI

Sambhal (UP)

Amid tight security, members of a judicial commission on Sunday visited the Shahi Jama Masjid here and other areas that witnessed violence over a court-ordered survey of the Mughal-era mosque.

Panel head retired Allahabad High Court Judge Devendra Kumar Arora and retired IPS officer Arvind Kumar Jain were the two members of the three-member commission who visited the areas that witnessed violence on November 24.

As per the Divisional Commissioner, the situation in Sambhal is gradually returning to normal and it is being closely monitored. Conditions are stabilising rapidly.



3-member judicial commission visits the Shahi Jama Masjid.

### WE DON'T TRUST COMMITTEE SET UP BY GOVT: SHIVPAL SINGH

Hapur (UP): Samajwadi Party leader Shivpal Singh Yadav urged for an investigation led by a sitting judge as he expressed distrust on the probe initiated by the three-member judicial committee in connection with the violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal. Speaking to ANI on Sunday, Shivpal Singh Yadav said, "We don't trust the committee set up by govt. If the probe happened under a sitting judge then it would have been fine. This government is dishonest."

## ISRO to launch ESA's Proba-3 mission on Dec 4

According to ISRO, the satellite will take off at 4.08 pm on Wednesday. Proba-3 is the world's first precision formation flying mission. It will study the solar corona, the outermost and hottest layer of Sun's atmosphere.

ISRO's trusted workhorse Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) will blast off from Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh on December 4 carrying ESA's Proba-3 mission, the Indian space agency said on Sunday.

The European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 Mission is happening in collaboration with ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). "This mission will place ESA's PROBA-3 satellites (550kg) into a unique highly elliptical orbit, reinforcing PSLV's reliability for complex orbital deliveries," ISRO said in a post on 'X'.

## Woman made to strip, duped of ₹1.7 lakh

Agencies  
Mumbai

In a shocking case of digital arrest, a 26-year-old woman in Mumbai was forced to strip during a video call and duped of Rs 1.7 lakh by scammers who said her name had cropped up in a money laundering probe, police have said.

The woman, who lives in Borivali East and works with a pharmaceutical company, has said in her complaint that the scammers called her on November 19 and introduced themselves as Delhi Police officers. They told her that her name had emerged during their investigation into a money laundering case linked to Naresh Goyal, the founder-chairman of Jet Airways cur-



rently in jail. The scammers threatened the woman with arrest. The conversation then shifted to video call and she was told that she was under 'digital arrest'. The scammers asked the woman to book a hotel room so that they could continue the interrogation. Once she had checked in to a hotel, the scammers said she needed to transfer a sum of Rs 1,78,000 to verify her bank account details. They also made her strip during the video call, saying that a body verification was needed.

### MODI'S VISION

## PM's vision: Empower youth for strong nation

Mahesh Sharma

Aalo (Arunachal Pradesh)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, envisioned equipping the youth with superior academic qualifications in areas like terrorism, extremism, and internal security. This vision led to the establishment of Raksha Shakti University, which has now evolved into the National Defence University under his leadership as Prime Minister. The sec-



Avinash Kharel, Director, RRU, Pasighat (AP)



Dr Sanjiv, Faculty, RRU, Pasighat (AP)

ond campus of this institution, located in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, is preparing stu-

dents from the Northeast for a stronger India. Established in 2009 under the leadership of

then-Chief Minister Narendra Modi, Raksha Shakti University was designed to provide advanced academic training to youth in areas such as counter-terrorism, extremism, internal security, police sciences, forensic sciences, and cyber security. The university emphasizes professional security, strategic studies, and defense education. In 2020, the govt upgraded this university to the National Defence University, with its main campus in Gandhinagar. The uni-

versity later opened its first campus outside Gujarat in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. This campus now offers various specialized courses. According to Avinash Kharel, the director of the university, these courses are increasingly attracting young students.

The Pasighat campus was established under a memorandum of understanding between the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the National Defence University.

### Voice on Sustainability



Union Minister and Alwar MP Bhubender Yadav arrived in Riyadh to attend COP16 to the United Nations Conventions to Combat Desertification. He was received by Ambassador Dr Suhel Khan at the Riyadh Airport.

US Prez-elect threatens 100% tariffs on Brics nations over proposed Brics currency

# Go find another sucker: Trump's warning for India, China, Russia

Agencies  
Washington

The world could see a second wave of tariff war as Donald Trump takes office this January. The US President-elect has threatened a 100% tariff on the BRICS countries, including India, if they undercut the US dollar or replace it with another currency for international transactions. His remarks follow a BRICS meeting in October that discussed boosting non-dollar transactions. The BRICS comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, and other countries.

Trump said he is not going stand and watch the BRICS move away from the dollar. "The idea that the BRICS Countries are trying to move away from the Dollar while we stand by and watch it



OVER. We require a commitment from these Countries that they will neither create a new BRICS Currency, nor back any other Currency to replace the mighty U.S. Dollar or, they will

face 100% Tariffs, and should expect to say goodbye to selling into the wonderful US Economy," said the Republican leader who won a decisive victory in the presidential elections

## INDIAN-AMERICAN KASH PATEL NOMINATED AS FBI DIRECTOR BY DONALD TRUMP

New Delhi: US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American Pentagon official Kashyap "Kash" Patel as FBI director. Mr Patel, a Trump loyalist, has been a vocal advocate of dismantling what he refers to as the "deep state" within the US government. "Kash is a brilliant lawyer, investigator, and 'America First' fighter who has spent his career exposing corruption, defending Justice, and protecting the American People," Mr Trump wrote in a post on Truth Social, his social media platform. President-elect Trump praised Mr Patel's contributions during his first term, claiming that he played a crucial role in exposing the "Russia Hoax." Mr Patel's nomination also signals Mr Trump's dissatisfaction with the current FBI leadership under Christopher Wray, whom he had appointed in 2017.



held last month.

Trump suggested that the BRICS countries can go find another "sucker", but the group won't be able to replace the dollar in international trade with another currency. "They

can go find another "sucker!" There is no chance that the BRICS will replace the US Dollar in International Trade, and any Country that tries should wave goodbye to America," he said.



## When Sonia kept Heptulla waiting for an hour

Why did Najma Heptulla have to wait? In her autobiography, Najma Heptulla mentioned Sonia Gandhi. In her autobiography In Pursuit of Democracy Beyond Party Lines, she said that in 1999, she was elected president of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). From Berlin, she called Sonia Gandhi, who was then the president of the Congress party. However, Heptulla had to wait for nearly an hour before being informed that "Madam is currently busy." Despite this, then-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee expressed his happiness.

## Will Shinde make his son the Deputy CM?

Amid the announcement of the Chief Minister's name in Maharashtra, Shinde clarified the question regarding making his son, Shrikant Shinde, the Deputy CM. He said, "Discussions are ongoing, but no decision has been made yet." However, Shinde reiterated that the decision to support the BJP in the Chief Minister's name has been made.

## How Jaipur's nightlife impacted investment?

Two significant orders from the Gehlot government in the 18th century have come under scrutiny. The first order mandated the closure of liquor stores by 8 PM, and the second order directed over 100 nightclubs in the city to shut down by 12 AM. These orders have severely impacted the evening entertainment business in Jaipur, leading to a considerable loss in revenue for the government. The younger generation has been frustrated by these restrictions and is increasingly heading to Gurugram on weekends, where late-night clubs attract corporate professionals looking for nightlife options. Additionally, prominent business figures, who used to finish work by 9 or 10 PM, now rush to nightclubs by 11:30 PM, only to face police action starting at that time. This situation raises questions about the future of Jaipur's evening and nightlife and its impact on investment.

## Israeli strikes kill 15 in Gaza, Cairo holds talks with Hamas



Palestinian women react at the site of an Israeli strike on a house, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip December 1.

Agencies  
Cairo

Israeli military strikes killed at least 15 Palestinians in Gaza on Sunday, medics said, as Israeli forces kept up bombardments across the enclave and blew up houses on its northern edge.

As fighting raged almost 14 months into the war, the head of the United Nations Palestinian

refugee agency (UNRWA) said it had had to halt aid deliveries through one crossing a day after armed gangs inside Gaza seized food from a convoy of trucks. "This difficult decision comes at a time hunger is rapidly deepening," UNRWA's Philippe Lazzarini said in a post on X.

In the central Gaza camp of Nuseirat, an Is-

raeli airstrike killed six people in a house, and another attack killed three in a home in Gaza City, medics said.

Two children were killed when a missile hit a tent encampment in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, while four other people were killed in an airstrike in Rafah, near the border with Egypt, medics told Reuters.

## India, France looking at strong ties: French Foreign Min

PTI  
New Delhi

After forging close partnership in the defence domain, India and France are now looking at significantly deepening economic and trade ties especially in sectors like clean energy, new technologies and aviation, French foreign trade minister Sophie Primas has said.

At the end of her three-day visit to India, Primas

said France is looking forward to further negotiations between New Delhi and the European Union for finalisation of a "mutually beneficial" free trade deal that could expand two-way economic engagement.

India and the EU restarted negotiations for the ambitious trade deal in June 2022 after a gap of over eight years but the talks have dragged on for a variety of rea-

sons, including the 27-nation bloc's position on carbon tax.

"I would also like to add that, at the European Union level, we remain committed to reaching a trade deal between the EU and India, which is mutually beneficial and has ambitious sustainable development goals. We are looking forward to further talks with India at the EU level," Primas told PTI.



Union Minister Piyush Goyal with Sophie Primas, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and French Nationals Abroad during the Indo-French CEO's Forum, in New Delhi.

## 'No difference between India & Bangladesh': Mufti

ANI  
New Delhi

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehboba Mufti, while reacting to violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal, drew a parallel between the row over the mosque survey and the atrocities being committed against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh.



Devotees during a protest against the arrest of Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das in Bangladesh, in Bengaluru.

Mufti called the clashes between police and protestors, which

took place after Sambhal mosque survey, "unfortunate" and ex-

pressed concern over recent claims being made on mosque and shrines.

Four people were killed and dozens, including policemen and officials, were injured in the clashes that ensued hours after the survey.

"Today, I am afraid that the situation which was during 1947, we are being taken towards that direction. When the

youth talk of jobs, they don't get it. We don't have good hospitals, education... They are not improving the condition of roads but are trying to demolish the mosque in search of a temple. The Sambhal incident is very unfortunate. Some were working in shops and were shot...," Mufti was quoted as saying by news agency ANI.

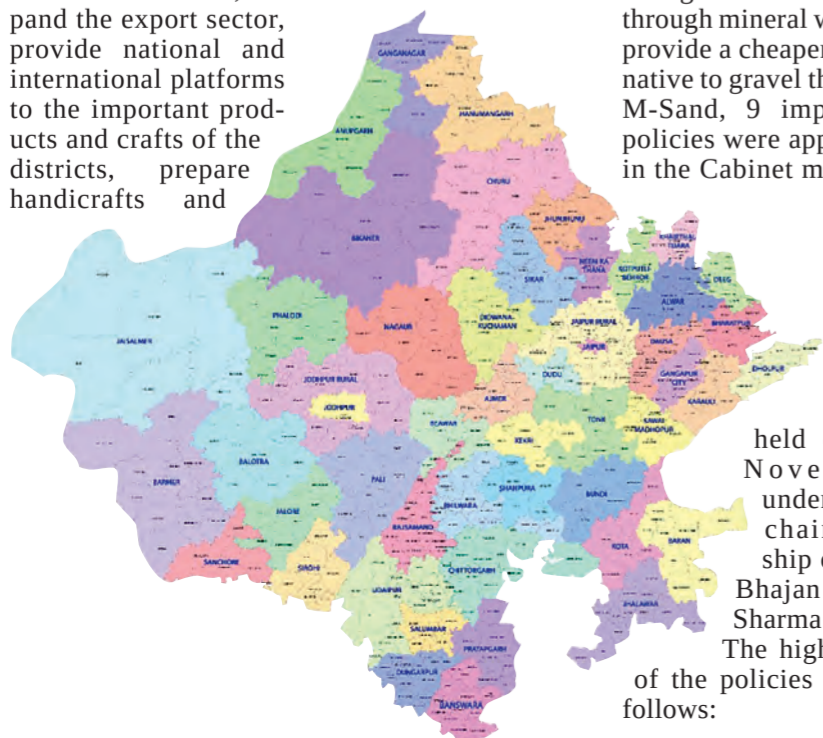
# NEW POLICY HIGHLIGHTS Rajasthan to flourish with 9 policies!

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

To promote the micro, small and medium industries of the state, expand the export sector, provide national and international platforms to the important products and crafts of the districts, prepare handicrafts and

handloom enterprises in line with the global market, hone the talents of animation and gaming sector, create in-

vestment opportunities in the tourism sector of the state, increase the capacity of the renewable energy sector, strengthen the economy through mineral wealth, provide a cheaper alternative to gravel through M-Sand, 9 important policies were approved in the Cabinet meeting



held on 30 November under the chairmanship of CM Bhajan Lal Sharma.

The highlights of the policies are as follows:

### RAJASTHAN MSME POLICY-2024

To expand and strengthen the MSME units of the state, additional interest subsidy, one-time assistance for raising equity, purchase of advanced technology and software, and reimbursement assistance on marketing of products will be available through this policy.

### RAJASTHAN EXPORT PROMOTION POLICY-2024

This will prove to be an important link to give concrete shape to the resolve to empower the exporters of the state and increase exports. CM Export Growth Campaign will be run through this policy. Also, grant assistance will be given for participating in international trade fairs, exhibitions and buyer-seller meets, reimbursement provisions have also been kept to promote e-commerce in exports.

### ONE DISTRICT ONE PRODUCT POLICY-2024

This policy is aimed at promoting specific products and crafts of all the districts in the state to give a boost to product manufacturers, farmers, and craftsmen. Under this policy, new micro-enterprises will get margin money grant assistance. Reimbursement assistance will be received for purchasing advanced technology and software, quality certification and IPR, and participating in national and international events.

### RAJASTHAN TOURISM UNIT POLICY-2024

Under this policy, new tourism units like eco-tourism unit, film city, heritage restaurant, hotel housing, indoor/outdoor play zone, integrated tourism village, motel/way-side facilities, resort housing, rural tourism units and tourism start-ups have been added. New tourism units will get exemption in stamp duty, conversion charge and development charge under RIPS-2024. Granting bar license to heritage hotels/restaurants at concessional rates and freehold leases to heritage properties of more than 300 square meters.

### RAJASTHAN AVGC-XR POLICY-2024

Local talent will be promoted in the field of animation, visual effects, gaming, comics and extended reality in the state. A provision has been made to provide production grants to animation films, games and comics. Atal Innovation Studios and Accelerators will be set up to promote innovation in this sector.

### RAJASTHAN INTEGRATED CLEAN ENERGY POLICY-2024

Prepared by incorporating the provisions of the Renewable Energy Policy, Biomass and Waste to Energy Policy, Green Hydrogen Policy and new provisions for energy storage. This policy aims to set up 10,000 MW capacity pump storage projects, battery energy storage projects (BESS), and energy storage projects including hydro by 2029-30. BESS and green hydrogen projects will be entitled to various types of benefits and exemptions including RIPS-2024.

### INTEGRATED CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme will encourage the handicraft-handloom enterprises of the state, training, raw material depot, collective production/processing, and product testing facility. Handicraft-handloom will be given financial assistance for activities like training, marketing, quality certification, interest subsidy on raw material depot resources, and grants for setting up CFC and other facilities.

### RAJ MINERAL POLICY-2024

To ensure promotion of mining industries, increase in employment and revenue. This policy has provisions for the auction of mineral blocks with pre-embedded permissions, halving bid security in tribal areas, and strengthening the post-auction cell. Geo-fencing, GPS tracking and RFID checkpoints will be implemented under zero waste mining with modern technology, online royalty recovery, permit simplification, and a tolerance policy on illegal mining.

### RAJ M-SAND POLICY-2024

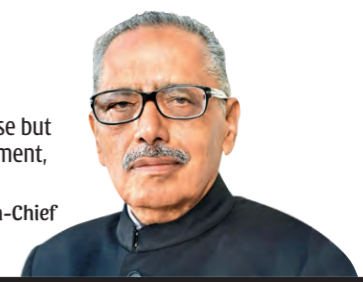
To promote the use of M-Sand as a cheaper alternative to gravel. The requirement of 3 years of experience, net worth of Rs 3 crore and turnover of Rs 3 crore for setting up the M-Sand unit has been abolished.

# FIRST INDIA 2ND FRONT

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Majority of the people are keen to be somewhere else but equally reluctant to leave where they are at the moment, and this contradiction is the death knell of dreams.

Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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**DUTY UNTO DEATH: THE PRIDE OF INDIA - BSF CELEBRATES 60<sup>TH</sup> RAISING DAY**

# GUARDING THE NATION AT EVERY STEP, SERVING THE MOTHERLAND WITH EVERY BREATH



The 60th Foundation Day of the BSF was celebrated on Sunday. On the occasion of BSF's Foundation Day, Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, conducted a special interview with BSF IG ML Garg at BOP RK Tibba, located at India-Pakistan border in Jaisalmer, during an extraordinary and daring shooting session for the 'Keynote By Pawan Arora' show. The conversation covered a wide range of topics, including the foundation of BSF, its activities, challenges, & its role in wars and counter-terrorism. During the discussion, IG Garg emphasised that BSF's ultimate goal is to protect the country and serve the motherland

**Q** We are sitting in this atmosphere, people cannot even imagine it. What will be the India-Pakistan border like? How does the wire fencing look? How are our soldiers patrolling here day and night? Whatever the weather—winter, summer, or rain—they do not even care. In such a situation, as the BSF celebrates 60 glorious years, how is the force marking this special occasion? What events and programs are being organized to commemorate it?

**A** ML Garg: The BSF has completed 59 years, and the 60th year is beginning today. The journey of BSF has been full of challenges, and here we have learned everything in real-time or live. The BSF guards the India-Pakistan and India-

Bangladesh borders, both of which are highly sensitive. The Government of India has full trust in the BSF, and it is because of this faith that we are able to accomplish all our tasks. The motto of the BSF, as you mentioned, is "Jeevan Paryant Kartavya" (Duty Unto Death). Apart from this, there is the mindset of "Any Task, Any Time, and Anywhere." The core belief is "Janani Janma Bhoomischa Swargadapi Gariyasi," meaning that mother and motherland are greater than heaven. We work around the clock with full responsibility.

**Q** I have been quite familiar with the work of the BSF. It's an organization that operates both during peacetime and wartime. While the army primarily functions in times of war, the BSF is active in maintaining peace as well. In situations where people see a uniform, they often assume everyone is a 'Fauji' (soldier). So, what exactly distinguishes the roles of the Army and the BSF?

**A** There is a significant difference in



Pawan Arora in conversation with ML Garg during the 'Keynote.'

the way the Indian Army and BSF operate. The Indian Army is widely regarded as one of the best in the world and its primary role is to protect the country, stepping in when conflict arises. Their duties come into play primarily during wartime. On the other hand, the role of the BSF is quite distinct. We are stationed on the border round-the-clock with no concept of leave. This is an essential part of our duty. We spend most of our time on the front lines, and the conditions are challenging no matter where you are deployed.

### DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON THESE ISSUES ALSO

Discussions during the interview also covered key topics, including the use of camels for patrolling despite modern vehicles, flag meetings between India & Pakistan, and infiltration across borders. IG Garg emphasised the clear protocol for soldiers in a "killing zone," where immediate action is taken. He also discussed the BSF's pivotal role in combating terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir. The interview further highlighted the BSF's challenges, including cross-border crimes like drug smuggling and human trafficking, particularly on the eastern borders, and how the force tackles these issues effectively. Garg also praised the deep empathy PM Modi & Home Minister Amit Shah have for the BSF, noting their personal connection and support for the force. Ongoing projects like the Tanot Mata tourism initiative, which aim to foster patriotism, create jobs, & boost tourism while supporting BSF duties, were also discussed.

**Q** Your controlling ministry is different from that of the Army. While the Army comes under the Ministry of Defence, the BSF falls under the Ministry of Home Affairs. How is

coordination maintained between the two forces despite this difference?

**A** The BSF has dual roles. During wartime, we fight alongside the Army, while in peacetime, our primary responsibility is border security. In addition, we have other duties, whether it's combating terrorism or dealing with Naxalism, for which the Ministry of Home Affairs guides us. During war, we also cross into enemy territory with the Army. In areas where the Army establishes control, we take on administrative responsibilities, handle war prisoners, and ensure supply lines remain open—these are some of the tasks we perform.

**Q** In an initial surgical strike, you don't participate, like in the famous surgical strike. Does that mean only the Army goes for such operations?

**A** Yes, definitely. The Army goes in such operations.

**Q** I see in the background that the soldiers are constantly on patrol. This is a very

tough job. How do the soldiers maintain their morale in such challenging conditions? What kind of motivation do you provide to keep them so dedicated?

**A** There are three main reasons behind this. First, our training is designed in such a way that we are prepared to stay here, in these conditions, 365 days a year. Wild animals may come, but it doesn't affect us. We don't even kill snakes because we have antivenom. Second, our working is fair, and we have the support of the government. A soldier knows that behind him stands a strong nation, a powerful government, and a capable force. The third and most important reason is that it is ingrained in our minds that this is our motherland, and it is our duty to protect it.



## CM Sharma, BJP leaders inspect venue ahead of PM's public meet

Aishwary Pradhan & Dinesh Arya  
Jaipur

BJP State President Madan Rathore and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma inspected the venue for the proposed event marking the completion of one year of the BJP's double-engine government on Sunday. State President Madan Rathore mentioned that PM Narendra Modi will grace the large public gathering organised to celebrate the one-year milestone of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's govt. The inspection at Dadiya village near Ring Road, Sanganeer, focused on event arrangements.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma in Jaipur on Sunday, inspects the venue for PM Narendra Modi's public gathering to be held at Dadiya in Sanganeer. Rajendra Rathore, Madan Rathore, Ramcharan Bohra, Arun Chaturvedi, Puneet Karnawat and others were present.

### CM's MOTHER HOSPITALISED IN BHARATPUR, RUSHED TO JAIPUR FOR SPECIALISED TREATMENT

Bharatpur: The health condition of Chief Minister's mother, Gombi Devi, has worsened, leading to her hospitalisation. She faced difficulty in breathing and thyroid issues. Currently, she is being treated in the ICU at RBM Hospital. Given the seriousness of her condition, Gombi Devi has been referred to Jaipur for further medical care. The Chief Minister's son, Kunal, and doctors are accompanying her to Jaipur for specialised treatment.

### CM'S 4TH RESOLUTION: 350 STUDENTS TO GET GLOBAL EXPOSURE

Jaipur: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched a plan to take a new pledge every day for 10 days to ensure the success of the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit. On Sunday, he took the fourth pledge, announcing that 350 student volunteers from the state would be given global exposure during the summit. The Chief Minister highlighted that the primary goal of the Rising Rajasthan Summit is to enhance the skills and efficiency of Rajasthan's youth, empowering them to play a significant role in the state's comprehensive development.

## Diya at 60<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Raj Employers' Assn

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari attended the 60th Foundation Day of the Employers Association of Rajasthan on Sunday. She felicitated employees for their commendable performance and extended her wishes to the association's officials.

The event was also attended by Minister of State KK Vishnoi, Chamber of Commerce President KL Jain, Dr Shyam Agarwal, Dr NK Jain, AK Jain, VK Jetley, SK Patni, and others.



Diya Kumari with (L-R) Rajneesh Jain, NK Jain, Pawan Sharma & Rajneesh Singh of Rays Power Infra Ltd, who receive the 'Outstanding Contribution to Renewable Energy Award' at the prestigious Employers' Association Awards Ceremony 2024.

## Courtesy Meet!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greeted Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla during a courtesy meet in New Delhi.

## Paying Tributes



The Governor of Sikkim, Om Prakash Mathur & former CM of Rajasthan Vasundhara Raje, pay floral tributes to former Minister Sri Ganganagar district on Sunday. Both the leaders also paid floral tributes to Senior RSS Pracharak, Pradyumna Kumar & also condoled the demise of his brother late Gajanand Bhardwaj at the residence of Shyam Kumar Sharma in Sadulshahar in Sri Ganganagar district. During their visit, both met with the public and party workers as well.

## There must be a law to prevent forced religious conversions: GS Shekhawat

Shivprakash Purohit & Dixit Parihar  
Jodhpur

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat supported Rajasthan's proposed law on forced religious conversions, stating such a law is essential. Addressing media in Jodhpur, he dismissed Congress's EVM allegations, comparing them to "a frustrated cat scratching a pole." He emphasised that Congress's ideology and leadership are rejected by the public. On the upcoming Kumbh Mela 2025,



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat engages in a warm conversation with the Governor of Karnataka, Thawar Chand Gehlot, at Jodhpur Airport on Sunday.

Shekhawat highlighted it as world's largest human gathering, with 450 million expected attendees. He outlined efforts by the Culture Ministry and UP govt to enhance visitor experience.

He also congratulated BSF on its 60th Raising Day, praising its border security role, contributions in the 1971 war and Kargil conflict, and its unique operations across water, land, and air.



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat rides pillion on a scooter driven by Kamlesh Purohit through the narrow lanes of Jodhpur on Sunday.

## Om Birla: India is a land of opportunities

First India Bureau  
Chennai

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, addressing 15th Convocation Ceremony of VELS Institute, emphasised India's consistent growth & technical expertise, positioning the country as a land of opportunities. He praised

TN's youth for excelling globally in sectors like IT, medicine, & engineering. Birla emphasised modern technical education's role in shaping a disciplined, self-reliant generation. He praised VISTAS' research centres & inspired students to dream big, citing Dr Kalam & P Gopinath.



Om Birla being felicitated during the 15th Convocation Ceremony of VELS Institute of Science, Technology, & Advanced Studies (VISTAS) in Chennai.





**STYLISH FUSION!**

**K**lean Fit Iconic Gym hosted the much-anticipated Neon Night on Saturday, blending fitness and fashion in a dazzling event. The evening featured a spectacular fashion showcase by EMR. **P12**



Designers Sidharth and Jayantika from brand Beneci pose alongside their stunning models, showcasing their signature style and elegance

A Global Showcase of Style, Innovation & Sustainability

# RUNWAY Reimagined

Fashion Connect Season 19 lit up London on November 16 at Novotel London West, celebrating global talent and eco-conscious designer Beneci, with City First spotlighting its innovation and sustainable vision!



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Beneci's approach goes beyond just creating stylish attire; it's a movement advocating purposeful fashion. Their designs draw from urban culture while embracing sustainability, making a statement about the future of ethical fashion. The label's ethos resonated strongly with the audience, showcasing how streetwear can be both impactful and environmentally responsible.

**T**he much-anticipated Season 19 of First India and Bharat 24's "The Fashion Connect" concluded on a high note at Novotel London West on November 16, in collaboration with India Fashion Week London. The event was a grand celebration of style and innovation, showcasing diverse talents from the fashion industry and drawing an audience of 400 elite fashion enthusiasts from the UK.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, the driving force behind the event, congratulated Rishree Miglani, the show's Brand Ambassador, for elevating Fashion Connect to an international platform. He also expressed gratitude to



The event saw a stellar lineup of designers, with Beneci standing out as a highlight of the evening. Founded to redefine streetwear, Beneci merges urban aesthetics with a deep commitment to sustainability. Their collection celebrated boldness and innovation, featuring graphic tees, sleek jackets, and versatile outerwear designed for the modern, conscious consumer. Every piece reflects a harmony of functionality, high fashion, and eco-conscious principles.

Manny Singh, organiser of India Fashion Week London, for his exceptional efforts in hosting the event.

The show, directed by the talented Lokesh Sharma, beautifully combined global fashion trends with a touch of Indian heritage, leaving the audience captivated and eager for the next season. Fashion Connect Season 19 reaffirmed its place as a premier platform for creative expression, innovation, and international collaboration.

Models dazzled on the ramp with a stunning collection that captivated the audience



**WHAT'S NEXT?**



**Late Night Comedy:** Tired of the same old nightouts? Join us at Jaipur Comedy Club for an unforgettable evening of laughter and fun! Enjoy a unique experience with the city's best comedians.

When: December 7, 9:00 PM  
Where: Jaipur Comedy Club, Jaipur



**Artiverse-Biggest Kids Art Fest:** Wear your he(ART) on your sleeve! Toddlers to teens, unleash your creativity through art, dance, acting and more. Join the fun with stories, photos, and fancy dress—don't miss the excitement!

When: December 6, 12:00 PM  
Where: Central Academy School, Jaipur



**Block Print Workshop:** Let your creativity blossom at our Block Print Workshop in Jaipur! Explore intricate motifs, bold prints, and timeless traditions. Immerse yourself in art, design and culture for an unforgettable experience.

When: December 2, 10:00 PM  
Where: Jaipur Woodblock Printing, Jaipur

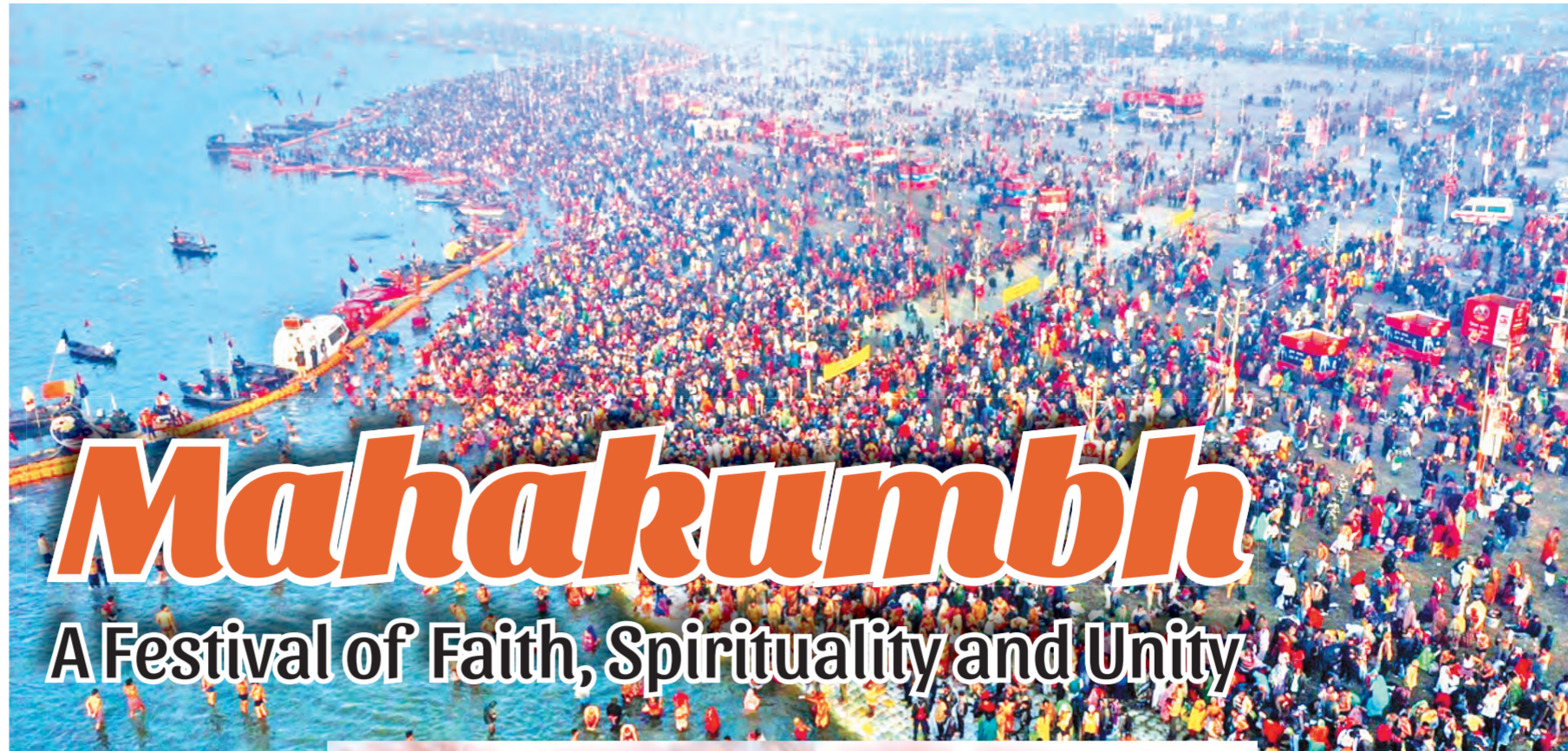
**BIRTHDAY FORECAST!**



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Today your expansive energy might feel stifled as reality calls for attention. Reconnect with real-life tasks and plan wisely to balance your whimsical side. Unforeseen challenges may arise, reminding you to stay grounded and address present responsibilities for smoother progress ahead.



**Mahakumbh**  
A Festival of Faith, Spirituality and Unity



**Dr Govind Pareek**

Additional Director Public Relations (R)

**T**he grand celebration of Mahakumbh, an unparalleled confluence of spirituality and Indian culture, takes place every four years at Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain and Nashik. This magnificent event, regarded as the world's largest congregation, draws millions of devotees seeking spiritual solace. The next Mahakumbh will commence on Paush Purnima, January 13, 2025, at Prayagraj and culminate with the Maha Shivaratri royal bath on February 26, 2025.

**A SACRED PILGRIMAGE TO THE SANGAM**

Devotees gather at the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers to take a holy dip, a ritual believed to cleanse sins and pave the way for liberation. Apart from Prayagraj, Kumbh Mela is organised at Haridwar on the Ganga, Ujjain on the Shipra, and Nashik on the Godavari. The origins of the Kumbh tradition are credited to 8th-century philosopher Adi Shankaracharya, who initiated spiritual discourses and assemblies of ascetics during the fair. For millions of devotees and spiritual seekers, Mahakumbh is not just an event but a divine opportunity to attain redemption and enlightenment.



**THE MYTHOLOGICAL ROOTS OF MAHAKUMBH**

According to ancient lore, Mahakumbh traces its genesis to the churning of the ocean (Samudra Manthan) by gods and demons in their quest for the nectar of immortality (Amrit). A fierce battle over the nectar lasted 12 divine days (equivalent to 12 human years), during which drops of Amrit fell at 12 places—four on Earth (Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nashik) and eight in the celestial realm. These sacred sites host the Kumbh Mela in rotation, imbued with a spiritual aura that transforms the river waters into a metaphorical elixir.

**THE CYCLES OF THE KUMBH MELA**

A Maha Kumbh is held every

144 years, comprising 12 full Kumbh Melas, while the Purna Kumbh is celebrated every 12 years alternately at the four sites. The Ardh Kumbh occurs every six years at Prayagraj and Haridwar, and an annual Magh Mela takes place during the Hindu month of Magha at Prayagraj.

**THE SPIRITUAL ESSENCE OF THE SANGAM**

The Triveni Sangam, or confluence of the three rivers, is not merely a meeting of waters but a union of sanctity, self-purification, and liberation. The holy Ganga merges its pristine waters with Yamuna's deep blue stream, while the invisible Saraswati is believed to join them from beneath the earth's surface. This unique mingling of two

distinct hues is visible, with Ganga's cold waters meeting Yamuna's warmer currents—a divine phenomenon felt by pilgrims.

Bathing at the Sangam, particularly during the Kumbh, symbolizes spiritual cleansing, eradication of sins, and freedom from negative karma. The event holds immense importance for worshippers, who engage in rituals, offer prayers for their ancestors, and seek divine blessings for salvation.

**ICONIC LANDMARKS OF PRAYAGRAJ**

Among the revered sites in Prayagraj are the Akshayaavat, a sacred banyan tree, and the Patalpuri Temple, deeply associated with Lord Rama. The Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang mentioned Akshayaavat 1,300 years ago, underscoring its historical significance.

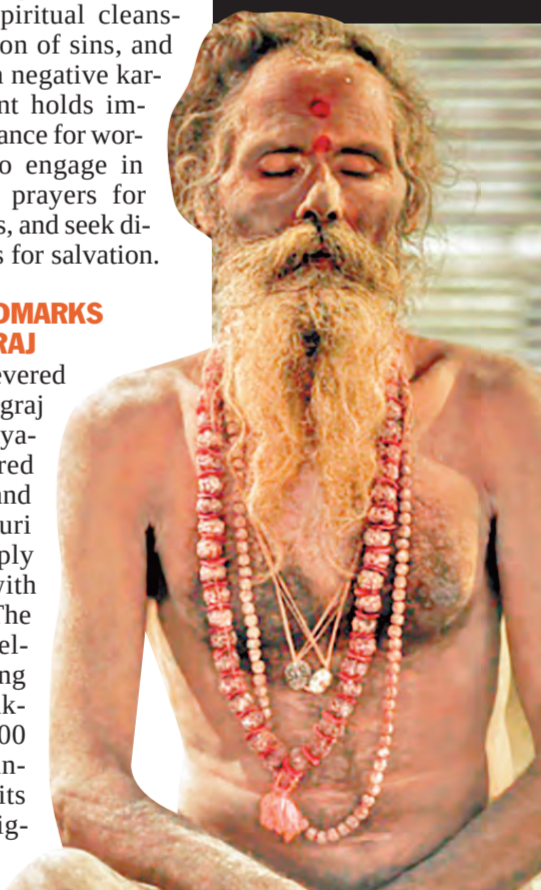
**Mahakumbh 2025**  
**THE SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 13, 2025**  
Paush Purnima Snan (Commencement)

**JANUARY 14, 2025**  
Makar Sankranti (First Royal Bath)

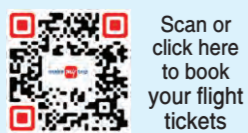
**JANUARY 29, 2025**  
Mauni Amavasya (Second Royal Bath)

**FEBRUARY 3, 2025**  
Vasant Panchami (Third Royal Bath)



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- BENGALURU-** Air India, Air India Express, Indigo
- MANGALORE-** Air India, Air India Express, Indigo
- SHIMLA-** Air India, Alliance Air, Indigo
- AMRITSAR-** Air India, Indigo
- CURITIBA, BRAZIL-** Air France, Air India, Air India Express, British Airways
- BANGKOK, THAILAND-** Air Arabia, Air India, Air India Express, Etihad Airways
- SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA-** Air India, Asiana Airlines
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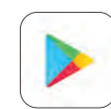
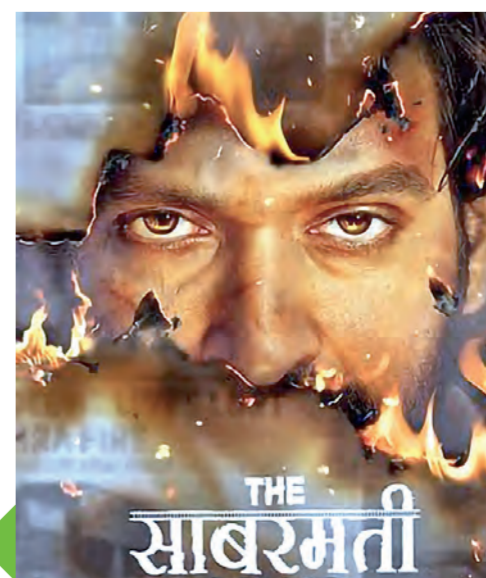


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**Director:** Siva  
**Cast & Crew:** Suriya Sivakumar, Bobby Deol, Disha Patani



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**Director:** Dheeraj Sarna  
**Cast & Crew:** Vikrant Massey, Raashi Khanna, Ridhi Dogra



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सबसे पहले सबसे आगे

# Spiritual Journey



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**T**he Bharat Sanatan Samman Yatra, an initiative by the Social Development and Research Society (SDRS), was launched on Saturday at the Maharana Pratap Auditorium in Jaipur. Aimed at promoting the values and principles of Sanatan Dharma, this historic movement, guided by Sadguru Riteshwar Maharaj, will journey



Sadguru Riteshwar, Rahul Khurana, Nikhil Mishra, Gopal Jalan, Pt Narendra Maharaj, Shyam Jhakar & others during the inaugural lamp lighting ceremony



Sadguru Riteshwar

through 108 cities and villages, hosting programs to raise awareness about India's rich cultural and spiritual heritage. Led by SDRS Secretary Bhagirath Chaudhary and members Manish Solanki and Rahul Khurana, the event emphasised the spiritual significance of Sanatan teachings. Sadguru

Riteshwar highlighted the importance of establishing a Sanatan University to impart Vedic knowledge and also launched a campaign to connect 1 crore people with the Gurukul membership of Sanatan Vishwavidyalaya.

Rajasthan's Minister Jhavar Singh Kharra attended the

launch, alongside SDRS officials and community leaders who encouraged youth to embrace spirituality. The event concluded with awards honouring social workers for their significant contributions to society. Priyanka Swami, Nikhil Mishra, Gopal Jalan and Shyam Jhakar of SDRS were also present.

## INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL!



Jaipur-based actress and producer Iti Acharya recently participated in the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, also attending Film Bazaar. She shared insights on Indian cinema, acting and filmmaking while promoting her upcoming Hindi film alongside Innamul Haq and Faisal Rasheed. Iti walked the red carpet for The Mehta Boys premiere and discussed co-production for future projects. Meeting industry legends like Guneet Monga, Shekhar Kapur and Boman Irani, Iti expressed gratitude for the enriching experience.

## CULINARY FUSION!



Jay, Vijay, Ratika & Richa

Delizia Café, a new culinary destination in Jaipur, will open its doors today, promising a fresh dining experience in the city. Owned by Vijay Korjani and curated by the renowned Caudron Sisters, the café aims to redefine Jaipur's café culture. Located in the city's heart, Delizia features a cozy interior with dream catchers creating a serene atmosphere. The menu offers a range of aromatic coffees, cold brews, mocktails, pizzas, pasta, Korean buns and cheesecakes. The grand opening is expected to attract socialites and influencers. Delizia Café aspires to be a place for connection, good food and positive vibes.



## CRICKET!



Aarish Singhvi, Ravi Kant Chauhan, Minister KK Vishnoi & Ravindra Sante

The second day of the Physically Disabled Challengers Trophy 2024, recently hosted by Jaipuria Cricket Academy, Jaipur in association with Rajasthan Disabled Cricket Association (RDCA), witnessed passion and determination as India-B and India-Senior remained undefeated. Jaipuria Cricket Academy also celebrated its 8th Foundation Day during the event. India-B defeated India-A by 6 wickets, with Shanmugam scoring 38 runs and Avneesh Kumar earning Player of the Match for taking 3 wickets. India-Senior triumphed over India-C by 3 wickets, thanks to Prasad Chavan's 39 runs and Nikhil Manhas' 64-run effort. Aarish Singhvi, Ravi Kant Chauhan, Minister KK Vishnoi & Ravindra Sante were also present.



**SANTOSH SHARMA**

## Power of Togetherness

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**F**BS Jaipur recently celebrated World Thanksgiving Day at Dyor, C-Scheme, bringing together Jaipur's inspiring women entrepreneurs for collaboration and celebration. Founder Megha Gupta emphasised the power of networking,

supported by core members Tarang Agarwal and Prachi Mankabohra, who inspired unity and progress.

A session on "Gratitude" by Tapasi Wadhwa, founder of The Mystic World, highlighted its role in personal and professional life. Special organic tea and spice hamper by Suchitra Bhutoria of Oria Farms added charm.

Entrepreneurs like Riddhi Sharma, Niharika Nopany and others showcased their brands, fostering networking and promotion.

FBS also discussed the Rising Rajasthan Summit (December 9-11, 2024), encouraging women's participation in state development. This inspiring event blended networking, gratitude and growth opportunities.



Prachi Khandelwal, Megha Gupta, Arpita Khandelwal & Tarang Agarwal



Preeti Amaman, Kirti Jain, Dr Richa Ainali & Anupriya Choudhary

## MARATHON!



The T-shirt and winners Medal for the 9th Edition of the Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon was launched at a ceremony held at Hotel Marriott, Jaipur. Scheduled for 15 December, the marathon is organised by Vedanta in collaboration with Any Body Can Run (ABCR) and carries the theme #RunForZeroHunger, focusing on raising awareness about hunger and malnutrition in India. The marathon features three categories a 21 km half marathon, a 10 km Cool Run and a 5 km Dream Run. The event will be flagged off from NRI Chauraha, Mahal Road with over 15,000 participants expected.

## EVENTS!



The 'Padhaaro Mhare Desh Bharat' marathon campaign was launched by the Gnarly Troop Global Federation at Jawahar Circle on Sunday. The event, focusing on Indian cultural heritage, environmental sustainability and global cooperation, attracted over 5,000 participants, including students, teachers, dignitaries and parents. Key figures such as Minister Jawahar Singh Bedam and Sadguru Riteshwar Maharaj addressed the gathering. The event featured a disciplined march by NCC cadets, music performances and the planting of 50,000 fruit trees. The initiative aims to promote cultural pride and sustainable tourism.

**MUKESH KIRADOO**



The 10-day course on Beauty Care through Ayurveda concluded at the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur on Sunday. Attended by 24 participants across India and the US, the workshop focused on holistic skincare, haircare and wellness through Ayurvedic treatments. VC Prof Sanjeev Sharma highlighted the growing global demand for natural, chemical-free beauty products. Dr Sudipta Rath highlighted balancing inner & outer beauty through Ayurvedic principles & lifestyle. Experts taught various Ayurvedic techniques like Mukh Abhyanga and Shirobhyanga. Certificates were awarded to participants at the closing ceremony.



State Bank of India (SBI) has donated ₹50 lakh to Government RDBP Jaipuria Hospital under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The funds will be used to convert the hospital's existing operation theatres into modular ones, enhancing medical services. SBI Chairman CS Shetty presented the cheque to Medical Superintendent Dr Mahesh Mangal at a ceremony held at Hotel Leela Palace. This contribution will improve surgical procedures and patient care at the hospital.



The Deepawali Milan Samaroh of the Welfare Society of Former Judges was held at Indralok Auditorium, on Sunday. During the general body meeting, the triennial executive election was conducted under the guidance of Bharosilal Gupta and RS Kulhari. Dr Padamkumar Jain was re-elected as President for a third consecutive term. NK Purohit, Mahavir Prasad Sharma and Rambabu Chaturvedi were elected as Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The event also featured musical performances and the felicitation of Director Pension Dr Devraj and his team.



(L-R) Sakshi Srivastava, Jayati Bharadwaj, Divyansh Srivastava, Seema Srivastava & Ravi Shankar Srivastava

The grand wedding ceremony of Divyansh, son of Seema Srivastava and Ravi Shankar Srivastava, with Jayati, daughter of Meena Bharadwaj and Atul Bharadwaj, was joyously celebrated at Shiv Vilas Resort, Kukas, Jaipur, on Friday. The ceremony was attended by close family, friends and notable guests, who gathered to bless the couple. The event radiated love and warmth, symbolizing the start of a beautiful new journey for Divyansh and Jayati.

# JOYOUS CELEBRATIONS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greets Anshika Choudhary



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Reyana Choudhary



(L-R) Manju Godara, Sonia Saharan, Anshika Choudhary & Dharampal Saharan



Birthday beauty Anshika with Dr Akshita Gupta, Avantika Godara, Vipul Saharan, Digvijay Saharan, Krishna Sankhala, Harshita Saini & Aadiya Mangal

Rising model Anshika Choudhary, Miss P&I 2024, celebrated her 22nd birthday with great joy and heartfelt blessings at a city hotel in Jaipur on Saturday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the evening making the evening more memorable. He congratulated Anshika, wishing her all the best for the year ahead. Birthday beauty Anshika sought Dr Chandra's blessings and expressed her gratitude for the love and warmth she received, making her birthday truly unforgettable. The celebration saw close family and friends, including her little sister Reyana among other members namely Manju Godara, Sonia Saharan, Dharampal Saharan, Dr Akshita Gupta, Avantika Godara, Vipul Saharan, Digvijay Saharan, Krishna Sankhala, Harshita Saini, and Aadiya Mangal, who came together to celebrate Anshika's special day. The event was filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments as everyone gathered to mark this important milestone.

SUNIL SHARMA



Chanchal, Kamal, Avantika, and Gurinder Virk alongside the NCC officers and Rays children during the event

## UNITY FOR CHANGE

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**I**n observance of World AIDS Day, an impactful awareness programme was organised at Toran Dwar, Jawahar Circle, on Sunday. The event aimed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and promote acceptance for people living with HIV (PLHIV). It sought to educate the public through engaging activities and foster a positive societal change. The event, organized by the Jaipur-based NGO 'Rays Aasha Ki Ek Kiran' and Positive YUVA Network Association, kicked off with a moving live performance by the Astivta Band. Their motivational music set an uplifting tone for the day. An interactive quiz on HIV myths and facts fol-

lowed, providing valuable information and dispelling common misconceptions.

A highlight of the event was a nukkad natak that powerfully portrayed the challenges faced by PLHIV, emphasizing empathy, resilience, and inclusion. The event also saw the enthusiastic participation of NCC cadets, who took part in a walk of solidarity, holding posters advocating for a stigma-free society.

Cap Gurinder Virk, founder of Rays Aasha Ki Ek Kiran, stressed the importance of replacing discrimination with love and working towards a compassionate community for children living with HIV.

The event was a resounding success, showcasing a collective commitment to dignity, equality, and awareness for all.



During the event

## Neon Glamour



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Gaurav Gaur, Srishti Khatri & Tanu Choudhary



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greeted by Saurav Choudhary

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**K**lean Fit Iconic Gym hosted the much-anticipated Neon Night on Saturday, blending fitness and fashion in a dazzling event. The evening featured a spectacular fashion showcase by Elite Miss Rajasthan as

talent Partner recognition that added to its allure.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and applauded Gaurav Gaur, Director & Founder of Elite Miss Rajasthan and Saurav Choudhary for orchestrating an exceptional show. The event began with an exclusive designer sequence by Brand Albelie, presented by Ankit Chaba, with

showstopper Shrishti Khatri flaunting the collection.

Decathlon followed with an impressive display of stylish gym wear, and the Elite Miss Rajasthan models enthralled the audience during the Western round finale. Kishan Sen's Adore Luxury Unisex Salon provided makeup and hair-styling for the entire show, elevating the

event's glamour.

Special guests included Saurav Choudhary; Owner of Klean Fit, Mohit Jain; of The Laundry House, Vansh Gupta, Shreeyansh Dhadda, and others. Elite Miss Rajasthan models, including Nisha Chauhan (Winner EMR 2024), Tanvi Kaushik, Vanshika Verma and Angel Sain, added glamour and charm to the memorable evening.



The models wowed the audience with a beautiful and stylish collection

### POSTER LAUNCH!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Pranay Khandelwal, Shivali Gupta & Sonali Khandelwal

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Shivali Gupta, Sonali Khandelwal (Show Organisers of Heritage Door) & Pranay Khandelwal, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Sunday. During the meeting, Dr Chandra also unveiled the poster for the upcoming event Heritage Door, presented by Bharat24; Vision of New India and First India News. The event is scheduled to take place on December 15 at Hawa Mahal.

### MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Ayushi Maharshi of the First India family as she reached the former's residence with her parents, Sushma and Sanjay Maharshi. The couple, marking a remarkable milestone in their journey together, sought blessings from Dr Chandra ahead of their 25th wedding anniversary on December 5, 2024. Dr Chandra warmly congratulated the Maharshi family, expressing his best wishes for their continued happiness and harmony.

## GLAM FUSION!

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**T**he Welcome Ceremony for the semi-finalist models of the prestigious Ananta Miss and Mrs India Glam Season 6 took place at Hotel The Fern, Jaipur on Sunday. The event featured an engaging health-care talk session led by Narayana Hospitals, where experienced doctors shared valuable health tips with the



(L-R) Dr Deepanshu Gurmani, Balwinder Singh Walia, Dr Rajesh Pathak, Dr Anshu Jain, Ravindra Pratap Singh & Pawan Tank

50 selected models from Rajasthan.

Facility Director Balwinder Singh Walia welcomed the models, followed by presentations from Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr Anshu Jain, ENT Consultant Dr Deepanshu Gurmani and Pedi-

atrician Dr Rajesh Pathak.

The ceremony was attended by India Glam Founder & Director Pawan Tank, Miss India Glam Somya Gupta, Miss India Glam International Khwahish Saini, First Runner-Up Aishwarya Sadh and other notable personalities.



Captivated audience Jaswinder Kaur Walia, Payal Daryani, Somya Gupta, Poonam Gidwani, Surman Byadwal, Anju Yadav, Jyoti Tank, Sarita Gupta and Semi-Finalists of Miss & Mrs India Glam Season 6

Pawan Tank announced the ongoing wild card entries for the contest, with a 15-day grooming workshop planned for the finalists. The grand finale will be held on December 30, 2024, at Ananta Resort, Jaipur. Sponsors include Bharat 24 News, First India

News, Ananta Spa and Resort and co-sponsors SKJ Jewellers, Mandakini Sarees, Berala Group. Wildcard entries are open for registration via Instagram @indiaglam\_org. Winning prizes include Swift Car, Jupiter Scooty and cash prizes.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by supermodel Kavin Rao, Miss Teen Grand India 2024 during a courtesy visit at a City Hotel in Jaipur on Sunday.