



After week of Sansad deadlock, Birla 'cracks whip' on Constitution debate

● Modi to speak on Constitution in Parl on Dec 13-14 ● Agreement reached after Birla chairs meet



LS Speaker Om Birla calls a meeting of all Floor Leaders in his chamber, at Parliament on Monday. Also present here are Kiren Rijiju, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Gaurav Gogoi, Akhilesh Yadav and others.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

In a big breakthrough between the Centre and the Opposition in Parliament, MPs of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have agreed to hold a debate on the Constitution to commemorate its 75th year of adoption. The debates will be held on December 13 and 14 in the Lok Sabha, and on December 16 and 17 in the Rajya Sabha. The end to the Parli-

mentary stalemate came after Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired an all-party meeting on Monday. PM Narendra Modi to speak on Constitution in Both Houses of Parliament on Dec 13 and 14. "The debate on the Constitution will be held on December 13 and 14 in the Lok Sabha, and 16 and 17 in the Rajya Sabha," Union Minister Kiren Rijiju told reporters outside the Parliament. "It is not good to

disrupt parliamentary proceedings. We appeal to all opposition leaders to make good on the agreement that all of us will ensure parliament functions smoothly from tomorrow," Rijiju said. During the scheduled debates, Trinamool Congress MPs will speak on the ongoing atrocities against minority communities, especially Hindus, in Bangladesh, while the SP will take up the Sambhal violence. **P5**

PM MODI WATCHES 'THE SABARMATI REPORT' MOVIE WITH CAST & CABINET



Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended a special screening of 'The Sabarmati Report' at the Balyogi Auditorium in the Parliament on Monday, accompanied by senior cabinet members, MPs, and the film's cast. After watching the film Modi posted on X and said, "Joined fellow NDA MPs at a screening of 'The Sabarmati Report.' I commend the makers of the film for their effort."



PM Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, JP Nadda, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Mansukh Mandaviya, ML Khattar, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Dr Jitendra Singh, Pralhad Joshi, Kiren Rijiju, Jeetendra, Ektaa R Kapoor, Amul V Mohan, Vikrant Massey, Raashi Khanna, Ridhi Dogra, others watching 'The Sabarmati Report' at the Balyogi Auditorium in the Parliament, New Delhi, on Monday.

SC asks protesting farmer leaders not to create problems

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New Delhi

The SC on Monday asked Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal to ensure that ongoing protests do not obstruct highways or inconvenience the public. The court pointed out that while peaceful protests are democratic right, they must be conducted responsibly. SC made these observations while disposing a habeas corpus plea filed for Dallewal, who had been allegedly removed from the protest site at the Khanauri border and taken to a hospital in Ludhiana. The SC mentioned that Dallewal had since been released and rejoined the protest.



SC REFUSES TO RELAX GRAP-4 RESTRICTIONS

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to ease emergency measures put in place under the GRAP-4 (Graded Response Action Plan) for tackling Delhi's air pollution till there is a 'downward trend' in AQI levels. The court has scheduled a hearing on December 5 to review the applicability and potential modifications to GRAP-IV directives.

'WE GRANT BAIL AND YOU BECOME MINISTER?': TOP COURT RAPS DMK LEADER SENTHIL BALAJI

The Supreme Court on Monday has voiced concern about the reinstatement of Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthil Balaji days after he was released from jail on bail. The DMK leader was re-inducted into the state government in late September following his release in a money laundering case. The apex court also agreed to examine a plea raising apprehensions on independence of witnesses in case.

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IN BRIEF

Wanted in India, Arsh Dalla released on bail
New Delhi: Khalistani terrorist Arsh Dalla, has been granted bail in Canada on a \$30,000 surety bond. Dalla is wanted in India and bail decision comes even as India continues to push for Dalla's extradition.



First water transport service on Dal Lake
Srinagar: Uber has launched Asia's first water transport service, "Uber Shikara," in the picturesque Dal Lake of Jammu and Kashmir, combining technology with tradition to revolutionize tourist experiences, sources said.

4 of family killed, 3 trapped in landslide
Chennai: A second landslide hit TN temple town of Tiruvannamalai Monday, a day after a first led to a boulder falling on a residential building and trapping seven people, of whom over 4 died, 3 trapped.

IPS officer dies in road accident in Karnataka
Bengaluru: A young IPS officer in Karnataka, who had recently finished his training, died in an accident on his way to take up his first posting in Hassan district. Harsh Bardhan, 26, was MP resident.

Akal Takht declared 'tankhaiya' for Badal, asked to clean toilet

First India Bureau
Chandigarh/ Amritsar

In a scathing indictment of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and its president Sukhbir Singh Badal, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh on Monday imposed religious punishment on Badal and other senior Akali leaders, saying they were unfit to lead Sikh community. Badal and core members of the Akali Dal, including cabinet ministers from 2015, were ordered to clean toilets, serve in the langar, perform Nitnem, and recite Sukhmani Sahib. Placards were also placed around their necks as part of the sentence. Sukhbir Badal and SS Dhindsa were instructed to serve as gatekeepers for 2 days.



Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh at Golden Temple, Amritsar on Monday. (R) Sukhbir Singh Badal appears before Akal Takht.

AKAL TAKHT JATHEDAR SINGH DIRECTS WORKING COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT BADAL'S RESIGNATION

Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh directed the party's working committee to accept Badal's resignation and announced the formation of a committee to initiate a membership drive and begin the process of electing a new leadership. The proceedings, held at the Akal Takht Sahib, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs at the Golden Temple, extended beyond punitive measures, with Jathedar also asking splintered party to stop squabbling and rebuild the over 100-year-old regional party, signalling a significant political shift within the community.

President Putin set to visit India next yr: Kremlin

First India Bureau
New Delhi/Moscow

In less than month, Russia has conveyed twice that President Vladimir Putin is expected to visit India in coming months. Saying that Putin had received PM Modi's invitation to visit India, the Kremlin said that the dates would be decided early next year. This will be Putin's first visit to India since Ukraine war began in Feb 2022. "Our leaders have an agreement to hold meetings once a year," Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov said.



BJP picks Sitha & Rupani as Maharashtra observers

First India Bureau
Mumbai

The BJP Parliamentary Board on Monday deputed Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani as observers for the Maharashtra legislative party meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday. At the meeting, to be held at Central Hall in Vidhan Bhawan at 10 am, the 132 newly elected BJP MLAs will pick the party's new state legislative leader. Meanwhile, sources said that PM Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP National President JP Nadda have finalised name of Devendra Fadnis for the Maharashtra Chief Minister.



Nirmala Sitharaman and Vijay Rupani.

NOT IN RACE FOR DY CM POST: SHINDE'S SON

Maharashtra caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's son Shrikant Shinde on Monday responded to speculations that he is in the race to become the state's deputy chief minister and said he is not in the race and he has "no desire for any position in the government".

Windfall profit tax on domestic crude oil lifted

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Almost two-and-half years after it was introduced, the government has finally withdrawn windfall gains tax on domestic production of crude oil and export of diesel, petrol, and aviation turbine fuel (ATF). The Finance Ministry notifications for removal of the windfall tax—special additional excise duty (SAED) on production of crude and export of ATF, and road and infrastructure cess (RIC) on export of petrol and diesel—with immediate effect were laid in the Parliament on Monday. Lately, not much revenue was getting generated by the windfall gains tax, sources said.

India condemns breach at B'desh High Commission

First India Bureau
Agartala

MEA on Monday condemned breach of premises at Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Tripura's Agartala and termed it deeply regrettable. Protesting against the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das as well as attacks on minorities in that neighbouring country, thousands of people took out a massive rally around Bangladeshi mission. The rally was taken out under banner of Hindu Sangharsh Samity, affiliate of VHP.

CM CHAIRS MEETING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPT



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma greets Governor Harihbau Kisanrao Bagade at the Raj Bhavan in Jaipur on Monday.

State Government is working with the resolve of 'Antyodaya': CM Sharma

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said that the state government is working with dedication for the upliftment of deprived sections of society with the resolve of Antyodaya. He said that the government is committed to ensuring that the benefits of central and state government schemes reach the weaker sections of society.

CABINET EXPANSION IN RAJASTHAN SOON!

The much-anticipated Cabinet expansion in Rajasthan is expected to take place soon. According to sources, a reshuffle could occur anytime after December 17. The move is likely to follow PM Modi's visit to Jaipur. CM Sharma has already completed his preparations for the cabinet changes. Discussions have taken place with Madan Rathore & further consultations may happen with Radhamohan Das regarding new appointees. Final decision on induction of new ministers and the removal of existing ones will be made in Delhi with inputs from Modi & Shah.

promptly. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma was addressing a review meeting of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department at the Chief Minister's Office on Monday. He said that officials should ensure through regular monitoring that no eligible person is left out of the benefits of the schemes and that ineligible individuals do not receive benefits, as this would hit the rights of eligible individuals.

CALGIRI MARG BEING IGNORED AHEAD OF RISING RAJASTHAN SUMMIT

Neglect & apathy of JDA leaves key alternate route in limbo

No asphalt on large section of the road from Rajput Colony turn to Apex Circle

Abhishek Shrivastava
Jaipur

Due to the indifference and negligence of senior engineers at the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA), the main alternate route for the Rising Rajasthan Summit is facing severe neglect. If the situation remains unchanged, domestic and international guests attending this grand event will carry not just impressions of the capital but a negative image of the entire state. It is about Calgiri Marg in Malviya Nagar. The primary venue for the Rising Rajasthan Summit is the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC) located in the Sitapura Industrial Area. There will be pressure on the main routes leading to JECC during the event. The main alternate route leading to JECC, after Tonk Road, starts from the Malviya Nagar Over-bridge on JLN Marg, passes through Calgiri Marg, continues to Apex Circle, and further extends via Mahal Road to



Vehicles ply on a broken road at Calgiri Marg in Malviya Nagar, Jaipur, on Monday.



(L) At Calgiri Marg, the boundary wall has been painted for "Rising Rajasthan," but footpath remains unrepaired. (R) Peacocks and fountains in the park near the GT Flyover are faded and unpainted.



While Mahal Road, part of this alternate route, is being given significant attention and beautification by JDA, Calgiri Marg remains a victim of gross neglect by the JDA's senior engineers. This oversight is particularly concerning

given the importance of this route for the grand event. Even though Calgiri Road is included as the main alternate route for the grand event of Rising Rajasthan, it remains overlooked by senior engineers of the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA).

With only a few days left for the event, the responsible engineers at JDA have yet to pay attention to this critical route. The First India News team inspected the condition of Calgiri Marg, stretching from the Malviya Nagar Over-bridge to Apex Circle.

SEWAGE OVERFLOWING

- A large section of the road from the Rajput Colony turn on Calgiri Marg to Apex Circle is without asphalt.
- Local residents say the situation has been this way since before Diwali.
- A sewage line was laid in this section, but while the line was installed, the road was left in its current condition.
- In this section, except for a few parts, the road is mostly dug up with potholes scattered throughout.
- On the other side of the divider in this section, the sewage line has overflowed. As a result, dirty water is spread across entire road.
- The condition of the Peacock Garden, developed by the JDA ten years ago, is also severe.
- The colour of the chhatris built in the garden has completely faded
- The peacocks painted on these fading chhatris are not visible from a distance.

During the inspection, it did not seem like we were travelling on such an essential route, designated as the main alternate pathway for a mega-event like Rising Rajasthan, which aims to attract investments worth several lakh crores to the state.

BJP's organisational poll process starts; Booth Presidents to be elected



Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

Monday marks beginning of the BJP's organizational elections, starting with the election of booth presidents. Elections will be conducted for all 51,735 booths by December 5. Along with the booth president, a 12-member team will be formed at each booth, including coordinators for "Mann Ki Baat" program and beneficiary schemes. A 33% reservation for women has also been mandated.

The coordination and nomination formula will be adopted in the process. To avoid any disputes, Narayan Panchariya, the state in-charge of

BJP LEADERS TOLD NOT TO COMMENT ON DARGAH

Sources indicate that BJP leaders have been directed to avoid unnecessary comments regarding the Ajmer Dargah issue. The govt aims to prevent tension caused by unnecessary statements and reason stated is to be "Rising Rajasthan" event, as the priority of the BJP govt and the organisation is to make this event successful.

the organizational elections, is moving the election process forward only after consulting all major leaders. First India had an exclusive conversation with Narayan Panchariya regarding the organizational elections.

HAWA MAHAL MLA DEMANDS TO STOP 'HINDU EXODUS'

After the Bhajan Lal govt took initiative to introduce a special bill addressing religious conversion, now an additional demand has emerged within the party. There is a call to prevent migration from the older areas of major cities and to curb exodus of Hindu community. Hawa Mahal MLA Balmukund Acharya from Hawa Mahal raised this demand that govt could enact a law to stop this trend.



IN BRIEF

JEE Advanced 2025 exam to be held on May 18, 2025

Kota: JEE Advanced 2025 exam is scheduled to be conducted on Sunday, May 18, 2025, as announced by IIT Kanpur through a press release on Monday. The exam will be held in two sessions, each lasting 3 hours. The first session will take place from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and the second session from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

JDA foils attempt to set up 2 illegal colonies

Jaipur: The JDA foiled attempts to establish two illegal colonies. In Begas, preparations were underway to develop an illegal colony on nine bighas of land, planned under the name "Tammanna Vihar." Similarly, efforts were being made to build a colony in ecological zone of Govindpura Ropada, covering two bighas of land, under the name "Kailash Heritage." The JDA's team demolished constructions at both places.

Roadways submits proposal to govt to increase fare

Jaipur: The Roadways management has submitted a proposal to the govt for increasing fare across all bus categories, including ordinary buses. It has been more than 10 years since fares were last increased. If the govt approves, fares for both Roadways and private buses will rise simultaneously. The fare hike would provide financial support to Roadways.

3 of a family die as car loses control in H'garh

Kapil Sharma
Rawatsar (Hanumangarh)

An accident took place when a car lost control and collided with a tree, resulting in the deaths of a mother, father, and son. The victims were identified as son Rajesh Soni, father Sethi Ram Soni and mother Devaki, all from Soni family of Rawatsar. Rajesh Soni was declared dead at the Nohar CHC, while Sethi Ram and Devaki succumbed to their injuries during referral to a higher center. The family was reportedly on their way from Rawatsar to Hisar for a wedding ceremony. The news of the accident has cast a wave of grief over the city. ASI Chhotu Ram Tiwari from Nohar Police Station was present at Nohar CHC.



Due to tyre burst the car went out of control and hit a tree.

STUDENT KILLED, 2 HURT IN ROAD MISHAP IN DAUSA

Dausa: A student was killed and two other youths were injured in a road accident after their bike hit a dumper truck in Dausa district, police said on Monday. The deceased was identified as Mohit Saini (19), a student of class 11, police said. According to police, Saini along with his two friends was returning home on a bike after attending a programme on Sunday night.

MLA Poonia booked for controversial remark



Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur/Barmer

Sangaria MLA Abhimanyu Poonia told his supporters to "trash officials if they don't listen" and assured, "MP Umedaram and I will handle it afterward." He was speaking in an event "Naukri Do, Nasha Nahin" at Sedwa in Barmer. The statement, captured in a viral video, led to the Barmer police filing a case against him. IG Vikas Kumar instructed the Barmer SP to investigate the matter, stressing that such incitement undermines democratic norms. Range IG Vikas Kumar, in an exclusive conversation with First India



Abhimanyu Poonia

JODHPUR RANGE IG VIKAS KUMAR'S SWIFT INITIATIVE ON CONTROVERSIAL REMARKS BY MLA ABHIMANYU

Jodhpur: Jodhpur Range IG Vikas Kumar has taken prompt action against Sangaria MLA and Youth Congress State President Abhimanyu Poonia over his controversial remarks targeting officials. The provocative statement, which went viral on social media, has drawn sharp criticism, with BJP launching attacks on Congress. Highlighting the seriousness of the issue, IG Vikas Kumar termed the remarks as potentially inciting criminal acts. He directed Barmer SP Narendra Meena to seek legal opinion and register a case. Kumar's proactive approach reflects a strong stance against inflammatory rhetoric in public discourse.

News, gave a clear message: "If an individual has any complaint with any official, they can express it at every level in a democracy. However, no one has the right to take the law into their own hands." Poonia's comments are viewed as potentially criminal under various Sections of 153, 504, and 505(1)(B) Indian Penal Code.

IN SIROHI, CASE OF FORCED RELIGIOUS CONVERSION EMERGES

Siroti: A shocking case of forced religious conversion has come to light in Dhanera village, Rewdar Tehsil, Siroti district. Officials of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, including Rakesh Rajguru, along with other activists, victim's father, and family members, submitted a memo to SP demanding that a case be registered against accused pastor. In their written report, the activists informed SP that Panku Koli, a resident of Dhanera village, was subjected to forced conversion. They alleged that she was tortured severely, and her "delivery" was forcibly performed. The activists also revealed that approximately 10 other girls in region were similarly forced. — Ashok Kumawat

GANG OF 'LOOTERI DULHAN' EXPOSED, 3 WOMEN & A MAN ARRESTED IN SIROHI'S SWAROOPGANJ



Siroti: The scam involving a swindling bride and her gang, who tricked a man by marrying him and then fleeing with gold and silver jewellery, has been exposed in the Achpura of Siroti district's Swarupganj police station area. A man and three women have been arrested, and interrogation is ongoing. Swarupganj SHO Kalam Singh said that victim Ashok Kumar, unable to marry, approached middlemen Omprakash and Kailash Agarwal, who charged Rs 2.5 lakh to arrange his marriage. After paying Rs 1 lakh, Ashok was introduced to Sushma Abhyankar in Maharashtra, who was falsely presented as unmarried. The marriage was finalized on May 5, 2024, after Ashok paid remaining Rs 1.5 lakh. The wedding was conducted at a temple in Kasindra. Sushma and her gang later fled with gold and silver jewellery. Police, based on Ashok's complaint, nabbed accused, and launches probe. — Dinesh Kumar

FOUNDATION DAY OF ASSAM, J'KHAND, NAGALAND

'India has oldest culture in the world'

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade on Monday said that India is the country with the oldest culture in the world. Addressing a program organised on the foundation day of Jharkhand, Nagaland and Assam at the Raj Bhawan here he said that there are important references about the names and places of states in our ancient texts. He remembered Birsu Munda who fought



Governor Haribhau Bagade and his Secretary Dr Pritvi Raj during the event at Raj Bhawan in Jaipur on Monday.

against the British government in Jharkhand and said that it is the leading state of the country that preserves tribal heritage. While discussing the history of Nagaland and the culture of Assam, he also called for learning from the arts of the resi-

dents of these states. The governor interacted with the residents of these states to know about their work and felicitated them at the Raj Bhawan.

He said that the purpose of celebrating the foundation day of the states at the Raj Bhawan is to directly experience the concept of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat". The governor also shared insights on the important aspects related to the culture, art and life in these states. He also called for contribution in the development of Rajasthan.

Shekhawat calls for vigilance amid Zika virus rumors

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

Union Minister Gajendra S Shekhawat, has issued instructions to maintain vigilance regarding Zika virus after reports of potential cases in Jodhpur. This decision followed the spread of misleading information after Zika virus cases were confirmed in Jaipur. Rumors had circulated in Jodhpur about 3 reported cases of virus. To address this, Shekhawat spoke directly to Dr. B.S. Johda, principal of S.N. Medical College, to gather accurate information.

No plans of privatising Raj power companies, says Energy Minister

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar reassured the personnel of power companies that the state govt has no plans for privatising the electricity companies. He said that keeping in mind the long-term energy needs of the state, the power companies have signed MoUs with major central public sector enterprises for the benefit of the state. He said that with the cooperation of the staff, the state government is moving forward with the transformation



Minister Heeralal Nagar and MLA Gopal Sharma at inauguration of Jaipur Discom's first childcare facility in Jaipur on Monday.

and strengthening of the energy sector. Nagar was addressing the officials and employees of power companies at the inauguration ceremony of Jaipur Discom's first childcare facility built with a cost of Rs 55 lakh at the Old Power House at Ram Mandir on Monday. Nagar said that only Rs 8,000 crore is available under RDSR scheme to strengthen electricity distribution system.

Review Meeting of Mining Dept Rajasthan tops nation with 47 mineral block auctions in current gov't's 1st year

Work as per set targets: CM to officials

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma directed officials to set targets and work accordingly during the review meeting of the Mining and Petroleum Department at the Chief Minister's office on Monday. He emphasized that mineral resources provided by nature should be used for public welfare with transparency throughout the process. He instructed officials to form an evaluation committee for departmental activities and hold regular meetings. He also directed the preparation of an action plan for the prompt operation of the refinery project after discussions with the concerned firm.

Sharma emphasised Rajasthan's achievement of auctioning 47 major mineral blocks in the first year, surpassing the previous government's five-year total of 34. Additionally, 426 non-major mineral plots were auctioned, exceeding the previous government's 282. He directed officials to ensure compliance, curb illegal mining, and conduct regular mining lease auctions. Sharma also reported a significant rise in mining royalties for both major and non-major minerals.



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma chairs a review meeting of the Mines and Geology Department at the Chief Minister's Office in Jaipur on Monday. Sudhansh Pant, T Ravikanth, Shikhar Agrawal and others were also present.

STATE GOVT MADE KEY DECISIONS FOR DISADVANTAGED: CM

→ CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, during a review meeting of Social Justice & Empowerment Dept, highlighted key state govt initiatives for disadvantaged sections. The SCSP and TSP fund allocations for SCs/STs have increased from Rs 1,000 cr to Rs 1,500 cr. Social security pensions rose from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,150. A residential scheme for shelterless nomadic communities is underway,



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma chairs a review meeting of the Social Justice Department at CMO in Jaipur on Monday. Avinash Gehlot, Sudhansh Pant, Shikhar Agrawal & Kuldeep Ranka were also present.

while artificial limbs and scooters are being provided to disabled citizens. Mukhyamantri Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana will offer Rs 5,000 monthly aid to children with rare diseases. ACS Kuldeep Ranka presented updates on dept's progress.

CM VISITS SMS HOSP ICU TO CHECK ON MOTHER'S HEALTH

→ Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma visited Sawai Man Singh Hospital to see his mother, Gomti Devi (81), who is undergoing treatment in the ICU. Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani accompanied CM Sharma during his visit. She is being treated under the supervision of a medical board consisting of five doctors.

CM's 5TH RESOLVE: MINIMAL PLASTIC USE IN RISING RAJ

→ CM Bhajan Lal Sharma has launched a 10-day pledge campaign for the success of 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit.' On Monday, his fifth pledge focused on minimising plastic use at the summit, emphasising state govt's commitment to environmental conservation, sustainability, & cleaner future initiatives.

PM Narendra Modi to launch PKC-ERCP Project on December 17

Vinod Singh Chouhan
Jaipur

PM Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for the PKC-ERCP project during his visit on December 17. The programme includes the inauguration of the Naunera Barrage and the launch of three packages under the NGBI. The Prime Minister will initiate projects worth approximately Rs 9,416 crore. Under the PKC-ERCP, 21 districts are expected to benefit from access to drinking and irrigation water.



Kataria meets CM Sharma following by-election campaign

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Lal Chand Kataria recently met with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma two days ago. Prior to this, there had been discussions about the Chief Minister visiting Kataria's residence. The two leaders discussed various political matters. Kataria, who had been notably active during the by-elections, was specifically sent to the Jat belt for strategic campaigning. Once a prominent leader in the Congress, Kataria is now a part of the BJP.

9 police officials face compulsory retirement for indiscipline



First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Rajasthan government is taking strong steps to ensure accountability in governance. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma has ordered the compulsory retirement of 9 police personnel due to indiscipline. This decision follows recommendations from a review committee at the police headquarters and a high-level permanent committee as per the directives of the Administrative Reforms, in line with Rule 53(1) of the Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1996. The personnel had been repeatedly penalised for negligence and misconduct.

CM Sharma stated that the government is committed to fostering good governance by taking strict actions against negligent officials. At the same time, the government remains dedicated to rewarding hardworking and honest employees, ensuring exemplary services in public offices.

CM TO LAUNCH MINING POLICY ON DECEMBER 4

→ CM Bhajan Lal Sharma will unveil Rajasthan's New Mining Policy-2024 on December 4. Key highlights include reduced security deposits for small mineral auctions, installment-based premium payments, & incentives for tribal regions. The policy focuses on zero-waste mining, stricter penalties for illegal activities, and streamlined processes like online royalty collection. It aims to boost employment, revenue, and sustainable growth in the mining sector through modern technology.

RAJASTHAN M-SAND POLICY TO BOOST GROWTH

→ Rajasthan's M-Sand Policy 2024 promotes M-Sand as a cost-effective alternative to river sand. It removes criteria for experience, net worth, and turnover for setting up units, offers DMFT charge exemptions, and mandates 25% M-Sand use in government projects. Units benefit under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2024, boosting sustainability in the construction sector.

Raj GST collection drops 1%, nation sees 9.38% rise

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajasthan has witnessed a decline in GST collection this year, reflecting disappointing performance in the state's revenue generation. From November 2023 to November 2024, there was a 1% drop in GST collection. In November 2023, the GST collection was Rs 4,682 cr, which fell to Rs 4,622 cr in November 2024, a decrease of Rs 60 cr. During the same period, GST collections for all states increased from Rs 127,695 cr to Rs 139,678 cr, marking a 9.38% rise in overall GST revenue across the nation.



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Rajasthan announces 5-50% DLC rate increase

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Jaipur

The increased rates of DLC (District Level Committee) have been implemented in the state starting today. Deputy In-

spector General of Registration, GL Sharma, provided this information. In urban areas, the rates have been raised by 5% to 15%, while in rural areas, the rates have been increased by up to 50%.

Investors sign 95 MOUs worth over Rs 2,000 cr during the Dausa Investors' Meet

'Govt committed to removing every obstacle for investors'

Laxmikant Sharma
Dausa

District In-charge and Minister of Industries and Commerce, Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore, stated that the State government is committed to creating an investment-friendly environment in Rajasthan by removing every obstacle for investors and promoting industrial development. He emphasized that the government is providing all possible assistance to transform investment proposals into reality, aiming to make Rajasthan an industrially dynamic state and create ample job opportunities for the youth. He was addressing investors at the district-level Rising Dausa Investor Meet



Rajyavardhan Rathore addresses the investors during the Dausa Investors' Meet. Bhagchand Tankda, Bhawani Singh Detha, Devendra Kumar and others were also present.

held at a private hotel on Jaipur Road, in preparation for the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit-2024, scheduled from December 9 to 11 in Jaipur. During the event, investors enthusiastically

signed 95 MOUs worth Rs 2,094.72 crore, which will generate employment for 5,818 people. Notable MOUs included investments of Rs 1,038.43 crore by Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Rs 500

crore by Shri Mohanji University in Dausa, Rs 100 crore by the Saptarishi Institute Group, Rs 70 crore by the All State Trade and Industries Association, and Rs 50 crore by Chemtech KPO Park Private Limited.

₹210 CR INVESTMENT TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL AREA IN CHAKSU AND CREATE 10,000 JOBS

→ Chaksu: A major investment of Rs 210 cr is set for Chaksu as part of Rising Rajasthan initiative. An industrial area will be developed on Tonk Road over 250 bighas of land, with foreign firms, including those from Dubai, setting up industries. The project, following an MoU signed between Rohit Gupta, Commissioner of Industries, & SP Harsana, Chairman of Shri Govind Group, is expected to generate employment for 10,000 people. This initiative aims to boost local economies, improve infra, & create a sustainable industrial ecosystem in the region.

RISING RAJASTHAN SUMMIT: ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS HELD AT JECC

→ An orientation programme for the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit was held at JECC, training university students from JECRC, Poornima University, and Poornima College of Engineering. The event also included a session for protocol and liaison officers. Ajitabh Sharma, Principal Secretary of the Industries Department, emphasized, "Rajasthan is renowned for its hospitality, vibrant culture, and belief in 'Atithi Devo Bhava.' These programmes brief officials and volunteers about their tasks and offer insights into organising such a large-scale event." The summit will take place on December 9-11. **Ziauddin Khan**



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TOURISM DEPT PRESENTS HERITAGE CIRCUIT PLANS

Work to be done systematically: Diya

Diya thanks Union Minister GS Shekhawat for approving ₹145 cr for development of Amer, Nahargarh, & Jal Mahal under the Central Govt's scheme

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari, Rajasthan Heritage Authority Chairman Onkar Singh Lakhawat, and Tourism Secretary Ravi Jain attended a presentation on the "Maharana Pratap



Diya Kumari reviews presentations on 'Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit' and 'Braj Chaurasi Yatra' concept plans at Paryatan Bhawan in Jaipur in the presence of OS Lakhawat, Ravi Jain and others.

"Tourist Circuit" and "Braj Chaurasi Yatra" at the Tourism Building. The consultants/architects presented the "Concept Plan & Preliminary Report" for both projects, which include plans for developing the circuits and improving facilities for tourists. After the presentation, Diya Kumari stated that the work would be carried out systematically, based on a well-structured plan.

BY CM DIYA CHAIRS MEETING ON JDA'S NINDAR SCHEME

→ Deputy CM Diya Kumari chaired a meeting on JDA's Nindar scheme, attended by JDA Commissioner Anandhi and officials. A delegation of farmers and local residents raised concerns, including colony regulation. JDA assured that no evictions would occur and discussed resettling affected individuals. Officials stated they would soon seek guidance from the state government on the matter.

7 new MLAs to take oath in Assembly today



First India Bureau
Jaipur

The oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected legislators will take place on Tuesday. Seven legislators are set to take their oath in the Speaker's chamber of the State Legislative Assembly.

State Govt neglected people, reps during one year, says GS Dotasra

Hukum Singh
Sikar

PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra, in Sikar on Monday, launched a strong attack on the state government, marking its one-year anniversary in office. He criticised the govt for neglecting the work of representatives and the public, accusing it of attempting to strip elected representatives of their powers by appointing administrators. Dotasra also pointed out that despite discussions about 'One State-One Election,' no legal amend-



Govind Singh Dotasra

ments have been made. Dotasra criticised RSS Chief Dr Mohan Bhagwat, stating there should be no daily searches for Shiva lingas in mosques. He further asserted that the anti-conversion law will not be passed.

CONG MAY CHALLENGE 'ONE STATE, ONE ELECTION' IN COURT

→ Congress may challenge the 'One State-One Election' policy in court. The party is preparing to move the court over the issue. The govt has already appointed administrators in 59 local bodies & is planning to do the same for Panchayati Raj institutions. This significant announcement was made by BJP govt in the budget. According to the current constitutional framework, polls can't be postponed for more than six months, & Cong may base its challenge on this provision.



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TRUE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

Authority vs Accountability in Indian context

The term leadership is often spoken and discussed around in workplaces, politics, and even self-help circles. The essential question, though, is what is leadership exactly? Is it about giving orders or building consensus? In simple words, leadership is about taking risks and challenging the status quo. Leaders motivate others to achieve something new and better. Interestingly, leaders pursue innovations willingly and not as an obligation or burden. This is what makes them bring the best in people. Political leadership is instrumental for social change. Overcoming social problems or modernising and abolishing social norms has been impossible without the right kind of leadership. Leaders work for goodness of society, respect their people's voice, create a positive and happy society, and keep these people motivated and inspired. Leadership will emphasise the importance of education, picking the right career, working hard and focusing on performance. Effective political leadership requires a strong character and the leaders must exhibit honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, accountability and ethics.

A political leader may have the authority, title or position but will only emerge as true leader if possesses several qualities like ability to motivate individuals, dedicated, willing to listen, trustworthy, competent, accountable, decisive, selfless, good communicator, and is a visionary with full understanding of the goals of the team or organisation. An effective leader has to maintain balance between desire for results and concern for his people. A true leader generally leads by example, shows path; delegates' tasks based on others skills and not just merely direct people from a position of authority. In India, most of the current political leaders lack the basic and important leadership qualities such as accountability, transparency, accessibility and integrity. Some of the leaders are even booked for corruption and other illegal activities. In the present generation the word political leaders doesn't have a very positive



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opinion on the citizens unlike past political leaders. However, some of the upcoming young leaders are following the leadership ideals and we see some welcoming positive changes in Indian politics.

When Indian leaders first took control of their government in 1947, they proclaimed the ideals of national unity and secular democracy. Through the first half century of nation-building, leaders could point to uneven but measurable progress on key goals. But there has been a noticeable decline in quality of governance and today, despite best efforts by government, we are seeing mass unemployment or under employment creating a state of despair. The public necessities like health, education, housing, air and water, need a major revamp to meet the basic needs of people. India aspires to be a great power, and this will be

decided by the character of leadership that rises to the highest elected offices in the country today. The deteriorating profile of elected representatives in the country gives little hope, unless an honest, intellect, and motivated, leadership with accountability emerges to realise, restore glory of India.

Moral responsibility and accountability have steadily eroded in Indian politics. Where earlier leaders resigned for moral reasons even when they were not directly at fault, today our political class often avoids such actions, opting to deflect blame instead. This decline in accountability represents a broader shift from the ethical standards that once guided the leaders of the country as seen in train accident in Odisha 2023 vs Mahbubnagar, Andhra Pradesh in 1956 where the then Railway Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri resigned taking moral

responsibility of the accident. Similarly, resignations of TT Krishnamachari, the finance minister and K. Krishna Menon defence minister on moral grounds were all examples of moral responsibility and accountability at its Zenith which in subsequent decades has diluted heading to Nadir.

Accountability is not just a political buzzword; it is a cornerstone of democratic governance. Political philosophers like John Stuart Mill and Jean-Jacques Rousseau have long argued that a leader's primary responsibility in a democracy is to serve the people, with power being a trust placed in the hands of those elected. If leaders evade accountability, this trust is broken, and democracy becomes hollow. In the Indian context, Mahatma Gandhi was embodiment of moral accountability. He drew this from the principles of ancient Indian philosophy, where kings were seen as custodians of the welfare of the people and were bound by dharma. The erosion of accountability in Indian politics has far-reaching implications. When leaders avoid responsibility, public trust in political system diminishes. Democracy thrives when its leaders are willing to stand accountable for their actions, policies, decisions. Without accountability, very foundation of democratic governance weakens, thereby making citizens left to rely on the once-in-every-five-year elections to undo their mistakes.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IN-DEPTH

What's ideal, two or three-child policy in India?

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent call for a three-child norm to prevent population decline has reignited the debate on India's demographic policies. While states like Andhra Pradesh have abandoned the two-child policy and Telangana may follow suit, Uttar Pradesh continues to push for a reduction in its fertility rate to 1.9 by 2030. These contrasting approaches reflect India's lack of a cohesive population policy, which is essential for balancing demographic needs with socio-economic realities.

India's demographic diversity poses unique challenges. States in the north still grapple with high fertility rates, while southern states face the threat of an ageing population and workforce shortages. A uniform policy must accommodate these regional disparities while addressing national concerns like gender equity, education, and healthcare keeping the delimitation exercise in mind.

Rather than arbitrary quotas, the focus should shift to empowering families through education and access to contraception. A balanced, inclusive policy can ensure population stability while fostering economic growth and regional harmony.

TRUMP'S IMPRACTICAL THREAT TO BRICS



Former US President Donald Trump's impractical warning of high tariffs to BRICS against their attempt to introduce an alternative currency to challenge the U.S. dollar highlights the rising geopolitical tensions in the global financial system. Trump, a staunch advocate of American dominance, called the move a threat to the U.S. economy and global stability. While BRICS' ambition to diversify from dollar dependence is not new, the group's growing assertiveness reflects a shift towards a multipolar economic order.

The implications of a BRICS-backed alternative currency are significant. A reduced reliance on the dollar could diminish America's ability to impose financial sanctions and erode the influence of its monetary policy on global markets. For the BRICS grouping, particularly China and Russia, this represents an opportunity to challenge the dollar's hegemony. However, the feasibility of such a currency remains uncertain due to economic disparities and diverging political interests within the bloc.

For India, which has adopted a cautious approach to de-dollarisation, the implications are nuanced. While a multipolar currency framework aligns with New Delhi's strategic autonomy, an overt shift away from the dollar could strain its relations with the U.S., a key economic and geopolitical partner. Moreover, India's trade dynamics, largely dollar-dependent, may face disruptions in the short term. At the same time, engaging in a global currency alternative could enhance India's role in shaping the evolving financial architecture.

The dollar's dominance will not wane overnight, but BRICS' efforts mark a growing challenge to U.S.-led financial structures. For India, navigating this transformation will require a delicate balance between strategic partnerships and the pursuit of economic sovereignty.



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FAITH OF PEOPLE

The hope and faith of people that Modi is evolving from a polarising strongman into a unifying consensus-builder and upholding good governance with highest accountability will ensure India's transformation into a great power. Challenging prevailing narratives, Modi proposes a path forward that is fraught with some dangers but filled with hope. Through his mantra of Seva, Sushasan and Antyodaya - service, good governance and uplifting the most marginalised, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has truly brought India to the 21st century

The voice of country is better heard in global forum now than before and India is emerging as voice of global South and champion of multilateralism. The economy and digital economy is thriving and middlemen have been removed in the implementation of welfare measures for common man. Complaints about the prime minister's autocratic and dictatorial styles are evened out with the fact that people are voting for him to remain at helm of affairs and he is a self-made leader who is transforming the nation

TOP TWEETS



X Officer Trainees of Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President said that in the changing socio-economic scenario across the world, the agenda of national interest is determined largely by international economic cooperation. She told the officer trainees that they are the guardians of the country's economic boundaries.

President of India @rashtrapatibhv



X Positive sign! The young generation of India has the ability to fulfill the dreams it sees. Modi government is also giving them full opportunity. The steady increase in patent applications in India under the guidance of PM @narendramodi ji reflects the growing innovative zeal of our youth.

Hardeep Singh Puri @HardeepSPuri

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.

BUDDHA

Parliament Winter Session Both Houses adjourned yet again amid Opposition protests over Adani row, violence in Sambhal

Dhankhar calls out 'deliberate algorithm' behind disruptions

First India Bureau
New Delhi

In an impassioned address on Monday, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar expressed grave concerns over the repeated disruptions in the Upper House, which he argued were undermining the very functioning of the Parliament.

Citing Murphy's Law—"Anything that can go wrong will go wrong"—Dhankhar suggested that a deliberate "algorithm" seemed to be in place, intentionally impeding the proper conduct of business.

"Hon'ble Members, you are all undoubtedly cognizant of Murphy's Law," Dhankhar said, highlighting the repeated failure to carry out legislative work. "It appears there exists a deliberate algorithm to actualize Murphy's Law in this August House, consequently impeding the proper functioning of Parliament."

The Chairman's comments came as a response



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla conducts proceedings in the House during the Winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

to the ongoing disruptions, which have prevented the House from transacting crucial business.

"We find ourselves achieving precisely the antithesis of what our Constitution ordains," he added, emphasizing the constitutional duty of Parliament to function efficiently. Calling for a return to order and decorum, Dhankhar appealed to the members' sense of responsibility, urging

Crores of rupees of taxpayers' money is spent to run the Parliament. It is all going to waste, down the drain. The opposition is not letting (the Parliament) run. What do they want to show? What kind of example is the Opposition trying to set? The shor-sharaba (ruckus) must be created outside the house. Debates in the Parliament don't mean creating a ruckus.

ARUN GOVIL, BJP LOK SABHA MP

them to respect the sacrifices made by the framers of the Constitution and countless patriots who laid down their lives for the country's democratic institutions.

"In reverence to the framers of our Constitution and the innumerable patriots who made the supreme sacrifice, I implore this House to permit me to proceed with

the business listed on today's agenda," he said.

Dhankhar also voiced his frustration over the spectacle created by the disruptions, pointing out that "nothing is going on record" as the House remains in turmoil.

"Honourable members, what we are doing is a spectacle to people's absolute disdain. Nothing is going on record. Nothing is going on record," he said.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been allocated seat number one in the Lok Sabha chamber, while the seat opposite to him on the other side of the semicircular front row has been earmarked for Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi

• Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Union minister Nitin Gadkari was earlier allocated division number 58 in the second column, but has now been given seat number four next to Home Minister Amit Shah, according to a circular issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat

• The Ministry of Education ruled out any plans for a national framework for the standardisation of contracts and wages for contractual & guest teachers

• More than 88 lakh houses have been delivered to the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), the Rajya Sabha was informed on Dec 2

• Following continuous adjournments of both houses of Parliament in the first week of the Winter Session, Congress Lok Sabha Deputy Leader Gaurav Gogoi and senior MP K C Venuopal met with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday

OPPOSITION WANTS DISCUSSION BUT GOVERNMENT RUNNING AWAY FROM IT: CONG ON PARL DEADLOCK

New Delhi: The Congress on Monday accused the treasury benches of "running away" from a discussion in Parliament on issues such as the Adani indictment and Sambhal violence, and said the government simply did not want Parliament to function. Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned amid protests by the opposition, which demanded a discussion on the indictment of industrialist Gautam Adani and the Sambhal violence. Congress general secretary in-charge, communications, Jairam Ramesh said, "INDIA parties had given notices for an immediate discussion on Adani, Manipur, Sambhal, and Ajmer. These parties never agitated. There was hardly any sloganeering. But the Modi government simply did not want Parliament to function."

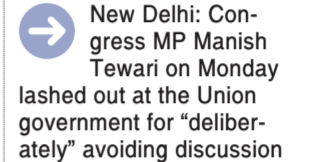


"TERRIBLE SITUATION": SHASHI THAROOR ON PARLIAMENT LOGJAM



New Delhi: Following constant adjournments of both houses of Parliament, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Monday said that it was a terrible situation which was bad for the country. He said that the government must make an effort and cooperate with the opposition to let the Parliament function. The onus was on the government to make Parliament function, Tharoor said, adding that they should cooperate with the opposition and find common ground.

GOVT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO RUN HOUSE": CONG MP MANISH TEWARI



New Delhi: Congress MP Manish Tewari on Monday lashed out at the Union government for "deliberately" avoiding discussion on issues being raised by opposition parties, especially on the Adani indictment. He accused the government of not wanting the Parliament to run, adding that the responsibility to run the House was on the government. The government should accept the adjournment motion notices being submitted by the opposition, Congress MP Tewari said, adding that the indictment by the US court of Adani had connotations beyond just one company.

Assam CM invites PM to state events in 2025

PM Modi to attend Investor And Infrastructure Summit

PTI
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the Assam Investor and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati in February next year, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said here on Monday.

The chief minister also extended an invitation to the prime minister to attend a mega performance of Assam's Adivasi community.

"Today in New Delhi, I had the privilege to receive Adarniya Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji's guidance on various developmental issues. On behalf of the people of Assam, I also had the pleasure to invite him to bless the Assam Investor & Infrastructure Summit and Mega Jhumur Performance in February 2025 which he has kindly accepted to grace," Sarma said in a post on X.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma during a meeting, in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

The summit in Guwahati will be held on February 24 and 25, 2025. The Jhumur performance will be also held during this time. In his 25-minute meeting with the prime minister, Sarma apprised him about a slew of development initiatives undertaken in Assam and also sought his guidance on various developmental issues, according to a state government release.

Notably, "Advantage

Assam 2.0," the Investment and Infrastructure Summit will bring Assam's rich cultural legacy to the world stage.

The event which will be held from February 24 and 25, will highlight the traditional Jhumur dance of the tea tribe clans. Sarma said, "This summit is a platform to showcase Assam's rich traditions to a global audience in addition to attracting investors."

BJP planning 2025 Delhi elections with Public-Centric Manifesto

PTI
New Delhi

With the Delhi Assembly elections scheduled for 2025, BJP leader Meenakshi Lekhi said on Monday that the party's poll manifesto is being prepared after extensive discussions with the public.

The BJP has begun its preparations for the Delhi Assembly polls by holding various meetings over the past few days.

"The Sankalp Patra of



BJP leader Meenakshi Lekhi

the BJP and the manifesto are being prepared after holding discussions with the public. The BJP has issued a WhatsApp num-

ber, a hashtag, and a website to gather feedback from the public," she said. Meenakshi Lekhi also emphasized that the party aims to address the concerns of the people of the National Capital.

"We want to address the issues of the people of Delhi. We will go among the public and also hold meetings with people at our central office. We will ask the people for their views and prepare a manifesto," she said.

IN NATIONAL CAPITAL, ARVIND KEJRIWAL ALLEGES 'JUNGLE RAJ', SLAMS BJP OVER RISING CRIME

New Delhi: AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Monday alleged that there was a "Jungle Raj" in Delhi and people in the city had never witnessed such times of rise in crime. Kejriwal met a family in Naraina whose two members were killed in a span of six months by the criminals. He said that a youth was recently stabbed to death despite complaining to the police fearing for his life from some local criminals. Kejriwal urged the BJP and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to provide safety to Delhi people who were feeling unsafe.



Motivational speaker Avadh Ojha joins AAP on Monday.

BJP slams RaGa over remarks on GDP growth rate

PTI
New Delhi

BJP has flayed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on GDP growth rate decline and said his attempt to paint a picture of economic doom, with selective data and "half-truths", is not just misleading but reeks of a "childish" oversimplification of complex realities.

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha had on Sunday expressed con-



Amit Malviya said Rahul Gandhi indulging in fear-mongering with selective data, half-truths.

cern over India's GDP growth rate declining to its lowest in two years and said the country's economy cannot progress as long as a handful of

Congress Leader expressed concern over India's GDP growth rate declining and stressed that new thinking is required for India's economy

billionaires accrue its benefits. He stressed that new thinking is required for India's economy and a new deal for businesses should be an important

part of it. BJP IT department head Amit Malviya wrote on X, "Your attempt to paint a picture of economic doom, with selective data and half-truths is not just misleading but reeks of 'Balak Buddhi' -- a childish oversimplification of complex realities".

He said crying foul over a 5.4 per cent GDP growth rate by the Congress leader is "laughable when it is one of the highest globally".

Fadnavis to be Maha CM; party meet in 2 days, says BJP leader



Agencies
Mumbai

The name of Devendra Fadnavis has been finalised as the new chief minister of Maharashtra who will be elected as the legislature party leader in a meeting to be held either on December 2 or 3, a senior BJP leader claimed on Sunday night.

Earlier, outgoing Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said he would support the BJP's decision to pick the new chief minister. "The name of Devendra Fadnavis has been finalised as the new chief minister of Maharashtra. The meeting will be held on either December 2 or 3," a BJP leader said.

Amid speculation that his son Shrikant Shinde might get the deputy CM's post, Eknath Shinde said the Mahayuti allies-BJP, NCP, and Shiv Sena-will decide the government formation through consensus after meeting.

PRESIDENT TELLS IRS TRAINEES

Make tax collection less intrusive: Murmu

PTI
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said efforts should be made to make tax collection less intrusive and underlined the need for greater use of technology in the process.

Addressing trainee officers of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes), who called on her at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said the responsibility of bringing new ideas and solutions in the field



President Droupadi Murmu meets officer trainees of Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

of tax administration lies with the young officers. Taxation is not only a

means of increasing the country's revenue but is also important for social,

economic and political development. The tax paid by the citizens of the country is used for the development of the country and its people, Murmu said.

She told the trainee officers that if they do their work with dedication and devotion, then they will be able to make a great contribution to the development of the country, according to a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"In this new and dynamic era, efforts should be made to make less in-

trusive and more use of technology in tax collection," the statement quoted Murmu as saying.

The IRS (Customs and Indirect Taxes) connects "our economy through a uniform tax system and shared administrative values", she said.

This service promotes uniformity in the tax administration of the country, she said.

IRS officers are a very important link between the government of India, business and tax administrations of various states, she said.

Courtesy Call



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath meets former Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra in Lucknow on Monday.

IN BRIEF

WFI allows Railways wrestlers to represent their states in Nat'l



New Delhi: The (WFI) will allow the Railways' wrestlers to represent their respective states at the upcoming National Championship after the departmental side opted not to send entries for the annual meet, a decision which the parent body will discuss at its AGM.

Telangana police constable killed by brother: Police

Hyderabad: A woman constable was found allegedly murdered by her brother in Hyderabad on Monday, police said. The incident happened when the woman working at Hayathnagar police station was on her way to duty on a two-wheeler.



Man gets 10 years in jail for raping minor

Thane: A special POC-SO court in Thane has sentenced a couple to 10 years in jail in connection with the repeated rape of a minor girl. Special POC-SO Judge Ruby Malvankar also fined Jitendra Tiwari and Namita Tiwari Rs 25k each.

Man sets neighbour's car on fire over parking dispute

New Delhi: A 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly setting his neighbour's car on fire following a parking dispute in south east Delhi, police said on Monday. The accused, Rahul Bhasin was apprehended near Amethi in Uttar Pradesh.

2 held for smuggling marijuana worth Rs 10 cr at Delhi airport



New Delhi: Two Indian nationals were arrested at the Indra Gandhi International Airport here for allegedly smuggling into the country marijuana worth Rs 10 crore, the customs department said on Monday. The accused were intercepted after they arrived from Phuket.

CYCLONE FENGAL

IMD issues red alert for heavy rainfall in Kerala



Swept away vehicles in the flooded Uthangarai area following heavy rainfall in the aftermath of Cyclone Fengal, in Krishnagiri district, Tamil Nadu, Monday.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert in four districts of Kerala—Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod, the regions expected to receive extremely heavy rainfall (over 204.4 mm) in the next 24 hours.

The department also issued an orange alert in four more districts—Ernakulam, Idukki, Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad—and a yellow alert in the Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Kottayam districts. IMD warned of very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in the northern and central districts on Monday, December 2.

The government announced holidays in several districts like Kottayam, Idukki, Wayanad,



Udhayanidhi Stalin visits a flood affected area following heavy rains in the aftermath of Cyclone Fengal in Dharmapuri district.

Pathanamthitta and Kannur due to heavy rain. Schools, Anganwadi, tuition centres, and professional colleges will also remain shut and all the scheduled examinations have been postponed. In Idukki district, residential educational institutions functioning completely on hostel bases are exempted.

Isolated heavy rainfall

is expected in Alappuzha and Kottayam and hence a yellow alert is being issued.

The Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan advised people who live in landslide-prone areas to be prepared to move out to a safer place during the daytime. People in the coastal belt are also advised to remain alert due to the possibility of rough seas.

PARTS OF K'TAKA TO RECEIVE RAINFALL FOR NEXT 2 DAYS

Bengaluru: Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka will continue to receive rainfall for the next two days owing to the impact of Cyclone Fengal that has now weakened, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday. Bengaluru has been receiving rain since Sunday evening and as per IMD officials, Coastal Karnataka and parts of South Interior Karnataka are likely to experience widespread rainfall today, while light to moderate rainfall on Tuesday. In a statement, the IMD said that the Depression (Remnant of Cyclonic Storm "FENGAL") over north coastal Tamil Nadu and Puducherry moved nearly westwards.

India tests 3,500-km K-4 missile, says Navy Chief

Agencies
New Delhi

Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi today confirmed that India has tested the 3,500-km range nuclear-capable missile from a ballistic missile submarine believed to be the recently commissioned INS Arighaat. Speaking to the media ahead of Navy Day, he, however, said more data was awaited on the trajectory of the missile.

The K-4 missile was reportedly tested from submarine INS Arighaat - which was commissioned into the Indian Navy on August 29 - off the coast of Visakhapatnam on November 27.

According to reports, it was the first test of the submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM)



Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi

from a submarine.

With the K-4 missile test, India also became part of a small group of countries that can fire a nuclear missile from land, air and undersea.

India has significantly enhanced its overall military capabilities and test-fired a range of missiles with varying ranges in the past few years.

Admiral Tripathi also said the government's approval for two SSNs

(nuclear-powered attack submarines) indicated its "faith" in the country's indigenous capabilities to build such boats.

Fast attack submarines are used to target enemy ships and submarines and may launch cruise missiles against land and sea targets. These are different from SSBMs such as the INS Arighaat, which have a primary role of launching nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles.

Cong workers blocked from visiting Sambhal

Agencies
New Delhi

Scores of Congress workers raised slogans & jostled with police personnel outside the party's office in Lucknow on Monday as they were prevented from going towards violence-hit Sambhal. Police had on Sunday night erected barricades outside the party's office in the state capital & the residences of its several leaders who were to accompany the unit's chief Ajay Rai on Congress' planned fact-finding visit to Sambhal. As Congress workers, led by Rai, attempted to



Ajay Rai after police prevented the party delegation from going towards Sambhal.

set out for Sambhal on Monday, police stopped them at the barricades, resulting in noisy scenes and chaos.

The party termed "anti-democratic" the act by the police to stop its leaders from heading for the violence-hit district.

Woman BJP leader in Surat dies by suicide

PTI
Surat

A 34-year-old Gujarat BJP leader allegedly committed suicide in her house in Surat's Bhimrad area, a police official said on Monday.

Dipika Patel, president of BJP women's wing in ward 30 of Surat city, was found hanging from the ceiling fan of her bedroom at around 2pm on Sunday, Deputy Commissioner of Police Vijaysinh Gurjar said.



"No suicide note was found from the spot. Before taking the extreme step, she had called ward 30 corporator Chirag Solanki, whom she considered as a brother. Patel told Solanki she was in stress and wanted to end her life. Solanki rushed to Patel's house and broke open the door of her bedroom after there was no response from inside despite repeated knocks," he told. "While Patel's husband was away, her children were present when Solanki reached the deceased's house," Gurjar added.

Rupee remains strong: MoS Finance

PTI
New Delhi

The rupee remains one of the best-performing Asian currencies despite geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and other headwinds, indicating India's sound economic fundamentals, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said on Monday.

The value of the Indian Rupee (INR) is market-determined, with no target or specific level or band, he said in a written



reply in the Lok Sabha.

During the current calendar year (CY) 2024, he said, the rupee depreciated by 1.4 per cent till November 19, 2024 against the US dollar (USD).

One of the main reasons for the depreciation of INR has been the broad-based strength of the USD.

Massive jams at border as police set up barricades to stop farmers' march

SKM protest sparks traffic snarls

Agencies
New Delhi

Commuters faced significant delays on Monday as traffic along the Delhi-Noida border came to a standstill due to the Samyukt Kisan Morcha's (SKM) protest march towards the national capital. The demonstration, stemming from a long-standing land dispute, prompted heavy police deployment, multiple barricades, and vehicle inspections, worsening



Farmers and Kisan Ekta Sangh members break police barricades during their protest march demanding for the expansion of minimum support prices (MSP) and other benefits, in Noida, Monday.

traffic congestion. Senior police officials monitored the situation on-site. Additional Com-

Be torchbearers of innovation: ISRO Chief

PTI
Guwahati

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman S Somanath on Monday exhorted youths to engage themselves with scientific and technological advancements being made by the country so that India can emerge as a global leader in the years ahead.

He urged them to pursue careers in science and technology and contribute to the growth in these fields.

Somanath was speaking at a 'Student Science Interactive Program -



S. Somanath addresses a gathering at the India International Science Festival at IIT Guwahati, Monday.

Face to Face with New Frontiers in S&T', as part of the four-day India International Science Festival (IISF) at IIT-Guwahati, which will conclude on Tuesday.

'QUEEN OF HERBS' YANUNG JAMOH LEGO EXPRESSES HER PAIN

India is like ATM for drug companies: Lego

Mahesh Sharma
Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh)

Yanung Jamoh Lego, who has revived the traditional medicine practices of the Adi community in Arunachal Pradesh, was honoured with the Padma Shri award this year. Known as the "Queen of Herbs," Yanung is deeply concerned about the growing dominance of drug companies in India. She believes that these companies treat India as "an ATM."

The 58-year-old Yanung Jamoh Lego hails from Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh and has previously served as the Deputy Director of the State Agriculture Department. She has been treating patients for over 35 years. While working in the Agriculture Department, she dedicated herself to studying herbal practices and is now fully committed to using herbal plants to treat various human ailments.

Yanung employs herbal remedies to treat conditions like malaria, jaundice, gastritis, and

acidity. Additionally, she provides treatments for appendicitis, piles, asthma, cancer, rabies, kidney stones, bronchitis, pneumonia, cough, sinusitis, and tonsillitis. Every Tuesday and Saturday, she provides herbal medicines to patients who travel from across the country to visit her center in Pasighat. Alongside patients suffering from severe illnesses, researchers also frequently visit her center.

Yanung expressed her grievances about the

lack of government support for sourcing herbal plants and conducting research, which requires significant financial resources. She accused drug companies of creating hurdles in her work and criticized the government for providing benefits to these companies while ignoring herbal medicine, as it does not generate revenue for the center.

She also stated, "Foreign drug companies treat India like an ATM—extract money and profit from here."



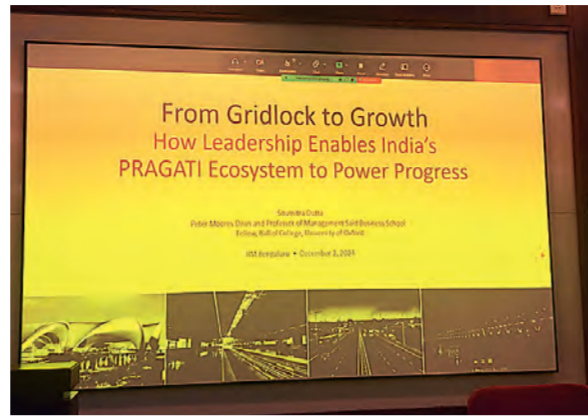
President Droupadi Murmu confers Padma Shri to Yanung Jamoh Lego for her contributions in traditional healthcare.

PRAGATI revolutionises India's infrastructure development: Study

First India Bureau
Oxford, England

A study by Saïd Business School, Oxford University, and the Gates Foundation highlights India's PRAGATI platform as a game-changer in infrastructure delivery. Led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) has transformed accountability and col-

laboration, fast-tracking 340 projects worth \$205 billion. The case study, From Gridlock to Growth, reveals PRAGATI's impact in slashing delays spanning decades to months through real-time monitoring and video conferences chaired by PM Modi. Notable successes include the Chenab Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir and the Borgeel Bridge in Assam.



Experts stressed PRAGATI's potential as a global model for infrastructure development, particularly in emerging economies, promoting efficiency, trust, and economic growth. (R) Experts during the release of study at a symposium hosted by IIM Bengaluru on Monday.



Social programs like Jal Jeevan Mission also gained momentum, with rural households having tap water from 17% in 2019 to 79% in 2024. The study underscores PRAGATI's approach of top-level monitoring and fostering centre-state co-operation. Released at a symposium hosted by IIM Bengaluru, experts stressed PRAGATI's potential as a global model for development.

Clashes between fans in Guinea lead to mishap 56 dead in stampede during soccer match

Agencies
Conakry

Fifty-six people were killed and several injured in a stampede at a soccer stadium in southern Guinea, following clashes between fans, Guinea's government said on Monday. Authorities are conducting an investigation to establish those responsible for the stampede on Sunday. Communications Minister Fana Soumah said in a statement read on national television.



Videos that appeared to be from scene showed fans in a section of the stadium shouting before people poured onto the field.

Among the victims are several children according to local media and a coalition of political parties. The stampede broke out on Sunday afternoon at the stadium in the city of Nzerekore during the final of a local tournament between the Labe and Nzerekore teams in honour of Guinea's military leader, Mamadi Doumbouya,

Guinea's Prime Minister Amadou Oury Bah said on the X platform. "During the stampede, 56 victims were recorded," Bah said, without giving details. The regional authorities are working to restore calm in the area, he added. Local media reported that security forces tried to use tear-gas to restore calm after the chaos that followed a disputed pen-

alty. "This angered supporters who threw stones. This is how the security services used tear gas," Media Guinea, a local news website, reported. People were running as they tried to escape from the stadium, many of them jumping the high fence. Videos also showed many people lying on the floor in what looked like a hospital as a crowd gathered nearby.

Record of 330 trucks found in raids on Udpr Golden Transport

Forensic study of around twenty-five electronic devices to be conducted

Vimal Kothari
Jaipur

A new revelation has come to light following the raid conducted by the Income Tax Investigation Wing at Udaipur Golden Transport and Logistics Pvt. Ltd., a logistics service provider. During the investigation, officials discovered a record of 330 trucks, reportedly registered under the names of the company's employees. The investigation found records of Rs 240 crore in cash transactions at the Udaipur office and Rs29 crore in cash transactions at the Mumbai office, both of which are under suspicion. The income tax officials claimed that Rs137 crore in unreported income

Raid has uncovered irregularities related to section 44 AE of the Income Tax Act, which exempts transport companies with 10 or fewer trucks

was seized when the raid ended on Sunday night. However, if the cash transactions are included, this amount rises to Rs 269 crore. The investigation also led to the recovery of 25 electronic devices, which will undergo forensic analysis, potentially revealing more findings. The accused transport company allegedly misused exemption by purchasing trucks in the names of its employees and using them within the company. The investigation revealed misuse of GST reverse charge benefits and unreported income linked to luxury vehicles, including BMW, Volvo, and Porsche.

15 killed, several missing as Israel bombards Gaza

Agencies
Cairo

Israeli forces bombarded houses in overnight attacks in the northern Gaza Strip, killing at least 15 people in one of the buildings in the town of Beit Lahiya, Palestinian medics said on Monday. Several others were wounded in the attack and others were missing after a house providing shelter to displaced people was struck, with rescue workers unable immediately to reach them, the Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said. The three barely operational hospitals in the area were unable to cope with the number of wounded, they added.



Houses were bombed in Jabalia, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun.

Panchayat Mahapadav rescheduled due to CM Sharma's intervention



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Sumit Godara, Shatrughan Gautam & others during the meeting at Secretariat, on Monday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

After discussions with the CM, the Panchayat representatives' Mahapadav in Jaipur scheduled for December 6 has been postponed until December 22. The decision was made after a meeting between the Panchayat Association's leaders and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, facilitated by Food and Civil Supplies Minister Sumit Godara and Kekri MLRA Shatrughan Gautam. Rafiq Pathan, the main

speaker of the Panchayat Association, shared that after the meeting, the govt authorized Sumit Godara and Shatrughan Gautam to engage in dialogue with Panchayat leaders. They requested that if the government does not conduct elections, current elected representatives should be given an extension of their term without appointing an administrator in the Panchayat. They also called for the quick release of outstanding state finance funds and the opening of the food security portal.

SFA Championship 2024: Jpr's Aaradhya wins bronze

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Aaradhya Gupta, a Class 6 student of Modern School, showcased her talent by winning a bronze medal in the Under-14 tennis tournament at the SFA Championship 2024, held in Jaipur. Aaradhya trains under the guidance of Yogendra Gurjar at the One Bounce Tennis Academy. The tournament witnessed participation from talented players across the country. Aaradhya's achievement has brought pride to her school and coaching academy. The



Aaradhya Gupta

SFA Championship will continue until December 4, featuring 15 sports events to encourage young talent.

Traffic Woes on NH-8 from Jaipur to Ajmer '8-lane' expansion planned

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president Madan Rathore shared that the central government is now taking steps to enhance driver comfort in freight vehicles by equipping new truck cabs with air conditioning. Additionally, to alleviate increasing traffic congestion on National Highway 8 from Jaipur to Ajmer, it will be expanded to an 8-lane highway. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has already initiated ef-



Madan Rathore

orts on a war footing in this regard. Rathore mentioned that a question about 6- and 8-lane national highways and improvements for truck drivers was raised in the Rajya Sabha, and in response, Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari shared

these details. Madan Rathore stated that the central government is also taking steps to improve the efficiency of drivers and address driver fatigue in private truck vehicles. Rathore also mentioned that, NH 48, a 6-lane highway in Rajasthan will now be expanded to 8 lanes partially at key places. In response to a question raised by Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president Madan Rathore, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari provided this information.

Medical dept's ₹200-cr IT tender fails to find bidders

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The medical department's tender is in discussion as the 200-crore tender for IT items by NHM is in limbo. Over the past 1.5-2 years, the tender has been issued three times, but each attempt failed due to a lack of bidders. The department had tried to procure the items from the central government's Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), Central Electronics Limited (CEL). CEL had submitted a proposal to NHM, and a

The total purchase worth approx Rs 230 cr is expected to be received from the central government, which will lapse on December 31, 2024

departmental team had inspected its manufacturing unit, giving a positive report on production quality. Given the current situation, it does not seem likely that the tender process will be completed by December 31. If the process is not completed, Rs 30 crore expected from center will lapse.

Annual elections of 250 Bar associations in State scheduled for December 13

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The annual bar elections across the state will be conducted simultaneously following orders from the Supreme Court and High Court. The elections include the High Court Bar Association, Session Court Bar Association, Commissions' Bars, and other bar associations. Under the "One Bar, One Vote" a lawyer can cast a vote in only one bar association. If a lawyer votes in one bar association, they cannot exercise their vote in another. The High Court Bar Association will elect its 41st President and Secretary in this election. A total of 5,716 registered voters from the High Court Bar Association will cast their votes on December 13. Over the past year, 1,056 new voters have been added to the Association's list. Statewide, approx 1.04 lakh advocates are registered with various bar associations.



Top brass appreciate IT action on Udpr firm
In Delhi's Ministry of Finance and Revenue, discussions are abuzz about the income tax raid in Jaipur. The Income Tax Dept had recently raided Udaipur Golden Transport Company in Udaipur. The raid uncovered 45 kilograms of gold and Rs 137 cr in undisclosed income. Senior officials expressed satisfaction with this action by the Udaipur Investigation Wing. Top officials lauded the team members for their commendable efforts. Joint Director of Investigation in Udaipur, JS Rao, played a pivotal role in this operation. Incidentally, Rao is set to retire on December 31 this year. Assistant Director Akshay Kabra also made a significant contribution to the operation. The DG of investigation is Renu Amitabh.

Raje-Om Mathur share Sri Ganganagar flight

Senior journalist Rajendra Chhabra reports an intriguing discussion in Delhi involving Om Mathur and Vasundhara Raje. The buzz revolves around their joint visit to the prayer meeting for late Gurjant Singh in Sri Ganganagar, which appears to have been a matter of coincidence. Local leader Nihal Chand had initially planned separate schedules for the two leaders. Upon learning that Mathur was arriving from Delhi, he took the initiative to inform Raje. Following this, Raje called Om Mathur, leading to both leaders traveling together to Sri Ganganagar and returning to Delhi on the same flight.

Irani shines at MP's London Investor Summit

Smriti Irani's new role comes to light! She is seen playing a prominent part in the Madhya Pradesh government's Investors Summit held in London. A picture shows Smriti Irani seated with investors, receiving a level of respect akin to that of a Cabinet Minister. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav is also present in London for the event. Notably, this marks Smriti Irani's third visit to London in the past five months. Are these developments hinting at a future role or new responsibilities for her?



The 'other side' of the Income Tax raids on Udaipur Golden Transport, questions arise

Sources suggest that a third-party investigation linked to the scandal might also be initiated. Major pan masala groups could come under scrutiny, as Udaipur Golden Transport handles large-scale transportation for these companies. The transport company is already facing serious allegations of GST evasion. Questions arise about whether complete e-way bills were generated during transportation or if GST was being evaded. Meanwhile, there is speculation about pressure being exerted on senior officials of the Jaipur Investigation Wing.

PM might wish CM Sharma personally on b'day

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's birthday is on December 15, and party workers and supporters are busy making preparations for the celebration. Initially, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to visit Jaipur on December 15. However, the visit has now been postponed, and Modi will arrive in Jaipur on December 17. If the Prime Minister's visit is indeed delayed, there is a possibility that he may personally wish Chief Minister Sharma a happy birthday while in Jaipur.

Still a surprise left in Maha's CM game?

Who will be the next CM of Maharashtra? Could there be a surprise candidate apart from Devendra Fadnis at this stage? There are indications that a 'surprise' name could emerge from the legislative party meeting. If Fadnis does not become CM, then he might take over as party president.

Where is UR Sahoo in DGP conf group pic?

What a surprise! On November 29, the DGP conference was held in Bhubaneswar, attended by the PM, HM, and DGPs from various states. Rajasthan DGP, UR Sahoo, was also present. However, today's newspapers published a group photo and UR Sahoo is conspicuously absent from this picture.

NAME CHANGE

My name is wrongly mentioned as Mustkim in my mark sheet whereas my correct name in my Aadhar Card, Jan Aadhar Card and Birth Certificate is Mustkim Khan. Therefore, my correct name should be recorded as Mustkim Khan in my mark sheet. Mustkim Khan S/o Majid Khan R/o Kuchaman City (Nagaur), Rajasthan.


Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar's presence at Bharat24's 'Viksit Bharat 2047 – Vision of New India 3.0' Event

Praises and reflections on India's transformation under Modi's vision

भारत 24
 Vision of New India

DR JAGDEESH CHANDRA'S PRAISE FOR VICE PRESIDENT JAGDEEP DHANKHAR

The event commenced with Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, the CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Bharat24, offering a heartfelt appreciation and admiration to Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. His address was full of respect and admiration for VP Dhankhar, particularly highlighting his notable initiatives for women empowerment.

In his speech, Dr Chandra remarked, "One thing that stands out about VP Dhankhar is that he may be the first politician in the country whose commitment to women's empowerment has always been at the forefront. His advocacy for 'Nari Shakti' (women's power) is not just a slogan but a belief that he carries with him, both personally and professionally." The VP pointed out special role played by his wife, Dr Sudesh Dhankhar, by his side, reflecting his respect for women in both personal and public life.

Further lauding the Vice President, Dr Chandra added, "When he arrived today, we made sure to welcome his wife with a bouquet of flowers. He made sure his first step into the building was followed in his wife's stead. It's these simple acts of respect and recognition that make him one of the biggest ambassadors of women's empowerment in the country. His respect for women is not only known, but it is also widely admired across the nation. Even our anchors have remarked how VP Dhankhar commands immense respect in the women's community."

Dr Chandra also highlighted the Vice President's humble roots, emphasizing his origins as the son of a farmer from the Jat community. "He is the first Vice President from the Jat community, and his voice resonates with the millions of farmers across the country. From the Rajya Sabha to the Vice President's residence, his message of hope and motivation is felt deeply in the agricultural heartlands of India. It is a matter of pride for all of us," said Dr Jagdeesh Chandra.

In a light-hearted but profound moment, Dr. Chandra humorously referenced his hope for Dhankhar's future, saying, "I am sure that Vice President Dhankhar's horoscope will play its part in 2027, and we will see him get a phone call, this time asking him to be the Presidential candi-

Bharat24, one of the prominent news channels in India, hosted a special event recently in which the Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, was the Chief Guest. The event marked not only the channel's growing influence but also served as a platform for celebrating India's achievements, especially in the fields of women empowerment and economic progress. The morning was full of admiration, with both, **VP Jagdeep Dhankhar and CEO & Editor-in-Chief of Bharat24 Dr Jagdeesh Chandra** acknowledging the profound impact of each other's work in their respective areas.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra presents a special compilation of 100 First India edits titled 'Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai: Untold Stories of PM Modi' to VP Jagdeep Dhankhar, also present here is Dr Sudesh Dhankhar.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Bharat24 Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Dr Sudesh Dhankhar, share a joyous moment during the Bharat24's 'Viksit Bharat 2047 – Vision of New India 3.0' conclave in New Delhi. **SANTOSH SHARMA**

date. I truly believe he is the right fit for that role." Dr Chandra drew parallel between Bharat24's commitment to promoting the development agenda of India and the country's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). He noted the remarkable success of Bharat24's programs in reaching out to a large audience, especially with 60 episodes of 'The JC Show', focusing on Narendra Modi's leadership and the aspirations of 26 crore voters. "Bharat24 and the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' are natural allies," he asserted, reinforcing the channel's role in shaping India's narrative.

VICE PRESIDENT JAGDEEP DHANKHAR'S REFLECTIONS

Following Dr Chandra's praise, Vice President Dhankhar took to the stage to address the audience,

acknowledging the kind words and reflecting on his long-standing association with Dr Chandra. The Vice President shared a jovial recollection of their friendship, stating, "I have known Dr. Jagdeesh Chandra for over five decades, and every year, he seems to become younger. I must tell you, he knows the secret of how to control aging. Perhaps some billionaires out there could learn a thing or two from him on how to stay young!"

He continued with a lighthearted remark about his wife's presence at the event, saying, "I have come here with Dr Sudesh Dhankhar, and not the other way around!" His jovial tone brought the house down with laughter, showcasing the camaraderie between the two men.

Addressing the broader themes of India's transformation, Vice President Dhankhar spoke with great pride about the country's economic growth and the strides it has made in the global arena. "When I first entered Parliament, our country was in a fragile state. We were one of the most vulnerable economies in the world. But look at India today—we are now the fifth-largest economy globally, having surpassed countries like Brazil, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In a year or two, we will sur-

pass Germany and Japan, and we will become the third-largest economy in the world. This is not just progress; it's a leap forward," he remarked.

Dhankhar pointed out India's impressive growth trajectory, citing its expanding purchasing power and technological achievements. "We are now the third-largest consumer market in terms of purchasing power. When it comes to technology, India has made re-

markable progress. In terms of per capita internet usage, our numbers surpass even those of the United States and China combined. We have truly made an Olympic leap in the tech world," he added.

Reflecting on India's challenges, Dhankhar noted the painful memory of a time when the country's financial reserves were dangerously low. "There was a time when our foreign exchange reserves had fallen below a billion dollars, and we had to pledge our gold to foreign banks. It was a painful moment in our history. Today, we have foreign reserves of 650 billion dollars and they continue to grow. I have witnessed both of these scenarios—when we were in crisis and when we emerged victorious—and I must say, the change is truly remarkable."

The Vice President also addressed the issue of corruption in India, acknowledging the drastic transformation in governance. "In the past, corruption was the 'password' to opportunity. If you wanted a job or a contract, you had to go through corrupt inter-

mediaries. But today, that has changed. Now, corruption is the password for jail," he emphasized, referring to the crackdown on corrupt practices in the country.

He further reflected on the evolution of India's legal system. "There was a time when some people considered themselves above the law. They would break the law with impunity, and the common man would live in fear. Today, that has changed. Now, those who once disregarded the law are trembling at its might. Our power corridors have been sanitized of corrupt elements, and decision-making is no longer influenced by those who operate outside the law. This transformation was not easy, but it has happened," he said.

THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF BHARAT24

The event was not just a celebration of Vice President Dhankhar's contributions but also a testament to Bharat24's rising influence in India's media landscape. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra's leadership has propelled the channel to new heights, and the event served as an example of the network's dedication to covering the most important national issues, especially in line with the government's vision of a developed India.

Bharat24's efforts to highlight the success sto-

ries and challenges of India's journey were reflected in its numerous programs, including 'The JC Show', which has attracted a massive viewership. Dr Chandra's commitment to building a more informed and aware society is evident in the channel's continued focus on issues like economic growth, women empowerment, and political reforms.

INSIGHTFUL REFLECTIONS

The event organized by Bharat24 was a memorable one, not only for the insightful speeches delivered by both Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Dr Chandra but also for the celebration of India's rapid transformation. With leaders like Dhankhar advocating for critical issues like women's empowerment and the nation's economic progress, the future of India looks brighter than ever. The evening served as a powerful reminder of the importance of leadership, vision, and collaboration in shaping the future of a nation, with Bharat24 playing its part in telling India's story.

As VP Dhankhar concluded, "We have come a long way, and together, we will continue to shape India's destiny for the better." The spirit of progress, empowerment, and unity was truly palpable in air that evening, marking another chapter in India's inspiring journey.





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HEALTH FEST 2024!

The fourth SK World Health and Wellness Fest is being organised on December 21 & 22 by Sanskruti Yuva Sanstha in collaboration with SK Finance at Peacock Court, EP.

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Designer Manven graced the ramp with stunning models



Models showcasing the exquisite Eakia x Orab collection

City First highlights Orab x Eakia, a visionary designer duo, showcasing their dynamic, storytelling couture at Fashion Connect Season 19, blending bold designs with cultural narratives, redefining modern fashion with elegance!

Couture Chronicles

London transformed into a nexus of fashion and culture on November 16, as Fashion Connect Season 19, presented by First India News and Bharat 24: Vision of New India, unfolded at the prestigious Novotel London West. In collaboration with India Fashion Week London, the event, curated by Manny Singh of Platinum Group, dazzled with its harmonious blend of global and Indian aesthetics.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, the driving force behind the event, congratulated Rishee Miglani, the show's Brand Ambassador, for elevating Fashion Connect to an international platform. Among the standout highlights was the breathtaking collection by Manven's Eakia x Orab, leaving an indelible mark on the audience with its vibrant storytelling through fashion.

The event, seamlessly directed by Lokesh Sharma, saw over 500



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high-profile guests and 1,500 exhibition visitors, making it a landmark celebration of creativity and innovation. With the support of distinguished sponsors and the presence of celebrity designer Archana Kochhar, who brought the event to a grand conclusion, the showcase epitomized excellence in contemporary and traditional fashion.

Eakia x Orab captivat-

ed the audience with a collection that broke conventional boundaries. Inspired by the theme of Vasudhaiva Kutumbhagam - "LOVE: A universal language" - it celebrated the love for life, nature and humanity as a whole. The collection beautifully showcased the interconnectedness of all, leaving a lasting impression.

The collection highlighted hand painted unique to every piece, with precious hand embroidery captivating the audience with its seamless blend of contemporary and traditional craftsmanship. From structured jackets adorned with abstract embroidery to flowing ensembles that resonated with cultural undertones, Eakia x Orab's work resonated deeply with the event's ethos of blending the global and the local.

Fashion Connect Season 19 was not merely an event but an ode to creativity and diversity, with Eakia x Orab's collection standing as a testament to the transformative power of fashion. Their designs, a harmonious interplay of art and identity, firmly positioned them among the luminaries of the global fashion stage.



“Jaipur Beautiful from outside dark from inside”

Says Suruchi Sharma in the film 'Gagan Gaman'



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Jaipur-based filmmaker Suruchi Sharma says through her short film “Gagan Gaman”, she wanted to present an insider look at the pink city of Jaipur, which is beautiful, romantic and inspiring, yet “extremely restrictive and patriarchal”.

Having spent her prime in Rajasthan, a land shrouded in a sheen of mystery, myths and legends, Suruchi says, “I love this city and I see it in its wholeness, which is very beautiful from the outside yet it is very dark and complicated from the inside. That is how I feel and I am trying to put that out for the world.”

Not just Jaipur, I have extensively travelled in Rajasthan and found its culture very restrictive for women. Amidst the vibrant tapestry of music, culture, rituals, and traditions, the subtle yet undeniable undercurrents of

patriarchal dominance were palpable. It took me some time to uncover this contradictory world, she said.

As a film director with a master’s in filmmaking from the National Institute of Design (NID), Suruchi has handed the subject with immense creativity and imagination.

The film, which has been screened at various film festivals, including in Mumbai and Dharamshala, offers a look at a woman’s journey through a world infused with mythology and mystery. Along the way, she encounters enigmatic individuals, lovers, puzzles, and even a goddess, all of which lead her to a new perspective on life. But the film is more than that.

“Gagan Gaman”, an intense movie strikes a chord as it re-kindles and re-connects you with the innate mysteries of life, a search for reason, that for some reason feels so familiar!

Life is a riddle. And for each one, an inexplicable quest to find an answer varies with the individual conditioning albeit with an open mind. The beauty however lies in the diversity of these journeys. Each path, though distinct, leads us to a deeper understanding of the connection with the cosmic world, says Shuchi.

The riddle in the mov-



A still from 'Gagan Gaman' Film

ie she says is the crux, “A stepwell with two doors, thorns abound, touch, and turn to flowers, so says Goddess Bemata!” is the message that the protagonist receives that sets the ball rolling for the quest. Venerated as the benefactor and protector of children, Goddess ‘Bemata’ is worshipped in Rajasthan by aspiring parents and pregnant women and is believed to write the destiny of children. She is often pictured as a motherly figure, riding a cat and nursing one or more infants.

“Being from this part of India, mythology is part of everyday life. Stories are everywhere - from the past to the present. These stories are a



Gavari Devi Rao as Bemata and Jeevani Devi as Popo Bai in a behind the scene look from the film 'Gagan Gaman'

way for us to get closer to the celestial truth if there is one. Mythological stories were an integral part of my growing-up years. So often we heard a new story about “miracles and magic and beings with higher powers,” said Su-

ruchi. The mystery is in everything. It is how much we know about a thing. So often we tend to see it with a limited perspective shrouded by logic. In my opinion, that is just one side, the rest always remains a mystery, she said.

The film works in a very surreal space and is very experimental. “It is a calling from my inner voice and my folk tale. Those who have seen the film have questions. But no matter how best I try and answer those questions about my experiences, there will be a large part of questions that cannot be expressed. Interestingly that is purely your journey and the mysteries are empirical to an individual’s soul. The film takes you through an interesting experience. Not much can be described about the film, and neither do I wish to describe it. I would want my film to be

experienced by the viewer without a pre-informed notion about the film, said Suruchi.

Sharma, who earlier documented the cultural diversity of Rajasthan through films like “Utsav,” “Of Love & Artistry,” and “Meen Raag,” said the complicated structure of the society in Rajasthan overpowers all the women.

When asked when would we in Rajasthan get to view the film she said, “There is a big family that is waiting for the film back home. Hope to bring the film to Jaipur and screen it for my friends because a lot of my friends from Jaipur have contributed to the film in different ways. Besides, the crew itself was very supportive. We are just exploring a distributor at the moment.

So when you do get to see the film - set aside your logic and enjoy the film!



“Gagan Gaman” features Gavari Devi Rao, Jeevani Devi, Subrata Parashar, Pankaj Sharma and Bhawani Singh.

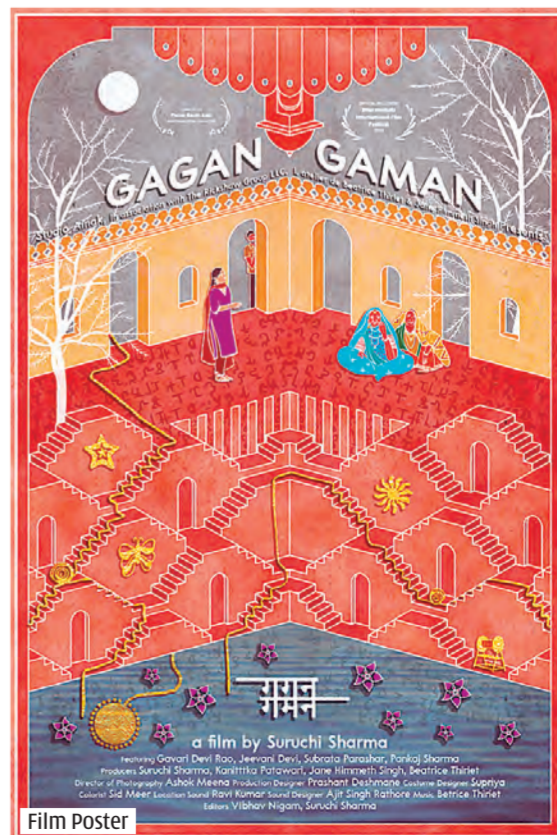
For Sharma, who is the founder of the production house Studio Ainak, the idea of freedom is paramount. In her creative journey, she looks forward to collaborating with like-minded people. “A lot of artists in Rajasthan are waiting for that kind of support. I do all my work with minimal resources. Money has never been my priority but I have realised that it is very much needed to give flight to one’s ideas. As an artist, it’s my desire to get support from like-minded patrons who can support me in my quest for making more art and experimenting further. So far, I am able to work within limits because of minimal resources. Yet the compulsive need to create almost often overpowers the limitations at hand,” said Suruchi.



Suruchi Sharma, Filmmaker



Still from the Film 'Gagan Gaman'



Film Poster

Raising DISABILITY Awareness



Physically challenged students showcased their incredible talent and determination during the event

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On the eve of World Disability Day, Umang organised an impactful Awareness Week, hosting various activities aimed at raising awareness about disabilities and highlighting key issues of concern. The celebration culminated in an 'Awareness Mela' held at City Park, Mansarovar, Jaipur, where students, staff and parents set up informative posters on different disabilities, alongside engaging game stalls. The stalls aimed to sensitise players and test their knowledge gained from the posters.

Students also performed flash mobs to attract passersby, inviting them to par-

ticipate in the mela, enjoy the games, and win prizes. The public's response was overwhelming, with many families joining in and interacting with students through games and simulations. The experience allowed participants to feel more comfortable with individuals with disabilities, fostering a sense of empathy and encouraging them to be supportive.

Additionally, Umang's staff and students formed a human chain on Shipra Path, carrying placards with slogans such as "I might be disabled but for employment, I am as able as anyone else" to raise awareness about employment for persons with disabilities. Founder & Director Deepak Kalra urged the public to create workplace opportunities for them.



Students, staff and parents posed with informative posters on different disabilities

Rajasthan's Solar Leader



By CM Diya Kumari, KK Vishnoi and others felicitate Manish Gupta

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Insolation Energy Limited (INA Solar), India's leading solar panel manufacturer, has been honoured with the Best Employer (All-Rounder Performer) 2024 Award by the Employers Association of Rajasthan on Monday. The award was presented to Chairman Manish

Gupta by Deputy CM Diya Kumari and other prominent leaders. Manish Gupta and Managing Director Vikas Jain expressed gratitude for the recognition. INA Solar, established as Rajasthan's largest solar panel manufacturer in 2017, contributes significantly to India's green energy goals and supports the Make in India mission with its participation in national solar projects.

Challengers Trophy Showdown

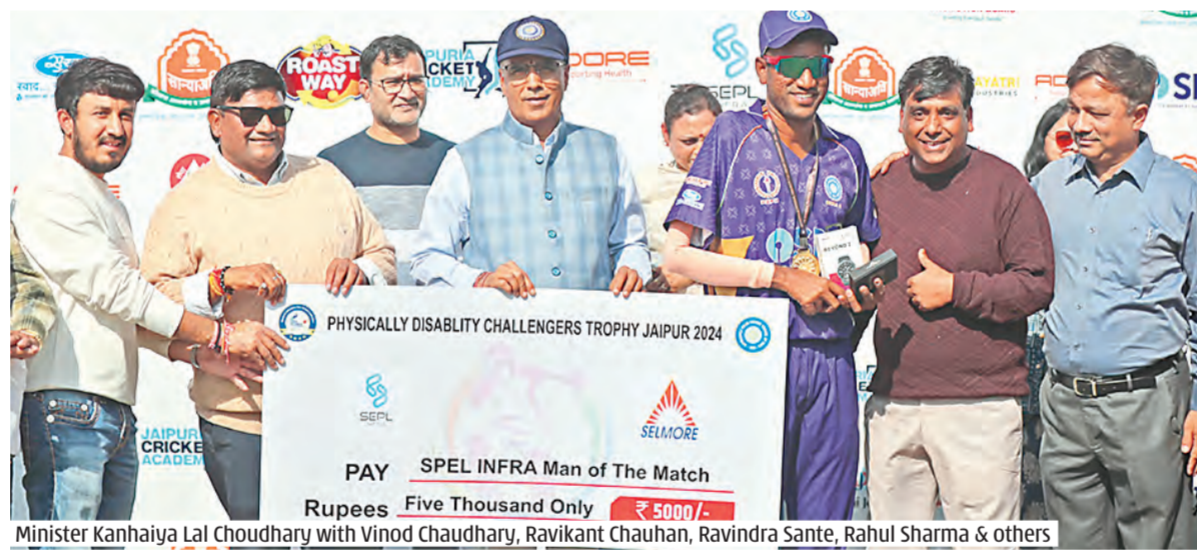
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The Physically Disabled Challengers Trophy 2024 reached its final stage after India-A and India-Seniors won their knockout matches on Monday. India-A defeated India-C by 46 runs, with captain Ravindra Sante scoring 56 runs and Deepesh Bharti contributing a crucial 46-run partnership. In the sec-

ond match, India-Seniors triumphed over India-B by 7 wickets, chasing down 144/4 with Surendra Kumar (34) and Prasad Chavan (49). Kanhaiya Lal Choudhary, Minister of the PHED Department, also graced the event and encouraged the players. The final match will be played on December 3 at Jaipuria Cricket Academy, Jaipur, coinciding with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.



Jaswant Singh



Minister Kanhaiya Lal Choudhary with Vinod Chaudhary, Ravikant Chauhan, Ravindra Sante, Rahul Sharma & others

Iconic LitFest RETURNS

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Teamwork Arts has unveiled the first lineup for the much-anticipated 18th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival, set to take place from January 30 to February 3, 2025, at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. Touted as the "greatest literary show on Earth," this year's Festival will feature over 300 speakers across five venues.

Prominent names include André Aciman, David Nicholls, Nassim Nicholas Taleb, Tina Brown, Anna Funder and Venki Ramakrishnan, alongside diverse voices from India and the world. Highlights include Jaipur BookMark, celebrating its 11th edition, and a focus on sustainability, linguistic diversity and electrifying heritage evenings.



Anna Funder



Tina Brown



Venki Ramakrishnan

WELLNESS IN FOCUS

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The fourth SK World Health and Wellness Fest is being organised on 21-22 December by Sanskruti Yuva Sanstha in collaboration with SK Finance at Peacock Court, EP. The event will feature Bollywood celebrities Rahul Dev & Mugdha Godse. Experts like N Raghuraman, Dr Sanjeev Sharma and Yogacharya Dhakaram will inspire with tips on health and wellness. More than 100 specialists will lead yoga, meditation, fitness and lifestyle sessions. Highlights include live music by Kabir Kaif Band, startup and HR wellness sessions, exhibitions, and awards. Key participants include Rajendra Setia, Anoop Bartaria, Jaysree Periwal, Dr Sundeep Jain,



Rahul Dev



N Raghuraman

Dr Sunil Dhand and Ruchira Solanki. The event promises transformative insights and entertainment for a balanced life.



Mugdha Godse

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

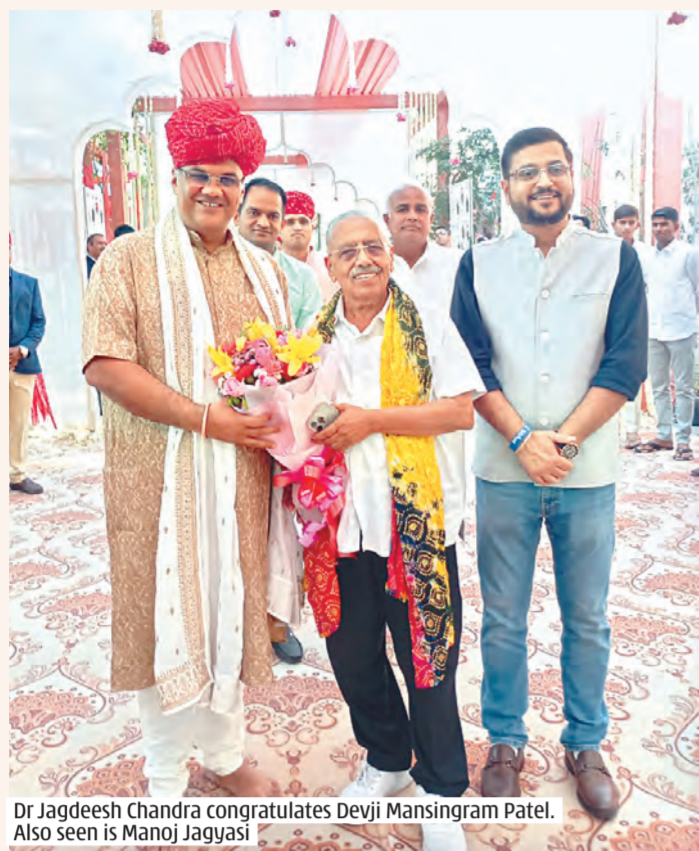


Jaipur International Airport hosted an aviation workshop and familiarization tour for school students, aimed at empowering schoolgirls and enhancing their knowledge of the aviation industry on Friday. The event, organised in association with the Women in Aviation-India Chapter (WAI), Students interacted with aviation professionals and explored the newly opened international terminal, ATC and AOC offices. Senior airport officials, including the Chief Airport Officer and Deputy Commandant CISF, shared insights on the growing demand for skilled professionals in aviation.



Young theatre artist and social worker Jitendra Sharma was awarded the "Jaipur Alankaran" Samman by the Jaypee Foundation and RA Podar Institute of Management, Rajasthan University. The award was presented by Chief Guest Judge Govardhan Bardhar for Sharma's contributions to art, literature, culture and social service. Sharma, founder of Shubh Vichar Sanstha, works on environmental issues, water conservation, elderly welfare and culture.

Maheshwari Public School, Jawahar Nagar, recently celebrated its 47th Annual Function & Award Ceremony, "The Crossroads," at Takshila Auditorium. The event featured a grand lighting of the lamp by school management and distinguished guests, including Brigadier Rajesh Karel, an esteemed alumnus. The ceremony highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing bright futures through a supportive environment. The event included a cultural extravaganza, an award ceremony, and the unveiling of the annual magazine "Archway." New initiatives, such as a cultural centre and a pre-primary wing, were announced.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulates Devji Mansingram Patel. Also seen is Manoj Jagyasi



The newlyweds Ishika and Kalpesh with Vasundhara Raje and Devji Mansingram Patel



Haribhai Chaudhary, MLA Balvantsinh Rajput & Pradipsinh Vaghela



MLA Ratan Devasi



MP Parbatbhai Patel

ROYAL WEDDING SHENANIGANS!

The grand wedding reception of Ishika Patel, daughter of Indira Devi and Devji Mansingram Patel, former MP from Sirohi with Kalpesh Patel, son of Lakshmi Devi and Okharam Patel, was held on Monday at Shri Mansingramji Rupaji Patel, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad, Gujarat on Monday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra attended the event and extended heartfelt congratulations to the newlyweds, Ishika and Kalpesh. He also congratulated former MP Devji Mansingram Patel for this joyous occasion. The ceremony was a joyous and festive affair, marked by the presence of numerous dignitaries and well-wishers, including Haribhai Chaudhary, Balvantsinh Rajput, MLA Siddhpur, Pradipsinh Vaghela, former State General Secretary; MP Parbatbhai Patel; Banaskantha, Former CM Vasundhara Raje; Vinod Choudhary, Youth Leader from Pune, Ratan Devasi; MLA from Raniwara, and various other politicians, defence officers, and judges. Family, friends and close relatives also gathered to bless the couple on their special day.

Mister Crown



Anoop Singh and Anup Chaudhary crowning the winner Karan Singh Rajpurohit

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The much-anticipated Mister Rajasthan Season 3 post-event and Winners Media Interaction Activity was organised successfully at Hotel Regal, DCM, Ajmer Road, Jaipur on Monday. The event brought together the top winners of Rajasthan's premier male pageant, Mister Rajasthan 2024, to share their inspiring journeys and experiences. Karan Singh Rajpurohit from Udaipur

claimed the title of Mister Rajasthan, while Sameer Jasuja, Vashisht Gehlot, Prithviraj Singh, and Salim Razzaq took home the first, second, third and fourth runner-up positions, respectively.

During the media interaction, the winners expressed their gratitude for the unwavering support of their families and friends, as well as their academic and personal journeys leading up to the competition. The event also featured insights from Mister Rajasthan founder-director Anup Chaudhary, who shared valuable details

about the pageant and its growth over the years.

The grand finale of the three-day pageant, held at The Trade Fair Resort in Jaipur, showcased male models from across Rajasthan competing for the coveted title. The event concluded with an exciting battle between the top 20 finalists, culminating in Karan Singh Rajpurohit's victory. With actor and supermodel Thakur Anoop Singh attending as a celebrity guest, the winners now look forward to opportunities in movies, web series, music videos, and print shoots.

by **MUKESH KIRADDO**



(L-R) Vikash Rudrav, Salim Razzaq, Karan Singh Rajpurohit, Vashisht Gehlot & Anup Chaudhary

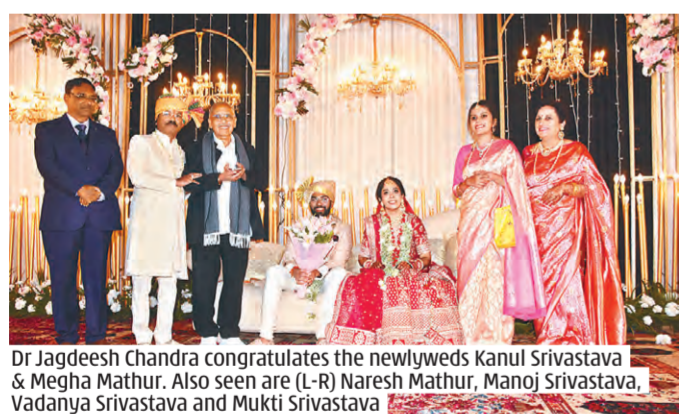
MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Ishita Mendiratta, Geetika Siddharth, Ayush Johari and Vidhi Grover

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Ishita Mendiratta; Mentor Associate, PGT Entrepreneurship of Seedling Public School, along with students Geetika Siddharth, Ayush Johari and Vidhi Grover, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Monday. During the meeting, Dr Chandra was graciously invited as the Chief Guest for the upcoming Annual Function 2024, which is scheduled to take place on December 18.

WEDDING BLISS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulates the newlyweds Kanul Srivastava & Megha Mathur. Also seen are (L-R) Naresh Mathur, Manoj Srivastava, Vadanya Srivastava and Mukti Srivastava

Jaipur witnessed the grand wedding celebration of Kanul Srivastava, son of Mukti & Manoj Srivastava who tied the knot with Megha Mathur, daughter of Kamini & Naresh Mathur at Stardom Resort on Thursday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the ceremony, congratulated the families and extended warm blessings to the newlyweds. The evening also saw the presence of dignitaries, including IAS Veenu Gupta, IAS Awanish Awasthi and Naresh Mathur among other family and friends, who reached to bless the couple.

EVENTS!



Dr Vinod Sharma, Viren Sharma, Shiv Whorra, Dr Hemant Tiwari, Dr Priyanka Tiwari and others during the ribbon cutting ceremony



Dr Vinod Sharma and Viren Sharma with the team members of DCC Animal Hospital during the event

DCC Animal Hospital, a renowned global veterinary chain, launched its first state-of-the-art facility in Jaipur on Sunday, at IDB Building, FS-6, Gayatri Nagar, Maharani Farm, Durgapura. Dr Vinod Sharma, Head Veterinarian and Director of DCC Animal Hospital, and Viren Sharma, founder of IDB, joined their teams to mark the occasion. The facility, designed to meet Japanese global standards, aims to address the gap in high-quality pet healthcare in Jaipur. DCC Animal Hospital focuses on preventative care, advanced surgeries, and educating pet owners on proper pet care. Dr Sharma highlighted the city's growing demand for better preventive care and resources. The hospital offers services including vaccination education, surgical awareness, and hygiene standards, aiming to create a compassionate ecosystem for pets, owners, and veterinary experts. Shiv Whorra, Dr Hemant Tiwari, Dr Priyanka Tiwari and others were also attendees.

Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa and former NITI Aayog Chief, praised the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) for its global goodwill through its 'India for Humanity' program on Monday. During his visit to the BMVSS, he observed the manufacturing of the world-famous Jaipur Foot and appreciated its high-tech, low-cost design. Kant commended BMVSS for providing free artificial limbs, crutches, hearing aids, and more to disabled individuals. He highlighted the organisation's presence in 43 countries and praised its founder, DR Mehta, for setting an inspiring example in disability rehabilitation. Kant also donated funds for 10 Jaipur Foot prosthetics.



The "Future School Leadership Summit 2024" recently took place in Jaipur, bringing together over 40 schools and 15 prestigious universities. Organised by Eduleader and EFT, the summit focused on shaping the future of education and leadership. Discussions highlighted the role of technology, skill-based education and new leadership approaches. Keynote speaker Jawahar Singh Bedam emphasized the need for visionary leadership and a shift towards skill development, critical thinking, and mental well-being. The summit aimed to inspire educational reforms in Rajasthan and beyond.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Tanvi Jain & Devesh Ahuja

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Devesh Ahuja; Director of Ahuja Production and Tanvi Jain; Management Head, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Monday. During the meeting, Dr Chandra was extended a special invitation to attend the upcoming Rajasthan Culture Heritage Season-2 later this month, at the Rajasthan International Centre.

POSTER LAUNCH!



(L-R) Virendra Singh Shekhawat, Dy CM Diya Kumari, Kuldeep Singh Chandela, Surendra Singh Shahpura, Mahendra Singh Rathore & Tarun Bansal

Dy CM Diya Kumari unveiled the poster for the Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart (RDTM) 2025 at Paryatan Bhawan on Monday. The launch was attended by senior office bearers of the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR), including FHTR President Kuldeep Singh Chandela, Secretary General CA Virendra Singh Shekhawat, Senior Vice President Surendra Singh Shahpura, HRAR President Tarun Bansal, and RATO President Mahendra Singh Rat. They praised the government's Rising Rajasthan initiative, noting the signing of over 1,000 MOUs worth ₹78,000 crores. The delegation congratulated Deputy Chief Minister Kumari for the upcoming release of the Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy on December 4, 2024. Kumari, in turn, praised FHTR for a successful RDTM 2024 and expressed optimism for RDTM 2025, scheduled for September 12-14 in Jaipur, supported by the new Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy.