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IN BRIEF

4 of a family die by suicide in Jhalawar
Jhalawar: Four members of the same family have committed suicide. The husband, wife, and their two children took their own lives. The reasons for suicide have not been disclosed. The police have taken bodies and placed them in the mortuary at Choumahla. **P2**



CJI recuses from ECJ appointment hearing
New Delhi: CJI Sanjiv Khanna has recused himself from hearing a series of petitions challenging a contentious law that excludes the judiciary from the process of appointing the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners.

Security forces avenge Ganganagar terror, kill 1
Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Tuesday gunned down LeT terrorist Junaid Ahmed Bhat, who was involved in recent killings of civilians at Ganganagar and Ganderbal. The crackdown is still under way in Dachigam, with J&K Police and the Army.



Nargis Fakhri's sister accused of murders
New York: Aliya, actor Nargis Fakhri's sister, was arrested in US for allegedly murdering her ex-boyfriend and one of his friends. The incident happened in New York, when she allegedly set a two-storey garage on fire by lighting up a heap of garbage.

Yoon Suk Yeol declares emergency martial law
Seoul: South Korean declared an "emergency martial law" on Tuesday with President Yoon Suk Yeol, accusing Opposition of plotting an "insurgency" and "trying to overthrow the free democracy" in the country. Yoon denounced Opposition for using its majority in Assembly to impeach members of his cabinet & block passage of his govt's budget plans. **P7**

Four workers killed in massive blast at Guj Bharuch: At least four workers were killed in a massive blast at an industrial unit in Ankleshwar GIDC in the Bharuch district of Gujarat on Tuesday. Bharuch district administration confirmed the report and said the blast was reported at the premises of Detox India Private Limited, which is in the business of industrial waste treatment and disposal.

MODI-SHAH LEAD 'NYAYA ERA' WITH 'CITIZEN FIRST' VISION

'TAREEKH-PE-TAREEKH' ERA OF JUSTICE IS OVER!

● PM Modi and Shah dedicate to nation implementation of 3 new criminal laws ● Chandigarh is first administrative unit in India to fully implement all the 3 laws

First India Bureau
Chandigarh

PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday dedicated to the nation successful implementation of 3 new criminal laws. These laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam — came into effect on July 1, replacing the British-era IPC, CrPC & Indian Evidence Act, respectively. Chandigarh becomes nation's first administrative unit where 100% implementation of these 3 laws has been done. PM Modi said "tareekh-pe-tareekh days were over", referring to a Hindi film dialogue against repeated adjournments in Indian legal system, adding that, these laws would ensure speedy delivery of justice and make sure convicts are not kept in jails after they finish their sentence.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in presence of Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria during a ceremony to dedicate to nation, implementation of 3 new criminal laws, in Chandigarh on Tuesday. (B) Chandigarh SSP Kanwardeep Kaur briefs PM Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Gulab Chand Kataria and Govind Mohan about the crime scene probe.

PM MODI WATCHES LIVE DEMO OF CRIME SCENE PROBE UNDER NEW LAWS

PM Modi watched a live demonstration simulating a crime scene investigation under the new laws. The demonstration of the process of collecting evidence and recording statements was given by the Chandigarh Police at an exhibition hall set up at the Punjab Engineering College. The programme showcased the practical application of the new laws.

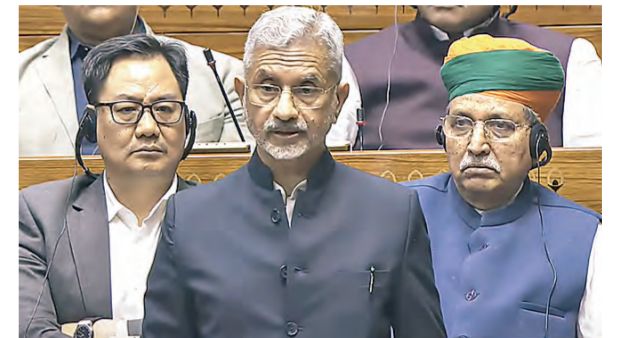


OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM TO BE WORLD'S MOST MODERN, BEST: SHAH

Amit Shah said 3 new laws have been fully implemented in Chandigarh. "Within 3 years of the registration of an FIR, one will get justice," he said. "Our criminal justice system will be most modern system in world," he said. Shah lauded the Chandigarh administration for fully implementing new laws. Modi has created world's most modern criminal justice system to build a secure and developed Bharat for all, he said.

The new criminal laws strengthen the spirit of — "of the people, by the people, for the people," which forms the foundation of democracy. These laws signify the end of colonial-era laws. **NARENDRA MODI, PM**

India-China ties set in direction of some improvement: EAM



EAM S Jaishankar speaks in the Lok Sabha in New Delhi, Tuesday. Also present here are Kiren Rijiju and Arjun Ram Meghwal.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

India remains committed to engaging with China to arrive at a fair and mutually acceptable framework for boundary settlement, EAM S Jaishankar said on Tuesday, noting that India-China relations cannot be normal in absence of a clearly articulated approach.

Making a statement in LS, he said India-China ties have been abnormal since 2020 when peace and tranquillity in border areas were disturbed due to Chinese actions. The recent developments that reflect continuous diplomatic engagements have set India-China ties in the direction of "some im-

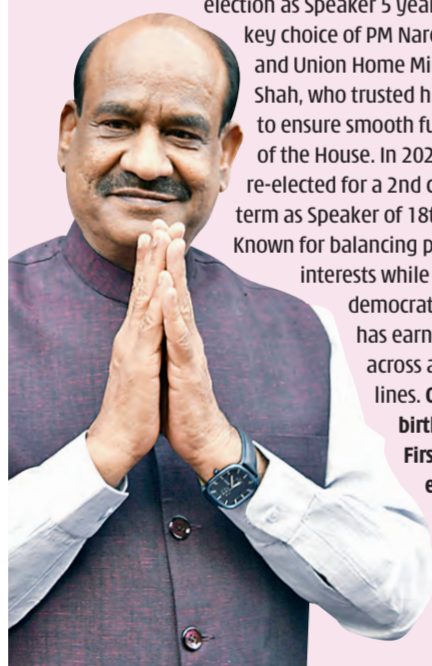
provement", he said. "We remain committed to engaging with China to arrive at a fair and mutually acceptable framework for boundary settlement. Govt has maintained that India-China ties cannot be normal in absence of peace and tranquillity in border areas, combination of firm and principal stance on the border areas, as well clearly articulated approach to totality of our ties," EAM said.

We have been very clear that the restoration of peace and tranquillity will be the basis for the rest of the relationship to move forward. **S JAISHANKAR, EAM**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OM BIRLA

'Consensus' man in Lok Sabha, who protects Parliamentary values

Om Birla, the current Speaker of the Lok Sabha and 3rd term MP from Kota-Bundi constituency of Rajasthan, is widely recognized for his impartiality, efficiency, and commitment to enhancing Parliamentary procedures. His election as Speaker 5 years ago was a key choice of PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who trusted his leadership to ensure smooth functioning of the House. In 2024, Birla was re-elected for a 2nd consecutive term as Speaker of 18th Lok Sabha. Known for balancing political interests while upholding democratic values, he has earned respect across all party lines. **On his 62nd birthday today, First India team extends its best wishes for his continued success and prosperity.**



Why promises to farmers not met? Dhankhar to Govt

First India Bureau
Mumbai

VP Jagdeep Dhankhar expressed his displeasure with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for not engaging in talks with farmers. During an event of IC-AR-CIRCOT, in Mumbai, the VP highlighted struggles farmers face in receiving fair prices and questioned government why promises made to them remain unfulfilled. He also reflected on India's growth, emphasizing that while nation rises globally, its farmers continue to suffer, urging need for timely resolutions to their issues.



No lawyer, no relief for arrested priest in B'desh

Bangladesh court sets next hearing date on January 2, 2025

First India Bureau
New Delhi/Dhaka

Chinmoy Krishna Das, a hindu priest receives no relief from Bangladesh sessions court on Tuesday. The Chattogram court set the new date as January 2, 2025 for the next hearing due to the absence of the defence lawyer from the court. Saiful Islam a session judge from Chattogram Metropolitan, has set the new date for the hearing. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Prosecution) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, Mofizur Rahman, confirmed the information to media. A procession of lawyers also gathered, but Chinmoy Das was not produced in court during proceedings.



VHP supporters stage a protest in Prayagraj on Tuesday.

B'DESH SUMMONS INDIA ENVOY IN AGARTALA

Bangladesh on Tuesday summoned the Indian high commissioner Pranay Verma in Dhaka in connection with the breach of premises at the Bangladesh assistant high commission in Agartala. Verma said, "We have wide-ranging ties with Bangladesh that you cannot reduce it to one issue."

HASINA CALLS YUNUS MASTER OF KILLINGS

Sheikh Hasina accused Muhammad Yunus, who is heading the interim govt, of mass killings and targeting of minorities amid a fresh wave of unrest in the country. Addressing an event in New York virtually, Hasina slammed Yunus for string of attacks on temples, churches and ISKCON.

MAHA CM UPDATES... DEVENDRA FADNAVIS MEETS EKNATH SHINDE

"Devendra Fadnavis had come to meet him Eknath Shinde to inquire about his ill health," said Shiv Sena leader Bharatshet Gogawale on the meeting between caretaker CM of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde & Devendra Fadnavis.

BJP MEETING TO PICK CM OF MAHA TODAY

The Maharashtra CM pick to be announced after selection of state's BJP legislature party's leader today. Two central observers Nirmala Sitharaman and former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani to select the leader.

SHINDE UNDERGOES ROUTINE CHECK-UP

Maharashtra's caretaker CM Eknath Shinde, who reported sick for the past couple of days, visited a private hospital in Thane on Tuesday for a medical check-up, just days ahead of the new government's swearing-in ceremony.

CM SHARMA CHAIRS WCD DEPT MEETING

Anganwadis must be operated with transparency and accountability: CM

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

CM BHAJAN LAL SHARMA WILL LAUNCH NINE POLICIES FROM FIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AT A GRAND CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE TODAY

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has directed that anganwadi centres should be operated with transparency and accountability while enhancing their facilities.

He said that officials must ensure that health, nutrition, and empowerment programmes benefit every woman, child, and family, so that no one is left out of these schemes. He also instructed the timely implementation of budget announcements. The Chief Minister was addressing a review meeting of the Department of



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma and Dy CM Diya Kumari with Sudhansh Pant, Shikhar Agrawal and Dr Manju Baghmar during the meeting of Department of Women and Child Development at CMO, Tuesday.

Women and Child Development at the Chief Minister's office on Tuesday. He said that a long-term action plan is needed to eradicate malnutrition, especially in tribal areas of the state. He called for continuous reviews and necessary improvements to the nutritional food

provided at anganbari centres. He instructed department officials to create an annual calendar for intensive inspections of the centers and to make necessary arrangements. The Chief Minister also directed the installation of CCTV cameras at anganbari centres to en-

sure transparency and accountability. Reviewing the Shiksha Setu scheme, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma instructed officials to encourage and reward individuals and organisations that help connect dropout girls and women to mainstream education.

Newly elected MLAs take oath after bypolls

Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

Seven newly elected legislators, who emerged victorious in recent Rajasthan Assembly by-elections, took their oath of office on Tuesday. The newly elected MLAs are DD Bairwa from Dausa, Revantram Danga from Khinvsar, Shanta Devi Meena from Salumbar, Rajendra Gurjar from Deoli-Uniara, Rajendra Bhambu from Jhunjhunu, Sukhwant Singh from Ramgarh and Anil Katara from Chaurasi. **P8**

MASS SUICIDE IN JHALAWAR

Parents kill 2 sons before hanging themselves

Arif Mansoori
Jhalawar

A case of mass suicide has come to light in Jhalawar in which a husband and wife killed their two sons before taking their own lives. The bodies of the husband, wife, and their 7-year-old son were found hanging in the same room, while the body of their 3-year-old son was lying on the bed in the same room.

According to police information, the deceased include Nagu Singh (38), his wife Santosh Bai (30), their son Yuvraj Singh (7), and their 3-year-old son. Nagu Singh and his family resided in Jetakhedi, within the Gangdhar police station area.

SP Richa Tomar said that the police received information at around 8 am on Tuesday that four people had committed suicide in a house. The reasons for the suicide are being investigated.



Police officers looking at the bodies kept on stretchers outside the mortuary of Chaumahla Hospital in Jhalawar.

MBBS STUDENT DIES BY SUICIDE IN SIROHI

→ Sirohi: A second-year MBBS student from the 2022 batch ended his life by jumping from the sixth floor of the hostel at a medical college in Paldi M police station area, located near Sirohi district. The student, identified as Rahul Kumar Garasia, was residing in the hostel within the medical college premises. SHO Hukum Singh, Sheoganj Dy SP Pushpendra Verma and other officials reached the spot.

RPF OFFICER DIES BY SUICIDE IN DAUSA

→ Dausa: A circle officer of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), posted in Haryana's Ambala, died by allegedly hanging himself from a tree in his own land in Dausa on Tuesday, an official said. According to police, Jagdish Meena (34) had not visited the RPF station for the past four days. A police official said that Meena hanged himself from a neem tree in his own field near the Lotwada village.

SUB-INSPECTOR GD SHISHUPAL DIES BY SUICIDE IN JODHPUR

→ Jodhpur: In a tragic incident at the Training Ground, Second Section of RTC Jodhpur, Sub-Inspector GD Shishupal reportedly ended his life by hanging himself from a tree. The incident falls under the jurisdiction of the Surasagar Police Station. The police have initiated an investigation into the matter, but the reasons behind the suicide remain unclear. Shishupal was posted at the training institute as a sub-inspector. Further details are awaited as authorities continue to probe the circumstances surrounding the incident.



Scam targets over 50 contacts of ACB DG Ravi Prakash Meharda



First India Bureau
Jaipur



REPRESENTATIONAL

A scammer impersonated ACB DG Ravi Prakash Meharda, sending fraudulent messages to over 50 of his acquaintances, requesting money. DG Meharda became aware of the incident only after one of his contacts informed him, leaving him shocked. He later warned the public, saying, "If you receive a message from an unknown person demanding money using my name, it's a scam."

He informed that cybercriminals have been misusing his photo to deceive people and attempt fraudulent activities. He has reported this to the DG Cyber Crime, and their team is actively investigating the matter. He further said, "I want to warn everyone: if someone contacts you using my name or photo, asking for money or any other favors, they are trying to scam you. Please do not engage with them."

SARPANCH & OTHERS HELD FOR MURDER

→ Dudu: In a significant development, the Maujmad Police have apprehended Rajkumar Jajoria, the Sarpanch of Mahla Panchayat, along with two other individuals, in connection with a murder case. The incident, reportedly triggered by a land dispute, escalated into a violent altercation a few days ago. Station House Officer (SHO) Sanjay Meena is spearheading the investigation, with authorities focusing on uncovering all aspects of the case. The arrests have sent ripples through the local community, highlighting the ongoing tensions surrounding land ownership in the region.

PATWARI ARRESTED RED-HANDED WHILE ACCEPTING A BRIBE OF ₹ 6,500 IN KARAUALI

→ Karauli: Acting on instructions from the ACB headquarters, the Karauli unit on Tuesday conducted an operation and arrested Puran Chand Kharwal, Patwari of Patwar Halka Saipur and Gunesra, Tehsil and District Karauli, red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 6,500 from the complainant. Dr. Ravi Prakash Meharda, Director General of the ACB, said that a complaint was submitted to the Karauli unit of ACB stating that Puran Chand Kharwal, Patwari, had been harassing the complainant by demanding a bribe of Rs 8,000 to process a mutation (transfer of ownership) based on inheritance for agricultural land. Under the direction of Additional DGP, ACB, Smita Srivastava, further interrogation and action are underway against the accused.



NCB TAKES MAJOR ACTION AGAINST DRUG SUPPLY NETWORKS IN UNIVERSITIES

→ Jaipur: As part of the Narco-Free Campus initiative and the ongoing decisive fight against drug abuse, the (NCB), Jaipur Zonal Unit, led by Zonal Director Ghanshyam Soni, IRS, executed a precise and planned operation. This operation led to the seizure of 123.8 grams of methamphetamine (MD), a banned psychoactive substance and the arrest of a female drug trafficker. This operation took place in the area surrounding Manipal University, Dahmi Kala, which has recently become a center for illegal drug activities. The arrested woman, Kavita Gurjar, was caught with methamphetamine (MD) packed in small pouches, intended for distribution around the university campus.



Seizure - MD/ Mephedrone

IN BRIEF

6 sub-stations awarded for outstanding efficiency in 2024 Q3

Jaipur: Six power grid sub-stations under Raj Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam have been awarded for outstanding performance during the third quarter of 2024. The selection was based on a points-based efficiency plan. The awarded sub-stations include three 220 Kv grid sub-stations & 3 132 Kv grid sub-stations. RRVPN MD Nathmal Didel presented certificates.



French tourist dies during Udaipur visit
Udaipur: A French tourist visiting Lake City has died. The deceased, 73-year-old Aveyser Dexas, passed away during his stay. He had arrived in Udaipur on October 3. The foreign embassy has been notified about the incident.

Tankra in trouble after threatening ABVP members

Jaipur: MLA Bhagchand Tankra is once again in the spotlight for controversy. He threatened ABVP workers on Tuesday and said, "If you talk nonsense, I will run you over with my car." The incident took place after a Syndicate meeting at Haridev Joshi University of Journalism. Outside the meeting, ABVP workers were protesting.

704 villages of Jaisalmer and Barmer face water crisis

Jaisalmer: The water supply to Jaisalmer and Barmer cities, along with 704 villages, has been drastically reduced due to inadequate voltage. In Mohangarh, water production has fallen to half of the demand. The residents of around 704 villages in Jaisalmer, Barmer and Balotara districts are grappling with a severe drinking water crisis.

Min announces unified local body elections



Exclusive

Abhishek Shrivastava
Jaipur



UDH Minister **Jhabar Singh Kharra** said that elections for all local bodies will be held simultaneously under the "One State, One Election" initiative. The state government's plan is to conduct elections for all local bodies next year. In an exclusive conversation with First India, Kharra

mentioned that elections for some local bodies are scheduled for November next year, followed by December, with the final phase set for January 2026. The proposal for legal opinion on the mat-

Regarding the two municipal corporations in Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kota, UDH Minister **Kharra mentioned that these cities will eventually have only one mayor each**

ter has been sent to the state's Advocate General. Regarding the two municipal corporations in Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kota, UDH Minister Kharra mentioned that these cities will eventu-

ally have only one mayor each. The existence of two municipal corporations in these cities will be eliminated. The state government is clear that each city should have only one local body. For example, Mumbai, which has a population equivalent to that of twenty cities like Jaipur, has only one municipal body. Therefore, having two local bodies in any city of the state is unjustified. The proposal for legal opinion on this matter has also been sent to the Advocate General.

Farmers protest acquisition policy of two cement companies

Younus Gesawat
Nagaur



Farmers gathered in large numbers at the Collectorate to oppose acquisition policies of cement companies in Nagaur on Tuesday.

Farmers from Jayal Tehsil and Mundwa gathered in large numbers at the Collectorate to strongly oppose the acquisition policies of two cement companies. The farmers staged a protest against Ambuja Cement and JSW Cement, accusing the companies of renegeing on promises of employment. Due to the large-scale farmers' protest, heavy police presence was ob-

served in Nagaur, with the Collectorate resembling a fortified zone. In a conversation with First India News, the farmers said that private cement com-

panies were acquiring land from farmers in and around the boundaries of Deh & Sarasani in Jayal Tehsil for cement mining and production.

22-yr-old case against MLA Saraf withdrawn

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Malviya Nagar MLA Kalicharan Saraf has received significant relief as the govt decided to withdraw a 22-year-old case. The case, pending in court since 2002, involved allegations made against Saraf during a trial in a judicial magistrate's court. The Home Dept has filed a petition in the HC for approval to

withdraw the case. Saraf had submitted an application to a committee chaired by the Special Secretary for the withdrawal of the case. Following an investigation, the committee decided to proceed with the withdrawal. The case was originally filed in 2002 by the judicial magistrate in the CJM court and included accusations of tearing documents from the magistrate's hands.

JDA approves infra projects worth crores

First India Bureau
Jaipur



Anandhi held an Executive Committee meeting of the JDA in the Manthan Auditorium in Jaipur on Tuesday.

The Executive Committee meeting of the (JDA) was held on Tuesday in the Manthan Auditorium, chaired by Jaipur Development Commissioner Anandhi. Various proposals were discussed and approved during the meeting.

The following key approvals were made: Approval was granted for the tender of road improvement and strength-

ening work worth Rs 24.08 crore on Sikar Road (from NH Bypass Road No. 14 to Chomu Pulia) in Zone-6; Post-

facto approval was provided for a tender worth Rs 91.11 crore for the operation, maintenance, and collection of user

fees (toll charges) at Ghat Ki Guni Toll Plaza; In Zone-7, approval was given for the construction of a box drain from C-Zone Bypass to Mundia Ramsar Culvert (from C-Zone Bypass to Sirsi Mod) in two phases: Phase I: Rs 9.38 crore and Phase II: Rs 9.38 crore and approval was granted for a tender worth Rs 27.79 crore for the construction of a main drain from Sikar Road to the Badharna JDA Scheme.

Increase in DLC rates is a blow to the public: Giriraj Khandelwal



Giriraj Khandelwal
First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee Secretary Giriraj Khandelwal criticized the state government for a sharp 50% hike in District Level Committee (DLC) rates, calling it an undue economic burden on the public. This is the second hike in nine months, which Khandelwal deemed unreasonable.

He highlighted that rural areas near urban regions, still struggling with inadequate infrastructure like roads, water supply, and electricity, are disproportionately affected. Khandelwal argued that the government's justification of "rapid rural development" is baseless, as many villages lack basic amenities.

NASHA MUKT JAIPUR CAMPAIGN

Soni launches Nasha Mukta Portal

First India Bureau
Jaipur

→ District Collector Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni has directed the officials of concerned departments to make every possible effort to ensure the success of the Nasha Mukta Jaipur (Drug-Free Jaipur) campaign. He emphasised strict action against illegal production, storage, and transportation of narcotic substances. Additionally, he instructed for the effective

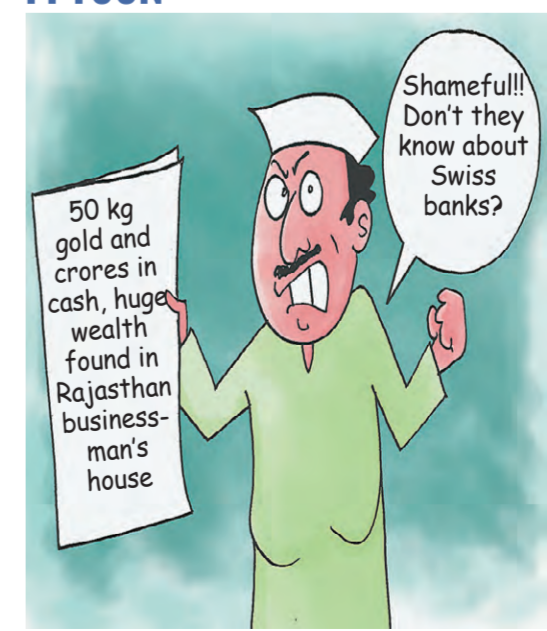


Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni held a state-level meeting of the Narcotics Coordination Center Committee in Jaipur on Tuesday.

action plan and ensure implementation on the ground to prevent & rehabilitate youths from drug addiction. The state-level meeting

of the Narcotics Coordination Center Committee was held on Tuesday. During the meeting, the District Collector launched the Nasha Mukta Jaipur E-Pledge website. This portal was developed in a short time with the assistance of the Jaipur District Unit of the (NIC) and the MyGov Delhi team. Under the "Saksham Jaipur" initiative, the portal aims to play a significant role in creating an anti-drug environment.

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SHEKHAR

RISING RAJ PREPARATION ON WAR FOOTING



With Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit just around the corner, the administration has left no stone unturned towards making the Pink City presentable for the visiting delegation. **First India** Lensesman Santosh Sharma captures some of the beautification efforts going on in the city.

Bharat 24, First India reports prompt inquiry into land scam

Min Kharra gives directions over Calgiri road conditions

Mai calls for welfare of Trans community at Rising Raj '24



Impact

Abhishek Shrivastava
Jaipur

The news report by First India News has had a significant impact. The conditions of Calgiri Road in the capital are set to improve following the directions of UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra. He instructed JDC Anandhi to take immediate action to enhance the condition of the road.

In response, JDC Anandhi said, "The conditions of Calgiri Road



You read it in First India on December 3, 2024

will be improved within the next four to five days." She also said that action would be taken against the negligent engineers involved.

The First India News report broadcasted on December 2, highlighted that Calgiri Road is a crucial alternative route to the JECC in Sitapura,

KNOW WHAT IS THE MAJOR ISSUE

The Jaipur Development Authority's neglect of Calgiri Marg, a key alternate route to JECC for the Rising Rajasthan Summit, risks creating a poor impression on domestic and international guests. While other roads receive attention, Calgiri Marg remains in disrepair, despite its importance for the high-profile investment event.

Divya Kanwalia
Jaipur

Despite government initiatives, the transgender community in India faces significant challenges, including educational barriers, employment discrimination, and social exclusion. Many transgender individuals are forced to resort to begging, dancing at traffic signals, or turning to sex work due to limited opportunities and societal rejection.



Pushpa Mai

Pushpa Mai, a member of the Mahamandaleswar Kinnar Akhara, highlighted these issues in an interview with First India. She called on the CM

to focus on the welfare of the transgender community at upcoming Rising Rajasthan Summit. She urged significant actions to address education, employment, and social integration challenges. She recommended promoting transgender representation in key roles, such as in women's hostels and orphanages, offering both support and employment. She stressed the need for inclusion in government schemes, like the CM Toll-Free Helpline for guaranteed jobs.

Impact
First India Bureau
Jaipur

The news from Bharat 24 and First India News has had a significant impact. The controversial and high-profile land case in Udaipur will now be investigated. Dy Director of the Department of Urban Development and Housing has been tasked with conducting the inquiry. UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra has issued instructions regarding this matter. The case concerns a piece of land valued at Rs 200 crore near Sukhadia Circle. Bharat 24 and First India News had aired a report on this issue, which led to action being taken by Kharra. He directed the local dy director to conduct the investigation. The case involves allegations against Congress leader Karan Singh Uchihara. Suspicious roles are attributed to then-Secy of UIT, Nitendra Pal Singh, and then-Municipal Commissioner, Sudhanshu Singh.

Meghwal lauds CM's efforts on land reform

Laxman Raghav
Bikaner

Dr Vishwanath Meghwal, the MLA from Khajuwala for the third time, described the amendment to the Land Conversion 2007 as a historic step for the SC and ST communities. He stated that this amendment will address issues related to land ownership and pave the way for economic empowerment for Dalits and tribals. Dr Meghwal expressed gratitude to Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma for this significant move, stating that the



Dalit community will always remember his contribution. Dr Meghwal praised Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's leadership style, calling him experienced, simple, and sincere. He noted that meeting the Chief Minister is very easy and that he consistently engages in dialogue with fellow legislators.

Bagade conducts review of welfare schemes in Beawar

Mukesh Sharma
Beawar

Governor Haribhau Bagade conducted a review meeting with officials in the Beawar district and said that the benefits of development plans and welfare programs should reach the citizens at the last mile. He called upon for making every possible effort to uplift the weaker and marginalized sections of society and ensuring that every eligible individual benefits from both central and state government schemes.



Governor stressed importance of ensuring the supply of water and electricity connections in every village during the meeting.

The Governor was addressing a district-level meeting in Beawar on Tuesday. During the meeting, he reviewed the ongoing programmes aimed at the social and

economic upliftment of the underprivileged, assessing achievements in detail. He also conducted a thorough review of social security pension schemes.

Dr Sharma & Khimsar clash over hiring woes

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

In a heated exchange over "ideology," former Health Minister Dr Raghu Sharma accused the current government of appointing doctors to senior positions in major hospitals based on ideology rather than merit. Dr Sharma said, "In the past year, appointments made in big hospitals have prioritised ideology over qualifications, which should not be the case in the medical and education sectors." In response, current Health Minister Dr Ga-



Jendra Singh Khimsar fired back, asserting that it was incorrect to claim that only RSS-affiliated doctors were appointed to key positions. Dr Khimsar challenged Dr Sharma to specify how many positions were filled based on ideology, adding that thousands of doctors were appointed over the past year.

Women's toilet shortage linked to health issues, says High Court

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Rajasthan High Court has taken suo-motu cognisance of the condition of women's toilets. The court expressed concern over the shortage and poor conditions of women's toilets across the state, which were highlighted in media reports. The High Court noted that the lack of women's toilets has led to health issues among women, including reduced water intake and



illnesses caused by holding urine. The court said, "The need for women's toilets in public places cannot be ignored." The court pointed out that even in modern society, women continue to struggle for basic amen-

ities. "Yet, the status of women is still defined by a patriarchal society," it said. In response, the Rajasthan High Court has directed the state government with 31 instructions, emphasizing that all municipal corporations, municipalities, and boards should prepare a comprehensive plan. The plan should include creating female toilets in public places. A committee chaired by the commissioner will be formed to oversee this task.

AWARDING EXCELLENCE

WELL DONE ANKIT & JASMEET!

First India Bureau
New Delhi

On the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, President Droupadi Murmu awarded the National Dityangjan Empowerment Award—2024 to the districts of Dungarpur and Salumber in Rajasthan. The award ceremony was organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Vigyan Bhawan in New



Droupadi Murmu presenting the award to District Collector Ankit Kumar Singh and Jasmeet Singh Sandhu in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Delhi on Tuesday. District Collectors Ankit Kumar Singh of Dungarpur and Jasmeet Singh Sandhu of Salumber received the awards from the Presi-

dent on behalf of their respective districts. Ankit Singh, Collector of Dungarpur, said that under the 'No One Left Behind' campaign, pen-

sions were provided to 8,692 persons with disabilities, and 5,100 UDID cards were issued. Additionally, 1,057 persons with disabilities received support through 217 self-help groups. Sandhu said that under the 'Accessible India Campaign,' more than 1,000 govt buildings in district had been made accessible for persons with disabilities. Ramps and lifts were installed, and a survey was conducted to identify disable persons.

Jaipur airport among top 10 busiest in India

Ziyauddin Khan
Jaipur

Jaipur Airport has ranked 10th among the busiest airports in the country. The airport has surpassed those in Lucknow, Guwahati, and Goa. On average, around 70 flights operate daily from Jaipur. The airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Kochi, and Pune continue to hold positions ahead of Jaipur. Additional flights are expected to begin.

PRESENT TENSE... FUTURE?

IN-DEPTH

CONGRESS BROUGHT TO HEEL BY I.N.D.I.A ON ADANI ISSUE

The Congress party's fixation on the Adani controversy has been a defining feature of the ongoing Winter Session, often dominating the party's rhetoric and strategy. However, the insistence of its allies to shift focus has brought much-needed balance to the opposition's priorities. This recalibration is timely, as critical issues like the Sambhal mosque and other pressing concerns demand attention.

While allegations surrounding Adani should be left to the government, the single-minded pursuit of the issue risks alienating the public, who are grappling with everyday challenges like inflation, unemployment & pollution. For an opposition coalition aspiring to present itself as credible alternative, addressing people's immediate concerns is non-negotiable.

The Congress has been forced to accommodate its allies' demands for a broader agenda, ensuring that key regional and policy issues are debated in Parliament. This shift, under pressure from allies, strengthened the Opposition's collective voice and prevented the Congress party's total marginalisation. Priorities, after all, must reflect public interest.



OED'S "BRAIN ROT" IS A WAKE-UP CALL



The Oxford English Dictionary's declaration of "brain rot" as the Word of the Year for 2024 is a sharp reflection of our times. The term, often used to describe the cognitive decline linked to excessive consumption of trivial online content, underscores a collective reckoning with the digital age's darker side.

Social media, once heralded as a tool for global connectivity, now often thrives on algorithms that prioritise engagement over enrichment. Viral memes, endless scrolls of short videos, and clickbait headlines keep millions glued to their screens, yet leave them intellectually unfulfilled. The dopamine-driven design of these platforms has created a cycle of instant gratification that dulls focus, erodes critical thinking, and chips away at meaningful human connections.

The selection of "brain rot" carries a potent message for society: it's time to re-examine how we use digital technology. While entertainment has its place, the unrestrained consumption of low-value content comes at the cost of deeper engagement with art, literature, and even self-reflection. This phenomenon is particularly alarming for younger generations, whose neural development is shaped by their habits.

As 2024 draws to a close, the Word of the Year should not merely be seen as a linguistic trend but as a call to action. A digital detox, even in small doses, can help individuals reclaim their time, focus, and intellectual vitality. It's a reminder that while the internet offers endless content, it's our choices that define whether we feed our minds or let them stagnate.

Let "brain rot" be the catalyst for a shift towards healthier, more purposeful engagement with the digital world.

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The situation for the arrested Hindu monk and former Iskon priest Chinmoy Krishna Das is getting worse by the day. Das, who was arrested in Bangladesh, failed to get relief on Tuesday as his bail hearing in a court was postponed due to the unavailability of a lawyer to represent him.

Das's will have to languish further as his next bail hearing has been scheduled for January 2, 2025. Meanwhile, Iskon Kolkata has appealed to the Bangladesh government to ensure the safety of lawyer(s) willing to assist Das in an ongoing case, following a brutal attack on his former lawyer. Iskon Kolkata spokesperson Radharam Das on Monday claimed that Ramen Roy, who was defending Das, was attacked by a group of Islamists at his home in Bangladesh.

According to Das, no new lawyer has come forward to represent Chinmoy Krishna Das following the attack on Roy. "It must be ensured that such targeted attacks are dealt with sternly. The situation is deeply alarming and highlights the hostile environment faced by those supporting justice for minorities in Bangladesh," he added. According to Radharam Das, Roy's only "fault" was defending Chinmoy Krishna Das in court, and a group of Islamists ransacked his home.

The attack left Roy critically injured, and he is currently in the ICU, fighting for his life, ISKCON Kolkata spokesperson claimed. "Please pray for Advocate Ramen Roy. His only 'fault' was defending Chinmoy Krishna Das in court. Islamists ransacked his home and brutally attacked him, leaving him in the ICU, fighting for his life. #SaveBangladeshiHindus #FreeChinmoyKrishnaP-rabhu," he posted on X along with a picture of Roy in the ICU on Monday night.

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DEMOGRAPHY

Historically, Hindus made up approximately 22 percent of Bangladesh's population during the 1971 Liberation War. The Hindu population, once a substantial demographic in Bangladesh, has experienced a significant decline in recent decades, with the minority community now comprising only around 8 per cent of the country's total population.

This drop is largely attributed to a combination of socio-political marginalisation, exodus and sporadic violence over the years.

HIGH-VOLTAGE ACTION

Meanwhile, the All-Tripura Hotel and Restaurant Owners' Association on Monday said Bangladeshi citizens will not be allowed to take up lodgings in hotels of the state in a notification.

Earlier, the city witnessed protests against alleged attacks on Hindu minorities in Bangladesh following a regime change there. A protest outside the Bangladesh mission in Agartala saw the premises of the Assistant High Commissioner (AHC) of Bangladesh breached, leading to the External Affairs Ministry to issue a statement where it said such breaches were "deeply regrettable".

"We are putting up posters at hotel front desks barring Bangladeshi nationals from entering the hotel premises and we have ramped up our security checks," Bhaskar Chakraborty, secretary of the association, said. The

notification said that the hoteliers have vowed to "not provide service to Bangladeshi nationals w.e.f. December 2".

"All the hoteliers have to display a sticker poster in this concern at the reception which will be provided by the association. The association will issue a press release in this concern immediately," the statement said.

PROTEST AT MISSION

Over 50 protesters reportedly entered the premises of the Bangladeshi mission in Agartala, triggering concerns among those present at the complex. "The incident earlier today of the breach of premises at the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala is deeply regrettable," the MEA said.

It said the government is taking action to step up security for the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi and other missions of the country in India. "Diplomatic and consular properties should not be targeted under any circumstances," the MEA said in a statement.

HITTING A TURBULENCE

The 'unrest' has had its toll even on the aviation sector and Bangladesh being a smaller nation, will face the brunt of losing out on business more harshly than its bigger neighbour. The number of flights to Kolkata from Bangladesh has dwindled over the last few months with a falling passenger count, amid the ongoing crisis in the neigh-

bouring country, officials at the NSCBI airport here said on Sunday.

One airline from India has also scrapped its plan to begin flight services between Kolkata and Dhaka for the time being, they said. Flights arriving in Kolkata, operated by US-Bangla Airlines, a private carrier of the neighbouring country, were 84 in July and the number came down to 24 in November, the officials said.

According to officials at the Kolkata airport, the airline carried 7,391 passengers to Kolkata in July, which came down to 1,646 in November. The number of departures from Kolkata to Bangladesh simultaneously shows the same trend.

Similarly, the national carrier of the neighbouring country Biman Bangladesh had operated 59 flights to Kolkata in July and the number fell to 28 in November, the officials said. Indian low-cost carrier Indigo's flight arrival figure from Bangladesh has also come down from 62 to 44, sources at the airport said.

Biman Bangladesh from August 10 reduced operations from two flights per day to one, while US-Bangla Airlines slipped to one per day from three daily flights from August 17, the sources at the airport said. According to industry experts, the decline in flight operations happened due to the continuous crisis in Bangladesh since August this year.

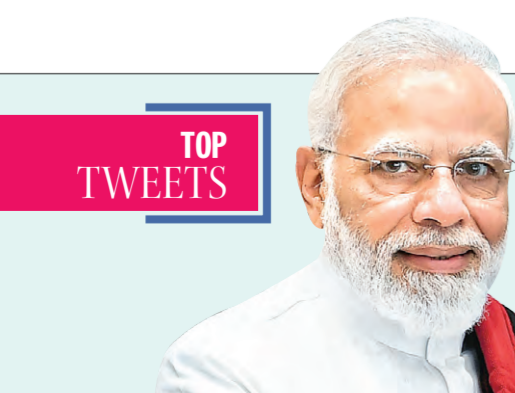
Passengers are coming in fewer numbers due to the crisis, while people from this side are not going to the neighbouring country due to the fear of losing their lives, the experts said. Air India Express was supposed to start flights to Dhaka from Kolkata and Chennai from the winter schedule but the airline has put the plan on hold due to the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh from the middle of this year, sources at the airport said.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IMPACT ON TOURISM

The ongoing crisis in Bangladesh has significantly impacted tourism and businesses in Kolkata, especially in areas like New Market and Sudder Street. Hotels, once fully booked, now see occupancy rates as low as 20%. Anil Punjabi of the Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI) warned that this situation is worse than the COVID-19 period, threatening livelihoods. The crisis has also affected trade, with exports to Bangladesh plummeting by 90% and a decline in foreign tourist arrivals. Airlines have reduced flights, and India has stopped issuing new visas to Bangladeshi citizens due to unrest

The Ministry of Tourism reported a drop in Bangladeshi tourist arrivals in India in July and August 2024 compared to the previous year. Meanwhile, tensions between India and Bangladesh escalated following protests in India over reported attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh and the arrest of a Hindu monk. The Ministry of External Affairs condemned the breach of the Bangladesh consulate in Agartala and expressed concerns over violence against minorities. Relations between the two countries have become strained after the transition to an interim government in Bangladesh



TOP TWEETS

Today, we mark #9YearsOfSugamyaBharat and reiterate our commitment to further boosting accessibility, equality and opportunity for our Divyang sisters and brothers. The fortitude and accomplishments of our Divyang sisters and brothers make us proud. A very vibrant example is India's success in the Paralympics.

Narendra Modi @narendramodi



The memories of the Bhopal gas tragedy still shake our hearts. We lost many precious lives untimely in this terrible tragedy, I offer my humble tribute to all those departed souls! I pray to God that such a dark night is never repeated and the society never has to face such a horrific tragedy.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

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CEMENT



PM pens his thoughts on Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan anniversary



- Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on Tuesday marked 9 years of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan.
- He reiterated the Government's commitment to further boosting accessibility, equality and opportunity for Divyang sisters and brothers.
- Lauding the fortitude and accomplishments of Divyang sisters and brothers, Modi remarked that it made us all proud.
- Today, our persons with disabilities in India are becoming the energy of the country's honour and self-respect with great enthusiasm.
- Taking inspiration from the Constitution, we have laid a strong foundation for the progress of persons with disabilities in the past 10 years, PM wrote in a letter addressed to Divyang brothers and sisters.

Empathy, not sympathy: Prez stresses equal opportunities for specially-abled

PTI
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday emphasized the need for empathy, inclusivity and equal opportunities for persons with disabilities (Divyangjan), and asserted that their empowerment is a collective responsibility of society and the government.

Speaking at the National Awards ceremony



President Droupadi Murmu

for individuals and organisations working for the welfare of Divyangjan, Murmu called for a shift in societal attitudes. "They need empathy, not sympathy. They deserve natural affection,

not special attention. Above all, they should experience respect," President Murmu said. The President highlighted that being differently abled is not a limitation but a "special condition" that demands tailored support. "While the government is giving priority to their welfare, society must also step forward to prioritise their inclusion," she said.

Priyanka urges financial aid for Wayanad victims

PTI
New Delhi

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday demanded financial support for the people of landslides-hit Wayanad in Kerala and sought to know the action plan of the government for the area. The disaster, which struck on July 30, devastated large parts of three villages --Punchirimattam, Chooralmala, and Mundakkai -- along with sections of Attamala in Wayanad. As per the government, the deadly disaster claimed 231 lives. Speaking with report-



Priyanka Gandhi outside the Parliament on Tuesday.

ers outside Parliament, Priyanka said, "People of Wayanad have not received financial support. They have gotten very little support." "I also want to know what is the action plan of the government," the Wayanad MP added.

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT AS UPROAR, CONFRONTATIONS CONTINUE If adjournments continue, House will be convened on Sunday as well: Birla

PTI
New Delhi

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday warned the members that if the business of the House is disrupted further due to adjournments, then he will have to convene the proceedings over the weekends to make up for the loss of time.

The government and opposition parties reached an agreement on Monday to break a week-long impasse in Parliament with the dates announced for a discussion on the Constitution, to mark its 75th year of adoption, in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

The Lower House will take up the discussion on the Constitution on December 13 and 14, and the Upper House on December 16 and 17.

"The House will convene on Saturday, December 14 at 11 am. If you continue with adjournments, then for the number of days it has been adjourned, you will have to attend the proceedings on Saturday and Sunday as well," Birla said soon after the Question Hour.

He also remarked that he has not permitted intimation of any adjournment notices on Tuesday.

Lok Sabha proceedings were washed out last week due to protests by opposition members over the Adani indictment row, recent violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal and other issues.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla conducts proceedings in the House during Winter session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday.

RAJYA SABHA STARTS NORMAL FUNCTIONING AFTER WASHOUT

➔ Rajya Sabha functioned smoothly on Tuesday, the first time since the start of the Winter Session on November 25. Chairperson of the upper house Jagdeep Dhankhar said that he received 42 adjournment notices under Rule 267 on various issues, the highest so far in the last quarter of the century of adoption of the Constitution. He did not accept any of the notices. He said this would be taken up with the leaders of various parties and urged the members to maintain the highest ethical standards.

'60 LAKH NEW JOB CARDS ISSUED UNDER MGNREGS'

➔ Minister of State for Rural Development CS Pemmasani, while responding to a question on Tuesday, said sixty lakh new job cards are issued under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) on average every year. He told the Lok Sabha that the government has no role in the deletion of the job cards which is done based on various parameters.

No mother will be left out due of lack of funds, says JP Nadda

PTI
New Delhi

No pregnant woman in the country will be left out of the government's Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) due to lack of funds, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said on Tuesday.

Replying to supplementary questions during the Question Hour, the minister told the Rajya Sabha that this programme is need-based and budget is not an issue. The JSSK entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutions to free delivery, including caesarean section.

"Do not compare Kerala with Maharashtra as it is population based. Every mother is being taken care of," Nadda said.



Health Minister JP Nadda speaking in Rajya Sabha.

"No mother is left out because of lack of funds. In Kerala also it is need-based," he said, assuring that every mother in Kerala will have free delivery.

"On the 9th of every month, the district hospital has a facility for free check-ups by a gynaecologist. It is the responsibility of Asha workers to treat the high-risk patients as they need more check-ups. It has to be ensured that the delivery takes place in the institution," he said.

Sambhal issue: Oppn stages walkout in Lok Sabha

PTI
New Delhi

Almost the entire opposition in the Lok Sabha, including Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, on Tuesday staged a brief walkout from the House over the recent violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal.

As soon as the House assembled to take up the Question Hour, DMK member A Raja was seen

exhorting other opposition members, including those from the Congress, to rise from their seats and join the protest.

NCP and Shiv Sena-UBT members stood up in support of the protesting MPs which then led to walkout.

Some of the Congress members also rose to their feet and LoP in the House Rahul Gandhi came to the aisle in support of the protest.

RAHUL, OTHER PARTY MPS TO VISIT SAMBHAL

➔ Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi along with the five other party MPs from Uttar Pradesh will visit Sambhal on Wednesday, Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai said. Newly-elected Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is also likely to accompany.

VIOLENCE PLANNED CONSPIRACY: AKHILESH

➔ Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday alleged the violence in Sambhal was part of a 'well-planned conspiracy' and that the talk of digging across the country by the BJP and its allies will end up hurting communal amity. He also demanded murder case against cops.

40 years of Bhopal gas tragedy



Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel with Tribal Affairs Minister Vijay Shah pays tribute at the gas tragedy victims' memorial during an all-religion prayer meeting to commemorate the 40th anniversary of gas disaster in Bhopal on Tuesday. PTI

Central tax officers book 12,803 GST evasion cases in Gujarat in 4 years

101 persons have been arrested in the matter, Sitha told Rajya Sabha

Agencies
New Delhi

Central tax officers have booked 12,803 cases of GST evasion and arrested 101 persons during the past four financial years in Gujarat, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. "In the State of Gujarat, during Financial Year 2021-22 to 2024-25 (up to 31.10.2024), the number



of GST evasion cases booked by Central Tax formations is 12,803," Sitharaman said.

In such cases, three FIRs were filed under the IPC (now Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023) and eight persons were named in these FIRs, the minister said in reply to a question on the number of cases of GST evasion

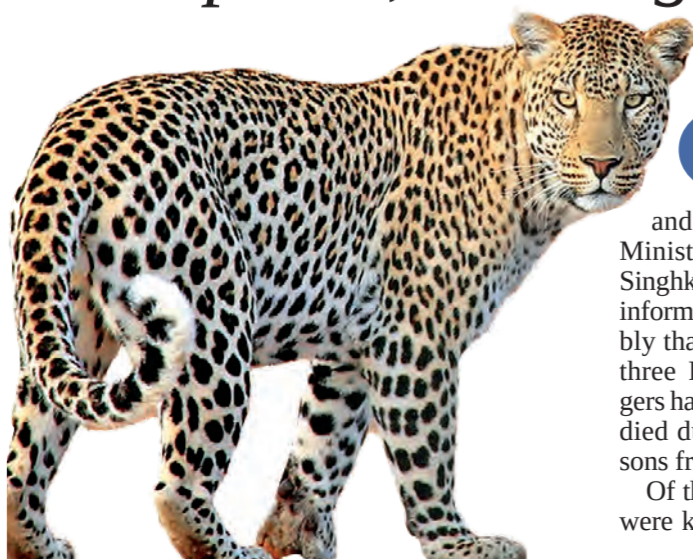
reported in Gujarat during the last three years, till October 30, 2024.

However, in the GST evasion cases, 101 persons have been arrested under the provisions of Section 69.

In reply to a separate question in the Rajya Sabha, MoS Finance Pankaj Chaudhary gave details of the GST collections in the past five years. In 2023-24, gross GST mop up stood at Rs 20.18 lakh crore. Refunds worth Rs 2.08 lakh crore were issued. In 2022-23, gross GST revenue was Rs 18.08 lakh crore and refunds stood at Rs 2.20 lakh crore.

TRAGIC TOLL

34 leopards, three tigers died in state from 2019 to 2024: Odisha minister



Agencies
Bhubaneswar

Odisha Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister Ganesh Ram Singhkhuntia on Tuesday informed the state assembly that 34 leopards and three Royal Bengal Tigers have died in the state due to various reasons from 2019 to 2024. Of the 34 leopards, 17 were killed by poachers,

17 leopards were killed by poachers, three were electrocuted, while one died in train accident, three were killed in road accident and three due to diseases, the minister told

three died after being electrocuted, one in train accident, three in road accident, and three due to diseases, the minister said, while replying to a question from Congress MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati.

Similarly, four leopards died due to natural causes, while the reasons

behind the deaths of another three leopards were not yet known, he said.

He informed the House that one Royal Bengal Tiger was killed by poachers and another died due to infighting among the tigers, while the government is unaware of the reason behind

the death of another tiger reported during the period.

According to the Odisha Tiger Estimation report, there were 30 Royal Bengal Tigers in the state, and of those 27 were in Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR).

Similarly, 696 leopards were enumerated in different forest areas of the state during all Odisha Leopard Estimation, 2024, the minister added.



South Korea Martial Law Troops enter parliament, choppers land on roof

South Korea declares emergency, cites anti-state element, threats

Agencies
Seoul

South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol on Tuesday declared emergency martial law, accusing the opposition of being "anti-state forces intent on overthrowing the regime" amid parliamentary wrangling over a budget bill.

"To safeguard a liberal South Korea from the threats posed by North Korea's communist forces and to eliminate anti-state elements plundering people's freedom and happiness, I hereby declare emergency martial law," Yoon said in a live televised address to the nation.

"With no regard for the livelihoods of the people, the opposition party has paralysed governance solely for the sake of impeachments, special investigations, and shield-



Police officers stand guard in front of the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday.

UPDATES AFTER MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

- Martial law declared in South Korea by President Yoon Suk Yeol to counter 'anti-state' forces
- Protests erupted with clashes between security forces and demonstrators
- Military vehicles and forces secured the National Assembly; entrance closed
- Yoon said opposition parties have taken parliament hostage

Party continue to bicker over next year's budget bill. Opposition MPs last week approved a significantly downsized budget plan through a parliamentary committee.

The opposition has slashed approximately 4.1 trillion won (\$2.8 billion) from Yoon's proposed 677 trillion won budget plan, cutting the government's reserve fund and activity budgets for Yoon's office, the prosecution, police and the state audit agency.

"Our National Assembly has become a haven for criminals, a den of legislative dictatorship that seeks to paralyse the judicial and administrative systems and overturn our liberal democratic order," Yoon said.

Officials declare emergency martial law nationwide late December 3.

MILITARY TANKS ON STREETS, PROTESTS OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT

Seoul: A complete chaos was witnessed in South Korea on Tuesday evening after President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law in the country to eliminate "anti-state" forces, accusing the opposition-controlled Parliament of sympathising with communist North Korea. Thousands of people took to the streets, trying to enter the country's Parliament to oppose the imposition of martial law. Clashes were seen between security forces and protesters. A fleet of tanks, armoured vehicles and South Korea's martial command forces with guns in hands were seen entering the Parliament. Visuals showed police officers guarding the entrance of the National Assembly and helmeted soldiers carrying rifles in front of the National Assembly's main building.

ing their leader from justice," he added. The surprise move comes as Yoon's People Power Party and the main opposition Democratic



Leader Changed Vastu, Party Faced Defeat

An interesting incident occurred at the party's state office with a change in the Vastu of one of the rooms. Following this change, the chair was oriented "south-facing." The change came just before the results of seven by-elections, in which the party lost three of its seats. This outcome has sparked discussions about the "Vastu change" and questions about who advised the shift in the chair's direction.

When two veteran leaders met!

A meeting took place at a wedding ceremony where Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and PCC Chief Govind Dotasra met with great warmth. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was present from the bride's side, while PCC Chief Govind Dotasra attended from the groom's side. The Union Minister showed courtesy towards the Congress leader during the meeting.

Major Update from Transport Dept

The Ajmer RTO has recommended the suspension of ATS Kishangarh after its investigation report. The RTO inspection team had investigated the Marudhara Vehicle Fitness Center, where it was found that fitness certificates were issued for 45 vehicles on November 19 without the vehicles appearing at the center. The inspection team discovered serious irregularities. The transport headquarters now has to decide on action against ATS.

Rajasthan Medical Council Scandal Exposed!

A major revelation was made in the report prepared by the investigation committee formed by the Health Minister. First India had already highlighted the rules, which the committee also acknowledged. The report revealed that there was no provision for a monthly salary for the chairman, with members-only eligible for fees and travel expenses for attending meetings. Despite this, four chairmen after 2020 received payments unlawfully.

Sub-adult tiger cubs to get natural habitat

The wait for the first rewilding of sub-adult tiger cubs in the state is over. With the bold decision of CWLV Pavan Upadhyay, both cubs will be given a natural habitat. On the morning of the transfer, the sub-adult tiger cubs of T-114 will be moved from the Ahedda Biological Park in Kota. The male cub will be shifted to the Ramgarh Vishdhar Wildlife Sanctuary, while the female cub will be relocated to Mukundra Tiger Reserve.

SFA Championships 2024

'She is Gold', Coaches Day, see thrilling Kho Kho action on Day 4



Players in action in Jaipur on Tuesday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Kho Kho action took centre stage on Day 4 of the SFA Championships 2024 in Jaipur, where girls from Central Academy Senior Secondary School from Ambabari secured the gold medal and Raghav World School from Chomu won the silver in the under-18 category.

The championships also celebrated "She is Gold Day" and Coaches Day on Tuesday, creating a vibrant atmosphere for the upcoming exciting competitions. Elsewhere, Jaysree Periwal High

School girls secured the gold medal in U-16 Basketball, while Cambridge Court World School won the silver medal in the same category. Day 4 of the Championships in the city, also witnessed the start of swimming, Tennis, and Table tennis.

Furthermore, in the boys' u-16 volleyball event, NBP PublicSchool clinched the gold and Seedling Modern High School, Duragpura, secured the silver. Meanwhile, in Tennis, Tarunika Khandelwal from Maharaj Sawai ManSingh Vidyalaya, Rambagh, secured the gold in the girl's U10.



This photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defence White Helmets, shows a Syrian White Helmet civil defence worker running in a destroyed neighborhood.

Israel kills 14 people in northern Gaza, orders evacuations in south

Agencies
Cairo

Israeli military strikes killed at least 14 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, most of them in the town of Beit Lahiya on the northern edge, medics said, as the army issued new evacuation orders in the south of the tiny enclave. Medics said eight people had been killed in a series of strikes in Beit Lahiya while four others were killed elsewhere in Gaza City.

An Israeli air strike later killed two people and wounded others in Jabalia, the largest of

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Israel unleashed its largest wave of airstrikes across Lebanon since agreeing to a ceasefire with Hezbollah last week, killing at least 11 people on Monday after the Lebanese militant group fired a volley of projectiles as a warning over what it said were Israeli truce violations.
- Israel threatened on

Tuesday to return to war in Lebanon if its truce with Hezbollah collapses, and said this time its attacks would go deeper and target the Lebanese state itself, after the deadliest day since the ceasefire was agreed last week.

- Lebanon asked U.S., France to press Israel to halt truce breaches, as per the sources.

Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, in the northern Gaza Strip, medics said. The Israeli army has been operating in Jabalia and also in the towns of Beit

Lahiya and Beit Hanoun since October. Its forces have killed hundreds of militants in the three locations since the operation began, the army has said.

Commercial Taxes Dept collects record revenue of ₹6103.24 cr in Nov

Vimal Kothari
Jaipur

The Commercial Taxes Department, one of the highest contributors to the state treasury, has achieved a record revenue collection of Rs 6103.24 crore in November. This significant growth in revenue is primarily attributed to an increase in Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) collections due to inter-state purchases.

Additionally, efforts to minimize revenue leakage and pressure on GST taxpayers to file returns and pay taxes on time have contributed to this growth.

In November, the department collected Rs 2060.36 crore as VAT revenue, compared to Rs 2097.82 crore in the same month last year, marking a marginal increase of only 2.98%. However, this relatively stable VAT revenue was offset by a 6.65% growth in SGST collections and a substantial 52.16% increase in



Dotasra holds meeting with PCC officials

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee Chief **Govind Singh Dotasra** on Tuesday reached PCC office where he was welcomed by organisation general secretary Lalit Toonwal.

PCC chief met MP Bhajan Lal Jatav, MLA Ashok Chandna, newly elected MLA from Dausa DC Bairwa, former MLA Om Prakash Hudla, Jodhpur rural Congress district president Heeraram Meghwal, Dausa Congress district president Ramjilal and other party leaders and workers.

Dotasra also met Prahalad Gunjal, Indraj Gurjar, Yashveer Singh Sura and Raghendra Mirdha. He also discussed the organisation's activities with the party leaders and workers.

Dotasra also held a meeting of party officials.



LONG LASTING ORANGES FROM ARUNACHAL

Pasighat-based College of Horticulture & Forestry conducts research on oranges

Mahesh Sharma
Pasighat

The College of Horticulture and Forestry, located in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, has developed a new variety of oranges through research. Professors at the college claim that this new variety can remain fresh for up to 23 days, compared to other varieties that spoil within 8-10 days.

Currently, this variety has been designed specifically for hilly states, where its trials have been successful. Efforts are



Dr. B. N. Hazarika, Dean



College of Horticulture & Forestry

now underway to make this innovation accessible to the farming community. The college's dean, B.N. Hazarika, explained that the new variety is based on two techniques, yielding significant results. After its introduction in hilly regions, the variety will be extended

to other states. This variety differs slightly from Nagpuri oranges and offers higher productivity.

Additionally, the college has developed a new variety of tomatoes. The unique feature of this variety is that farmers will not need to plant it repeatedly. Once planted, the

plant, which grows to a height of 4-5 feet, will produce tomatoes every year, much like a lemon tree. This advancement is expected to greatly benefit farmers, increasing their income substantially.

The College of Horticulture and Forestry in Pasighat was established in 2001 as a constituent college of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur. The university's jurisdiction spans six northeastern hill states: Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura, with its headquarters in Imphal, Manipur.

Dabi honoured for Outstanding Work in Welfare of Persons with Disabilities

First India Bureau
Barmer

On the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Barmer District Collector Tina Dabi was honoured for exemplary work in the welfare and service of persons with disabilities. The innovative Samvith Prayas, Sashakt Samaj campaign under the Navo Barmer initiative in Barmer received commendation during the event.

At the state-level ceremony held in the Bhagwant Singh Auditorium in Jaipur, the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Avinash Gehlot, along with Commissioner and Prin-



icipal Secretary H. Guite, presented a memento and certificate of appreciation to District Collector Tina Dabi. They also praised the disability welfare initiatives under Navo Barmer and encouraged other districts to implement similar campaigns.

Individuals and organisations working for the welfare of persons with disabilities were honoured across various categories with a cash prize of ₹10,000, certificates, and awards.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY
Inch by inch, step by step, thought by thought - keep on moving towards a better tomorrow for yourself and your loved ones.
Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit

CM to unveil 9 new investment friendly policies at CMO today

- CM will unveil policies related to MSME, export, ODOP, handicrafts, tourism, clean energy, AVGC and mineral sector
- Industrialists and stakeholders from various sectors will be present

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Ahead of the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit, the state government will launch nine investment-friendly policies to foster an investor-friendly environment. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will unveil these policies on Wednesday at the Chief Minister's Office in the presence of industrialists and stakeholders.

Approved during a recent cabinet meeting, these policies aim to accelerate the state's development, boost economic progress, create employment, and



KHIMSAR VISITS CM'S MOTHER AT SMS HOSPITAL

Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar visited SMS Hospital on Tuesday to meet Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's mother, Gomti Devi, who is currently undergoing treatment in the ICU.

ensure social prosperity. The Rajasthan MSME Policy-2024 offers subsidies and technical support

to boost local industries. The Export Promotion Policy aids exporters with documentation and

global participation. The One District-One Product Policy promotes district crafts, while the

CM'S 6TH RESOLVE: DISABLED CHILDREN'S TALENT TO SHINE

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma announced his 6th resolution, ensuring the talent of disabled children will be showcased at Rising Rajasthan Summit. Their skills will be a key highlight, with Sharma emphasising that with proper opportunities, they can achieve success and inspire others. He cited Paralympic medalists Avni Lekhara, Mona Agarwal, and Sundar Gurjar as examples of the state's commitment to empowering disabled youth.

Tourism Unit Policy-2024 defines 24 units, driving investment and jobs.

The Integrated Clean Energy Policy supports solar, wind, and waste-to-energy. The Mineral Policy aims for 1 cr jobs and Rs 1 lakh cr revenue by 2047. M-Sand and Cluster Development benefit small industries.

MLAs must uphold Assembly traditions & decorum: Devnani

Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

Seven newly elected legislators, who triumphed in the recent Rajasthan Assembly by-elections, were sworn in on Tuesday. The oath of office was administered by Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani, who congratulated the MLAs and urged them to uphold the esteemed traditions, dignity, and decorum of the House.

After the oath, Khimsar MLA Revant Ram Daga raised the slogan "Jai Veer Tejaji," while BAP MLA from Chorasri, Anil Kataria, reiterated his demand for a separate Bhil Pradesh. Dausa MLA DC Bairwa credited his victory to the support of all communities and Sachin Pilot's leadership.

The newly elected MLAs include Shanta Amritlal Meena from Salumber, Sukhawant Singh from Ramgarh, Rajendra Bhambu from Jhunjhunu, Anil Kumar Kataria from Chaurasi, Revant Ram Daga from Khimsar,



Vasudev Devnani administers the oath of office to newly elected MLA, Shanta Amritlal Meena in his chamber in State Assembly.

SACHIN PILOT IS MY HERO, SAYS DD BAIRWA

After taking oath as Dausa MLA, Deendayal Bairwa expressed his gratitude, saying, "Sachin Pilot is my hero. It was because of him that I got the victory." Outside the Assembly, slogans were raised in support of DD Bairwa, showing strong backing from his supporters.

Rajendra Gurjar from Doli-Uniara, and Deendayal Bairwa from Dausa.

Khimsar MLA Revant Ram Daga, who gained attention after defeating Hanuman Beniwal's wife, arrived at the Assembly on a tractor with a large group of supporters. Daga celebrated his

victory by raising slogans honouring Veer Tejaji.

In Jhunjhunu, BJP MLA Rajendra Bhambu declared the collapse of Congress's dynasty politics in Shekhawati. The event was a celebratory moment for the victorious legislators and their supporters.

Empowering Youth



Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari interacts with a young student during a programme held to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Disha School in Jaipur on Tuesday.

Birla reviews Kota, Dakaniya station progress

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, alongside Railways Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu, reviewed the redevelopment of Kota and Dakaniya railway stations. The Kota station will be completed by December 2025 and Dakaniya by June 2025.

Birla directed timely completion, with added facilities like a rest house

KOTA: EVENTS TO CELEBRATE BIRLA'S B'DAY TODAY

Preparations are underway to celebrate the birthday of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in his hometown, Kota, with great enthusiasm on Wednesday. Blood donation camps will be organised at 18 locations of the city today as a tribute to his position as the 18th Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. Om Birla's wife, Amita Birla, will be present at these camps to motivate and encourage the blood donors.

and feeding centres. Kota's upgrade is 50% complete, Dakaniya's is 66%. Special trains to Prayagraj, Ayodhya, and extra services to Delhi and

Mumbai were discussed. Following the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's instructions, the Sogaria-Delhi train service will be reinstated.



Om Birla reviews progress of Kota & Dakaniya Railway Stns in a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. RS Bittu, Rakesh Chaudhary, Gaurav Goyal and others were present.

COURTESY MEETING



Education and Panchayati Raj Minister Madan Dilawar called on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla & Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday. He also met with Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal & Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Dilawar briefed Birla & Ministers about education-related schemes in state. Dilawar also attended 1st meeting of Jal Shakti Ministry's 14-member Water Resources Committee.



CS Pant reviews preps for PM's Dec 9 visit to Jaipur

Dr Rituraj Sharma
Jaipur

CS Sudhansh Pant held a review meeting at Secretariat to discuss arrangements for PM Modi's upcoming visit to Jaipur on December 9. The meeting focused on the Rising Rajasthan Investment

Summit, including protocol, parking, and traffic management. Pant instructed officials to complete all tasks on time & emphasised the importance of a smooth welcome for PM Modi. Pant ensured rational urea distribution, coordinating with the Centre on supply issues.



TRIBAL GRANDEUR

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat being felicitated with a traditional Tsungkotepu Shawl during the Hornbill Festival at Kohima, Nagaland.

Just attended the vibrant Hornbill Festival alongwith Nagaland's vivacious Tourism Minister Shri @AlongImna. With all rustic tribal warmth & traditional grandeur, it was a truly unforgettable experience.

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat @gssjodhpur

ADMINISTRATIVE STANDSTILL

Eight-months & on, RAS officers wait anxiously for long due promotions

Rajendra Chhabra
Jaipur

For the first time in the State's administrative history, promotions in the RAS cadre, which were scheduled for April, have not taken place, despite an eight-month-long wait. 165 RAS officers are now left anxious and uncertain, awaiting their promotions.

The delay is being attributed entirely to the Department of Personnel (DoP) and as a result, there is growing dissatisfaction across

the entire RAS cadre. Importantly, Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant has consistently emphasised in the Committee of Secretaries' meetings over the past two months that DPC meetings across all departments should be held promptly to ensure timely promotions.

However, a major concern is that the DoP, responsible for organising DPC meetings across all government departments, has failed to conduct the DPC for its department.

It has been said that the promotion of 60 RAS of-



icers from Junior Scale to the Senior Scale, 45 officers from Senior to the Selection Scale and 35 officers from Selection Scale to Super Time Scale should have been done on 1st April 2024. Apart from this, the promotion of 25 Senior RAS

QUESTIONS ARISING ON RAS ASSOCIATION

The unexpected delay in promotions has started to create disillusionment among RAS officers with their recently elected association president, Mahavir Khatri. Some believe that the promotions have been stalled due to internal conflicts among RAS officers. The RAS Association could have played a significant role in resolving these disputes, but it is not effectively fulfilling its role.

officers from Super Time Scale to Higher Super Time Scale is also due on 1st April 2024. For the first time, the promotion process, typically completed by June, has been delayed by six months. Additionally, promotions from Tehsildar service to

RAS have been stalled. A senior RAS officer stated that due to promotion delay, each officer is suffering an average financial loss of Rs 10,000. DoP sources cite the lack of DPC meeting dates from RPSC as a reason for the delay, though RAS

officers find this explanation unconvincing. Hemant K Gera (1997 batch IAS) had previously managed DoP and ensured timely DPCs, but after his transfer in September 2024, the incomplete task was handed over to new DoP Secy, KK Pathak (2001 batch IAS). Pathak hasn't completed the task in 4 months. The second responsibility lies with A-1 branch JS, Kanishk Kataria (2019 batch IAS), who has held the role since January 2024. It remains to be seen how long the team manages this.

AVICHAL CHATURVEDI'S IAS PROMOTION DELAYED OVER ACR FORMALITIES

Promotions in the All India Services (IAS, IPS, & IFS) are typically implemented from Jan 1, & this year, all necessary procedures were completed. However, the promotion of IAS officer Avichal Chaturvedi, from the 2012 batch, has been halted. While promotions for the other 7 young IAS officers from the same batch are proceeding to the Selection Scale, Avichal's promotion is delayed. According to DoP



sources, Avichal's failure to complete required formalities for past three years' ACRs led to selection committee, headed by CS, not considering his name for promotion. He is currently serving as Project Director at SMSA.



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NAVY DAY SPECIAL!

Navy Day is not just about saluting the valour of our maritime forces; it is also a time to reflect on how their stories inspire generations.

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Kavin Rao, crowned Miss Teen Grand India 2024, dazzles with creativity and unshakable determination. City First highlights her inspiring journey, bold aspirations to redefine fashion and her mission to empower others through passion.

Trailblazing Beauty



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Kavin Rao, a 19-year-old from Alwar, Rajasthan, and raised in Gurugram, is a dynamic force in the world of fashion and pageantry. Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, Kavin's journey is as inspiring as it is unique. From a young age, she has been deeply influenced by fashion, seeing it as a powerful platform to express her individuality and showcase her authentic self. Along with her passion for modelling, Kavin enjoys basketball, dancing and travelling, activities that fuel her creativity and keep her grounded.

Growing up in a supportive family of four, Kavin attributes much of her success to the unwavering encouragement of her mother, father, and elder brother. "My family is my greatest strength," she says. "My mother has been my pillar of support, while my father and brother have always inspired me to chase my dreams."

Despite facing challenges, including misconceptions about the pageantry and modelling industry, Kavin remains determined. "People often don't understand the dedication and passion it takes. But these challenges have only made me more resolute in my love for what I do," she shares. Her journey has been marked by notable achievements, including winning prestigious dance competitions and representing her school in basketball. Yet, the highlight of her career so far has been winning the national title of Miss Teen Grand India, a moment she describes as "a dream come true."

Kavin also credits her success to the support and guidance of Nikhil Anand, the National Director of Miss Universe India and the owner of Glamanand Group, who has played an essential role in her journey. She will soon represent India at Miss Teen Grand International.

Looking ahead, Kavin has big dreams for the future. "In the next five years, I aim to make a significant impact in the pageant industry, inspire others, and complete my master's degree from a top university. I also want to launch my own sustainable fashion brand," she says, with a clear vision of blending style with responsibility.

Kavin Rao embodies the perfect blend of elegance and ambition. With a passion for fashion, a heart full of purpose and an unwavering commitment to her dreams, she is poised to redefine beauty standards and inspire generations with her grace and vision.



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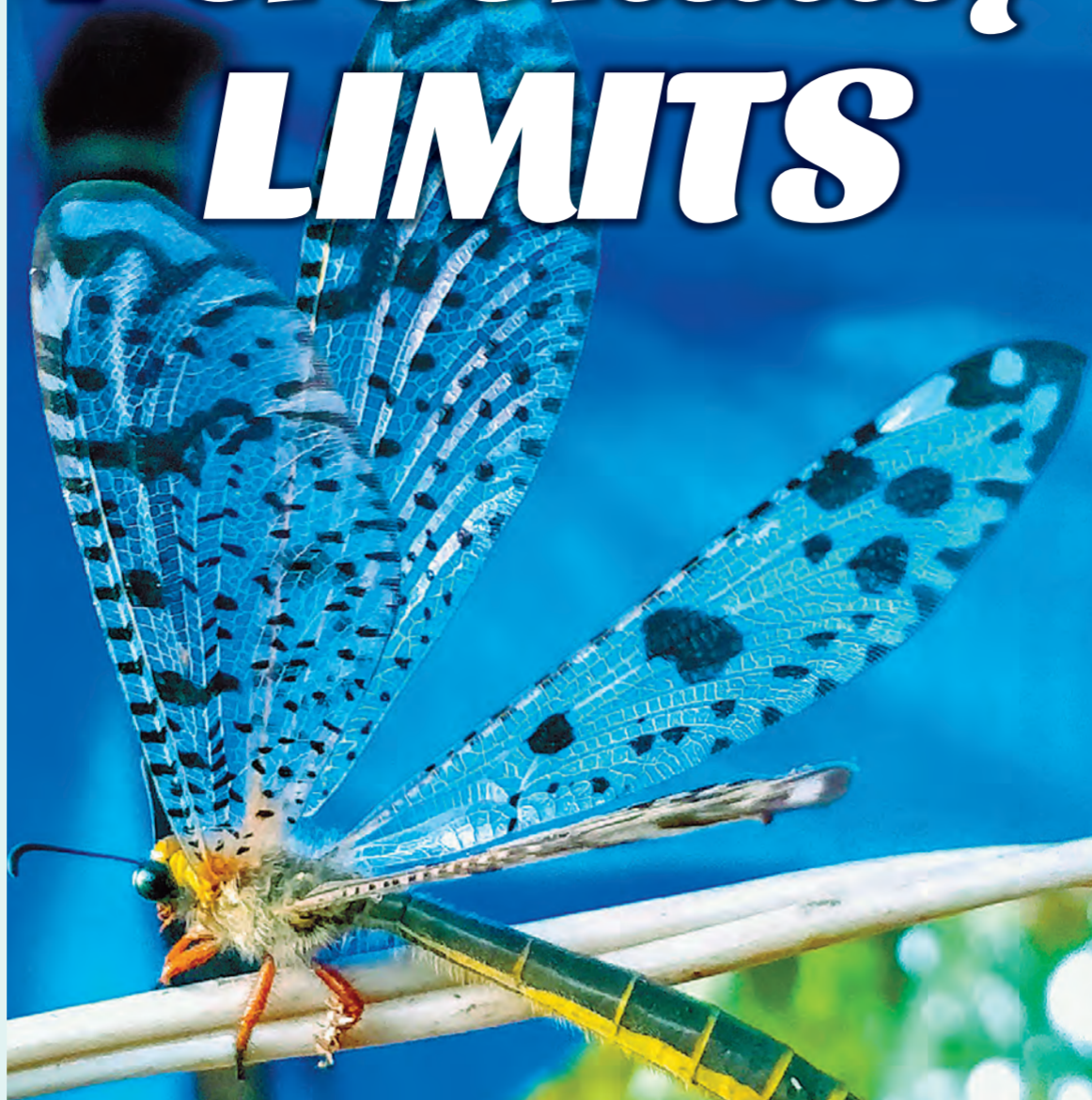




Shannon Sauer-Zavala

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BREAK Personality LIMITS



Have you ever taken a personality test? If you're like me, you've consulted BuzzFeed and you know exactly which Taylor Swift song "perfectly matches your vibe."

It might be obvious that internet quizzes are not scientific, but many of the seemingly serious personality tests used to guide educational and career choices are also not supported by research. Despite being a billion-dollar industry, commercial personality testing used by schools and corporations to funnel people into their ideal roles does not predict career success.

Beyond their lack of scientific support, the most popular approaches to understanding personality are problematic because they assume your traits are static – that is, you're stuck with the personality you're born with. However, modern personality science studies find that traits can and do change over time.

In addition to watching my own personality change over time from messy and lazy to off the charts in conscientiousness, I'm also a personality change researcher and clinical psychologist. My research confirms what I saw in my own development and in my patients: People can intentionally shape the traits they need to be successful in the lives they want. That's contrary to the popular belief that your personality type places you in a box, dictating that you choose partners, activities and careers according to your traits.

WHAT PERSONALITY IS NOT: People often feel protective about their personality – you may view it as the core of who you are. According to scientific definitions, however, personality is not your likes, dislikes or preferences. It's not your sense of humour. It's not your values or what you think is important in life. In other words, shifting your Big Five traits does not change the core of who you are. It simply means learning to respond to situations in life with different thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR PERSONALITY?: Can personality change? Remember, personality is a person's characteristic way of thinking, feeling and behaving. And while it might sound hard to change personality,

WHAT PERSONALITY IS AND ISN'T

- According to psychologists, personality is your characteristic way of thinking, feeling and behaving.
- Are you a person who tends to think about situations in your life more pessimistically, or are you a glass-half-full kind of person?
- Do you tend to get angry when someone cuts you off in traffic, or are you more likely to give them the benefit of the doubt – maybe they're rushing to the hospital?
- Do you wait until the last min-

ute to complete tasks, or do you plan ahead?

- You can think of personality as a collection of labels that summarize your responses to questions like these. Depending on your answers, you might be labelled as optimistic, empathetic or dependable.
- Research suggests that all these descriptive labels can be summarized into five overarching traits – what psychologists creatively refer to as the "Big Five."

people change how they think, feel and behave all the time.

Suppose you're not super dependable. If you start to think "Being on time shows others that I respect them," begin to feel pride when you arrive at brunch before your friends and engage in new behaviours that increase your timeliness – such as getting up with an alarm, setting appointment reminders and so on – you are embodying the characteristics of a reliable person. If you maintain these changes to your thinking, emotions and behaviours over time – voila! – you are reliable. Personality: changed.

Data confirms this idea. In general, personality changes

across a person's life span. As people age, they tend to experience fewer negative emotions and more positive ones, are more conscientious, place greater emphasis on positive relationships and are less judgmental of others.

There is variability here, though. Some people change a lot and some people hold pretty steady. Moreover, studies, including my own, that test whether personality interventions change traits over time find that people can speed up the process of personality change by making intentional tweaks to their thinking and behaviour. These tweaks can lead to meaningful change in less than 20 weeks, instead of 20 years.

CULTIVATING PERSONALITY TRAITS THAT SERVE YOU BEST:

The good news is that these cognitive-behavioral techniques are relatively simple, and you don't need to visit a therapist if that's not something you're into.

The first component involves changing your thinking patterns – this is the cognitive piece. You need to become aware of your thoughts to determine whether they're keeping you stuck acting in line with a particular trait. For example, if you find yourself thinking "People are only looking out for themselves," you are likely to act defensively around others.

The behavioural component involves becoming aware of your current action tendencies and testing out new responses. If you are defensive around other people, they will probably respond negatively to you. When they withdraw or snap at you, for example, it then confirms your belief that you can't trust others. By contrast, if you try behaving more openly – perhaps sharing with a co-worker that you're struggling with a task – you have the opportunity to see whether that changes the way others act toward you.

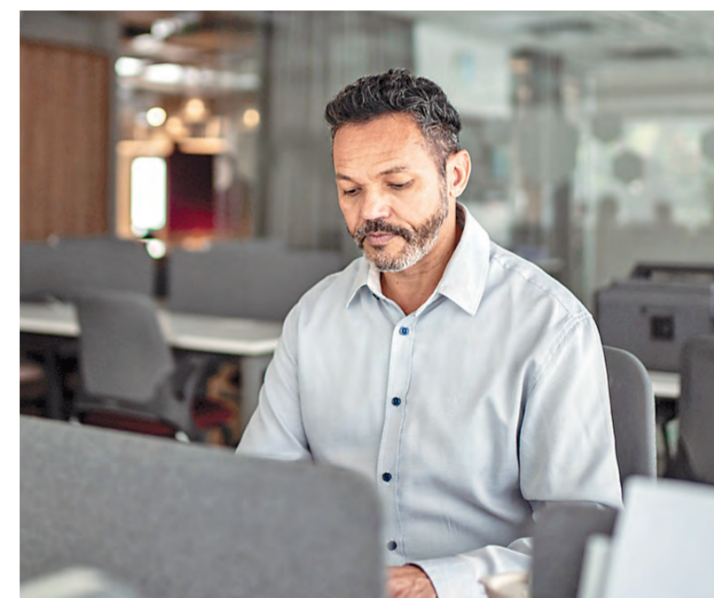
These cognitive-behavioural strategies are so effective for nudging personality because personality is simply your characteristic way of thinking and behaving. Consistently making changes to your perspective and actions can lead to lasting habits that ultimately result in crafting the personality you desire.



TRAITS OF NATURE!



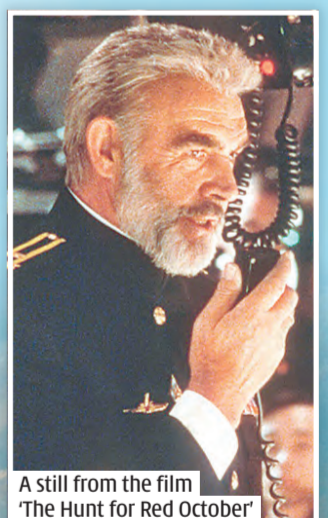
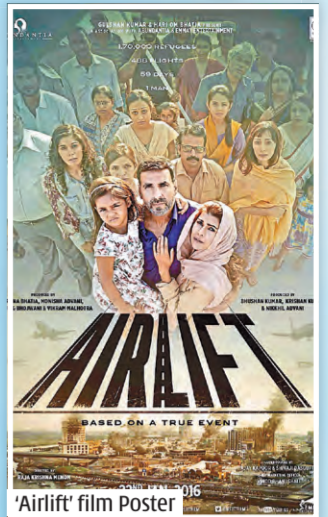
As early as the 1930s, psychologists literally combed through a dictionary to pull out all the words that describe human nature and sorted them into categories with similar themes. For example, they grouped words like "kind," "thoughtful" and "friendly" together. They found that thousands of words could be accounted for by sorting them between five traits: neuroticism, extraversion, conscientiousness, agreeableness and openness.



A NAVY DAY TRIBUTE

How Cinema Celebrated the Sea Warriors

Navy Day 2024 is not only a day to salute the unwavering courage and dedication of our maritime forces but also a moment to reflect on the powerful stories of valour that continue to inspire generations. City First brings you some Cinema dynamic Navy movies that show the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience of sea warriors.



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Navy Day is not just about saluting the valour of our maritime forces; it is also a time to reflect on how their stories inspire generations. Cinema, as a mirror to society, has played a significant role in celebrating the bravery, sacrifices and resilience of sea warriors. With gripping narratives and awe-inspiring visuals, filmmakers have immortalized the spirit of those who guard the seas.

BOLLYWOOD'S SALUTE TO THE NAVY
Indian cinema has often highlighted the silent but

critical contributions of the Indian Navy. One of the most notable films in recent years is The Ghazi Attack (2017), India's first underwater war film. Directed by Sankalp Reddy, the movie is based on the mysterious sinking of Pakistan's submarine PNS Ghazi during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. With power-packed performances by Kay Kay Menon, Rana Daggubati and Atul Kulkarni, the film delves into the challenges faced by naval officers

during covert operations. Its gripping storytelling and authentic portrayal of submarine warfare brought the unseen world of the Indian Navy to mainstream attention.

Another remarkable tribute is Rustom (2016), inspired by the infamous KM Nanavati case, which involved a naval officer. Akshay Kumar's portrayal of Commander Rustom Pavri highlights the dignity and discipline of a naval officer entangled in a personal and legal battle. While the film is a courtroom drama, it subtly emphasizes the unwavering code of honour the Navy upholds.

Additionally, Airlift (2016), though centred on evacuation efforts during the Gulf War, subtly showcases the Indian Navy's role in the largest civilian evacuation in history. The movie underscores how the Navy, beyond its defence responsibilities, plays a pivotal role in humanitarian missions.

HOLLYWOOD'S MARITIME MASTERPIECES

Hollywood, too, has celebrated the heroism of naval forces through cinematic brilliance. The Hunt for Red October (1990), directed by John McTiernan, is a Cold War classic that revolves around a Soviet submarine captain's defection to the United States. Starring Sean Connery and Alec Baldwin, the film masterfully depicts the strategic depth and high stakes of naval operations, blending suspense with action.

Another masterpiece is Captain Phillips (2013), based on the true story of the Maersk Alabama hijacking by Somali pirates. Starring Tom Hanks, the film not only highlights the harrowing experiences of the ship's crew but also showcases the critical intervention of the U.S. Navy SEALs. It underscores the Navy's role in countering modern maritime threats, resonating deeply with global audiences.

THE BROADER CANVAS: CELEBRATING MARITIME HEROES

Indian filmmakers have also explored the Navy's softer side, portraying its involvement in nation-building and documentaries such as Sea Power: A Story of the Indian Navy offer a glimpse into the multifaceted roles played by the Navy, from disaster relief to diplomatic missions.

On the other hand, Hollywood's Dunkirk (2017), though primarily focused on the evacuation of Allied forces, includes naval sequences that highlight the coordination and bravery required in large-scale maritime operations. These stories remind us that the Navy's contributions extend far beyond warfare, encompassing a commitment to humanity and global stability.

WHY CINEMA MATTERS IN HONOURING THE NAVY

Cinema has the power to reach audiences worldwide, offering a platform to honour unsung heroes. Through visually compelling narratives and emotionally charged storytelling, these films ensure that the sacrifices and achievements of sea warriors are neither forgotten nor underestimated.

As we celebrate Navy Day 2024, these cinematic tributes remind us of the courage and dedication of the men and women who safeguard our seas. Whether through Bollywood's heartfelt portrayals or Hollywood's edge-of-the-seat thrillers, the valour of sea warriors continues to inspire generations.

In a world where the oceans connect us, the stories of those who protect them remind us of the indomitable human spirit. Let us salute our sea warriors, both real and reel, for their unwavering commitment to duty and excellence.



MEET & GREET!



Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, was warmly greeted by Dr Devendra Pathak, National Business Head of Bharat 24: Vision of New India, during a courtesy visit on Tuesday in Jaipur. During the meeting, they discussed various topics of mutual interest. In addition to exchanging greetings, Dr Pathak extended his congratulations to Minister Kharra in advance, expressing confidence in the anticipated success of the upcoming mega event, Rising Rajasthan.

Dr Rashmi Parashar, who recently completed her BDS in 2024, has always had a passion for dance. In 2019, she discovered Zumba and started taking classes as a participant. From her very first session, she experienced immense joy and Zumba became a therapeutic outlet for her. Driven by her love for the fitness dance form, Dr Parashar obtained her certification as a licensed Zumba instructor recently, under the mentorship of ZES Gautam Sharma. She now seeks to raise awareness about Zumba's benefits, including stress relief, physical fitness and enhanced cardiovascular health.



A vibrant display of cultural dance by talented students

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The sixth edition of the Jaipur History Festival commenced with great enthusiasm at the City Palace, Jaipur, focusing on the theme of Financial Literacy and Folk Art on Tuesday. The festival began with a mesmerizing devotional music performance by 2,300 students from SR International School, presenting bhajans like "Hey Ram!" and "Shri Krishna Govind Hare Murari," which provided a spiritual experience for the audience.

Following the musical performance, The Palace School staged a thought-provoking song on financial literacy, while a street play, "Digital Dhamaal —



Students mesmerized the audience with their captivating tabla performance



During the event

impressed attendees with a live tabla performance on Shiv Taandav, followed by a Kathak dance. SRN School presented a dance drama combining the stories of Munshi Premchand with a focus on financial literacy.

St Anselm's School performed a dance drama on women's empowerment, emphasizing the role of financial literacy. Exhibits, such as installations on financial schemes and folk art paintings,

were displayed by schools like Malviya Convent and Tagore Public School. Workshops on traditional crafts, including gemstone carving and tie-dye, added to the festival's charm.

The festival, which continues through December 6, will feature performances and workshops, with participation from schools across India. Special guests included principals and educators from renowned institutions.

Style Spectacle

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Mystique Fashion Week 2024, organised by Mystique Entertainments, wrapped up at Sanskar Studio in Noida Film City, showcasing creativity and innovation in the fashion world recently. The event was made possible through partnerships with sponsors such as Grey Goose, Shreeji Foundation, Blu Premium Bharat24; Vision of New India and First India News as media partners.

The week began with a grand opening walk by Dr Shruti Satyendra, the Brand Ambassador of Mystique Entertainments, who dazzled in a handcrafted ensemble by The MOM (Mirror_of_Magazine). Dr Shruti, a celebrated figure in the fashion industry, has been an inspiration since her pageant success in 2021.

Curated by Founder Neeraj Popli and Show

Director Kapil Gauhri, the event featured remarkable collections by designers such as Abhishek Vashisht and Salil Kapoor. The grand finale, with innovative themes by Sanjay Mittal, celebrated the fusion of tradition and modernity, leaving a lasting impact on the fashion community.



Dr Shruti Satyendra



(L-R) Neeraj Popli, Dr Shruti Satyendra, Sanjay Mittal, Actor Abeer Singh & Rinki Rajput

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Vedansh, coached by Jitendra Sharma, won the gold medal in the Under-10 category at the SFA Swimming Championships 2024 held at the SMS International Pool recently. His exceptional performance during the event earned him top honours, marking a significant milestone in his swimming career.



Chandra Prakash Barala, a Research Scholar from the Department of Electrical Engineering at MNIT Jaipur, recently represented India at the 9th BRICS Young Scientist Forum in Sochi, Russia. Under the supervision of Prof Rohit Bhakar and Dr Parul Mathuria, he contributed to the "Environmental and Climate Technologies" thematic area. Barala was one of only twelve Indian scientists selected for this prestigious event, aimed at promoting collaboration, innovation and knowledge exchange among young scientists from BRICS nations.



On the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), a vibrant cultural program was held at Rangayan, Jawahar Kala Kendra, organised by the Indian Divyang Empowerment Association on Tuesday. Artists from across the country participated, with performances including a one-legged dance and a Geetmala presentation. 20 special individuals were honoured for their contributions in various fields. Senior journalist Kunj Bihari Sharma was awarded the Bharti Divyang Sangh Ratna, while 10 Divyang individuals received the Divyang Gaurav Samman for their exceptional work. Additionally, the Indian Divyang Sangh National President, Govind Narayan Bhargava, announced the launch of Divyang Kitchens across the country, starting in Jaipur, to provide free meals to disabled individuals. Officials, including Samiksha Jain and several others, attended the event, celebrating the achievements of the Divyang community.



The All India Inter University Basketball (Men) Tournament 2024-25 was inaugurated at Manipal University Jaipur, with 16 teams from across the country participating on Tuesday. The tournament, organised by the university, aims to promote youth sports skills and elevate enthusiasm. Professor NN Sharma, President of the university, wished the players well and emphasised the role of sports in fostering discipline, enthusiasm, and confidence. University Registrar Dr Nitu Bhatnagar assured players of full support, while Sports Director Dr Rina Poonia and her team ensured smooth organisation. The tournament will feature league matches on December 2-3 and knockout matches on December 4-5.



Team India-Senior clinched the title in the thrilling final of the Physically Disabled Challengers Trophy 2024, defeating Team India-A at Jaipuria Cricket Academy on Tuesday. The tournament, organised by the Rajasthan Disabled Cricket Association (RDCA), saw India-Senior chase down a target of 180, winning by 4 wickets with a score of 181/6. Vikas Yadav was the match's star and was awarded Player of the Match. Vikas also received the Player of the Tournament award, alongside other honours for Rajesh Kannur, Shanmugam and Yogendra Bhadoria. The team will represent India in the Four Nations Quadrilateral Series in Sri Lanka in January 2025.

VITAL DONATIONS!



Preeti Saxena, MLA Dr Shikha Meel Barala, Cabinet Minister Avinash Gehlot & Dr Poonam Saini

A voluntary blood donation camp was organised on World Disabled Day and the birthday of anchor Preeti Saxena, benefiting 132 children suffering from Thalassemia Major on Tuesday. The camp was inaugurated by Cabinet Minister Avinash Gehlot, who praised Preeti for organising the camp, emphasising its life-saving impact. Minister Gehlot, also urged the youth to continue such initiatives, with a blood donation camp planned for December 15 in Sangarner. Chomu MLA Dr Shikha Mill Barala highlighted the camp's goal of raising awareness for Thalassemia patients. Civil Line MLA & former MP Ramcharan Bohra and BJP Adarsh Nagar candidate MLA Ravi Kumar Nayyar honoured blood donors with certificates. RAS Pankaj Ojha, former Mayor Jyoti Khandelwal, and BS Rawat also encouraged participants, stressing the importance of timely blood donations in saving lives.

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Convergence 2024, the highly anticipated Area C1, C2 and C3 Conference, recently wrapped up successfully, celebrating the essence of communication, leadership and personal growth. The event hosted by the JECRC Foundation, brought together passionate Toastmasters for a day filled with inspiring contests, insightful learning sessions and thought-provoking discussions. Meticulously organised by Division C District Officers Ajay, Jitendra, Medha, Sonia and Lakshi, the conference was a true reflection of teamwork and excellence. The event concluded on a high note, leaving attendees with renewed energy and motivation to pursue greater heights in their Toastmasters journey.