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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY



International Civil Aviation Day is observed every year on December 7 to acknowledge the role of aviation in promoting global connectivity leading to economic growth. The year 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation in Chicago.

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BSE 81,709.12
NIFTY 24,677.80
56.74 30.60

FORECAST

Max **26°C**
Min 8°C
Humidity 47%
Sunny, pleasant & nice weather across the State

IN BRIEF

Hashimpura massacre in UP: 10 convicts get bail from Apex Court
New Delhi: The Supreme Court bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih on Friday granted bail to eight convicts in the infamous 1987 Hashimpura massacre case (in UP) of 38 persons by the personnel of the Provincial Armed Constabulary.

MP: Class 12 student shoots Principal dead after being scolded
Chhatrapur: A Class 12 student allegedly shot dead the principal of his school in MP's Chhatrapur district on Friday after being scolded. 17-year-old boy fled on the principal's scooter after the incident that took place around but was nabbed within a few hours.



Amidst strained ties, Foreign Secy to visit B'desh on December 9
New Delhi: Amid the strain in ties between the two countries, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal announced on Friday that Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will be visiting Bangladesh on December 9 for "consultations". The visit comes days after New Delhi urged Dhaka to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and other minorities there following reports of violence against them.

26 killed in 5 road accidents across Uttar Pradesh in a day
Lucknow: At least 26 people lost their lives in five road accidents across Uttar Pradesh — Pilibhit, Chitrakoot, Kannauj, Lucknow and Mahoba — on Friday morning, police said. UP CM Yogi Adityanath expressed condolences over deaths, directed for treatment of injured.

NEET PG 2025 exam date likely on June 15, announces NMC
New Delhi: NMC's PGMEB announced the tentative date for the NEET PG 2025 exam. In the notice addressed to all the Deans and Principals, Registrars of health and medical universities, the board said that the tentative date of the NEET PG 2025 exam is June 15, 2025.

PM Modi inaugurates first 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' at Bharat Mandapam

Celebrating the rich vibrance of NE!

We are connecting Northeast with the trinity of Emotion, Economy and Ecology: PM Modi

First India Bureau
New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi on Friday, marking the beginning of a 3-day celebration dedicated to showcasing the rich culture and economic potential of Northeast India. The festival, being celebrated for first time, focuses on the region's textile industry, traditional craftsmanship, tourism, and unique GI tagged products. PM Modi emphasised that NE, with its vibrant culture and dynamic people, has immense potential to drive India's growth. He highlighted importance of preserving and promoting the region's cultural heritage, while also unlocking vast economic opportunities. Modi also visited exhibition where he interacted with artisans, which he described as a reflection of diverse and rich traditions.



PM Narendra Modi being felicitated by kids from NE states during the inauguration of 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' at Delhi's Bharat Mandapam on Friday. Also seen are Jyotiraditya Scindia & Sukanta Majumdar.

Northeast is the 'Ashtalakshmi' of India. The 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' is celebration of NE's brighter future. It is festival of a new dawn of devp, propelling mission of a 'Viksit Bharat'.
NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER



Remembering BR Ambedkar



VP Jagdeep Dhankhar, LS Speaker Om Birla, PM Narendra Modi, Ram Nath Kovind, Kiren Rijju, Mallikarjun Kharge, Ramdas Athawale, Harivansh Narayan Singh, Arjun Ram Meghwal and other dignitaries during a ceremony to pay tribute to BR Ambedkar on his 68th death anniversary at Prerna Sthal on the Parliament House premises on Friday.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge share a lighter moment as LS Speaker Om Birla and former Prez Ram Nath Kovind look on.

Wad of notes 'recovered from Singhvi's seat': VP Dhankhar

Bundle of ₹500 found under MP Abishek Manu Singhvi's seat stirs row in Rajya Sabha

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Chaos erupted in the Rajya Sabha after Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar announced in the House on Friday that a wad of currency notes was "recovered from seat 222, presently allotted to Abhishek Manu Singhvi," at the closing of Rajya Sabha on Thursday. According to the VP, Dhankhar, what appeared to be a wad of ₹500 notes was found during the routine "anti-sabotage"



RS Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar conducts proceedings in the House during the Winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Friday.

security check in House. On a lighter note, the Vice President said that, "And no one should oppose this because this House should send a signal. We are increasingly getting into formal economy. Does it reflect on the state of the economy, Honourable Finance Minister, that people can afford to forget (money)?" Dhankhar also said he cannot determine if it is fake currency or not and an investigation will reveal the same.

HIGH-LEVEL PROBE ORDERED INTO RS CASH ROW, SAYS VP

RS Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar stated that the matter was brought to his attention, and he deemed it necessary to ensure a high-level investigation in line with legal procedures, which is currently underway. CCTV footage is being scanned. Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Telangana, expressed surprise, saying he had never heard of issue before. He mentioned carrying a ₹500 note to the RS and, after entering at 12:57 pm and the House rising at 1 pm, he stayed in canteen until 1:30 pm before leaving Sansad.



6 farmers injured as cops fire tear gas at protesting farmers

Farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' march suspended on Friday for one day

First India Bureau
New Delhi

After a clash with the Haryana police forces at the Haryana-Punjab Shambhu border, protestors called off the march to Delhi for the day noting multiple farmers had been injured by teargas shells and water cannon. "We have called off 'Jatha' and not the march (to Delhi). Six farmers have been injured," Sarwan Singh Pandher told after a meeting was held to assess the situation. A 'jatha' of 101 farmers on Friday began its foot march to Delhi from their protest site at the Shambhu border but was stopped



Tear gas being used by security personnel to disperse protesting farmers at Shambhu border in Patiala district, Punjab on Friday.

GOVT WILL PURCHASE FARM PRODUCE AT MSP, THIS IS OUR GUARANTEE, SAYS SHIVRAJ SINGH

Amid ongoing farmers protest at Haryana-Punjab border, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday made a big announcement and told RS that Modi-led govt will ensure that all farm produce is purchased at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). "This is Modi govt's guarantee," he said.



a few metres away by erected by Haryana security personnel.

CM SHARMA CHAIRS MARATHON MEETS FOR 'RISING RAJASTHAN' PREPS

CM puts best foot forward for successful summit!

PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate 'Rising Rajasthan' on December 9

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's task is to make Rising Rajasthan 2024 a Grand Success and should live up to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's expectations and contribute significantly to the vision of a Viksit Bharat. In a day filled with marathon meetings and extensive discussions, the Chief Minister reviewed multiple presentations, focusing on boosting employment and investment across the state. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma is working tirelessly, like a dedicated visionary, to ensure the grand success of Rising Rajasthan. Late into the night, he continues to seek feedback from various officials

and discuss the final stages of preparation for the event. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate



Rising Rajasthan, and the Chief Minister has assured that no effort will fall short. He said, "We will ensure everything is meticulously planned so that Rajasthan sends a positive message to the world." The Chief Minister remains deeply concerned about Rajasthan's economic growth and job creation thus engaging in continuous discussions, even late at night. He believes Rising Rajasthan will open doors to economic

prosperity and provide employment opportunities for the youth. From noon until 9:30 PM, the Chief Minister has been actively involved in reviewing preparations, ensuring every detail aligns with his vision. Under Bhajan Lal Sharma's leadership, Rising Rajasthan aims to bring the state closer to realising the promise of a developed and prosperous Rajasthan. PM Modi will visit Jaipur to attend the inauguration ceremony of Rising Rajasthan on December 9.

RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5%

First India Bureau
Mumbai

The RBI announced its fifth bi-monthly monetary policy of FY25, on Friday. The 6-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) led by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das decided by a 4 to 2 majority to keep the benchmark repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for 11th straight meeting, maintain the monetary policy stance 'Neutral' and to remain unambiguously focused on durable alignment of inflation with the target, while sup-



Shaktikanta Das delivers MPC statement in Mumbai, Friday.

porting growth. Moreover, the rate setting panel slashed the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points (bps) to 4%, starting from December 14 & December 28. The repo rate is 6.50%, unchanged since February 2023.



Guv & CM honour martyrs on Armed Forces Flag Day

The Armed Forces Flag Day honours the martyrs & men in uniform



Brigadier Virendra Singh Rathore visited the Raj Bhavan & affixed a sticker of the tricolor flag on Governor Haribhau Bagade.



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma accepted a symbolic flag from Brigadier Virendra Singh Rathore at the Chief Minister's residence.

First India Bureau Jaipur
Governor Haribhau Bagade paid tribute to the martyrs by offering floral tributes on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day (December 7), remembering those who sacrificed everything for the nation. On this occasion, Brigadier Virendra Singh Rathore, Director of the State Soldiers Welfare Department, visited the Raj Bhavan and symbolically affixed a sticker of the tricolor flag. The Governor also provided a contribution for the welfare of ex-servicemen.

He stated that Armed Forces Flag Day is a sacred opportunity to express gratitude towards the martyrs & their families. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma also extended his heartfelt greetings to all residents of the state on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. He said that Armed Forces Flag Day is a day to demonstrate solidarity with the courageous soldiers who have sacrificed everything for the nation. It is a unique opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for the soldiers who were martyred.

Honoring martyrs



Ashok Gehlot met Director of Sainik Welfare Board, Brigadier Virendra Singh Rathore on the eve of Armed Forces Flag Day. Gehlot also dedicated the flag and paid tribute to the martyred soldiers.

Sanganer elevated road to extend

First India Bureau Jaipur
The Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) is exploring the possibility of extending the Sanganer Elevated Road beyond Malpura Gate. JDA Commissioner Anandhi recently inspected the site and directed engineers to assess feasibility. The project, with a proposed budget of Rs 170 crore, spans from Sanganer Flyover to Chauradiya Petrol Pump. Engineers highlighted the need to widen the road to 100 feet, as the current width ranges from 60-80 feet, while the master plan specifies 100-120 feet.

Dr. Meena accuses CI Kavita of misconduct, calls for action

First India Bureau Jaipur
Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena addressed the media regarding the SI recruitment exam on Friday, revealing that a case has been filed against him. He said that over 40 cases have been registered against him in total. Dr. Meena also held a press conference about the detention of a young woman, explaining that the woman's grandmother suffered a shock from the incident and tragically passed away as a result. Dr. Meena accused CI Kavita Sharma of serious misconduct and called for strict action against her. He claimed he only



Dr Kirodi Lal Meena

tried to protect the innocent young woman and the elderly, demanding accountability for those defending Kavita. Dr. Meena pointed out that no action was taken during the previous gov't's tenure. A case was registered against him at Mahesh Nagar police station. Cases have been registered against him for the last 40 years and this case has also been added to the list. He also alleged that powerful individuals are trying to shield Kavita, adding that he would disclose names after consulting with his party's state president.

CM Ayushman Arogya Camps preparations reviewed

Streamline health services: Principal Secy

Vikas Sharma Jaipur
Principal Secretary of Medical and Health Gayatri Rathore said that ensuring accessible healthcare services to every village is the state government's top priority. To fulfill this vision, the Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya camps are being launched across Rajasthan to mark the first anniversary of the state government. This ambitious initiative aims



Gayatri Rathore reviewed the preparations for the Ayushman Arogya Camps during a meeting held at Health Bhawan on Friday.

to provide comprehensive healthcare and must be executed with effective coordination and commitment.

She emphasised the importance of seamless coordination among various departments to ensure timely arrangements.

FINAL LIST FOR NURSING OFFICER EXAM RELEASED

The final list of candidates for the Nursing Officer recruitment exam has been officially released. A total of 7,657 candidates have been selected, with the Rajasthan Institute of Health and Family Welfare serving as the nodal agency for the recruitment process. The list marks a significant step toward the candidates' postings, which will be communicated to them soon.

IN BRIEF

Free sanitary napkin vending machine installed at Secretariat

Jaipur: Considering women's hygiene and health, three sanitary napkin vending machines were inaugurated at the Secretariat on Friday. This facility has been made available free of charge for female employees. The inauguration was carried out by Secretary Department of Personnel KK Pathak, who cut the ribbon to mark the occasion.

Dr Rituraj Sharma



JDA seals illegal commercial building

Jaipur: The JDA has taken stringent action against an illegal commercial building in Nandpuri, Sodala, located on Plot No. F-12 in Zone-5. Deputy Inspector General of Police Kailash Chandra Vishnoi said that a notice under Sections 32 and 33 of the JDA Act had been issued to the builder for the unauthorized construction of the ground floor and three storeys for commercial purposes.

Mystery bird with remote device captured by villagers

Barmer: The arrival of a foreign bird with an electronic remote and tag has become a topic of curiosity among the locals. Villagers captured the bird and informed the police and the forest department. Upon receiving the information, the forest department team set out to investigate the situation.

State to grade cow shelters on 100-pt system

Vinod Singh Chouhan Jaipur

State-funded cow shelters will now be evaluated based on a "mark sheet" system, an initiative introduced by Dr. Samit Sharma, Secretary of the Gopalan Dept. Over 3,000 cow shelters across the state will undergo assessment based on a 100-point grading system.

Under the new system, animal shelters scoring below 60 points will be classified as "failed," while those achieving scores above 90 points will receive special recognition. High-performing shelters will be honored at the district level and acknowledged Independence Day and Republic Day. The first set of rankings under this system is scheduled for release on 1st January 2025.

Muklawa police arrests 2 for cyber fraud in 'Operation Antivirus'



First India Bureau Anupgarh

In a major breakthrough under "Operation Antivirus," the Muklawa police have arrested two young men, Pawan Bishnoi and Mohit Bishnoi, for their involvement in a cyber fraud operation. The duo was using fake social media profiles, pretending to be young women, to initiate obscene conversations and deceive victims. They lured individuals by offering fake Indian escort services and Playboy job opportunities. Over the past six months, the accused managed more than a dozen fake profiles, defrauding people and causing losses exceeding Rs 25 lakh.

CMHO OFFICE WORKER HELD TAKING ₹10K BRIBE

Banswara: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Banswara conducted a successful trap operation at the Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) office. Harikant Sharma, a contract worker employed at the CMHO office, was caught red-handed accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000. Sharma allegedly demanded the bribe under the pretext of facilitating lab registration, using the CMHO's name to exert influence. The ACB is investigating further to ascertain the extent of his involvement and possible connections.

BHARATPUR: ₹9 LAKH THEFT IN COOP BANK

Bharatpur: In a daring heist, thieves stole Rs 9 lakh from the Cooperative Bank Limited in Bhusawar by breaking through a wall late at night. The culprits also breached the bank's safe to access the cash. Adding to their calculated moves, they removed the CCTV footage from outside the premises to erase evidence. Local authorities, including a mobile forensic team and a dog squad, rushed to the scene to investigate.

DIGITAL FRAUD GANG HELD IN ₹ 1.05 CR CASE

Sri Ganganagar: SP Gaurav Yadav has exposed a gang involved in digital arrests. The Sri Ganganagar police arrested the gang members who were responsible for this scheme. The police arrested three youth from Jaipur. They carried out a digital arrest and transferred Rs 1.05 crore into their account. The fraudulent amount was transferred through transactions from approximately 150 accounts, reaching the accused.

Train accidents drop 60% since 2014: Rathore

First India Bureau Jaipur

BJP state president and Rajya Sabha MP **Madan Rathore** said that Indian Railways is committed to the safety of passengers, and the Modi government has implemented robust measures for railway safety. From 2014 to 2024, the average number of annual train accidents dropped from 135 in 2014 to 35 by October 2024. Comparing the UPA and BJP government tenures, there were an average of 171 annual train accidents from 2004 to 2014, whereas under the Modi government, the number has reduced to 68 per year, representing a 60 per cent reduction in train accidents.

Paying tribute



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma & Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa pay floral tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar on his 69th death anniversary, observed as Mahaparinirvan Diwas, in Jaipur on Friday.

UNVEILING ASSEMBLY INNOVATIONS

Devnani plans paperless Assembly

Laxman Raghav Bikaner

Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani in an exclusive conversation with Resident Editor Laxman Raghav at Bikaner said, "The roots of democracy in India are deep." He pointed out some leaders speak out of ignorance without reading the Constitution thoroughly. He added, even during the Emergency, the attempts were unsuccessful." In a way, he targeted Rahul Gandhi without naming



Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani on Friday met Governor Haribhau Bagade at Raj Bhavan in Jaipur and discussed various points related to the proposed Assembly session in January. He also presented a copy of Bhagavad Gita to Bagade.

him. Regarding Hanuman Beniwal's allegations, he said, "Their numbers in the House are now zero, and they say anything." He also said, "Innova-

tion is my habit, and will make the Assembly paperless. "An additional iPad will also be given to each legislator." The colour of the carpet in the Assembly is also being changed to pink, he added. Additionally, work is underway to start a club with innovations in the Assembly Museum. He was welcomed at Lotus Dairy, where CMD Ashok Modi and MD Avinash Modi greeted him. BJP leader Satyaprakash Acharya was also present, & SP Kavendra Sagar also met him.

Heritage Corporation signs ₹192 cr MoU for waste-to-energy plant

Bharat Dixit Jaipur

In a significant move, Jaipur Municipal Corporation Heritage, under Commissioner Arun Kumar Haseeja, has cleared the path for an ambitious project to produce electricity from waste. The project will be operated by Jindal Urban Waste Management Company. An MoU was signed on Friday at the corporation headquarters between Commissioner Arun Kumar Haseeja, officials from the Jindal Group, and Power Fi-



Arun Kumar Hasija signing the MoU with officials from Jindal Group, & Power Finance Corporation at corporation headquarters.

nance Corporation. The Jindal Group will invest approximately RS 350 crore in the project's operation, while Power Finance Corporation Limited, a Government of

India enterprise, will provide loan assistance of Rs 192 crore. The Heritage Corporation will receive a royalty of Rs 66 per tonne of waste under the project.

Reforms at RUHS | RUHS opens 519 positions for teaching & non-teaching roles

RUHS bans private consultation of its docs; recruitment drive soon

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

Doctors affiliated with constituent colleges and hospitals of RUHS will no longer be able to see patients at home and charge fees. All these medical teachers will now focus on providing quality treatment to hospitalized patients and delivering research-oriented education to medical students. The Board of Management meeting of RUHS has made an important decision to implement mandatory non-practicing allowances for all medical teachers, both current and newly appointed.

When the RUHS administration started working on implementing the Bhajan Lal government's announcement to establish RIMS on the lines of AIIMS, it was discovered that AIIMS had already



Recruitment at RUHS: 69 assistant professor and 441 non-teaching posts to be filled. **FILE**

implemented mandatory non-practicing allowances. Keeping this in mind, the historical decision was made to apply mandatory non-practicing allowances at RIMS, RUHS Hospital, Jaipuria Hospital, and the Dental Hospital, applicable to both existing faculty and new recruits.

In a significant development at RUHS the uni-

versity is set to open recruitment for doctors and other positions. In a meeting of the RUHS Board of Directors, it was unanimously decided to call for applications for 69 posts of Assistant Professor (Broad Specialty), 9 posts of AP (Super Specialty), and 441 non-teaching posts that will be filled at the university level, with

the deadline for applications set for December 12.

During a recent meeting, Medical Education Secretary Ambrish Kumar raised questions regarding the exclusion of principals of constituent colleges from the Board of Management meeting. When officials cited rules, Ambrish Kumar directed that principals be invited as

RUHS mandates non-practicing allowances for medical teachers, bans private consultations; Dr. Neeraj Verma appointed as academic recruitment coordinator at RUHS; Medical Education Secy Ambrish Kumar calls for inclusion of principals in RUHS Board meetings

special members to ensure their participation in decisions related to constituent colleges. Dr. Neeraj Verma has been given an important role in the academic recruitment of RUHS. In the meeting of the RUHS Board of Directors, Dr. Verma, a professor at SMS Medical College, was unanimously appointed as the coordinator.

State govt facing backlash over new RGHS rules for OPD and IPD slips

First India Bureau
Jaipur

In a significant shift in the Rajasthan Government Health Scheme (RGHS), the process for obtaining OPD and IPD slips has been overhauled. Now, employees and pensioners must personally appear at counters to get their slips, with a photo and fingerprint being mandatory for the procedure. The new rules, effective from December 1, 2024, have sparked protests from employee unions.

Leaders like Vipin Sharma and Gajendra Singh are demanding relaxation, arguing that the mandatory physical presence is causing long delays and hardships for government employees, pensioners, and their families. The changes also make it compulsory for employees' parents and in-laws to get consultations, further complicating the process.

HC vacates stay from NEET PG counselling



First India Bureau
Jodhpur

The High Court has lifted the stay on the NEET PG-2024 allotment list. Justice Dinesh Mehta issued the order. The petition was filed regarding irregularities in the state merit list. The petition was filed by Dr. Paras Suthar and others. The High Court, while rejecting the petition, ordered the removal of the stay on the allotment list.

COURT DENIES BAIL TO 41 ACCUSED OF TONK'S SAMRAVATA VIOLENCE

In Samravata slap incident, arson, and rioting case. The accused in case were heard in District Sessions Court of Tonk. The District Sessions Court rejected the bail applications of all 41 accused. Bail was denied in case FIR 167/24. **Wajahat Akhtar**

MAN SENTENCED LIFER FOR KILLING LIVE-IN PARTNER

Kota: A 30-year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his live-in partner here, a public prosecutor said on Friday. Special SC/ST court in the city on Friday also imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on Avinash Bairagi, they said. Kajal (23) was living with Bairagi in a rented accommodation. She was found dead on May 10, 2022, with injuries on her head, the P.P said. Based on Kajal's father's complaint, a case was registered and Bairagi was arrested.

IN BRIEF

BSF Rising Day preps in Jodhpur, Amit Shah to attend on Dec 8

Jodhpur: A full-dress rehearsal was held on Friday at the BSF Training Center in Jodhpur to mark the 60th Raising Day of BSF. The main event is scheduled

for Sunday, where Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be the chief guest. Officers from across the country participated in rehearsal, which featured a parade that included a women's contingent for first time. Contingents from various states participated in the parade.



Priyanka Gandhi reaches R'bore with family
Sawai Madhopur: MP Priyanka Gandhi reached Ranthambore by road on Friday. Her son Rehan is already in Ranthambore. She plans to stay till December 8 and will visit Ranthambore National Park on Saturday. The administration is on alert mode on her visit.

Passengers without ticket will be fined 10 times of fare: RSRTC

Jaipur: Passengers traveling without a ticket on Rajasthan Roadways buses will have to pay a significant price. The Roadways management has issued revised orders concerning collection of surcharge amounts, replacing previous directives. According to new rules, passengers found without a ticket will now be charged 10 times fare. Roadway conductors had long been advocating for enforcement of this passenger fault rule, and with this major demand being met. Currently, inspectors checking buses focus on marking conductors' remarks rather than passenger's fault, despite a passengers are traveling without tickets.

90 'A' stalled cases to be resolved

Changes in 90-A rules, ease given for project approval on such land



JDA gets green light to resolve pendencies after notification of Urban Development

Abhishek Shrivastava
Jaipur

The Urban Development Department has cleared the way for the resolution of cases stalled for the past five months. This development comes after the department amended its rules related to 90 'A'. First India reported on this matter earlier, revealing that the government was expected to provide guidance soon.

The revised rules now allow for the disposal of land after the implementation of 90 'A'. This includes cases where the



Unnecessary delay in 90A cases in JDA. You read it in First India on **NOVEMBER 28, 2024**

original owner has sold the land to another party, and the new owner has applied for project approval. The amendment also permits the municipal authority to approve the layout plan for such projects.

Previously, cases received by the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) since July had been pending without resolution. The Urban Development Department's recent notification has made it possible for the municipal authority to approve project plans on land sold post-90 'A'.

Jpr Discom CMD Dogra's tough stance on pending chargesheets

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Technocrats who take "chargesheets" lightly are now in for trouble. A chargesheet must be disposed of within three months of receipt, as per the directive. Jaipur Discom CMD **Arti Dogra** has sent a strict administrative message to the field. Administrative officers at the headquarters have also been instructed to take action in this regard.

For years, there has been a tradition in Discom regarding "chargesheets" — keeping them pending for years and then easily getting them dropped. Due to such a system, field technocrats started treating "chargesheets" as a joke. The CMD noticed this mentality in working style of some technocrats and gave a clear message at a recent meeting. She said, "If a chargesheet is issued due to negligence in work, I will finalise it within 3 months." Dogra's stern message has put an end to the complacency of negligent engineers.

Ramdev inaugurates ashram in Jodhpur, attends events in Sikar

First India Bureau
Jodhpur/Sikar

Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev came to Jodhpur on Friday where he attended the inauguration function of Sadhvi Prem Baisa Sadhna Kutli Ashram. Later he went to Mukundgarh, where he held a spiritual discussion with Maharaj Shailendra Nath at Kumbhath Bagichi.

Baba Ramdev said that Kumbhath Bagichi is very holy, energetic and place where cows are served. Later by road he attended a personal function at Khandela. Former MP Swami Sumedhanand



Yog Guru Baba Ramdev being welcomed by Swami Sumedhanand and others in Sikar Tarapura airt strip on Friday.

Saraswati and Khandela MLA Subhash Meel were also with him. Ramdev attended marriage of the daughter of Vinod Pareek who is working with Pa-

tanjali and blessed the couple at Khandela. Baba Ramdev was welcomed by former MPs along with saints and BJP workers at Tarapura air strip in Sikar.

Three lakh crowd target set for first anniv of Raj govt

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The preparations are on to make the first anniversary of the Bhajan Lal government historic. A public meeting of Prime Minister Modi will be held in Dadiya. The target is to gather approximately 3 lakh people at the public meeting. Different responsibilities have been assigned within the organization and government. Workers have also been given responsibilities at the mandal and booth levels. Meanwhile, the transport department is making arrangements for 8,000 buses.

Adani joins family celebration in Jodhpur

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

Business tycoon Gautam Adani's family members have reached Jodhpur for a special celebration on Friday. Gautam Adani himself arrived by chartered flight to attend the birthday celebrations of his brother, Rajesh Shantilal Adani.

The event is taking place at the Umaid Bhawan Palace on Dec 6-7.



Businessman Gautam Adani at Jodhpur Airport on Friday. From here he went to the Umaid Bhawan Palace.

Rajesh Shantilal Adani, the Managing Director of the Adani Group, will

be celebrating his birthday on Saturday. Preparations are in full swing for

the occasion at the palace, where guests are being welcomed in traditional Rajasthani style.

The celebrations include a dinner at the Fox Studio on Friday evening and a birthday cake-cutting ceremony on Saturday evening, followed by a moonlit celebratory dinner. Several prominent figures from the business and Bollywood industries are expected to attend the event.

'RASTA KHOLO ABHIYAN'...

Speical drive reopens 173 paths in last 4 weeks

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Under the 'Rasta Kholo Abhiyan' initiated on the instructions of District Collector Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, the district administration opened 41 paths on Friday through mutual agreement and co-operation. Since its start on Nov 15, campaign has successfully opened 173 paths in Jaipur and Jaipur rural over past 4 weeks. Additional District Col-



District administration opened 41 paths on Friday through consensus and persuasion.

lector and Nodal Officer of the campaign, Suman Panwar, stated that on Friday, the district adminis-

tration teams opened 3 paths each in Amber, Aandhi, Shahpura, Jobner, Kishangarh-Renwal,



Phulera, Rampura-Dabri, Chomu, & Sanganer tehsils. In addition, 2 paths each were opened in Tun-

ga, Jalsu, and Kotkhavda tehsils, and one path each in Jaipur, Kalwar, Jamarangarh, Bassi, and Chaksu tehsils.

The Addl District Collector mentioned that long-closed paths were reopened, such as the 35-year-old path in Dungaarsiya Ka Bas village in Kishangarh-Renwal, the 35-year-old path in Kodhi village, the 25-year-old path in Narwaria village in Sanganer tehsil, and a two-decade-old path in Jhund village.

Plots at Sikar Rd Transport Nagar to be allocated soon

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Satish Jain, President of Jaipur Transport Operators Assn, Chanhannal Agarwal, President of RADA and Kapil Agarwal President of the Jaipur Transport Operator Assn (Reception Committee) met with UDH Secretary Vaibhav Galriya, along with officials from UDH and JDA in the Town Planning Dept on Friday. During the meeting, Agarwal urged to Galriya that the issues related to



Delegation of Jaipur Transport Assn with UDH Secy Vaibhav Galriya in Jaipur on Friday.

Sikar Road Transport Nagar scheme should be resolved quickly and plots be made available. Galriya assured that it would be resolved within a month.



Siddhaarth Mahan

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Will India Exorcise the Ghosts of Their 36 All-Out Nightmare at Adelaide



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Mitchell Starc once again demonstrated why he is regarded as the king of pink-ball cricket. From the very first delivery, it was evident that Starc was on a mission. His opening ball, a searing in-swing, trapped Yashasvi Jaiswal plumb in front and set the tone for the rest of the innings. Starc struck in each of his three spells, finishing with career-best figures of 6 for 48. This performance took his pink-ball tally in Australia to a staggering 72 wickets, reinforcing his dominance in this format.

India, batting first after winning the toss, faltered early when Jaiswal fell to Starc. However, Shubman Gill and KL Rahul briefly steadied the innings with a promising 69-run stand for the second wicket. Just as India seemed to be regaining momentum, Starc returned for a lethal second spell. He dismissed Rahul for 37 and claimed the prized scalp of Virat Kohli shortly after. Gill, who



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looked in good touch, was trapped leg-before by Scott Boland, marking the beginning of a chaotic pre-dinner session during which India lost three wickets for just 12 runs.

Rohit Sharma, batting lower down the order to accommodate KL Rahul at the top, couldn't provide the stability India desperately needed, falling for just 3. Rishabh Pant attempted to counterattack but succumbed to a sharp bouncer from Pat Cummins. Amidst the carnage, debutant Nitish Kumar Reddy was a lone bright spot. Displaying remarkable audacity, he played a series of innovative strokes, including a reverse-swat six off Boland. Reddy's 42 off 54 balls was India's top score in their total of 180, but his efforts weren't enough to salvage the innings.

Jasprit Bumrah gave India a glimmer of hope by dismissing Usman Khawaja with a beauty of a delivery. However, Australia's batters dug in. Labuschagne, under pressure

for his recent lean patch, and McSweeney, making his debut, displayed grit and composure under challenging conditions. They safely guided Australia to 86 for 1 by stumps, reducing the deficit and tilting the day firmly in Australia's favor.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, the pink ball represents a revolutionary innovation in Test cricket, introduced to make the format more viewer-friendly. The first day-night Test, played in Adelaide in 2015, marked the beginning of this new era. The pink ball, with its pronounced seam and enhanced swing, presents unique challenges for batters. Its improved visibility under floodlights makes it ideal for day-night Tests, addressing the visibility issues of the traditional red ball under artificial lights.

The idea of the pink ball emerged as a response to dwindling viewership for Test cricket, especially with the rise of T20 leagues worldwide. Cricket stakeholders recognized the

need to revitalize the format without compromising its essence. Players, too, have often expressed their regard for Test cricket as the ultimate challenge of skill and temperament. The pink ball, blending tradition with innovation, has helped maintain that balance.

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IN-DEPTH

A TRIUMPHANT RETURN FOR FADNAVIS AS CM

Devendra Fadnavis has once again proven that patience and persistence are the hallmarks of true leadership. Returning as Maharashtra's Chief Minister, Fadnavis has scripted a remarkable political comeback under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He has been able to dismantle the power structures of Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena faction, Sharad Pawar's NCP, and relegated the Congress to the margins.

His strategy of steady groundwork, unwavering focus, and political acumen has paid off handsomely. Despite the initial setback of being denied the Chief Minister's post in 2019, Fadnavis remained in the game, working behind the scenes to rebuild the BJP's strength in Maharashtra. His deft handling of alliances and ability to exploit internal cracks in opposition parties reflect a masterclass in political manoeuvring.

However, this victory comes with greater responsibilities. Maharashtra's challenges—economic recovery, rural distress, and urban infrastructure—demand immediate attention. Fadnavis must now consolidate his mandate by delivering governance that ensures his comeback is remembered for its outcomes.

BID ON BADAL'S LIFE A WARNING FOR MANN



The assassination attempt on former Punjab Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badi by ex-militant Narain Singh Chaura at the Golden Temple is a stark reminder of Punjab's volatile undercurrents. This chilling episode signals that pro-Khalistan elements, long considered dormant, are resurfacing, emboldened by a climate of perceived impunity. Such an act, in the sanctum of Punjab's most revered shrine, not only challenges law and order but also threatens to reopen old wounds.

The incident raises critical questions about the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's ability to tackle Punjab's unique challenges. Since coming to power, the Bhagwant Mann-led administration has promised reforms and development. However, its apparent failure to rein in extremist elements casts a shadow over its governance credentials. The absence of a strong counter-terrorism strategy is concerning, especially in a border state prone to external influence and internal dissent and the active Khalistani groups in Canada.

Punjab has a history of insurgency, and any indication of a revival demands swift and resolute action. Political differences cannot be allowed to derail efforts to curb extremism. The state government must bolster intelligence networks, increase coordination with central agencies, and ensure robust security mechanisms at sensitive sites. Freebies alone won't help.

The AAP government must realise that a proactive approach to counter such threats is essential to restore faith in its ability to govern effectively. Failing to act decisively risks undoing decades of progress and could plunge Punjab into another cycle of turmoil. This is not just about political leadership; it is about ensuring peace and stability in a state with a fragile past.

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TOP TWEETS



I pay my humble tribute to Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar ji on his Mahaparinirvan Day, who drafted the Indian Constitution for a strong democracy and who dedicated his life for equal rights and social justice in the country. Baba Saheb gave the country a unique gift in the form of the Constitution, which is the foundation of our democracy.

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On the martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the ninth Guru of the Sikh sect, 'Hind ki Chadar', who made the supreme sacrifice to protect religion and human values, we pay our tributes. He showed the path of religion and humanity to the society by displaying indomitable courage in the face of the injustice and oppressive rule of the Mughals.

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SPIRITUAL SPEAK

A person can rise through the efforts of his own mind, or draw himself down, in the same manner. Because each person is his own friend or enemy.

BHAGAVAD GITA

Shivraj slams previous govts while assuring MSP guarantee



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SHIVRAJ S CHOUHAN, AGRI MINISTER

PTI
New Delhi

Amid ongoing farmers protest at the Haryana-Punjab border, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday made a big announcement and told the Rajya Sabha that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government will ensure that all farm produce is purchased at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). “This is Modi govt's guarantee,” he said.

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He cited former MoS Agriculture Kantilal Bhuria, Agriculture Ministers Sharad Pawar, and KV Thomas to back

his claim. After his remarks, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar asked him to place on record the documents to substantiate his claim, which Chouhan agreed to.

“They have never honoured the farmers and never gave a serious consideration to farmers' demands for remunerative prices. I want to assure the house through you that since 2019 Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to calculate the minimum support price by giving 50 per cent profit on cost of production to farmers,” the minister claimed.

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WINTER SESSION

BJP's claims of Congress-Soros links leads to Lok Sabha washout

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PTI
Chandigarh

Lok Sabha proceedings were on Friday adjourned for the day amid protests by opposition members over BJP's attempts to link the Congress party to US-based billionaire investor George Soros.

BJP member Nishikant Dubey raised the issue during Zero Hour, plunging the House into chaos with Congress members trooping to the Well of the House. Samajwadi Party member Dharmendra Yadav and Trinamool member Saugata Roy were also up on their feet, apparently in support of the Congress.

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On Friday, the Lok Sabha was adjourned till noon within a minute of assembling at 11 am.

When the House re-assembled at noon, BJP member Dilip Saikia, who was in the chair, allowed called Dubey to speak on the issue he could not complete on Thursday.

Congress members trooped to the House's Well raising slogans against the BJP.



Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi places a copy of the Indian Constitution near a photograph of BR Ambedkar at Prema Sthal during a protest march of opposition MPs over Adani issue amid the ongoing Winter session of Parliament on Friday.

MULTISITE STUDY FINDS INCREASE IN EMERGENCY VISITS LINKED TO RISE IN NO2 LEVELS IN DELHI: NADDA

• A multisite study conducted at five places in Delhi by the Indian Council of Medical Research has found an increase in wheezing and emergency visits associated with rise in levels of nitrogenous compounds like NO2, Union Health Minister JP Nadra told the Lok Sabha on Friday.

• The government has issued a health advisory on air pollution and has also taken several steps to address air pollution issues, informed Nadra, who

including 1,225 PSA plants which have been installed and commissioned under the PM CARES Fund in the country.

• Additionally, 336 PSA plants have been set up by the PSUs, health minister Nadra said.

• In 2015, 2021 and 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified emission standards for thermal power plant with the objective of introducing new norms for emission.



also holds the chemicals and fertilisers portfolio.

• Responding to a question, Nadra said the government of India has sanctioned 1,561 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen generation plants,

INDIA BLOC PARTIES FROM MANIPUR URGE PM TO VISIT STATE FOR PEACE

INDIA bloc parties from Manipur on Friday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the violence-hit state at the earliest, asserting that his direct involvement and pro-active engagement with the people of Manipur can only bring peace and normalcy there. A delegation of leaders from 10 political parties, representing the INDIA bloc, held a press conference in New Delhi and claimed that they were denied permission to hold a sit-in at Jantar Mantar. They also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister.

OPPN MPS TAKE OUT PROTEST MARCH IN PARL AGAINST ADANI

Several Opposition MPs led by the Congress on Friday held a protest march inside Parliament complex on the Adani issue, wearing black masks that read “Modi Adani bhai bhai”. The protest saw several leaders from some of the INDIA bloc parties marching, holding a copy of the Constitution and raising slogans against industrialist Gautam Adani. RJD, JMM and left parties' MPs were among those who joined the protest. TMC and Samajwadi Party, which did not participate in demonstration, have so far stayed away from any such denunciation of Adani.

Counter-polarisation helped Mahayuti win: CM Fadnavis

Agencies
Mumbai

Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** has said that Hindutva played an important role in the recent state assembly elections, and counter-polarisation helped the Mahayuti alliance score a big win.

Fadnavis, who took oath as Maharashtra CM for the third time on Thursday, said in an interview to ABP news channel that Hindutva and development are two sides of the same coin and described BJP's Hindutva as a way of life.

He also alleged that opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance had an agreement with people like (Islamic scholar) Sajjad Nomani, wherein it was agreed to withdraw cases of riots filed against Muslims since 2012.



BJP MLA KOLAMBKAR MAHA PROTEM SPEAKER

Governor CP Radhakrishnan on Friday administered the oath to BJP legislator Kalidas Kolambkar, who was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for the ninth term, as a protem Speaker at the simple ceremony that took place at Raj Bhavan. This was necessitated as the special session of the newly constituted 15th State Assembly, which he will preside, will take place from December 7 to 9.

ASSAM CABINET EXPANSION ON DEC 7

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said that the state cabinet expansion will take place on December 7. Four BJP MLAs will be inducted into the Assam Cabinet and will take the oath of office at noon on that day. Prasanta Phookan, Kaushik Rai, Krishnendu Paul, and Rupesh Goala will get the berth in cabinet, informed the CM.

BJP-RSS 'big tukde-tukde gang': Cong slams 'traitor jibe' at Rahul

PTI
New Delhi

The Congress on Friday slammed the BJP for accusing Rahul Gandhi of conspiring to destabilise India and calling him a traitor, saying the truth is that BJP-RSS is the “biggest tukde-tukde” gang of this country and is spreading the “poison of communalism”.

The opposition party said the truth is that the work of destabilising the economy is being done by the people of BJP.



The BJP on Thursday had claimed a link between Rahul Gandhi and international forces, including an investigative media platform, trying to destabilise India and that the Congress leader was a “traitor of the highest order”.

'NOTHING ABOVE COUNTRY FOR RAHUL'

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra lashed out at the BJP on Friday (December 6, 2024) over its leader Sambit Patra calling Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi a “traitor”. She asserted that nothing is above the country for her brother. She said the accusation was nothing new. Referring to his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Priyanka said her brother walked 4,000 km from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir for the unity of this country.

Protest against atrocities



LOP in the West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari with monks and other people from the Hindu community during a protest rally against the alleged atrocities on Hindu minorities in Bangladesh, in Kolkata on Friday.

Kharge dissolves state unit of Cong in Uttar Pradesh

Agencies
New Delhi

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has dissolved the pradesh, district, city and block committees of the party's Uttar Pradesh unit with immediate effect.

The move, that came months after the Lok Sabha polls and days after bypolls in the state where the Congress did not field any candidates, is aimed at restructuring the party organisation in Uttar Pradesh and strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

VISITS ALMA MATER

'Emotional' President Murmu visits her birthplace, says it's not village but family

Agencies
Ziro

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday turned emotional while visiting her birthplace Uparbeda village in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district and said she has never felt the village as a place but a family. Murmu, who was born in a Santali family of Uparbeda village under Bamanghati sub-division on June 20, 1958, for the first time came to



President Droupadi Murmu during a visit to Uparbeda Government Upper Primary School at Uparbeda village in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha on Friday.

her village and her ancestral house after assuming the country's topmost

reached the village, she rushed to Uparbeda Government Upper Primary School, her alma mater, where she spent her early years as a student. The school and the entire village were decorated to welcome her. She was received by teachers, students and villagers.

While interacting with the students, President-Murmu said, “I am 66 years old and do not feel like growing up. Still, I feel like a child at my school and village”.

Nod to 85 Kendriya Vidyalayas

The decision, taken by the Union Cabinet, is to facilitate increased number of central government employees by adding two additional Sections in all the classes under the Kendriya Vidyalaya Scheme (Central Sector Scheme). At present, there are 1,256 KVs, including three abroad at Moscow, Kathmandu and Tehran and 13.56 lakh students are studying in KVs

Agencies
New Delhi

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday (December 6) approved the opening of 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) under civil/defence sector across the country and expansion of one existing KV i.e. KV Shivamogga in Shivamogga district of Karnataka.

Of the 85 KVs, Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir got the highest 13 Kendriya Vidyalayas. The decision, taken by the Union Cabinet, is to facilitate increased number of Central Government employees by adding two additional Sections in all the classes under the Kendriya Vidyalaya Scheme (Central Sector Scheme).

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CABINET MEETING CHAIRED BY PM APPROVES RITHALA-KUNDLI CORRIDOR OF DELHI METRO

The Union Cabinet approved on Friday the 26.463-km Rithala-Kundli corridor of the Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project that will further enhance connectivity between the national capital and neighbouring Haryana. The entire stretch will comprise 21 stations, all of them elevated. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing a press conference, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the project is scheduled to be completed in four years from the date of its sanction. This line will be an extension of



the operational Shaheed Sthal (New Bus Adda)-Rithala (Red Line) corridor and will boost connectivity in the northwestern parts of Delhi, such as Narela, Bawana and parts of Rohini. The completion cost of the project is Rs 6,230 crore.

Construction and allied activities associated with augmentation of various facilities in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas are likely to generate employment opportunities for many skilled and unskilled workers
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, INFORMED IN A STATEMENT

establishment of the 85 new KVs and expansion of one existing nearby KV is Rs 5872.08 crore (approximately), spread over a period of eight years from 2025-26. This includes capital expenditure component of Rs 2862.71 crore (approximately) and operational

expenditure of Rs 3009.37 crore (approximately), the Ministry of Education informed in a statement. At present, there are

1,256 functional KVs, including three abroad at Moscow, Kathmandu and Tehran and a total number of 13.56 lakh (approximately) students are studying in these KVs, added the Ministry. The administrative structure for implementing the project will re-

quire creation of posts at par with the norms fixed by the Sangathan for running of one KV. Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily opened to cater to educational needs of wards of transferable and non-transferable employees of the central government.

FI TOON



BJP deleting voters from Delhi list: Kejri

Agencies
New Delhi

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday of seeking to remove numerous voters from Delhi's electoral rolls before the upcoming assembly elections.

Kejriwal held a press conference on Friday and stated the BJP submitted applications to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to delete thousands of voter registrations in several constituencies, including Shahdara, Janak-

puri and Laxmi Nagar. "The BJP has filed an application to delete the names of 11,018 voters in the Shahdara area, but when we cross-checked that application on 500 names, 75 per cent of people were still living there, but their names can be deleted from the electoral roll," Kejriwal said. He claimed the Shahdara constituency, which AAP won by approximately 5,000 votes in the previous election, is seeing roughly 11,000 voters facing potential removal, many of whom he alleges are AAP supporters.

MP: Class XII student shoots dead principal inside school

Agencies
Chhatrapur

A Class-12 student allegedly shot dead the principal of his school in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatrapur district on Friday afternoon after being admonished, police said.

The 17-year-old boy fled on the principal's scooter after the incident that took place around 1.30 pm but was nabbed within hours, said inspector Pushpendra Yadav of Orchha Road police station.

He was traced to the district's border with Uttar Pradesh, the official said, adding that the accused was known for wayward behaviour at school.

The weapon used for the killing was also seized from him, Yadav added.

The teenager allegedly shot principal SK Saxena (55) in the head with a locally-made pistol near the toilet at Dhamora government school, said Superintendent of Police Agam Jain.

Haryana shuts net in Ambala amid farmers' protest

Agencies
Ambala

The Haryana government on Friday suspended mobile internet and bulk SMS services in at least 10 villages of Ambala district from December 6 to December 9 under Section 20 of the Telecommunications Act, 2023. Another report stated that 11 villages have been affected by suspended internet services in the district.

The move aims to curb the spread of misinformation and maintain public peace, news agencies reported. However, essential services like banking and mobile recharges remain operational.

The affected regions include Dangdehri, Lohgarh, Manakpur, Dadiyana, Bari Ghel, Lhars, Kalu Majra, Devi Nagar, Saddopur, Sultanpur, and Kakru village. The order, issued by Additional



Chief Secretary (Home) Sumita Misra, will remain in effect until 11.59

pm on December 9. The suspension comes as 101 farmers from the

IT RECEIVED BOOSTER FROM DHANKHAR: CONG

Congress on Friday iterated its support for farmers' demands and said their protests had received a "huge booster dose" from no less a person than Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. "Their protests received a huge booster dose from Vice President," he said.

Bhartiya Kisan Parishad (BKP) and other farmer organisations plan to

march to Delhi from their protest site at the Shambhu border. The protest, which began on November 25, centres around farmers' demand for a legal guarantee for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops, debt waivers, pensions for farmers and farm labourers, and no increase in electricity tariffs.

Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher clarified that the group intends to march peacefully.

Army personnel dies of cardiac arrest during J&K operation

PTI
Srinagar

An army personnel died of cardiac arrest during a search operation in the upper areas of Srinagar on Friday, officials said.

The search operation was going on in the forest area of Harwan here in the aftermath of an encounter in the nearby Dachigam on Tuesday in which Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant Junaid Ahmed Bhat was killed.

Bhat, a category "A" militant of the LeT, was involved in the October 20 attack near a tunnel construction site in the Gagangir area of Ganderbal in which a local doctor and six non-local labourers were killed.

While the security forces were conducting searches for militants in Faqeer Gujree, Dara, in the Harwan area of the city, this morning, an army jawan died due to cardiac arrest, the officials said. They identified the jawan as Javinder Singh of the Army's 34 Assam Rifles.

'Ex-militant Narain Chaura may have attacked Badal on his own'

PTI
Chandigarh

Ex-terrorist Narain Singh Chaura, who opened fire at Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal outside the Golden Temple, appears to have acted on his own, preliminary police investigation revealed, Punjab Police sources have said.

Chaura was sent to a three-day police remand by a court in Amritsar on Thursday. Badal escaped a bid on



his life on Wednesday when Chaura fired at him from a close range at the Golden Temple's entrance in Amritsar but missed. He was overpowered by plainclothes policemen.

The audacious attack was captured on cameras by media persons who

had gathered to cover the second day of Badal performing the duty of 'sewadar' at the main gate of the Sikh shrine as religious penance for "mistakes" committed by the SAD government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017.

Police sources said Chaura, 68, appears to have planned the attack after Badal was awarded 'tankhah', a religious punishment by the Akal Takht for "mistakes" committed by the SAD government.

Inno-Yoddha 2024-25



Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi during 'Inno-Yoddha 2024-25', an idea and innovation competition cum seminar, at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.

GROWTH IN SECOND HALF TO BE BETTER

'RBI focused on keeping inflation in check'

Agencies
New Delhi

The Reserve Bank's efforts are focused on keeping the inflation horse under a "tight leash", Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday as the central bank opted for a status quo in policy rates for the 11th consecutive time, belying voices demanding a rate cut to support growth.

The balance between inflation and growth has gotten "unsettled", Das said, referring to the low-

er-than-expected 5.4 per cent GDP expansion and price rise shooting beyond 6 per cent for October, and added that all the instruments will be deployed to get it back.

Das, whose current term as the central bank governor ends in a few days, also called for efforts to ensure that the "credibility" of the flexible inflation targeting regime is "preserved" going forward as well.

"The (inflation) horse has made a valiant effort to bolt, our effort is to keep it on a tight leash,"



Das told reporters at the customary post-policy press conference.

The dip in growth to 5.4 per cent for the September quarter, which resulted in RBI's own FY25 estimate being

tempered to 6.6 per cent from 7.2 per cent earlier, had led to many voices demanding action on the elevated rates.

Das said in central banking, there is no scope for a "kneejerker"

reaction and any action will be a timely one taken only after considering the evidence at hand.

"Our effort is to remain in line with the curve, not fall behind the curve," Das said, drawing from an oft-repeated used by central bank watchers.

The governor added that the GDP growth in the second half of FY25 will be better than that in the first half, which was impacted by factors like slowing capex by the government due to the elections.

Government to launch 100-day nationwide tuberculosis drive

Centre denies anti TB drugs shortage

Agencies
New Delhi

To eliminate tuberculosis in India, which tops the list of 30 countries with high-burden TB cases, the centre announced that a 100-day intensified campaign will be launched across 347 high-priority districts in 33 states and union territories.

The campaign is aimed to enhance TB case detection, reduce diagnostic delays, and improve



treatment outcomes, particularly in high-risk groups will be launched by Union Health Minister JP Nadda in the presence of state Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and State Health Minister Arti Singh Rao on Saturday from Panchkula, Haryana.

The Union Health

Ministry on Friday also denied a shortage of anti-TB drugs in the country. Noting that media reports claiming scarcity of the drugs are "incorrect and misleading," the ministry said that during the 100-day campaign, the programme targets high-focus districts for intensified interventions.

"These include enhanced case detection through community awareness campaigns, comprehensive screenings, and the provision of diagnostic tools for timely detection," said the health ministry.

New Delhi-Washington Tensions Ruling govt accuses US of destabilising India

US State Dept targeting India with help of RaGa, others: BJP

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has accused the State Department and "deep state" elements in the U.S. of trying to destabilise India in conjunction with a group of investigative journalists and opposition leader Rahul Gandhi.

The accusation comes as a surprise as New Delhi and Washington have forged a strong relationship in the last two decades and both have vowed to further strengthen ties despite some differences and irritants.

Gandhi's Congress party used the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)'s articles that "singularly focused" on the Adani Group and its alleged closeness to the government to undermine Modi, the ruling party said on Thursday.



BJP leaders have dismissed the charges against Adani and accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Soros of deliberately targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for political gains.

50% OF OCCRP'S FUNDING COMES DIRECTLY FROM US STATE DEPT: PATRA

Sambit Patra, a BJP national spokesperson and lawmaker, repeated the accusations at an official media briefing by the party. "A French investigative media group... has revealed that... 50% of OCCRP's funding comes directly from the U.S. State Department," Patra said. "OCCRP has served as a media tool for carrying out a deep state agenda." The State Department, U.S. AID, Soros and the Congress party did not



immediately respond to requests for comment. The Indian foreign ministry also did not respond to a request for comment on the ruling party's accusation against the State Department. OCCRP said it was an independent media outlet and not

associated with any political party. "The U.S. government, while providing some funding to OCCRP, has no say in our editorial processes and no control over our reporting," it said. The government has lately been facing heat over the U.S. indictment of Gautam Adani, who opposition leaders say Modi has always protected, and the country's parliament was suspended multiple times last week as opposition lawmakers demanded a discussion on the issue.

Group chair Gautam Adani and seven others were indicted last month in the U.S. for being part of a \$265 million scheme to bribe Indian officials - allegations the group has termed "baseless".

OCCRP's articles have also accused state-sponsored hackers in India of using Israeli-made Pegasus spyware to target government critics.

The government has previously denied both allegations.

The BJP has previously accused Gandhi, the OCCRP and 92-year-old billionaire financier-philanthropist George Soros of attacking Modi.

On Thursday, it cited a French media report that said that OCCRP was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and "other deep state figures" like Soros.

"The Deep State had a clear objective to destabilise India by targeting Prime Minister Modi," the BJP said in a series of messages on X.



Renovation process raises concerns

Deputy CM Dr Premchand Bairwa's chamber at the Transport Headquarters remains unfinished. A few months ago, the chamber was completed, and the Deputy CM worked from there multiple times. However, soon after, the chamber developed a problem with dampness, forcing renovation work to begin again. The renovation work has been ongoing for several weeks, yet the chamber is still not ready and has raised concerns.

Devendra Fadnavis, a seasoned leader

The political dynamics in Maharashtra have evolved significantly since 2014 when the BJP emerged as the largest party in the state. Despite the Shiv Sena's growing dominance, Fadnavis' political stature and influence have only strengthened, especially after his party's landslide victory in the recent elections. Fadnavis' extensive experience in governance - spanning roles in both state and central governments has made him a seasoned leader. Even as Eknath Shinde became the CM and Ajit Pawar assumed a prominent role, Fadnavis' leadership continues to be a central force in Maharashtra's politics.

Renewed energy in UP Cong after dissolution

Following the success of its alliance with the Samajwadi Party, the Congress is now gearing up for the upcoming assembly elections in UP, particularly focusing on the Kanpur-Bundelkhand region. With 52 legislative seats in the region, Congress plans to strengthen its base by engaging with local leaders and emphasizing grassroots work. A renewed energy has emerged within the party, particularly after the dissolution of several committees.

Mystery over new RBI Governor

Shaktikanta Das' tenure as RBI Governor is set to end on December 10, 2024, but speculation is rising about whether he will be given a third term. Recently, Das announced the last monetary policy of his second term but was tight-lipped about his future. Sources suggest that no selection committee has been formed for the appointment of a new RBI Governor.

Sensex could hit 105,000 in 1 year

Morgan Stanley has made a bullish prediction for India's stock market, forecasting that the Sensex could cross 100,000 points by 2025. The global financial services firm cited strong earnings growth, macroeconomic stability, and robust domestic capital flows as key drivers behind this positive outlook. It says Sensex could reach 105,000 points within the next year.

On Day 1 of Pink Ball Test

Australia 86-1 in reply to India's 180 at stumps



Indian players during the day one of the second cricket test match between Australia and India at the Adelaide Oval, Australia, Friday.

PTI
Adelaide

Australia reached 86 for 1 in their first innings after dismissing India for 180 at the end of the opening day of the pink-ball Test here on Friday.

Nathan McSweeney and Marnus Labuschagne were at the crease on 38 and 20 respectively when the stumps were drawn after 33 overs of play in Australia's first innings. The home side trail by 94 runs. Opener Usman Khawaja was the lone Australian batter out for 13 off the bowling of Jas-

Yashasvi Jaiswal (0), Virat Kohli (7) and Rohit Sharma (3) fell cheaply while Rishabh Pant & Ravichandran Ashwin contributed 21 and 22

priit Bumrah. India were all out for 180 after playing 44.12 overs as the visitors lost four and six wickets in the first and second sessions of the day respectively. Nitish Reddy top-scored for India with 42 off 54 balls, while KL Rahul & Shubman Gill contributed 37 and 31 respectively.

Rising Rajasthan

A New Dawn for Investment



Prem Bhandari
RANA President



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Prem Bhandari, President of largest and most influential Rajasthan organization outside Rajasthan, based in New York, expressed his excitement about the Rajasthan government's bold move to host an investment summit in its first year. "This is a remarkable initiative, and Rajasthan may well be the first state in India to take such a visionary step," he remarked.

Reflecting on similar events in past, Bhandari noted that while summits in Rajasthan and other states showcased ambitious goals with multi-billion-rupee MoUs, only 10-15% of these commitments materialized. These efforts often incurred substantial costs, yielding limited

and mining, industries where the state already holds a strong foothold. He pointed out an opportunity in textile sector, particularly in light of shifting dynamics in Bangladesh. "With established textile hubs like Bhilwara, Pali, and Jodhpur, Rajasthan is well-positioned to seize moment & become a national leader in textiles," he said. Bhandari underscored the importance of Raj's role in realizing Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047. "For this dream to come true, states like Rajasthan must harness full potential," he stated. He also urged the Rajasthan govt to align its efforts with Modi's vision by appointing capable and dynamic officials to engage with investors & cultivate pro-business atmosphere. "This summit has potential to set a new benchmark for Rajasthan's development," Bhandari expressed hope that it would pave way for brighter future for state.

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Suryavanshi powers India into U-19 Asia Cup final

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Vaibhav Suryavanshi was the star of the show again with a second successive half-century as India stormed into the U-19 Asia Cup ODI final with a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Sri Lanka here on Friday.

The 13-year-old, who became the youngest cricketer ever to be bought at an IPL auction last month, smashed five sixes and six fours for his 36-ball 67 as India chased down a target of 174 with as many as 170 balls to spare.

India will face Bangladesh in the final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Sunday. Bangladesh defeated Pakistan by seven wickets, completing a modest chase of 117 in 22.1 overs in the first semi-final in Dubai.

India bag six medals in Hong Kong at World Pickleball Championship



Nikhil Mathure, Treasurer, AIPA; Arvind Prabhuo, President of All India Pickleball Association; Actors Nyra Banerjee and Mandira Bedi; Suresh Chand - VP, Head of Marketing Snacks, Noodles and Pasta, ITC Foods and Vinit Karnik, MD, GroupM at World Pickleball Championship event.

PTI
New Delhi

India produced a stellar performance at the Hong Kong leg of the World Pickleball Championship, securing a total of six medals, including one gold, three silvers, and two bronze.

The duo of Vanshik Kapadia and Vrushi Thakare clinched the gold medal in the 19+ open mixed doubles category in the November 29-December 1 meet.

Kuldip Mahajan won a silver partnering South Korea's Kim Eung Gwon in the 19+ open mixed doubles. Vanshik Kapadia (19+ open men's singles) and Karina Aditya Dwipayani and Vrushi Thakare (19+ open women's doubles) were the other two silver-medallists.

The Indian contingent

also brought home two bronze medals, with Isha Lakhani and Roos Van Reek finishing on the podium in the 19+ open women's doubles category.

This performance builds on India's strong showing at the World Pickleball Championship's India leg in November, where the country claimed a rich haul of 28 medals, including 11 gold.

आम सूचना

सर्वे सभाषण को सुविधा प्रदान करने हेतु कि. प्लॉट नम्बर 1273, योजना बकल पार, टॉक फाटक, जयपुर, राजस्थान में स्थित है, जिसका कुल क्षेत्रफल 200 वर्गफुट का है। उक्त प्लॉट का पट्टा जल्द ही द्वारा दिनांक 12.06.2000 को श्रीमती रम्यन्ती देवी निगम पत्नी श्री ओम प्रकाश के हक में जारी किया गया था। श्रीमती रम्यन्ती देवी निगम का स्वत्व दिनांक 14.09.2007 हो गया है। श्रीमती रम्यन्ती देवी निगम ने अपने स्वत्ववासे से पूर्व एक वर्षोत्तनामा दिनांक 10.01.2006 को अपनी एकलौती पुत्री श्रीमती ज्योति निगम के हक में वसीयत लिख दी थी। यह कि उक्त पट्टा वसीयतनामा के माध्यम से प्रदायित नहीं है, जिसके बावजूद एक एक ओर आर राजस्थान पुलिस एल.आर. नम्बर 25/2024 दिनांक 04.12.2024 को दर्ज कराया जा चुका है। उपरोक्त दोनों मूल दस्तावेज किसी को मिले या किसी प्रकार की कोई भी आपत्ति हो तो इस आम सूचना के प्रकाशन के 7 दिवस के भीतर अपनी लिखित आपत्ति प्रस्तुत करें। बाद गुजरने के बाद किसी भी प्रकार की कोई आपत्ति मान्य नहीं होगी।
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Jeria to be awarded Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2024

ANI
New Delhi

Former Chilean President Veronica Michelle Bachelet Jeria will be the recipient of the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2024, as per statement.

A panel of jury, headed by former National Security Advisor and former Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon, made the decision on the same. She is one of the world's most prominent voices for human rights, peace, and equality.

OF 2024 LIST



Radhika, Anant Ambani feature on NYT's most Stylish People

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Radhika Merchant and Anant Ambani have figured among the "most stylish people" of 2024, as per the New York Times' Most Stylish People of 2024 list. The couple gained international popularity when their ultra lavish, star-studded wedding ceremony took place this year in July. Before getting mar-

ried in Mumbai, Radhika and Anant had two grand pre-wedding festivities, which highlighted performances by celebrities like Andrea Bocelli, Backstreet Boys, Rihanna, Katy Perry, and David Guetta. The list also features names like Beyonce, Adele, Tyla, Zendaya, Charli XCX, Demi Moore, Nicola Coughlan, Daniel Craig, Rami Youssef and Hasan Minhaj.

The New York Times included Radhika Mer-

chant and Anant Ambani in their most stylish people of 2024 list and said, "A red carpet. Emeralds are roughly the size of Popsicles. Rihanna. Their pre-wedding celebration and nuptials had it all."

The list also named celebrities like Beyonce, Zendaya, Adele, Colman Domingo, Daniel Craig, Charli XCX, Nicola Coughlan, Demi Moore, and South Korean sharpshooter Kim Yeji, Hasan Minhaj.

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Greetings on Armed Forces Flag day. We honour and pay tribute to our martyrs and veterans who valiantly fought and continue to fight to safeguard the honour of our nation and keep the Tiranga flying high.

Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Rising Rajasthan Summit to foster inclusive Tourism growth in Jaipur

Police have ensured robust security arrangements for a smooth mega event

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Rajasthan is set to host the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. With over Rs 25 lakh crore in MoUs already signed, the summit aims to boost investments across various sectors.



Preparations are going on in full swing at Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre (JECC) located at Sitapura in Jaipur ahead of the Rising Rajasthan Summit to be held from December 9-11.

abled), Rikant Pittie (EaseMyTrip), and actors Shailesh Lodha and Nakuul Mehta. The discussions will focus on transforming Rajasthan into a global tourism hub through inclusive strategies, infrastructure development, and exploring culinary, adventure, and religious tourism.



A key focus will be a special session on tourism, themed 'Embracing Diversity: Promoting Inclusive Tourism.' Chaired by Deputy CM and Tourism Minister Diya Kumari, the session will feature industry leaders like Puneet Chhatwal (Indian Hotels Co.), Neha Arora (Planet

Tourism contributes 12% to Rajasthan's GDP, with 179 million domestic and 1.7 million international tourists visiting in 2023. Special city tours for investors will showcase Jaipur's iconic landmarks, such as Amer

Fort and City Palace, with cultural performances and multilingual guides.

In the meanwhile, Security for the event at JECC is being strengthened by Jaipur police, in coordination with central agencies and the SPG. Dr Rameshwar Singh, Additional Police Commissioner, confirmed all arrangements for a smooth and secure event.

The Summit aims to solidify Rajasthan's position as a leader in innovative, inclusive tourism and foster economic growth.

PM TO ATTEND RISING RAJASTHAN SUMMIT IN JAIPUR ON DEC 9

Jaipur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Jaipur on



December 9 to attend the inauguration of Rising Rajasthan. He will arrive from Delhi on a special Air Force aircraft at 10:10 AM and head directly to the JECC event venue from the airport's state hangar. The Prime Minister is scheduled to return to Delhi by 1 PM.

CM'S MOTHER READMITTED TO SMS HOSPITAL DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's mother has been readmitted to SMS Hospital after her health deteriorated once again. She was initially discharged on Thursday evening after developing a high fever, based on the board's recommendation. However, after returning home, her condition worsened, and she was readmitted as a precautionary measure. Dr Deepak Maheshwari, the Principal of SMS Medical College, along with a team of doctors, is overseeing her treatment.

AGRICULTURE DEPT SIGNS MOUS WORTH ₹ 57,340 CR FOR RISING RAJ

The Agriculture and allied departments have signed MoUs worth Rs 57,340 crore for the Rising Rajasthan initiative. So far, Rs 2,490 crore worth of MoUs have been finalized. The largest share, Rs 45,489 crore, comes from 2,333 MoUs related to agricultural marketing. Additionally, 121 MoUs worth Rs 8,835 crore have been signed in horticulture. The Agriculture Department has signed 23 MoUs worth Rs 2,757 crore, while the Seed Corporation and Organic Certification Agency have signed 4 and 9 MoUs, valued at Rs 119 crore and Rs 148 crore, respectively.

CM'S 9TH RESOLVE: PROMOTING WASTE SEGREGATION FOR A GREEN RAJASTHAN

Jaipur: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, as part of his 10-day campaign for the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit, took the ninth pledge on Friday. He committed to waste segregation and disposal during the summit to promote a cleaner, greener Rajasthan. Sharma emphasised the summit's focus on development, cleanliness, and environmental conservation, with participation from distinguished individuals worldwide. He reaffirmed the state government's ongoing efforts for environmental protection.

Diya Kumari conducts surprise inspection of Anganwadis in Jaipur



Diya Kumari poses with children and Anganwadi workers during the inspection of the Nandghar in Ramnagar in Jaipur on Friday. Mahendra Soni and OP Bunkar were also present.



Diya Kumari interacts with kids during an inspection of Nandghar in Ramnagar and Anganwadi Centre in Malviya Nagar.

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

Deputy CM Diya Kumari conducted an unscheduled inspection of the Anganwadi Centre in Malviya Nagar's Valmiki Basti and the Nandghar Anganwadi Centre in Ramnagar on Friday. Accompanied by WCD Secretary Mahendra Soni and ICDS Director OP Bunkar, she reviewed the modern facilities at Nandghar, including a

smart TV, well-furnished rooms, playgrounds, nutrition garden, and ECCE programmes.

She instructed officials to implement similar facilities at Balmiki Basti centre. Diya also emphasised improving supplementary nutrition and THR services based on feedback from women and kids. Additionally, she spoke with pregnant & lactating women, receiving positive feedback about govt schemes.

World Aviation Day

First India News hosts Ninety-Nines India Aviation Conclave 2024



Pawan Arora with Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Capt Sapna Sharma, Mohini Shroff, Capt Nivedita Bhasin, Capt Fanni Pajer, Capt Houda Matar, Karina Sharma, Bobby Choudhury & Komal Rahane at the office of First India News located at Sahkar Marg in Jaipur on Friday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

On World Aviation Day, First India News hosted the Ninety-Nines India Aviation Conclave 2024 at the Stein Auditorium, New Delhi, under the theme "Empowering Women to Soar." Graced by Union

Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlung Vualnam, the event celebrated the achievements of women pilots & addressed aviation challenges. Pawan Arora, CEO & Managing Editor of First India News, praised women pilots for

breaking barriers, while Capt Holly Pettit highlighted event's inspiring impact. Prominent attendees, including Capt Sapna Sharma, Capt Nivedita Bhasin, & others, reflected the conclave's success in fostering mentorship, inclusion, & global collaboration in aviation. P12

Dotasra, Venugopal meet on party matters in Delhi



GS Dotasra calls upon KC Venugopal in New Delhi on Friday.

Dinesh Dangri
New Delhi/Jaipur

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Govind Singh Dotasra met AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal in Delhi on Friday. The meeting, held at Venugopal's residence, focused

on organisational and party activities. Dotasra had previously met Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday. On Friday evening, Dotasra returned to Jaipur, accompanied by Congress state-in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

SINGLE PATTI CASE SC directs RTI activist to be intervener

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The high-profile single patti case in Jaipur, involving Dhariwal and others, was heard on Friday in the Rajasthan HC following directives from the Supreme Court. RTI activist Ashok Pathak was instructed to become an intervener within three weeks, as per the Supreme Court's order.

The court also directed the state government and other parties to submit their responses within the next three weeks. Chief Justice MM Shrivastava presided over the case, with the final hearing scheduled for the last week of January.

Divinity Calling!



Union Tourism Minister GS Shekhawat along with his wife, Nuanand Kanwar offer prayers at the famous Maa Kamakhya Temple in Assam on Friday. "This morning, I bowed my head at the temple of Maa Kamakhya. Coming to this Shakti Peeth on the Nilanchal Hill fills the heart with faith & devotion. I prayed to Maa for the prosperity well-being of the country," he posted on X.

PIONEERING PROGRESS



Om Birla pays tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar on his Mahaparirvan Day the Prerna Sthal in Parliament complex, New Delhi on Friday.

Om Birla to inaugurate Kota-Bundi Blanket Fund Project today

First India Bureau
Kota

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will visit his constituency, Kota-Bundi, on Saturday to inaugurate the Blanket Fund service project at the New Medical College at 6 PM. The project, in collaboration with the Kota Grain and Seeds Merchant Association and the Red Cross Society, will provide free quilts and blankets to

Under this initiative, free quilts & blankets will be provided to patients' families, with Kota Grain & Seeds Merchant Assn & Red Cross Society

families of patients during the cold season at MBS Hospital, Bundi District Hospital, and New Medical College.

Birla will also meet the public at his camp office in Shakti Nagar at 11 AM. On Sunday, he will

visit Jaipur. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar on Mahaparirvan Divas at the Parliament House.

Om Birla also announced plans for a large Ambedkar statue in Kota, along with a Constitution Park and Experience Centre. The Lok Sabha Speaker also secured approval for seven weekly trains to stop at Sogaria station, reducing congestion at Kota Junction.

BJP MP's 'Traitor' remark violates parliamentary decorum: Gehlot

First India Bureau
Jaipur



Ashok Gehlot

Former CM Ashok Gehlot condemned BJP MP's 'traitor' remark about Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha, calling it a violation of parliamentary decorum. He reminded the BJP of the sacrifices made by the Gandhi family for the nation. Gehlot emphasised that Rahul Gandhi comes from a family that has been dedicated to India's freedom and unity. Pandit Nehru spent 10 years in prison during the freedom struggle and dedi-

peace in the Indian subcontinent. Despite these sacrifices, the Gandhi family & Rahul Gandhi have stayed committed to serving the nation.

Gehlot accused the BJP of mental bankruptcy, saying such comments tarnish Rahul Gandhi's reputation. He urged LS Speaker Om Birla to take action & issue warnings to MPs using unparliamentary language in the House. Gehlot called for the Speaker to uphold parliamentary decorum & ensure such remarks aren't left unchallenged in future.



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IMMORTAL SHOWMAN!

To commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of legendary filmmaker and actor Raj Kapoor, a grand festival, "Raj Kapoor 100 - Celebrating the Centenary of the Greatest Showman." P11



Limitless Star



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CITY FIRST HIGHLIGHTS MUSKAN DABAR'S JOURNEY FROM WRESTLING GOLDS TO CINEMATIC STARDOM SHOWCASING HER BOUNDLESS TALENT, RESILIENCE AND PASSION FOR LIFE THAT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE COUNTLESS ADMIRERS ACROSS INDUSTRIES.

Muskan Dabar, a 24-year-old vibrant personality from Udaipur, Rajasthan, has made a remarkable mark as an interior designer, model, actress and international athlete. Her extraordinary journey exemplifies resilience, versatility and an unyielding commitment to excelling in every path she undertakes.

Born and raised in Madhya Pradesh, Muskan comes from a humble middle-class family that always supported her dreams. Her early years were defined by big aspirations and an even bigger determination to achieve them. Encouraged by her family, she represented India twice on international platforms, proudly winning two gold medals in wrestling. Muskan also competed in numerous national championships for Madhya Pradesh, learning the values of perseverance, dedication, and hard work that continue to guide her today.

While excelling in sports, Muskan discovered her passion for modelling and interior design. Over the past five years, she has established herself as a sought-after model, earning accolades and gaining recognition. She proudly holds the title of "Miss Multimedia" as part of the prestigious Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11, under the guidance of Gaurav Gaur, the Founder and Director. Grateful for the support of her Elite Miss Rajasthan family, Muskan is now preparing to compete for the esteemed title of Miss Su-

pranational.

Muskan's creative journey extends to cinema, where she has starred as the lead actress in five films across various languages. Her impressive filmography includes Riti Rivaj and Hamara Swabhimaan (Hindi), Mahri Mayad (Rajasthani), Prem Thi Jovo (Gujarati), and Panipuri (Telugu). Each project has showcased her talent and passion for storytelling.

Her path, however, hasn't been without its challenges. A severe injury once forced Muskan to step away from modelling, breaking her heart and testing her resolve. Supported by her family and the AJ Modeling Family, she emerged stronger, overcoming this setback with courage and determination. Financial struggles also pushed her to take a 9-to-5 job, but her dreams remained intact, and she has since returned to the industry with renewed vigour.

Muskan embraces life with zest and creativity, finding joy in exploring mountains, dancing, singing, and creating content. She firmly believes in maintaining a healthy lifestyle by staying physically fit, emotionally balanced and spending quality time with loved ones. Her philosophy includes consuming nutritious food and connecting with nature to nurture overall well-being.

Looking ahead, Muskan aspires to be a supportive and independent figure for her family and AJ family while continuing to leave her mark in modelling, films and beyond. Her inspiring story is a testament to the power of dreams, perseverance and unwavering belief in oneself.



SANTOSH SHARMA



Abhishek Poddar, Roma Poddar and Ashley Rebello with the talented NIF students



(Top to Bottom) Ronak, Kiran Bakolia, Amisha Sharma & Kirti Bhatner

NIF STUDENTS SHINE UNDER ASHLEY REBELLO'S MENTORSHIP

24 ROUNDS OF MAGIC!



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(L-R) Abhishek Poddar, Ashley Rebello & Roma Poddar

From December 2 to 5, NIF Global Jaipur hosted a groundbreaking four-day workshop featuring the globally acclaimed designer and celebrity mentor Ashley Rebello. Known for styling Bollywood superstar Salman Khan and curating high-profile events such as the Ambani weddings, Rebello brought his vast expertise to the students, transforming their creative vision into reality.

The intensive program covered every aspect of the fashion design process, from ideation to execution. Students explored mood boards, consumer profiling, technical drawings, fabric selection and colour palette creation for a resort collection. They gained insights into defining target markets, preparing technical sheets, and

integrating green room labeling. A highlight was the immersive focus on lighting, sound and music, critical elements for crafting runway presentations.

A remarkable feat of the workshop was the students' ability to conceptualize and create their collections within just two and a half days, showcasing their talent and dedication under Rebello's expert mentorship. The culmination was a spectacular fashion show on Thursday, themed "Pink Fauna," blending traditional Rajasthani techniques with contemporary resort wear. The show featured 24 captivating rounds, with every detail from model selection to hair and makeup curated by the students.

The event concluded with an

awards ceremony honoring outstanding designs, presented by Ashley Rebello alongside Abhishek Poddar and Roma Poddar, Centre Directors of NIF Global Jaipur. The Poddars remarked, "Ashley Rebello has been an integral part of NIF Global Jaipur for over 15 years, inspiring and nurturing the next generation of designers. This workshop provided invaluable industry insights, bridging the gap between academic learning and professional expertise."

With a legacy of over 26 years, Kamla Poddar Institutes (KPI) continues to lead career education in North India. Through events like this, NIF Global Jaipur reinforces its commitment to fostering excellence and offering students unparalleled industry exposure.



Kirti, Vartika and Aman



Sanjh Sharma, Tarun Lakhera & Deepti



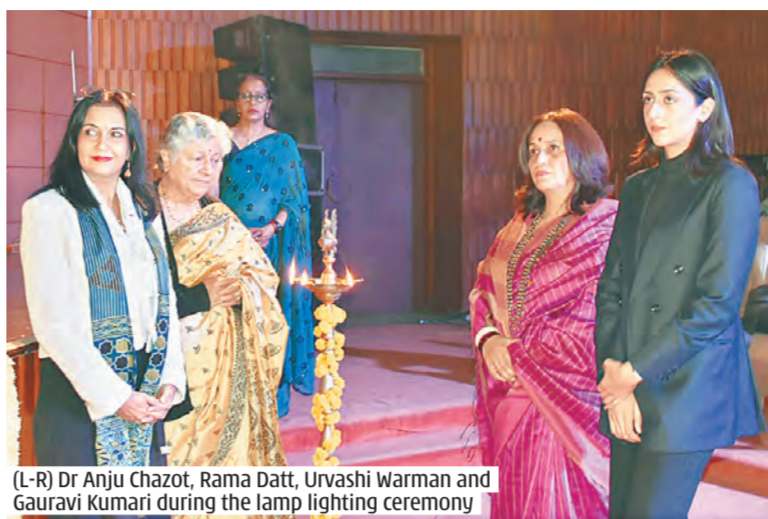
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Financial Wisdom



Students showcasing their talent during the cultural performance

The Palace School's Annual Day, themed 'Financial Literacy,' was celebrated at Jaipur's prestigious Birla Auditorium on Thursday. The event underscored the school's commitment to equipping students with vital life skills. Dr Anju Chazot, French Foreign Trade Advisor and Founder of MGIS Ahmedabad, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Gauravi Kumari, Guest of Honour and a Board of Governors member, added prestige. The program began with a ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by a soulful shlok recital. Principal Urvashi Warman's Annual Report highlighted the school's accomplishments. Cultural performances included a Hans Dhvani jugalbandi, the play Bandar Ki Khujli, and a vibrant dance, Padharo Mhare Des. The event also addressed cyber fraud awareness through a Nukkad Natak, Digital Dhamaal. Both dignitaries praised the school's innovative efforts, with Dr Chazot emphasizing experiential learning's alignment with NEP 2020 and Princess Gauravi lauding the holistic approach.



(L-R) Dr Anju Chazot, Rama Datt, Urvashi Warman and Gauravi Kumari during the lamp lighting ceremony

IN THE CITY!



A tribute and discussion event was on Friday at Madarampura Bypass, Jaipur, marking Dr BR Ambedkar's Mahaparinirvan Diwas. The program began with garlanding the picture. Chief guest Dr BL Jatawat ret. IAS emphasised the importance of education and urged for right direction to children for societal change. Dr Satyendra Baswal, FA HJU, gave credit to Ambedkar for community's progress. Speakers Mohan Jewaria, Madan Verma, Prabhu Kala, Babulal Kanwalia, Kailash, Omprakash, Mukesh and Dinesh Kataria were present. The event was chaired by Harinarayan Sutarkar.

DIVYA KANWALYA

Visionary Centenary

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To commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of legendary filmmaker and actor Raj Kapoor, a grand festival, "Raj Kapoor 100 - Celebrating the Centenary of the Greatest Showman," is set to take place from December 13 to 15, 2024. The event will be organised by RK Films, Film Heritage Foundation and the National Film Archive of India (NFDC), in collaboration with PVR-Innox and Cinepolis.

The festival will showcase ten iconic Raj Kapoor films, including Aag (1948), Awara

(1951), Shree 420 (1955), and Mera Naam Joker (1970). Spanning nearly four decades, these films celebrate Kapoor's artistry, which resonates with audiences worldwide. The festival's launch, hosted in Mumbai on December 13, will see the Kapoor family in attendance.

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan remarked, "Raj Kapoor was India's greatest showman. His unparalleled

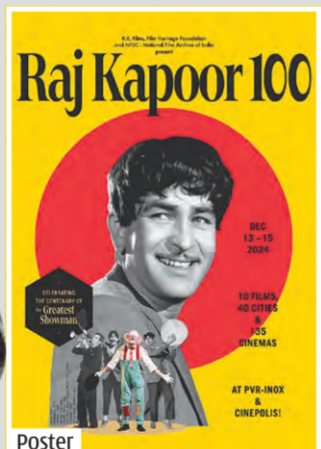
vision and timeless storytelling continue to inspire generations." Randhir Kapoor, reflecting on his father's legacy, added, "Raj Kapoor's films are emotional journeys connecting generations." Ranbir Kapoor expressed pride, stating, "His stories are timeless, and this festival invites everyone to relive the magic."

Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, Director of the Film Heritage Foundation, emphasized, "This retrospective honours Raj Kapoor's unmatched legacy, giving audiences a chance to experience his groundbreaking works on the big screen."

The festival promises a nostalgic journey, celebrating the visionary who immortalized Indian cinema on the global stage.



Late Raj Kapoor



Poster

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

The 11th Rajasthan International Film Festival (RIFF) will take place in Jodhpur, from February 1-5, 2025. Themed "CINEMASTHAN - A Panorama of cinema in Rajasthan," the event celebrates a decade of RIFF's journey. The grand closing ceremony, hosted at Mehrangarh Fort, highlights global and regional cinematic heritage. Entries are open for various categories, including short films and Rajasthani cinema, with a submission deadline of December 31, 2024.



Somendra Harsh, HH Gaj Singh & Anshu

The two-day national conference on 'Women in Decision-Making and Leadership: Shattering Stereotypes and Creating Futures' was inaugurated at the Central University of Rajasthan on Tuesday, with Dr Chandrika Kaushik, Director General, DRDO, as the chief guest. The event highlighted the importance of increasing women's participation in leadership roles, empowering them through education and fostering entrepreneurial skills.

Distinguished speakers, including IAS Usha Sharma and Prof Anand Bhalerao, emphasised women's pivotal role in decision-making and societal change. The conference features research papers, panel discussions and lectures on women's leadership across various fields.



REOYTPREND CREATING FUTURES (NCW) December 2024



(L-R) Anuj Sharma, Parul Vats, Sneha Sahni, Dharmendra Upadhyay, Kapil Vashishth, Manju Vashishth and Charu Sharma

The first look of the family film "Tere Mere Beech Mein", produced by Shri Radha Govind Films, was recently launched at Mansarovar. The event featured the film's cast and crew. Writer-director Dharmendra Upadhyay shared that the film revolves around a family and emphasized the need to balance ambition for a fulfilled life. The film is produced by Maya Devi Upadhyay, with cinematography by Panchhi Gautam. Lead roles are played by Kapil Vashishth, Sneha Sahani, Parul Vats & others.



Film Poster



Bharti Khandelwal was appointed as the Honorary Joint Secretary on Thursday in the executive meeting of the Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) organised at the MI Road. During the meeting, RCCI President KL Jain addressed various key topics, including the Rajasthan Global Summit Meet. Bharti Khandelwal, a former student union president and general secretary of Maharani College, is deeply involved in social work. She is also the editor of Prakhar Navneet Magazine and a founder member of both the Florenza Club and the Khandelwal Women Entrepreneur.

CULTURAL CONFLUENCE!



(L-R) Lakshyaraj Prakash, Rama Datt & Urvashi Warman

The third day of the Jaipur History Festival saw 2,600 students from 47 schools across cities like Delhi, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Varanasi and



During the event

Jammu come together for a vibrant celebration on Thursday. Lakshraj Prakash of Sirmour inaugurated "Rashmi Rath," an e-car designed by students of The Palace School. The event featured captivating performances, including the play Kafan by Sunbeam Schools and a Marwadi song by DPS Sector 45. Skits like Akbar and Birbal by Maheshwari Girls Public School and Budhi Kaki by MPS Kalwar Road creatively highlighted financial literacy themes. Book launches, including "Gullak of Stories" and 25 graphic novels on science, added intellectual depth. JECRC JU Pathshala awarded ₹15 lakh to schools for incubation centres, making the day a confluence of creativity, culture, and education.

EMPOWERING WELLNESS!



(L-R) Megha Gupta, Priyambi Rajawat & Dilip Singh Shekhawat



Aarushi Goyal, Riya Sharma, Dr Tasya Rakshita, Roshni Sejwani, Megha Gupta, Aditi & Priyambi Rajawat



Poorva Aimer, Prerna Dhoot, Shilpa Modi, Bhavika Gulbani, Preyala, Akshita, Vijaya Solanki, Roshni Sejwani, Riya Sharma, Aarushi Goyal, Ekta Jain, Suruchi Dhoot, Sweety Shah, Swati Chabra & Dr Tasya Rakshita

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To promote fitness during the festive and wedding season, FBS Jaipur recently launched the FBS Detox Series. The inaugural session took place at Club

Pilates India, C-Scheme, featuring an energizing Reformer Pilates workout. Over 20 women entrepreneurs participated in the session, which was led by Pilates expert Priyambi Rajawat. FBS founder Megha Gupta highlighted the tendency for women to neglect their health

due to work and family commitments. She emphasized FBS's mission to inspire its members to prioritize fitness. The session began with warm-up and stretching exercises, followed by a machine Pilates workout, and concluded with cool-down exercises, leaving participants feeling

refreshed.

Megha Gupta stressed the importance of consistency in fitness routines, while core team member Rakhi Khandelwal encouraged attendees to incorporate fitness into their daily lives. The session not only promoted physical health but

also reinforced the significance of self-care and community among women entrepreneurs. Participants, including Prema Dhoot, Niharika Noupinee, Kriti Agarwal, and others committed to maintaining fitness through personalized Pilates training.

GRAND WEDDING BLISS



(L-R) Sarika Paliwal, Ayushi Joshi, Guv Haribhau Bagade, Naman Paliwal & Anil Paliwal



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulates the newlyweds Naman Paliwal & Ayushi Joshi. Also seen is Anil Paliwal.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Ashok Gehlot. Also seen is Akhilesh Dave



Kuldeep Ranka with his wife

Jaipur witnessed a grand wedding reception on Wednesday as Naman, son of Sarika and Anila Paliwal; ADG, Traffic and Telecommunication tied the knot with Ayushi, daughter of Madhu and Amit Joshi, at

the luxurious Le Méridien Jaipur Resort & Spa on Thursday. The ceremony was a splendid affair, attended by Former CM Ashok Gehlot personally blessed the newlyweds, emphasizing the joyous spirit of the occasion. Adding grace to the occasion, Dr

Jagdeesh Chandra attended the wedding, offering his heartfelt blessings to Naman and Ayushi, making the celebration even more special.

The celebration was marked by the presence of eminent figures from media, defence, and administrative circles, promi-

nent dignitaries, including Governor Haribhau Bagade, Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, UDH Minister Jhabbar Singh Kharrar, BJP leader Dr Satish Poonia, Mayor Dr Somya, MLA Yoonus Khan, senior BJP leader Narayan Lal Panchariya, MLA

Prashant Sahdev Sharma, IAS Kunji Lal Meena, Former IAS Dr Lalit K Panwar and Akhilesh Dave among others. Family and friends, gathered to shower their blessings and convey their good wishes to the couple for a blissful married life ahead.

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The newly launched Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy 2024 is a transformative initiative by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari, and the Government of Rajasthan on Thursday. Focused on addressing the evolving needs of the tourism and hospitality sector, the policy aims to promote sustainable development across the state.

FHTR leaders Kuldeep Singh Chandela and Virendra Singh applauded the policy for introducing innovative measures

such as eco-tourism units, film cities, heritage restaurants, and indoor/outdoor play zones. Financial incentives under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2024, including exemptions on stamp duty and concessional bar licenses for heritage properties, were highlighted by IHHA Secretary General Gaj Singh Alsisar.

HRAR's Tarun Bansal and Adhiraj Shahpura praised initiatives like integrated tourism villages and rural tourism start-ups. RATO representatives emphasized the motor vehicle tax waiver for large coaches, which encourages transport sector growth.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Manipal University Jaipur's basketball team triumphed in the AIU 2024-25 All India University Basketball (Men) Tournament, securing the title through hard work and teamwork on Friday. Competing against 16 teams nationwide, MUJ players displayed exceptional sportsmanship and determination. The victory has further elevated the university's reputation in sports. President Prof Dr NN Sharma, Pro-President Prof Dr Karunakar Koteagar, and Registrar Dr Nitu Bhatnagar congratulated the team. Director of Sports, Dr Rina Poonia and her team played a key role in organizing the successful event.

FIRST INDIA NEWS WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

Flight of Empowerment

SUNIL SHARMA



Pawan Arora with (L-R) Capt Sapna Sharma, Mohini Shroff, Capt Nivedita Bhasin, Capt Fanni Pajer, Capt Houda Matar, Karina Sharma, Bobby Choudhury & Komal Rahane



Pilots from the International Organisation of Women Pilots

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The Ninety-Nines, a distinguished international organization of licensed women pilots representing 44 countries, concluded their enriching journey across India's Golden Triangle with a memorable stop in Jaipur on Friday. The delegation featured aviation trailblazers such as Capt. Nivedita Bhasin, 88-year-old founding member Mohini Shroff, and international pilots Capt. Fanni from Austria and Capt. Houda from Lebanon.



Capt Holly Petitt with daughter Capt Keely Petitt



Capt Fanni Pajer

The Jaipur leg of their journey included a special visit to First India News, Rajasthan's leading satellite TV channel. The visit allowed the pilots to explore the studio and witness live broadcasting, emphasizing the pivotal role of media in storytelling and global outreach. The team shared their gratitude upon meeting First India News CEO & Managing Editor Pawan Arora, who welcomed the group

warmly alongside Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Editor First India News and the other members of the First India family. On the eve of International Civil Aviation Day, the Ninety-Nines India Aviation Conclave 2024—themed “Empowering Women to Soar”—celebrated the achievements of women in aviation and their ongoing mission of inspiring future generations. Pawan Arora praised the pilots' pioneering spirit, saying, “Women pilots exemplify resilience,

skill and dedication, breaking barriers in a traditionally male-dominated field. The Ninety-Nines have set a global benchmark and this conclave is a testament to the progress we can achieve through collective effort and support.” The event brought together a diverse group of trailblazing women pilots, including Capt Sapna Sharma, Capt Mohini Shroff, Capt Houda Matar, Capt Holly Petitt and her daughter Capt Keely Petitt, among others.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Delhi (Dec 1-3):** The group explored the capital city, visiting historic landmarks like Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar, and India Gate. A conference was held, fostering discussions on women in aviation.
- Agra (Dec 4):** Members experienced the Taj Mahal's timeless beauty and the architectural grandeur of Agra Fort.
- Bharatpur (Dec 5):** En route to Jaipur, they visited Fatehpur Sikri and the Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary, relishing its serene biodiversity.
- Jaipur (Dec 6-7):** The final stop included visits to the Amber Fort, City Palace, and Hawa Mahal. A gala dinner at Diggi Palace featured cultural performances, traditional cuisine and fireworks.

Capt Holly Petitt reflected on the significance of the conclave, stating, “It's inspiring to see how far we've come and how much more we can achieve by supporting each other.”

With historic roots dating back to 1929 and an India Section since 1976, the Ninety-Nines continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of aviation. This conclave, organised by Go India Experiences, celebrated culture, empowerment and exploration, culminating in a memorable celebration at Hotel Andaz in New Delhi on December 8.



Capt Shahrzad Shams captured while capturing

RAJDEEP SARDESAI'S BOOK UNVEILED

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The launch event for 2024: The Election That Surprised India by senior journalist Rajdeep Sardesai was organised under the aegis of the Dr Sahdev Choudhary Foundation at Clarks Amer, Jaipur on Friday. Virendra Choudhary, Director of First India News and Foundation President, shedding light on the political landscape. Sardesai engaged the audience by



(L-R) Mahipal Singh, Sanjay Poonia, Shikha Meel Barala, Virendra Choudhary, Rajdeep Sardesai, Govind Singh Dotsara, CP Joshi, Ravinder Singh Bhati & Avinash Kalla

discussing key political narratives explored in his book. Answering questions, Sardesai remarked, “Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a master of communication. He knows exactly what the

audience wants to hear.” He further stated that the era of pre-election propaganda politics has come to an end. Sardesai analyzed the 2024 elections, highlighting BJP's strategies & contrast-



Dr Jayati Mishra added a touch of sophistication as she hosted the evening with flair



Virendra Choudhary in conversation with Rajdeep Sardesai

ing them with Congress's leadership gaps. The event discussed the Mahayuti government's elections in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Haryana, with participation from political leaders like

CP Joshi, Govind Singh Dotsara, Ravindra Bhati and Shikha Barala. Mahipal Singh, Director of First India News and anchor Dr Jayati Mishra were also present during this.



Sathya Sai College students took a pledge on Friday to prioritize road safety and save lives at accident sites. The initiative, organised by Sahayata Sanstha, aimed to encourage responsible road behaviour. Principal Kamlesh Sharma highlighted the vital role of youth in reducing road accident fatalities in Rajasthan. CEO Manish Sancheti and program coordinator Udaiveer Singh expressed gratitude to the Mumbai-based CMS Foundation. Padma Shri Dr Maya Tandon also acknowledged their contribution, with Rajasthan representatives Vinod Yadav and Mukesh Sherawat offering support.