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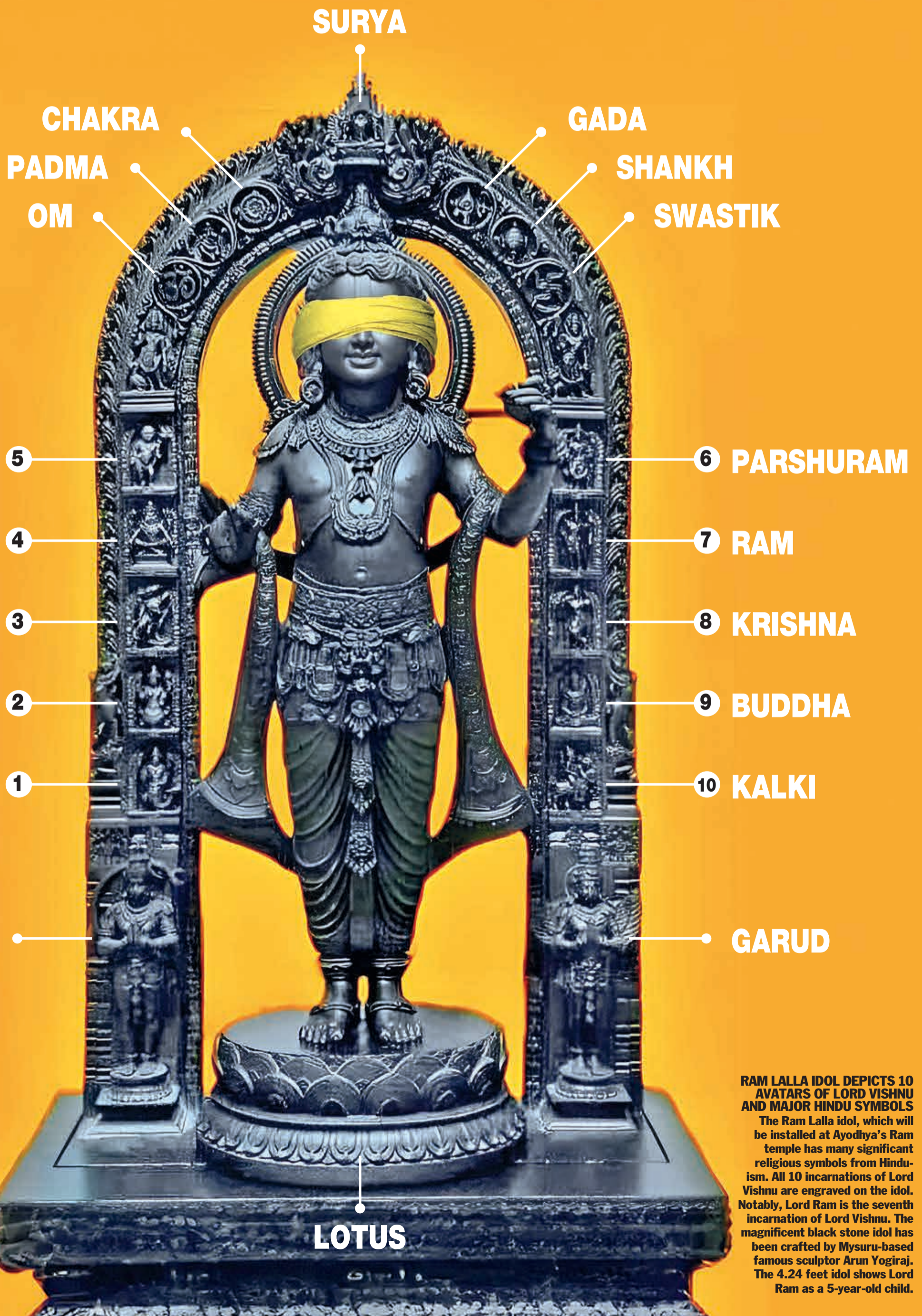
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PM NARENDRA MODI WILL BE 'MUKHYA YAJMAN' FOR RAM TEMPLE 'PRAN PRATISHTHA' ON JANUARY 22

SHUBH GHADI AAYI!

'Krishna Shila' Ram Lalla idol with golden bow and arrow placed

HEIGHT	WIDTH	WEIGHT
4.24 feet	3 feet	200 kg



EYES OF RAM LALLA CANNOT BE REVEALED BEFORE 'PRAN PRATISHTHA': ACHARYA DAS
 Acharya Satyendra Das, chief priest of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, said on Saturday that the eyes of the Ram Lalla idol cannot be revealed before the 'Pran Pratishtha'. Satyendra Das said, "The idol where the eyes of Lord Ram can be seen is not the real idol. If the eyes can be seen, an investigation should be done on who revealed the eyes and how the pictures of the idol are going viral."

RAM LALLA IDOL DEPICTS 10 AVATARS OF LORD VISHNU AND MAJOR HINDU SYMBOLS
 The Ram Lalla idol, which will be installed at Ayodhya's Ram temple has many significant religious symbols from Hinduism. All 10 incarnations of Lord Vishnu are engraved on the idol. Notably, Lord Ram is the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The magnificent black stone idol has been crafted by Mysuru-based famous sculptor Arun Yogiraj. The 4.24 feet idol shows Lord Ram as a 5-year-old child.



॥ Ram Aayenge ॥

लक्ष्मिन अरु सीता सहित प्रभुहि बिलोकति मावु।
परमांतंद मगन मन पुनि पुनि पुलकित गावु॥

|| Sitaji, along with Lakshmanji and the mothers are seeing Lord Shri Ramchandra with utmost joy. Their hearts are immersed in supreme bliss, and are feeling thrilled to be in Lord Ram's presence. ||



Honoured to have got the opportunity to pray at the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple. Prabhu Sri Ram's connection with this Temple is long-standing. I feel blessed to have been blessed by the God whom Prabhu Sri Ram also worshipped.

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

INDIANS IN HOUSTON HOLD TESLA LIGHT SHOW AHEAD OF RAM MANDIR EVENT



→ Barely hours away from the grand inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, enthusiastic devotees here have arranged an awe-inspiring and innovative Tesla car light show dedicated to Lord Ram. Over 100 Tesla car owners, calling themselves "Ramji ki Gilahariyan of Greater Houston", gathered at Shri Guruvayurappan Krishna Temple for the light show on Friday evening, attracting hundreds of Ram Bhakts and passersby in the neighbourhood. The cars had a giant-sized Ram Rath in the backdrop, with a life-size temple oil painting, and loud music of "Jai Sri Ram".

RAILWAYS ALLOCATES 3 SPECIAL TRAINS FROM TRIPURA TO AYODHYA

→ The Railways has allocated three special trains to Tripura for ferrying people to Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh to offer prayers in the Ram temple, a BJP Yuva Morcha leader said on Saturday. The three special trains were given to the northeastern state after Chief Minister Manik Saha wrote to Railways Minister Ashwani Vaishnav to provide special trains from Agartala to Ayodhya.

BJP's manifesto for 2014 Lok Sabha elections promised that Ram Temple will be built in Ayodhya. It was PM Narendra Modi who ensured that the dream of crores of Indians was realised once Supreme Court cleared the decks for temple construction

Silent, ascetic seeker these are the words which describe the role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the construction of Ram Temple. Modi is the person who ensured that the promise of BJP leaders, that if the party gets a full majority it will work on the Ram Mandir, Article 370 and Uniform Civil Code, was fulfilled. During the 13-day trust vote of the government in 1996, the first BJP Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said that if the BJP got a majority, concrete steps would be taken on Ram Temple, Article 370 and the Uniform Civil Code. The wisdom with which the Ram Mandir issue was resolved during Modi's tenure is commendable. Modi's commitment is visible in different phases in the developments of the last three decades of the Ram Mandir movement. But the special thing is that he was never seen making harsh statements on this issue, however, internally he kept moving towards providing a solution to this issue.

PROMISE MADE IN MANIFESTO FOR 2014 LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

BJP's manifesto for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections promised that Ram Temple will be built in Ayodhya. It was not easy to take a decision on a case pending for years. In 2018, the decision was taken by the Supreme Court for a regular hearing of this case. About 1.5 lakh documents related to this case were presented in the court in different languages which PM Modi got translated into one language within six months with the help of the Uttar Pradesh state government after which fast fast-track hearing of the case was started in Court.

HIS COMMITMENT AS PM

PM Modi announced in the Lok Sabha in February 2020 that the government has approved the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust for the construction of a grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya and other issues. Along with this, 5 acres of land in Ayodhya were allocated for the construction of a mosque. Subsequently, on August 5, 2020, Narendra Modi's long journey reached its culmination. During this event, he personally laid the foundation stone for the grand temple dedicated to Lord Ram in Ayodhya. PM Modi not only focused on the temple but also contributed to the development of Ayodhya, the city of Lord Ram, as part of this initiative.

LK ADVANI PRAISES PM NARENDRA MODI'S ROLE

Senior BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani, who conducted the Rath Yatra across the country for the construction of the Ram Temple, recently said in a newspaper article that current Prime Minister Narendra Modi was with him during the entire Rath Yatra. "He was not very famous then, but at the same time Lord Ram chose his devotee (Modi) to rebuild his temple. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi consecrates the idol of Lord Ram in the temple, he will represent every citizen of India. I pray that this temple inspires all Indians to adopt the virtues of Shri Ram," Advani said.

MODI'S RESOLVE TO RETURN TO AYODHYA ONLY WHEN TEMPLE IS BUILT

The celebration of Shri Ram Lalla Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya is being celebrated across the country. Meanwhile, some old pictures of PM Modi have surfaced which show that PM Modi had gone to Ayodhya on the day

PM Modi, THE 'architect' who gave Lord Ram a Temple!



of Makar Sankranti and took a pledge to build the Ram Temple. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Ayodhya on January 14, 1992, and had vowed along with veteran BJP leaders Murli Manohar Joshi and Kalraj Mishra, in Ayodhya, that they would return here only when the Ram Temple had been constructed. Journalists covering these movements also mentioned Modi being a silent seeker in this movement.

LORD RAM IN PM'S MIND

Preparations are going on across the country. Ayodhya is being decorated in an unprecedented manner. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also performing 11-day rituals before the consecration of Lord Ram at the Ayodhya Ram temple. Since starting this ritual, PM Modi has been seen continuously offering prayers in different temples. First of all, PM Modi reached Nashik, Maharashtra on January 11 and worshipped at Kalam Temple and then also worshipped at Ramkund. After this, he reached dif-

ferent temples in South India. The Prime Minister said in a post on social media, "The Lord has made me the instrument to represent all the people of India during the Pran Pratistha and keeping this in mind, from today I am starting a special ritual of 11 days. I seek blessings from all of you, the public." After this ritual, PM Modi was continuously seen offering prayers in various temples.

ALL CREDIT FOR THE TEMPLE MOVEMENT GOES TO MODI

In a social media post on January 11, 2023, the BJP gave all credit to PM Narendra Modi for a significant phase of the 'Temple Movement.' The official Twitter handle of the BJP posted a video related to the 'history' of the temple movement, stating, "In 1990, for the construction of the temple, the BJP initiated the Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya, led by the architect and strategist, the present Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi."

MODI'S ROLE AS RSS PRACHARAK

During the Ram Janmabhoomi movement in the early 1970s, Narendra Modi gave many agitational speeches. Out of which the speech given in the event called Lok Adalat Mange Ayodhya impressed the people a lot. Narendra Modi's focus as an RSS pracharak was clear. Modi led the awakening of the movement from his state, Gujarat. As an RSS pracharak he awakened the national consciousness and during this time, as a preacher, he made the whole of India aware of the Ram Temple.

CONTRIBUTION AS A BJP LEADER

Narendra Modi joined the BJP in 1980. After which in 1989, the party appointed him the General Secretary of Gujarat unit. In 1990, he was made a member of the National Election Committee. By the end of the 1990s, he was made the National General Secretary of the BJP and during this period, he also worked for the cause of Ram Mandir with the party. On 12 September 1990, Lal Krishna Advani's Rath Yatra was carried out from Somnath in Gujarat to Ayodhya whose organiser was Narendra Modi. He became the charioteer during the Gujarat phase of the Yatra. During Navratri, he took charge of the entire Rath Yatra arrangements and worked hard despite fasting throughout Navratri.



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➔ **MODI IS THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT SRI RANGANATHASWAMY TEMPLE**

➔ **PM MODI TAKES HOLY DIP IN THE 'AGNI THEERTH' BEACH; PRAYS AT TN TEMPLES**

PM Modi & 'His Holiness'!

Moni Sharma

Rameswaram/Tiruchirappalli

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday worshipped at the Lord Ranganathaswamy temple here after taking a holy dip at the 'Agni theerth' beach. PM Modi, who was seen wearing a rudraksha-mala, prayed in the Ramanathaswamy shrine, an ancient Shiva temple in Tamil Nadu.

The Shiva temple, tucked away in the Rameswaram island of TN's Ramanathapuram district, also has a connect to the Ramayana, as the Shiva linga here was installed by Shri Ram. Lord Ram and Sita Devi prayed here.

During the day, PM Modi reached Tiruchirappalli and offered prayers at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple and listened to a scholar recit-



PM Narendra Modi being blessed by elephant at Ranganathaswamy Temple in Tiruchirappalli on Saturday. PM Modi takes a dip in the sea at Sri Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy Temple, in Rameswaram.

ing verses from the Kamaba Ramayanam at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Tiruchirappalli. Modi is the first Prime Minister to visit Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple.



MODI PRESENTED WITH A GIFT BY PRIESTS TO BE TAKEN TO RAM TEMPLE, AYODHYA

➔ Prime Minister Narendra Modi who visited Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple on Saturday was presented with a gift by the priests to be taken to the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. On behalf of the presiding priests at the ancient temple in Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirappalli, the Prime Minister was given a present in a basket which to be taken to the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING FALSE CONTENT ON RAM TEMPLE EVENT: GOVT TELLS MEDIA

➔ The government on Saturday issued an advisory to media outlets and social media platforms cautioning them against publishing any false or manipulated content related to the January 22 Ram temple event in Ayodhya. The advisory, issued by the Ministry of I&B said it was observed that certain unverified, provocative and fake messages were being spread, especially on social media, which can disturb communal harmony and public order.



AYODHYA GETS WORLD'S LARGEST LOCK

➔ 'World's Largest Lock' weighing 400 kg arrived in Ayodhya on Saturday from Aligarh, ahead of 'Pran Pratishtha'. The lock was made two years ago by an elderly couple, Satya Prakash Sharma and his wife Rukmini Sharma, who are residents of Norangabad, Aligarh. Satya passed away recently. His wish was that this lock should be gifted to Ram Mandir.

PM MODI'S ITINERARY IN AYODHYA ON JANUARY 22

10:25 AM
Modi to arrive at the Ayodhya airport

10:55 AM
PM Modi's arrival at the Ram Janmabhoomi

12:05 PM
The 'Pran Pratishtha' rituals will begin

12:55 PM
PM to leave consecration ceremony venue

1:00 PM
Modi to attend public event in Ayodhya

2:10 PM
PM will visit Shiv Temple on Kuber Teela

|| Ram Aayenge ||



IN BRIEF

SHOAB TIES KNOT WITH PAK ACTOR



Former Pakistan captain Shoab Malik announced on Saturday that he has married a second time to the country's popular actress Sana Javed in Karachi, finally ending the speculations around his separation with Indian tennis star Sania Mirza.

ED grills Hemant Soren for 7 hours, Section 144 clamped near his home

Ranchi: ED questioned Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren for 7 hours at his official residence in Ranchi on Saturday in connection with a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. Section 144 clamped near the CM's residence. **P10**

Tata Group bags 5-year IPL sponsorship rights for record \$300 million

New Delhi: Indian conglomerate Tata Group has bagged the title sponsorship of the IPL for 2024-28 for a "record-breaking" \$300 million, the league organisers said on Saturday. IPL is world's richest T20 tournament with brand value of \$8.4 bn.

India & Myanmar border will be fenced soon, says HM Amit Shah

Shah claimed that the country would be rid of the Naxal problem in the next three years

First India Bureau
Tezpur

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said that the Centre will soon fence the India-Myanmar border just like it has barricaded the border along with Bangladesh to restrict free movement into the country.

With this announcement, the Free Movement Regime (FMR), which allows people residing close to the India-Myanmar border to venture 16 km into each other's territory without



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses the 60th Raising Day of Sashastra Seema Bal, at Salonibari, in Tezpur on Saturday.

a visa, will end soon.

While speaking at the passing out parade of Assam Police commandos in Guwahati, Amit Shah said, "I want to tell my friends in Assam that the

Narendra Modi government has decided to fence India's open border along with Myanmar just like we have fenced the country's border along with Bangladesh".

RAM TO RETURN HOME AFTER 550 YRS: SHAH

➔ Lord Ram to return home after 550 'disrespectful' years, it's a matter of pride for India, said Union Home Min Amit Shah in Assam on Saturday.

Jaishankar calls on SL President Ranil, lauds bilateral initiatives

First India Bureau
Kampala (Uganda)

EAM S Jaishankar called on Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Saturday on the sidelines of the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Ugandan capital, Kampala. "Pleased to call on Sri Lankan President @ RW_UNP on the sidelines of NAM Summit in Kampala," Jaishankar posted from his official X handle on Saturday. "Appreciate his continued guidance for the advancement of our bilateral initiatives. India's commitment is reflected in Neighbourhood First & SAGAR policy," EAM added. Jaishankar also met with his counterparts from Bolivia, Azerbaijan and Venezuela. **P11**



EAM S Jaishankar meets Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe on sidelines of the NAM Summit in Kampala on Saturday.

JAISHANKAR-GUTERRES DISCUSS 'AGENDA 2030'

➔ EAM S Jaishankar called on Secretary-General UN Antonio Guterres. The duo discussed Agenda 2030, UN reforms, the West Asia situation, maritime security and the Ukraine conflict.



'One Nation, One Election'

₹10,000 crore needed every 15 years: EC to Central Govt

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Election Commission has estimated that an amount of Rs 10,000 crore would be required every 15 years to procure new Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) if simultaneous elections are conducted for the Lok Sabha and assemblies. In a communication sent to law ministry, poll panel highlighted that the shelf life of EVMs is 15 years and one set of machines could be used for 3 cy-



cles of elections in their lifespan if simultaneous polls were held. For upcoming LS polls, it is estimated that a total of 11.80 lakh polling stations would be required.

CM VISITS 'VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA' IN BIKANER

Consecration of Lord Ram is sign of India's golden time: CM Sharma

Laxman Raghav
Bikaner

After waiting for generations, auspicious moment is coming for the consecration of the grand temple of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. PM Modi is following strict 'Niyams' of 11 days with full devotion, CM posts on X

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma fired salvos at Congress on Saturday and claimed that the Congress 'worked to destroy our cultural heritage'. "They even talked about Ram being imaginary whereas Ram lives in every corner of India. Swami Vivekananda had said to leave appeasement. The 21st century will belong to India and our PM Modi is working towards it," Sharma said. During Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, CM stressed that whatever PM Modi says, he ensures that work is



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal & others during 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', Bikaner on Saturday.

done. "Rajasthan is doing well in central schemes. Work that has been done in last 9 years under leadership of PM Modi ji is beyond comprehension, be it poor welfare scheme, talks about development of the country or talk about the increase in the honor and respect of India," CM said. **P12**

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RAJ SADAN, THE GRAND RESIDENCE OF THE ERSTWHILE RAJA OF AYODHYA, VARIOUS TEMPLES AND OTHER BUILDINGS HERE HAVE BEEN LIT UP AHEAD OF THE CONSECRATION CEREMONY AT THE RAM TEMPLE, GIVING A FEEL OF EARLY DIWALI FESTIVITIES IN THE HOLY CITY.

AYODHYA DECKS UP FOR RAM LALLA

Ayodhya readies for the momentous January 22 consecration ceremony, which PM Narendra Modi will lead. Over 7,000 guests from India and a lakh devotees are expected



RAM PREVAILS OVER AYODHYA

With the consecration ceremony a couple of days away, the whole of Ayodhya is steeped in religious spirit. A new branch of a PSU bank that opened on Thursday in a building along the Ram Path here has been named the 'Ramjanmabhoomi' branch. A redeveloped road that skirts its way off Ram Path, on the way to the Ram temple site, has been named Ramjanmabhoomi Path. Images of the grand temple is finding places even on visiting cards, posters, calendars and even signages.



ARCHITECTURE AND FEATURES OF THE AYODHYA RAM MANDIR

The Ayodhya Ram Mandir is a grand temple built in the Nagara style of temple architecture, characterized by its towering spires or shikharas.

The temple is built using pink sandstone and is spread across an area of 2.77 acres and is surrounded by a large courtyard and has several smaller shrines dedicated to other Hindu deities.

The most striking feature of the temple is the giant Shaligram stone, a black stone believed to represent Lord Ram and brought from the Gandaki river in Nepal.

Chandrakant Somapura, 81, and his son Ashish, 51, have designed the complex in the Nagara style of temple architecture. The Nagara style of temple architecture emerged around the late Gupta period, in northern India.



'RAM TEMPLE: A REVIVAL OF THE NATION'S SPIRIT'

As the nation gears up to welcome the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Sadhguru, Founder-Isha Foundation, talks about the Ram Temple being a symbol of civilisational reclaim. "Ram and Ramayan have been so much a part of the Indian ethos that it is almost like a resurrection of a damaged national spirit," he says. "Rama's entire life - from the loss of his kingdom and his wife to his later travails, when he gives up his wife again, and almost slays his own offspring - can be seen, in terms of events, as a serial disaster. And yet, his ability to remain equanimous through it all makes him exceptional even today," Sadhguru adds. Talking about Rama's relevance in current times, he explains, "People worship Ram not because of the success in his life, but for the gracefulness with which he conducted the most difficult moments." Commending the resilience of the people, Sadhguru highlights, "The people have been waiting for Ram Temple for over 500 years, so there's a tremendous excitement in the country. The whole movement has been handled by ordinary people in the country. Look at the resilience, look at the spirit, and look at the patience of people."

Pankaj Soni
Ayodhya

Goswami Tulsi-das ji has written in the Uttar Kand of Ram-charitmanas, in the chaupai of doha number 8, that after hearing the news of the arrival of Prabhu Ram, all the people of Ayodhya lit lamps in front of their houses. Everyone has decorated their houses with flags and banners, and all the streets are sprinkled with fragrant perfumes and joyous sounds of celebration echo throughout the entire city. This was the atmosphere in the city of Ayodhya at this time. Now, after 500 years, Lord Rama is returning to Ayodhya in the Kal Yuga and the city is immersed in Lord Ram's glory. On January 22, Pran Pratish-

tha ceremony of Lord Ram Lalla at Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya will be held. The city of Ayodhya is busy singing the praises of Lord Shri Ram. Ram devotees are running langar every 50 meters, where everyone is being served everything from tea to food with lot of manuhar.

TIGHT SECURITY

Additionally, in view of the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other VVIPs for the January 22 event, security has been tightened. Security personnel are deployed at every intersection round the clock.

VASTU PUJA PERFORMED

On Saturday, Vastu Puja was performed at the Shri Ram Temple. For the consecration ceremony, the main idol of Shri Ram Lalla is seated in the sanctum sancto-



rum. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra said in a statement that old idol still exists as before. At the appropriate time it will be installed in temple with full religious rituals.

15 PATRONS, INCLUDING DOMRAJA OF KASHI

In the Pran Pratishtha Samaroh, 15 patrons from various backgrounds, including Kashi's Domraja, will participate. They include Ramchandra Kharadi from Udaipur, head of Banwasi Kalyan Ashram; Ram Kui Jemi from Assam; Gurucharan Singh Gill from Jaipur; Krishna Mohan from Hardoi; Ramesh Jain Multani from Ajjalrasan Tamil Nadu; Vitthalrao Kamble from Mumbai, Mahadev Gayakwad from Ghumantu Society, Trustee from Latur, Maharashtra; Shri Ling Raj Vasav Raj Appa from Kalaburagi Karnataka; Dilip Valmiki from Lucknow; Anil Chaudhary from Domraja Kashi; Kailash Yadav, Kavindra Pratap Singh, Arun Chaudhary from Palwal, Haryana.

Families want their newborns' 'arrival' on Jan 22

Soubhagya Sharma
Jaipur

In an unusual yet heartening trend, pregnant ladies and their families are expressing a fervent desire to welcome their newborns on January 22, a date that holds special significance for Indians when 500-year old dream of a Ram Temple in Ayodhya is coming true. The trend has caught on, with several families approaching with requests for scheduled deliveries on this particular day.

"Normal deliveries are unpredictable, but there's a remarkable surge in expectant mothers opting for deliveries on January 22. Nearly 4 to 5 patients have explicitly expressed their wish to undergo caesarean sections on this date, aligning with their spiritual beliefs and following consultations with pandits," said a senior doctor.

As part of the preparations, hospitals are arranging for bhajans and pujas on the anticipated day. Yellow clothes, considered auspicious, will be provided to welcome the newborns. Pa-



tients have even requested the inclusion of spiritual music, particularly Ram Bhajans and Hanuman Chalisa, during the delivery procedures.

One such patient, Sunita Agrawal, expressed her wish for her baby to be born on January 22, stating, "Me and my family want the baby

should come on January 22." Her husband, Jitendra Agrawal, echoed the sentiment, saying, "It's a historical day, and our family is ready with the preparations. It's a big day, and we really hope the delivery gets successful that day."

The hospitals, in collaboration with the expectant families, are creating an environment that aligns with the spiritual and cultural significance of the chosen date.

The convergence of medical science and spiritual beliefs reflects a unique and heartwarming trend in Jaipur's maternity wards.

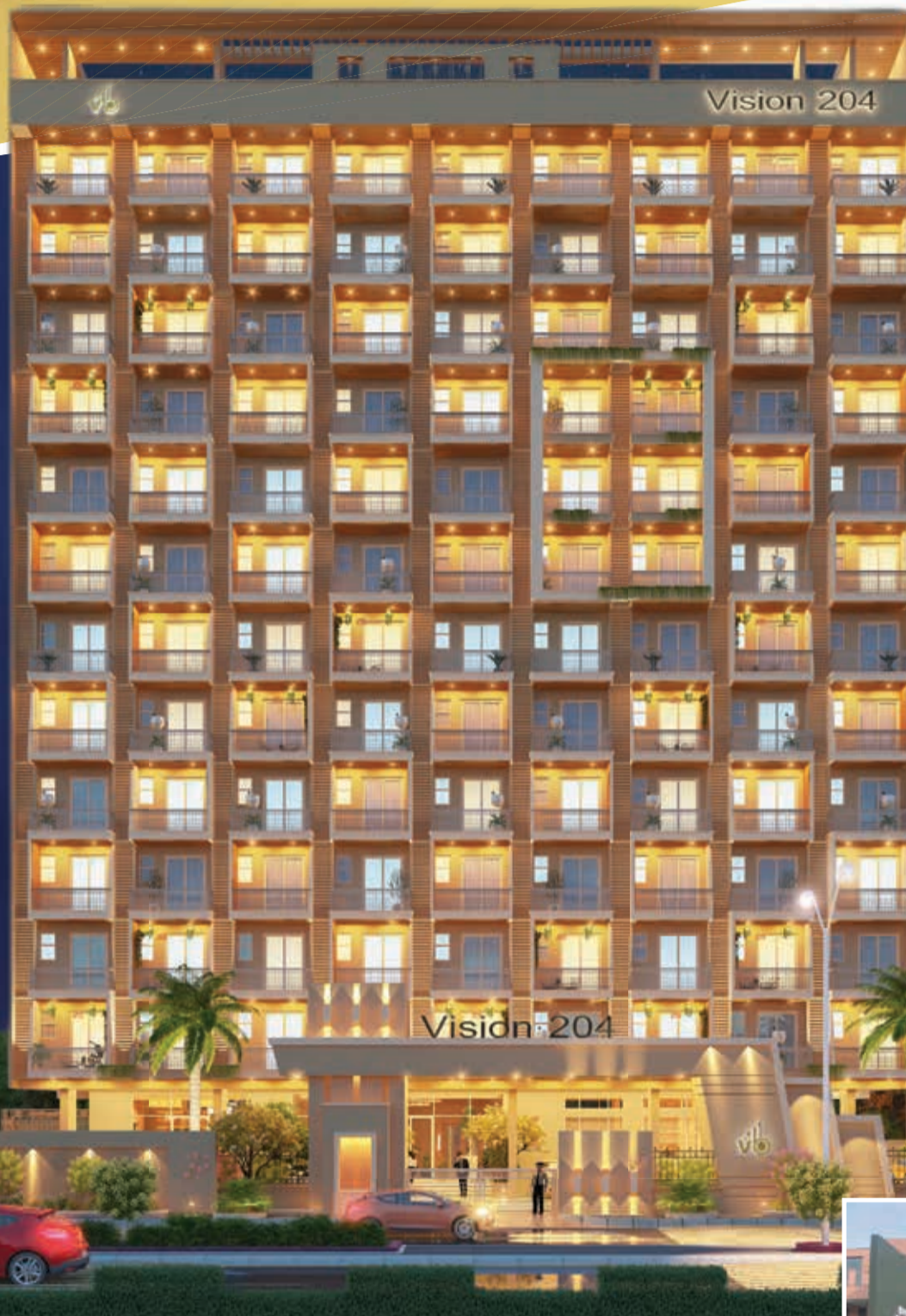


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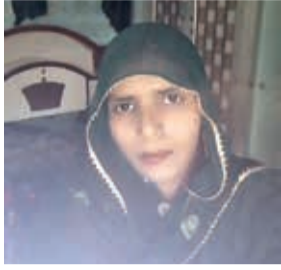
2 sisters hang self with 2 kids over dowry dispute

Narpat Joya
Didwana

Two married women (sisters) along with their two children committed suicide by hanging themselves in Nuwan village under Maulasar police station area of Didwana district.

The deceased have been identified as Nazia (32), Sazia (30), Kanishka (7) daughter and Abir Khan (4). The family members of both the sisters have registered a complaint against seven people, accusing the in-laws of torturing and murdering them.

Police have detained seven people and a probe is on. Nazia and Sazia were siblings and married in the same family. Their husbands work abroad. It is said that there was domestic strife over dowry. They divorced the victims over the phone and asked them to leave for



Nazia and Sazia Khan.



4-yr-old Abir and 7-yr-old Kanishka, were the children of Sazia.



Peehar. However, the daughters stayed in their in-laws' house. Their in-laws mentally tortured them and kept them confined to one room. The two were stressed and took the extreme step.

In response to the demand for the arrest of all the accused in the Deedwana Bangad Hospital, the family of the victims and members of the community had staged a protest. Relatives had

refused to take the bodies and objected to the post-mortem.

After all the accused were rounded up, the family members agreed to the post-mortem for the bodies.

The IAS officer, aide was caught by ACB on Friday

Accused sent to judicial custody

Assets of the Fisheries Dept Directors have also been seized by ACB

Navin Sharma
Jaipur

Fisheries Department Director (IAS) Prem-sukh Bishnoi and Additional Director Rakesh Dev, who were caught by the ACB team on Friday while taking a bribe of Rs 35,000 were presented



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in the court on Saturday which sent them to judicial custody. The ACB team arrested them from the office

on Tonk Road. ADG Hemant Priyadarshi said that both the officers were interrogated in the ACB office and searches were conducted. The ACB searched the Jaipur and Bikaner residence of the accused. Documents of plots found at Babu Nagar residence in Jaipur and documents of two plots found in Jaipur and Bikaner. Besides six bank accounts, two cars, two

bikes, 30 grams of gold, 80 grams of silver were found from Bikaner residence. The ACB had received a complaint that the person had taken a tender for fish farming in Tonk. He asked for a licence in November, but it was not granted. He was asked to arrange for rupees one lakh after which he complained to the ACB. A trap was laid and the two were arrested.

RAS Upasana Bishnoi no more

First India Bureau
Sri Ganganagar

RAS officer Upasana Bishnoi passed away at a hospital in Delhi. Bishnoi was working in Padampur SDM office and two days ago she complained of pain in her ear. After this, she was admitted to the hospital and was finally declared brain dead. RAS Association has expressed condolences.

ST 2303 pugmarks found in Haryana

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Tiger ST 2303 from Alwar's Tiger Reserve Forest Sariska reached the villages around Rewari, Haryana. The tiger's pugmarks were found in the fields of Kharkada village near Rewari on Saturday. Earlier, a farmer was injured in a tiger attack. There was no news of this tiger for about two months. Now, the



Locals looking at the pugmarks of the Tiger ST 2303.

forest department of Alwar and Rewari has warned the public not to go to the fields.

Ranger Shankar Singh of Sariska said that the tiger is only about two-and-a-half-years-old and has been out of the buffer zone of Sariska since October. Now, the tiger has reached Haryana and its pugmarks were found. A team of about 40 forest personnel and officers from Alwar Sariska, Alwar Division, Rewari Haryana are searching for the tiger. Two doctors are also with them.

Govt schools to give question banks for board exam preparations

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Students studying in government schools of Rajasthan will get question banks to prepare for class 10 and 12 board exams. Officials said the question banks will be printed by the Rajasthan School Education Council and will be sent to the schools in all the districts. A state-level online meeting regarding this was held on Friday.

School Education Department Secretary Naveen Jain instructed the state education officers and school institution heads to ensure timely distribution of these question banks to the students as soon as they reach the districts. Jain said that along with this, revision classes are also being started to provide additional help to the students.

Bhaya, Dotsra, Jully meet DGP UR Sahoo over FIRs on former minister

Yogesh Sharma & Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

Former minister Pramod Jain Bhaya reached Jaipur on Saturday after rejection of bail from HC in an FIR registered in Anta against him. The High Court has sought the case diary on January 30 and after going through it, the court will take a decision.

Meanwhile, PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotsra and Bhaya met



Pramod Jain Bhaya, Govind Singh Dotsra and Tikaram Jully speaking with DGP UR Sahoo in Jaipur on Saturday.

DGP UR Sahoo regarding the four FIRs registered against Bhaya under various sections. LOP Tikaram Jully and former MLA Panachand

also met Sahoo and discussed the law and order in the state. They said that after change of regime, BJP is showing their cheap mentality.

'Food adulteration a heinous crime'

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani has called upon spice producers to pay utmost attention to the quality and purity of spices in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign against adulteration.

He said that there should be no place for adulteration in spices because there can be no more heinous crime than this. Devnani was speaking as the chief guest at the two-day 11th "Global



Vasudev Devnani at the Global Spice Summit being organised at RIC in Jaipur on Saturday.

Spice Summit" at Rajasthan International Center in Jaipur on Saturday.

More than five hundred renowned spice entrepreneurs from India

and abroad participated in the summit.

"It should be the responsibility of the spice producers to ensure that the quality of the spices is of such a high standard that their use does not jeopardize public health," he said.

Speaker Devnani said that Indian spices have an identity at the international level and today 60 percent of the spices are being exported from India & its business is worth Rs 1.60 lakh crore, which will increase to Rs 3.00 lakh crore.

Girl dies due to stress of study

First India Bureau
Sikar

19-year-old girl resident of Ringas committed suicide by hanging herself. The family reached a private hospital after freeing the girl from the noose. Ringas police station reached on information of hospital administration. According to Sub Inspector Deepti Rani The dead body of the girl was kept in the mortuary of Ringas CHC.

Irked coaching owners demand changes in guidelines

Bhanwar S Charan
Kota

Owners of coaching institutes and hostels in Kota have strongly opposed the 'Guidelines for Regulation of Coaching Centre 2024' released by Ministry of Education. They have demanded changes in many points after a meeting at Purnusharth Bhawan. The local district administration is on alert to avoid any untoward incident.



There is strong opposition against raising the minimum age for coach-

ing admission to 16 years as owners fear a decline in the number of coach-

UNSAFE AND UNREGULATED: COACHING CENTERS FLOUTING BASIC GUIDELINES BY GOVERNMENT

Coaching centers in Kota and Jaipur are under scrutiny for flouting safety and infrastructure guidelines. Many operate illegally in residential areas, causing parking woes and inconvenience to locals. The absence of emergency exits, fire safety measures, and essential facilities like quality food and counseling services raises serious concerns about student safety and well-being. A significant number lack the mandatory Fire No Objection Certificate (NOC). Urgent action is needed from authorities to enforce regulations, inspect these centers, and ensure compliance with safety standards.

- Illegal Operations in Residential Areas
- Safety Hazards and Lack of Infrastructure
- Fire Safety Negligence
- Inadequate Facilities for Students
- Absence of Counseling Services

ing students. However, the district administration has made it clear that

rules will be implemented. The guidelines also state that detailed pro-

spectus with reasonable fees for various courses must be given.

EXCEPTIONAL WORK

Aryan, a PMRBP awardee from Rajasthan

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Aryan has successfully created an Agrobot, a remarkable smart multipurpose AI-powered robot, designed to simplify the lives of farmers. The Agrobot is built on the concept of Internet + Energy less, ensuring optimal efficiency and resource management.

This Agrobot incorporates advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT),



Aryan

19 CHILDREN TO BE AWARDED BY PRESIDENT, RLY MINISTER ASHWINI VAISHNAW ON SUNDAY

The President of India will confer Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024 on 22 January to 19 children for their exceptional achievement in six categories Prime Minister will interact with the Awardees on 23rd January. Minister of Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani to also interact with the children and congratulate them in the presence of Minister of State, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai. There are 9 boys and 10 girls among the Awardees belonging to 18 States and UTs. Each awardee of PMRBP to be given a Medal and a Certificate.

Agrobot collects real-time data on soil conditions, crop health, and pest infestations.

This data is then analyzed to provide farmers

with actionable insights, enabling informed decision-making regarding irrigation, fertilization, and pest control.

It can perform a vari-

ety of tasks, including crop planting, weeding, and harvesting, with precision and efficiency. He is working with Niti Aayog for the same project.

Master Aryan has received a lot of recognition for his efforts, including the "Inspire Manak Awards 2022", "MyGov Ambassador", and various Young Innovator Awards.

His exceptional work showcases the importance of innovation in addressing agricultural challenges and inspiring future innovators.

Ravi Sharma
Udaipur

Lashing out at the BJP government, AICC general secretary Sachin Pilot on Saturday said that there is a double engine government in the state but no work has been done so far.

He said that the BJP had made tall promises during elections and the 'double engine' government was formed but the government has disappointed the people. Speaking at a press conference in Udaipur, the former deputy CM said



Sachin Pilot being welcomed at a gathering in Udaipur.

that the BJP talks about women respect but the government did not listen to the female wrestlers who held demonstration.

He said that Rahul Gandhi began Bharat Nyay Yatra which will also come to Rajasthan for a couple of days.

WAR LESSONS FROM RAMAYAN

BHAGWAN RAM WAS EPITOME OF MILITARY LEADERSHIP



Maj Gen CP Singh (Retd)

The writer is a scholar soldier accredited with MA, MSc, LLB, MBA, M Phil (Def Mgt) and M.Phil (International Strategic Affairs)



A glimpse of the laser show at Ram Ki Padi ahead of the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony in Ayodhya.

The whole of 'Bharat' and Sanatan followers all across the globe are chanting "Jai Shree Ram" as we are approaching the consecration of Bhagwan Shree Ram at Ayodhya, on 22 Jan 2023. Shree Ram has been an ideal incarnation of God. After thousands of years, he is still worshipped and idolized as an ideal son, brother, husband, ruler and also a great military leader. Everybody looks at Ramayan from his own angle and derives own lessons to emulate in life. The Indian epic tale of Ramayana has innumerable lessons to teach; it has leadership, entrepreneurship, governance, philosophy, spiritual significance and management. From a soldier's perspective, I have tried to find some very good lessons which our military leaders across the globe can imbibe and practice in war.

WAR LESSONS

Justification For War
Shree Ram is considered as the epitome of dharma and righteous conduct. Ravan was very learned person and strong but he lacked character and justification to fight the war and hence lost it. That's why Ramayan is called the victory of GOOD over the EVIL. Ramayan teaches us that the one fighting the 'Just War', finally, wins.

Never Underestimate Your Enemy
Ravan was very powerful and hence he became egoistic and arrogant. He underestimated the might of his opponent, Shree Ram and finally lost the epic

battle. Thousands of years later, similar views were echoed by Chinese philosopher Sun Tzu in his famous book 'The Art of War' "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

Take Time to Prepare and Train
Shree Ram was very furious and stressed when Sita ji was abducted by Ravan but yet he did not take any hasty decision. He kept patience ("Dheeraj dhareu kuavsar jani") in the adverse situation and prepared well for the war before launching the attack. He arranged adequate resources for the war, trained his Army well and built adequate infrastructure, to ensure success. Taking lessons from Ramayan, Bangladesh War (1971) was an ideal campaign by Indian Armed Forces, which was well planned and executed to perfection.

'Recce By Force' is Essential
It's an apt saying in military parlance that 'Time spent on Reconnaissance is not wasted'. Ramayan provided an outstanding example of 'Reconnaissance in Force' when Shree Ram launched Hanuman, his most trusted and powerful aide (Force) to go to Lanka and carry out Reconnaissance. Hanuman ji provoked Ravan Sena to catch him and resultantly, he ran around the entire Lanka to know the target area in detail. Destruction of Lankan



resources in a pre-emptive strike by putting the Lanka to flames was 'aim plus', which was well achieved.

Use Local Resources
Shree Ram made excellent use of local resources.

es. He created an army of local tribals (vanaras). The local tribals were well aware of ground, routes and art of jungle warfare. They could survive off the land and did not require a long logistics tail. He also created war infrastructure like 'Ram Setu' - a land bridge up-to Lanka using locally available floating coral reefs. Usage of the available local resources efficiently, is important military lesson from Ramayan.

Leadership and Team work
Bhagwan Ram was a perfect military leader. He was a charismatic leader who believed in team work, empowerment of field commanders and delegation of responsibilities. His military Leadership was all about impact, influence, and inspiration, He made his team part of the decision-making process and delegated powers to act independently when required.

Respect The Enemy
With Ravana's death at his

hands imminent, Ram had no animosity left for him. After Ravan was defeated and he was lying injured, in the battlefield, Shree Ram sent his brother Laxman to meet Ravan and gain some knowledge about statecraft and spirituality. Following the ethos of Shree Ram, Indian Army treated the Pak POWs from Bangladesh with equal dignity and gave them all facilities as per Geneva convention.

Be Friendly Power (Geopolitics)
Shree Ram never included the captured Lankan territory into his kingdom. He installed a popular Government under the local leader- Vibhishan. Similarly, in 1971, India liberated Bangla Desh but did not make it a part of India but installed a popular Govt under Sheikh Mujib, respecting the ethos enshrined in Ramayan.

CONCLUSION
Indians have idealized Shree Ram as incarnation of God for many centuries now. The teachings and practices of Shree Ram are etched in the hearts and minds of all Indians. Amongst many deeds of greatness, Shree Ram will also be remembered as a great Commander of forces. Even after centuries, he is still the most respected military leader, whom each one of us would love to emulate.

JAI SHREE RAM!

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IN-DEPTH

GM mustard to be of great value for farmers

In the ongoing two-decade-long discourse surrounding genetically modified (GM) crops in India, a recent development has seen the Central government asserting to the Supreme Court that GM crops are imperative for food security and achieving self-reliance in food production. The government has emphasised that GM technology holds the potential to boost production by 25 to 30 percent, addressing critical concerns such as the soaring import bill for edible oil and related products, which adversely impacts consumers. However, the government's endorsement of GM Mustard Hybrid DMH 11 faces opposition from the NGO Gene Campaign, citing potential irreparable harm to the environment and human health. These arguments are not new and are not limited to India either. But scientific advancements from the time of the Green Revolution have helped feed the masses. Advocating for the welfare of farmers and consumers, it is crucial to consider permitting the cultivation of GM crops. Balancing these concerns ensures a comprehensive approach that prioritises both agricultural advancement and environmental sustainability.

WILL CONG'S NO TO ONE POLL STOP THE GOVT



In a decisive move, the Congress has officially rejected the notion of "one nation-one election," branding it as undemocratic and in conflict with the fundamental structure of the Constitution. This stance is aligned with the party's commitment to upholding the principles of federalism embedded in the Constitution. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge conveyed this categorical opposition in a letter addressed to Dr. Nitin Chandra, the secretary of the high-level committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind. Kharge urged the abandonment of the one nation-one election proposal and advocated for the dissolution of the committee itself in the interest of "maintaining a thriving and robust democracy." Kharge did not mince words as he criticized the committee for considering the Niti Aayog's report, which suggested the possibility of shorter tenures for state legislatures. Describing the committee's reliance on the Niti Aayog's report as "malicious," Kharge vehemently contested its validity. This proposal has been a subject of contention since its introduction, with numerous opposition parties vehemently opposing it. The primary concern centres around the perceived threat to federalism and the potential for complicating the Election Commission's responsibilities.

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Simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies were conducted until 1967. However, this practice was discontinued following the premature dissolution of some state assemblies in 1968 and 1969, along with the dissolution of the Lok Sabha in 1970. The opposition asserts that the implementation of simultaneous polls would disproportionately benefit BJP.

TOP TWEETS

I have received an invitation from Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust for the sacred program of consecration of Ram temple in Shri Ayodhya. I express my gratitude to Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust for the invitation. After the Pran Pratishtha program, I will soon go to Ayodhya for darshan with my family. On January 22, I will witness the Pran Pratishtha program from the courtyard of Jhandewalan Temple, New Delhi.

Jagat Prakash Nadda@JPNadda

Delighted to meet the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) delegation led by Swiss Federal Councilor @ParmelinC and Swiss State Secretary for Economic Affairs, Ms. Helene Budliger Arrieda. Discussed the progress of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, aiming to further enhance collaboration across key sectors for mutual growth.

Piyush Goyal@PiyushGoyal

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense.

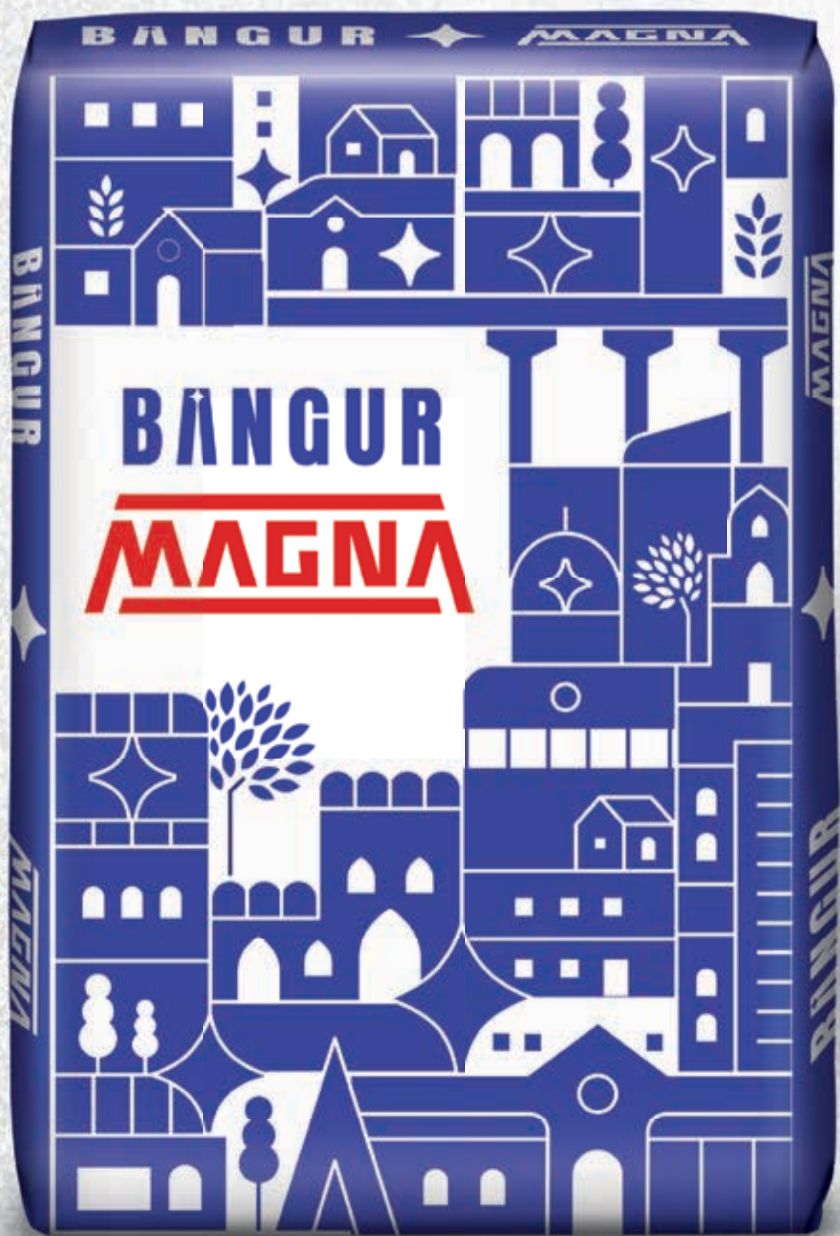
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Creativity, sensitivity relevant in age of machines & AI: Singh

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that creativity, interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence and sensitivity are the qualities which will make a person relevant and employable in the present age of machines and artificial intelligence.

Addressing the NCC cadets, the Defence Minister appreciated the NCC for equipping the cadets with these qualities and ensuring their all-round development to lead the next generation.

Sharing his insights on the rise of artificial intelligence in today's technology-driven era, Rajnath asserted that with time and further advancements, people will begin to focus more on creating a career in sectors where machines cannot execute the desired tasks, an official statement said here.

He, however, stressed on the fact that even if machines could perform physical and intellectual tasks, they cannot be creative like humans.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attends the NCC Republic Day camp parade 2024, at Delhi Cantt, in New Delhi on Saturday. ANI

BJP to launch mass connect programme from February 4

PTI
New Delhi

Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the BJP will run a mass connect programme between February 4 and 11, with its 30 lakh members expected to reach out to seven lakh rural polling booths and all urban booths during the period.

The BJP has named its rural outreach "Gaon Chalo", with party president J P Nadda launching

a workshop for its members on Saturday.

He told them to spread the message about the numerous successes of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the last man, sources said.

BJP members from its 37 organisational states attended the programme, with its leaders saying that similar training exercises will be held in its 988 organisational districts and 16,188 'mandals'.



BJP National President JP Nadda welcomes Ashok Tanwar, former Haryana Congress president Ashok Tanwar, who recently quit the AAP as he joins BJP, in New Delhi on Saturday. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar also present. ANI

INDIA bloc certain to disintegrate in Bihar: Union Min

PTI
New Delhi

Amid the JD(U)'s perceived unhappiness with the opposition INDIA bloc constituents, a key BJP ally from Bihar Saturday claimed that the state's ruling combine is "100 per cent" certain to break and a "good development" for the NDA will follow the Ram temple consecration ceremony.

Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras said

differences between Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD president Lalu Prasad have deepened.

"Their alliance is 100 per cent certain to break. 'Kharmaas' (a period considered inauspicious in Hindu belief) has ended. The idol of Lord Ram will be consecrated on January 22 in Ayodhya. An auspicious period has begun and whatever will happen will be good for the BJP-led NDA," he told PTI.



Jharkhand: ED begins questioning Soren in money laundering case

PTI
Ranchi

Sleuths of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) began questioning Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren in his official residence here on Saturday afternoon in connection with a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam.



The entire area has turned into a virtual fortress with heavy deployment of security forces, an official said.

Soren, 48, who is also the executive president of the ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), had earlier skipped seven summonses by the ED. He finally gave his consent after the probe agency summoned him for the eighth time. The ED sleuths reached Soren's residence around 1 pm, the official said.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi embraces a woman during the party's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, in Majuli. ANI

Congress attacks BJP over China issue in AP

PTI
Itanagar

As the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra entered Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday, the Congress took on the BJP-led government at the Centre over the border issue with China.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh claimed that PM Narendra Modi's statement that no one entered Indian territory nor were Indian posts taken over has weakened the country's position in talks with China.

"PM Modi's statement was not only an insult to our 20 martyred soldiers but because of that clean chit, China is showing aggressive attitude in

CONGRESS YATRA TO TAKE TWO-DAY BREAK

North Lakhimpur: The Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra will take a two-day break next week, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Saturday. He also said that the Yatra will take the break on January 26 and 27. "The Yatra will enter West Bengal around noon on January 25. After a night halt at Alipurduar, there will be two rest days, and it will resume again on January 28," he said.

Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh," he said on X.

The Rahul Gandhi-led Yatra entered the state in the afternoon from Assam, and would remain here till Sunday.

CRUCIAL READ

"Yet to take decision on cryptocurrencies"

New Delhi: The Centre has told the Supreme Court it is yet to take a decision on a mechanism to regulate cryptocurrencies and effectively investigate related offences. A bench was told that the government is deliberating on the mechanism to regulate the cryptocurrencies.

Court extends custody of Singh, Sisodia

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday extended the judicial custody of AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Manish Sisodia till February 3 in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam after they appeared through video conferencing from Tihar Jail.

8-year-old girl mauled to death by leopard

Bahraich: An eight-year-old girl was mauled to death by a leopard while she was in the fields in the Sujauli area of Katamiaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, an official said on Saturday. An immediate assistance of Rs 10,000 has been provided to the family.

Four killed in road mishap in Tamil Nadu

Thanjavur: Four persons were killed and seven seriously injured when the van in which they were travelling hit a wall at Sethubavachathram in this district, police said on Saturday. CM Minister M K Stalin announced a solatium of Rs 2 lakh each to the kin.

Ludhiana MP's guard dies as gun goes off

Ludhiana: A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) guard, deployed at the official residence of Ludhiana Congress MP Ravneet Singh Bittu, died after his service weapon went off accidentally, police said on Saturday.

Accused in Mandanna's deepfake video held

New Delhi: The main accused in the case related to actor Rashmika Mandanna's deepfake video was arrested by the Delhi Police in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. A deepfake video of her went viral on social media in November 2023.

Case against RaGa: Court adjourns hearing

Thane: A court in Thane district on Saturday adjourned the hearing of a defamation case filed against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi by an RSS worker to March 16. The Wayanad MP had sought postponement of the hearing saying he was busy with his 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra'.

With Nitish at helm, JD(U) comes out with new list of office bearers

PTI
New Delhi/Patna

The Janata Dal (United) on Saturday came out with its new list of national office bearers, approved by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who took over as the party president less than a month ago.

Veteran socialist leader Vashishth Narayan Singh, a close aide of



Kumar who stepped down as the state unit chief three years ago citing health reasons, has been made the national vice president.

ENSURING WOMEN PARTICIPATION

Bombay Sappers return to R-Day parade after 20 years

PTI
New Delhi

A 149-member strong contingent of the Bombay Sappers will participate in the Republic Day Parade this year, returning to the Kartavya Path after two decades with a woman leading the all-men team on their march on January 26.

Ruchi Yadav, who is the leader of the contingent as a commander, said last time they participated was in 2004 "and we are back after 20



'Daredevils' perform during rehearsal for the Republic Day Parade 2024, in New Delhi, Saturday. ANI



Bombay Sappers that a woman is leading their team in the Republic Day Parade," she told PTI.

years". "It is a matter of great pride for me that I have the opportunity to lead my all-men team. I

am the only female member of the contingent and this is also for the first time in the history of

required to ensure a safe passage for own soldiers.

"It is a golden opportunity for us to showcase our talent and prove our mettle here. I am leading a team of two commissioned officers and 146 members from different ranks," Yadav, whose native place is Bhopal but who is currently posted in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, said.

Yadav said that the team practised for six months at their respective centres before coming to Delhi in early December to ace the march.

PTI
Guwahati

As the Congress continued to target Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma with corruption allegations during its 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' in the state, the BJP leader hit back on Saturday, maintaining that no one can be "more corrupt" than the Gandhis.

Sarma has been called the "most corrupt CM in the country" at several public gatherings over the last two days by Rahul Gandhi, who is leading the Yatra that is on



its third day in the state. "Anything abusive, that comes from the so-called Gandhi family, I consider it as a blessing. Because this gives me the energy to fight against a family which considers itself to be the most powerful," he said.

Mirch Masala

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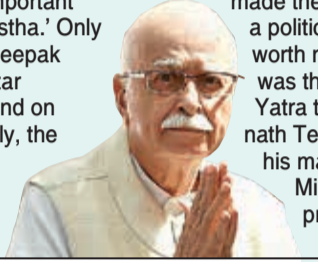
By **Tridib Raman**

The author is a journalist and political commentator and views expressed are his personal

LAL KRISHNA ADVANI TO ATTEND RAM MANDIR PROGRAMME

The invitation for the Pran Pratishtha programme of Ram Temple has also been given to 96-year-old senior BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani. Although considering Advani's age and his health, Champat Rai had advised his family that on January 22, Advani may face difficulty in coming to Ayodhya due to the huge crowd, but Advani's daughter Pratibha and personal secretary Deepak Chopra had their opinion that 'Dada i.e. Advani must participate in this important programme of Pran Pratishtha.' Only after this, Pratibha and Deepak Chopra contacted the Uttar Pradesh administration and on behalf of the Advani family, the administration has also been informed that along with Advani, his son

Jayant, daughter Pratibha and his personal secretary Deepak Chopra will also come to Ayodhya for the programme. Advani is currently facing some difficulty in walking, in view of this his seating arrangement is also being examined. In recent times, Advani has expressed his feelings through an article in the Sangh's magazine 'Rashtra Dharma' and has written 'Construction of Ram Temple is the fulfillment of a divine dream.' Advani himself had started the VHP in 1990 and made the Ram Mandir movement a political movement. It is also worth noting that Narendra Modi was the charioteer of the Rath Yatra that started from Somnath Temple in Gujarat and with his management skills, Prime Minister Modi emerged as a prominent leader of BJP.



WHERE DID CONGRESS' MONEY VANISH?

Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' has started, but this yatra is not able to make headlines due to the 'Pran Pratishtha' programme of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. Anyway, these days this oldest party of the country is facing shortage of funds. According to an estimate, more than Rs. 250 crores are required for this visit of Rahul alone. The corporate world is not showing much enthusiasm about Congress, so the party strategists came up with the idea of doing 'crowd funding' to raise funds. For

this a QR code was also issued and this pamphlet with QR was also distributed among the public. Congress families were also appealed to donate. This entire campaign started from 28th December and continued till 10th January. But there is a lot of uproar regarding the fact that some fraud has taken place regarding the QR code. A case has also been registered in Telangana regarding this matter. Sources say that the original QR code was 'DonateINC.in', but most of the money went to 'DonateINCCO.in', and this amount is said to be in crores. It is said that all this money has been transferred to Delhi only, but where? To whom? Who are the beneficiaries? No one has any idea right now!

WHY CAN'T LEADERS STAY FOR LONG WITH RAHUL GANDHI?

Rahul Gandhi's kitchen cabinet is not completed fully rather it keeps falling apart. Many of its important members left Rahul one by one. There was a time when the face of Rahul's kitchen cabinet (from 2014 to 2019) comprised of leaders like Jyotiraditya Scindia, Digvijay Singh, Meenakshi Natarajan, Sachin Pilot, Jitin Prasad, RPN Singh and Milind Deora. Later, leaders like RPN Singh, Scindia, Prasad and Deora left Rahul and walked on new path. Now Rahul's new kitchen cabinet includes the names of KC Venugopal, Ajay Maken, Jairam Ramesh, Manickam Tagore and Sunil Kanugolu. Even though Kanugolu is a relatively new face in the Rahul group, he has been made an important member of the Congress' 'task force' formed for the 2024 general elections.



DHAMA QUARTET TO COME TO AYODHYA



There is a competition among common and special people to come to Ayodhya for the Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha ceremony on 22 January. While special people have already received invitations, thousands of common people are applying to Champat Rai to be a part of this programme. Champat Rai has asked the petitioners to clarify that 'it is important for them to come to Ayodhya and to throw light on this aspect. In these petitions, the number of petitions of Kar Sevaks and their families is very high. In this list of petitions there are local journalists of the 1990s who have said in their letter that 'they remained at the incident site without caring about the police bullets and kept reporting even at the risk of their lives. Their news made national and international headlines. Because there was no social media at that time so their news itself gave headlines to the importance of Ram temple, hence they too have the right to be invited to the Pran Pratishtha ceremony.'

NAM SUMMIT Holds discussion on the ongoing Gaza conflict

EAM holds 'comprehensive' talks with Maliki in Uganda

ANI
Kampala [Uganda]

On the sidelines of the NAM summit in Uganda, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with his Palestinian counterpart Riyad al-Maliki on Saturday and held a comprehensive discussion on the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

In conversation with the Palestinian leader, EAM reiterated India's support for a two-state solution and also exchanged views on humanitarian and political dimensions.

Taking to X, EAM shared about his meeting with the leader saying, "Good to meet with Palestinian FM Dr. Riyad al-Maliki in Kampala this afternoon. Had a detailed and comprehensive discussion on the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Ex-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki, in Kampala on Saturday. **PTI**

changed views on its humanitarian and political dimensions. Reiterated India's support for a two-state solution. Agreed to remain in touch."

Earlier today, EAM Jaishankar called on Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe in Ugandan capital, Kampala.

"Pleased to call on Sri

Lankan President @RW_UNP on the sidelines of the NAM Summit in Kampala," Jaishankar posted from his official X handle on Saturday.

"Appreciate his continued guidance for the advancement of our bilateral initiatives. India's commitment was reflected in our Neigh-

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S JAISHANKAR,
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER



The MoU was signed between India and Cuba on Friday.

India, Cuba ink MoU on digital public infra

Agencies
New Delhi

India and Cuba have signed an MoU for cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation.

The MoU was signed between India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Ministry of Communications of the Republic of Cuba on Friday. The MeitY said that India will collaborate with Cuba by building upon development partnership on digital transformation leading to a smooth adoption of Digital Public Infrastructure in Cuba.

Pak's PML-N to reveal manifesto on Jan 27

PTI
Lahore

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif-led Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has announced that its manifesto will be unveiled on January 27, just three weeks before the general elections scheduled for February 8.

The PML-N in October last year formulated a manifesto committee led by Senator Irfan Siddique, which in November went a step further by setting up around 30 sub-committees to encourage a broad spectrum of party leaders to contribute their insights and recommen-



Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz. **FILE**

dations, media reported. Furthermore, the party also launched an online portal to enable the general public to participate in the formulation of the party's manifesto actively. Senator Irfan Siddique reportedly revealed that over six thousand individuals and institutions actively participated in this initiative.

Donald Trump says won't pick Nikki Haley as his running mate

PTI
Washington

Former US president Donald Trump has thrown cold water on the idea of picking Indian-American presidential candidate Nikki Haley as a running mate, saying that she was not of that calibre, hours after she herself nixed the possibility.

"She is OK, but she is not presidential timber. And when I say that, that probably means she is not going to be chosen as the vice president," Trump, who is the dominant front-runner for the Republican nomination, said at a rally in Concord.



Nikki Haley



Donald Trump

"When you say certain things, it sort of takes them out of play, right? I can't say, 'She's not of the timber to be the vice president' and then say, 'Ladies and gentleman, I'm proud to announce that I've picked,'" The Hill quoted Trump as saying about the former United Nations ambassador.

Haley, who is Trump's closest rival in the polls in New Hampshire, has repeatedly said she is not running for second place in the Republican primary — but had previously declined to specifically comment on whether she would be the former president's running mate.

An Israeli airstrike on the Syrian capital killed at least 4 Iranian advisers: Report

Agencies
Damascus

An Israeli strike on the Syrian capital on Saturday destroyed a building used by the Iranian paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, killing at least four Iranians, Syrian and Iranian state media reported.

Iranian state television said four advisers from the Revolutionary Guard had been killed in the strike in Damascus, without identifying them, adding that Israel was behind



Emergency services work at a building hit by an air strike in Damascus, Syria, on Saturday. **PTI**

the strike. Nour News, which is believed to be close to the country's intelligence apparatus, identified two of the dead as Gen. Sadegh Omidza-

deh, the intelligence deputy of the guard's expeditionary Quds Force in Syria, and his deputy, who goes by the nom de guerre Hajj Gholam.

Chargesheet filed against 12 in Kashmiri Pandit's murder

Agencies
Srinagar

The J&K State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Saturday filed charge sheet against 12 persons in connection with the murder of Kashmiri Pandit Sanjay Sharma in Pulwama on February 26 last year.

A SIA statement said that the case was first registered in Litter Police station of Pulwama, but was later transferred to the SIA. "The aim of the murderers was to disrupt the re-



Family mourns the death of a Kashmiri Pandit. **FILE**

vival of peace and communal harmony in the Valley by killing an innocent member of the minority community," it said.

OLYMPIC DREAM SHATTERED

Indian women's hockey searches for answers

PTI
Ranchi

Ill-timed sidelining of experienced players, apparent inconsistency in tempo, and inability to address long-standing weaknesses — there would be plenty to ponder for the Indian women's hockey team when it gets down to the arduous task of rebuilding for the next Olympic cycle after the shocking failure to qualify for Paris.



Germany (Gold winner) players pose for photos after the end of the FIH Women's Hockey Olympic Qualifiers 2024, at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astro Turf Hockey Stadium, in Ranchi, on Friday.

The 0-1 loss to Japan in the third-place match of the FIH Olympic Quali-

fiers here on Friday can seem stunning on the face of it but dig just a little bit

deeper and it would be apparent that the debacle was a long time coming.

Skipper Savita Punia and her teammates had tears rolling down their dejected faces and all one could see in their eyes was uncertainty, perhaps a hint of fear too as to what awaits them next.

Hockey India has ruled out any drastic measures and quite frankly with an Olympic cycle lost, what would any drastic measure achieve at this point? The rebuilding process, after all, has to be a carefully thought out one.

Mumbai IRS beat Raj-UP team by 4 wickets in 'IRS Cricket Cup' in Goa

Vimal Kothari
Goa

In the 'IRS Cricket Cup' in Goa, the Mumbai IRS defeated the combined team of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh by four wickets. In this tenth league match held, Rajasthan team set a target of 134 runs for Mumbai.

Dinesh Badgurjar, Additional Commissioner in Jaipur made just 16 runs. Similarly, the captain of the joint team, who hit brilliant fours in the match, Principal Director



15 cricket kits were presented to the members of Blind Cricket Association of Goa by the IRS Association.

of Income Tax Investigation, Jaipur, Sudhanshu Shekhar Jha also lost. Two players of Rajasthan team were given awards, in

which the Master Blaster award went to Rajesh Tosum and the Perfect Catch of the Match award went to Gyanesh Jha.

FIRST INDIA 2ND FRONT

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The reality of life is that we can't get something for nothing and that is the best part for the intelligent and hard worker.

Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



'Pran Pratishtha to re-establish India's pride'

UP CM Yogi takes stock of preps ahead of PM Modi's public meeting on January 25

First India Bureau Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Saturday took stock of the preparations for PM Modi's proposed public meeting on January 25. During this, Yogi took information from the officials about the security arrangements along with the routes to reach the stage from the help of PM Narendra Modi and the arrangements for the workers coming in large numbers. Yogi said that the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Lalla's idol is a programme of re-establishment of India's pride, trust and faith.

After this, the Chief Minister held a meeting with party officials and officials and gave necessary instructions to make the public meeting successful and urged women workers to attend in huge numbers.

Yogi Adityanath on Friday reviewed the 'Pran Pratishtha' preparations in Ayodhya and assured all kinds of support to Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust in ensuring hassle-free darshan of Ram Lalla by devotees.



UP Governor Anandiben Patel and UP CM Yogi Adityanath lighting the lamp at the inauguration of PM Narendra Modi's 'Vocal for Local' campaign in Lucknow on Saturday.

NRIPENDRA MISRA: THE OFFICER ARCHITECT OF RAM TEMPLE

Ayodhya: The grand temple at Ayodhya for Ram Lalla or the child form of Lord Ram is truly an amalgamation of traditional Indian heritage architecture incorporating science for construction so that it can last for centuries. "The temple has been made to last more than a thousand years," asserts Shri Nripendra Misra, chairperson of the temple construction committee of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, Ayodhya.



Nripendra Misra

He says top Indian scientists have contributed to making it an iconic structure like never before. Even ISRO technologies have been suitably used in the temple.

FAMILY TRADITION THAT GOES BACK TO 15 GENERATIONS

The architectural design was made according to the Nagar Shaily or the northern Indian temple designs by Chandrakant Sompura who has been designing heritage temple structures as a family tradition that goes back 15 generations. The family has designed over 100 temples.

24 HRS CONTINUOUS RECITATION OF RAMAYANA ON INDO-PAK BORDER

Jaisalmer: Diwali-like programmes including the recitation of Ramcharit Manas will be held in the world famous Tanot Mateshwari temple on the Indo-Pak border in Jaisalmer to mark the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. For the devotees coming here, arrangements are being made to show Pran Pratishtha program of Ayodhya temple live by installing a big screen.

GOVT HOSPITALS' OPDs TO OPEN FOR 2 HRS IN RAJ AMID HALF-DAY IN STATE

Jaipur: The Rajasthan govt has declared a state holiday till 2 pm on January 22 on the occasion of consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. But keeping in mind the emergency services, the Medical Education Department issued orders that hospitals in the state will open for 2 hours on this day. The order pertains to hospitals attached to all medical colleges on January 22. The OPDs will run for two hours from 9 am to 11 am.

Preps in Jaipur for grand celebrations



Shri Ram Chandra Mandir, Chandpole being decorated ahead of Jan 22 in Jaipur on Saturday.



With an atmosphere of celebration in entire country, Jaipurites are also busy in making the occasion special.



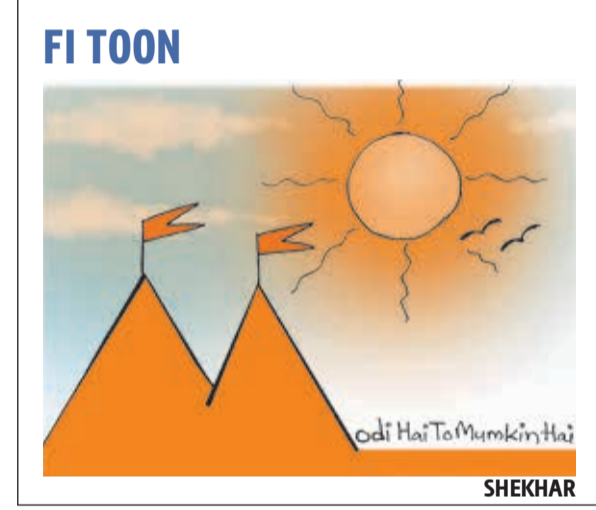
Women distributing yellow rice from door to door in Raja Park Frontier Colony, Jaipur on Saturday.

ONE LAKH DIYAS BEING MADE FROM COW DUNG

Jaipur: Around one lakh Diyas are being made from cow dung in Jaipur on the occasion of Ram Temple Pran Pratishtha ceremony on Jan 22. These Diyas will be distributed to the public of Jaipur. Hingonia Goshala of Jaipur has taken up this unique initiative in collaboration with JMCG. These Diyas are a call back to age-old tradition of using Cow dung cakes in religious ceremonies like Hawans & Yagyas.



Deputy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa and Jaipur Municipal Corporation (Greater) mayor Dr Somya cleaning Hanuman temple near JKK in Jaipur under Ramotsav programme on Saturday.



SHEKHAR

Courtesy meet



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra paid a courtesy visit to Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra at the Raj Bhavan in Jaipur on Saturday.

Raj CM, Union Law Min at VBSY in Bikaner

Laxman Raghav Bikaner

Raj CM Bhajan Lal Sharma said on Saturday that under the leadership of PM Modi, our govt is moving forward with Antyodaya pledge of Pt Deendayal Upadhyay.

"Through Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), it is being ensured that the benefits of Central Govt schemes reach every eligible person. This journey will create new horizons of development. Also, we will be able to achieve biggest dream of developed India." Sharma arrived on Saturday to observe VBSY camp organised in Bikaner.



Raj CM BL Sharma during the review meeting of Bikaner division on Saturday. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Sumit Godara, Urmila Rajouria, Omprakash Paswan, Sandesh Nayak & others were also present.

During this VBSY camp in Bhanipura Bikaner, Union Law Minister Arjun Meghwal said that PM Modi's vision behind the VBSY is that India should become a developed nation in 2047. Speaking at the programme, he said that the vehicle of Modi's guarantee scheme is being welcomed in every village.

The CM Sharma also chaired a division level review meeting in Bikaner, where he expressed displeasure over the progress report of Jal Jeevan Mission. He also gave blunt instructions regarding liquor smuggling and said that such activities were not acceptable under any circumstances.



Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma with new executive of Bar Assn during the oath taking ceremony in Jaipur on Saturday.

JUDICIARY PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE: CM

Jaipur: Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma on Saturday said the judiciary is playing an important role as a strong pillar of democracy and exhorted lawyers to work with a spirit of service by helping provide timely justice to victims. Sharma was addressing the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected executive of The Bar Association Jaipur. "The Indian judiciary is highly respected in the world today due to the important contribution of lawyers in freedom movement to the making of Constitution. This pleasant result has been possible only due to the work done by the lawyers in interest of society," an official statement quoted CM.

Congress sets up PCC war room in wake of LS Polls

Naresh Sharma

Jaipur

Congress has set up a war room in PCC office for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Jaswant Gurjar was made the chairman of the war room while Pushpendra Bhardwaj was made co-chairman of the war room. Also, the party appointed Rajendra Yadav, Chhotu Meena, Raghuvver Singh, Rahul Bhakar, Shashwat Purohit as war room coordinators.

Congress on Thursday discussed various issues, including strategy to contest election and selection of candidates for Lok Sabha elections.

NAMO NAV VOTER PROGRAMME OF BJYM

CP Joshi interacts with coaching students

Yogesh Sharma Jaipur

State President CP Joshi on Saturday reached a private coaching institute near Gurjar Ki Thadi under the "Namo Nav Voter" programme of BJYM and interacted with the new voters.

Earlier, by going door to door in Nandpuri Colony in Sodala, he inspired the new voters to cast their first vote in the name of the nation, BJP and in the name of Prime Minister Modi. Joshi in-



BJP State president CP Joshi interacting with coaching students regarding the 'Namo Nav Voter' campaign of BJYM in Jaipur on Saturday.

formed the new voters at the coaching institute that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with

new voters through a virtual program on Jan 25. "The youth who will vote for the first time in

the upcoming Lok Sabha elections should register by giving a miss call on the number 7820078200

and become 'Namo Nav Voter'," he said. The BJP leader said that India is the youngest country in the world and youth is the biggest strength of India.

"The youth should understand the power of their vote and make an important contribution in the development of the country, each vote cast in the national interest strengthens the country," he said. BJYM State President Ankit Chechi, District President Surendra Singh Puruvanshi and Yuva Morcha workers were present during this.

Nirmal Tiwari Jaipur

The central govt has sanctioned 35 roads in Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The Union Rural Development Ministry issued approval in this regard on Friday.

According to the official statement issued here on Saturday, under PMGSY, approval has been received to build 35 roads of 394.65 km length in the state at a cost of Rs 251.38 crore. Under this, 35 roads will be built in Didwana-Kuchaman, Jhunjhunu



Dy CM Diya Kumari launching poster for Paush Bada programme to be held on Sunday at Hiteswar Mahadev Mandir in Niwara.

and Nagaur districts. In the statement, Dy CM Diya Kumari said that this approval has been received due to special ef-

orts of the govt under the leadership of CM Bhajan Lal Sharma. By building roads in rural areas, connectivity will increase.



FESTIVE DELIGHT!

Embarking on a special shoot for the Ayodhya Ram Mandir festival on January 22, Payal Daryani, the second runner-up of Miss India Glam 2024, slayed in a special attire. **P16**



Artists adorned as Shri Ram, Laxman, Sita and Hanuman, portraying the divine ensemble of Ram Darbar

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Ram Darbar adorned with exquisite decorations during 'Mere Ram' programme. Seen here are Shweta Mishra Awasthi, Poonam Sharma Solanki and Pandit Mukesh Shastri.

Melodies of Devotion

As the country eagerly awaits the consecration of the divine court of Ramlala on January 22, the special bhajan evening organised by First India News on Friday stood as a beautiful testament to the collective devotion and anticipation surrounding this historic event. The spiritual journey continues as the devotees eagerly await the divine darshan of Lord Shri Ram in his new abode!



Pawan Arora greets BJP State President CP Joshi. Also seen are Aishwarya Pradhan, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat & Yogesh Sharma.



Pawan Arora greets Chief Whip Jogeshwar Garg.



Pawan Arora greets Minister Kanhaiya Lal Chaudhary. Also seen are Aishwarya Pradhan and Naresh Sharma.



Pawan Arora greets Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra.



Minister Avinash Gehlot seeks blessings, as Pandit Mukesh Shastri greets.



Pawan Arora greets Minister Gautam Dak. Also seen is MLA Balmukund Acharya.

dedicated to the devotees of Lord Ram. A grand bhajan evening took place in the serene surroundings near the First India News office, where the spiritual ambience was heightened by the recitation of divine hymns and the depiction of Ram Darbar.

Pawan Arora, CEO & Managing Editor, First India News inaugurated the program with a soulful Aarti, setting the tone for a spiritual experience. The event witnessed a large gathering of devotees who immersed themselves in the divine atmosphere while enjoying melodious Ram Bhajans. Notable personalities, including BJP State President CP Joshi, Chief Whip Jogeshwar Garg, Ministers Jhabar Singh Kharra, Gautam Dak, Avinash Gehlot, Kanhaiya Lal Chaudhary, Bhaskar Sawant, Mayors Munesh Gurjar & Dr Somya Munesh Gurjar, graced the occasion, adding to the collective reverence.

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As the sacred occasion of Lord Shri Ram's return to Ayodhya draws near, the entire nation is resonating with the spiritual fervour of the upcoming divine event. The centuries-old dream of a grand Ram temple is about to materialize and the air in Ramnagar Ayodhya is filled with excitement and devotion.

To celebrate this auspicious moment, First India News organised a special program of life.



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A SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY

Neem Karoli Baba, also known as Neeb Karori Baba & Maharaj-ji, was a revered Hindu guru and mystic who gained widespread recognition for his teachings and compassionate approach to spirituality. Born in 1900 in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, his given name was Lakshmi Narayan Sharma.

In the serene and mystical foothills of the Himalayas lies Kyanchidham Neem Karoli Baba Ashram, a sacred haven that draws seekers from around the world on a transformative spiritual journey. Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of the Kumaon region in Uttarakhand, India, this ashram is a sanctum dedicated to the teachings and spirit of the revered spiritual master, Neem Karoli Baba.

The ashram, commonly known as Kainchi Dham, holds a unique charm that transcends religious boundaries, attracting people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs. The journey to this spiritual oasis begins with a winding road that cuts through dense forests and meandering streams, offering a metaphorical passage into the depths of one's soul.

Upon arrival, visitors are greeted by the tranquil surroundings and the divine atmosphere that permeates the ashram. The main temple, adorned with vibrant colours and intricate carvings, stands as a testament to the devotion and love that devotees have for Neem Karoli Baba, also known as Maharaj-ji. The ashram's name, Kainchi Dham, translates to 'scissors pose,' a nod to the Baba's habit of sitting with his legs crossed, resembling a pair of scissors.

Devotees and seekers engage in daily rituals, participating in spiritual activities that include meditation, kirtan (devotional singing), and Satsang (spiritual discourse). The teachings of Neem Karoli



Baba emphasize love, service to humanity, and the recognition of the divine in every being. As seekers immerse themselves in the ashram's ambience, they find solace and a sense of oneness with the universe.

One of the highlights of the spiritual journey at Kainchi Dham is the legendary bhandara (feast) that takes place on June 15th each year, commemorating Neem Karoli Baba's mahasamadhi (passing). Thousands of pilgrims and devotees gather to partake in the festivities, which include distributing food, chanting mantras, and celebrating the Baba's teachings. The air resonates with joy, devotion, and the energy of collective spirituality.

The ashram also serves as a hub for charitable activities, inspired

by Neem Karoli Baba's emphasis on selfless service. Various social initiatives, such as schools, hospitals, and environmental projects, are run by the ashram to contribute positively to the surrounding communities.

Visitors often recount personal experiences of spiritual awakening and profound transformations during their stay at Kainchi Dham. The ashram, with its simplicity and spiritual purity, becomes a sacred space where the noise of the external world fades away, allowing individuals to connect with their inner selves.

As the sun sets behind the Himalayan peaks, casting a warm glow on the ashram, those who embark on this spiritual journey leave with a heart full of gratitude



and a soul nourished by the teachings of Neem Karoli Baba. The echoes of devotional chants linger in the air, carrying the essence of the ashram's spiritual vibrations beyond the physical boundaries of Kumaon.

Apple's founder Steve Jobs, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, Hollywood actress Julia Roberts, cricketer Virat Kohli along with his wife Anushka Sharma and many more well-known personalities have a divine connection with Neeb Karoli Baba.

In conclusion, the journey to Kyanchidham Neem Karoli Baba Ashram is more than a physical pilgrimage; it is a soulful odyssey that transcends time and space, offering seekers a profound experience of spirituality, love, and service.





Mahant Kailash Sharma seeks blessings



Pawan Arora greets MLA Rafeek Khan



Pawan Arora with MLA Balmukund Acharya and Vinayak Sharma

SPIRITUAL Spectacle!

City First presents some more glimpses of the spiritual ceremony marking Lord Shri Ram's imminent return to Ayodhya. The nation resonates with fervour as the centuries-old dream of a grand Ram temple materializes. The program, a beacon of spiritual unity, graced by ministers and dignitaries across, featured insights from bhajan singers and scholars, creating a serene atmosphere in anticipation of Lord Rama's divine presence.



Pawan Arora greets MLA Amin Kagzi



Vijendra Solanki, Munesh Gurjar and Rakhi Rathore



Pawan Arora greets Gopal Sharma



Ritu Arora seeks blessings



Pawan Arora greets Ashok Parnami. Also seen is Ashok Lahoty



Navin Sharma greets Bajrang Singh



Ravindra Singh Bhati



(L-R) Hemant Sharma, Shubham Vijay, Rahul Sharma, Jatin Sharma, Jinendra Singh, Naresh Sharma, Shishir Awasthi, Mukesh Bagra & Vinod Singh



Gopal Krishna Vyas enchantingly sings hymns at the 'Mere Ram' program



Kunwar Rastradeep



Bhaskar Sawant



Dr Somya



Mahesh Sharma



Sharat Verma, Mahesh Sharma, Manoj Mathur, Sanjeev Sharma & Vinod Sharma



Pawan Arora with Shishir Awasthi, Jinendra Singh, Ziauddin, Rahul Sharma, Ashok Raj Singh and Jagat

An Evening TO Remember!

City First offers an exclusive peek into the grand celebration marking a decade of the First India News channel. The event, graced by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and other distinguished personalities, celebrated the channel's success. The evening, filled with cultural events, showcased a festive atmosphere, followed by a lavish dinner at Hotel Clarks Amer. It was a joyous family gathering, reaffirming the commitment to uphold the channel's excellence.



Ravi & Ramkishore



(L-R) Sandeep Rathore, Dixit Parihar, Rajeev Gaur, Shivprakash Purohit, Bhawani Singh & Shubhash Trivedi



(L-R) Ashok Raj Singh, Mahesh Sharma and Manish Sharma



(L-R) Jatin Sharma, Devesh Vyas, Dharmendra Khichad, Shivprakash Purohit, Ojas Goyal & Suryveer Singh



Yogesh Sharma and Pankaj Soni



Rachna Singh



(L-R) Shweta Mishra, Shishir Awasthi, Jinendra Singh, Naresh Sharma & Aditi Nagar



(L-R) Amit Rathore, Vipul Singh, Bhavika Khunteta and Hemant Sharma



Nikita and Khushi

CELEBRATIONS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Chandar Bhatia, Jugal Bhatia and Mukesh Bhatia



Firoz Khan & Shanti Dhariwal



The lovely couple, Sumali & Nikhil

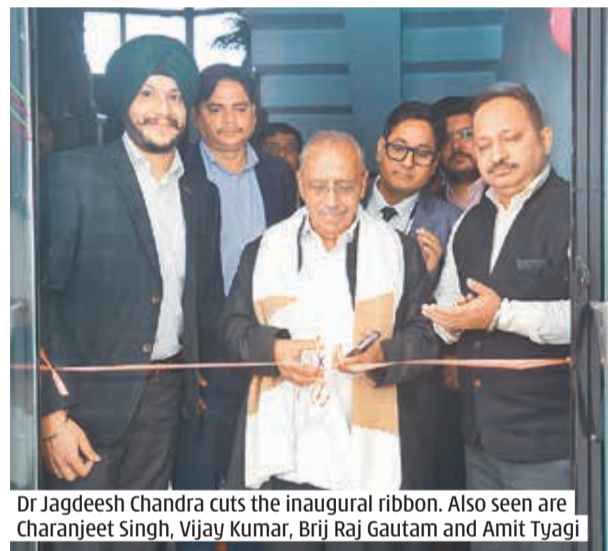
GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Amit Gupta, Director - NEOSOF, as he reached the former's residence to seek blessings on the occasion of his birthday on Saturday.

Digital Innovation meets Tradition

SUNIL SHARMA



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra cuts the inaugural ribbon. Also seen are Charanjeet Singh, Vijay Kumar, Brij Raj Gautam and Amit Tyagi



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Charanjeet Singh, Brij Raj Gautam, Akshay Tambi and others

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



In a bid to nurture budding talents in journalism and foster creativity, Dainik Bhaskar, a distinguished figure in media, has announced a thrilling Newspaper Making Competition, by Sonal Charitable Trust titled 'Junior Editor- 7' on Saturday at MPS International School, Jaipur. During the event, the trust distributed activity kits to the students from classes 4 to 12, also the event aims to inspire young minds to explore the dynamic world of news reporting and editorial design. Gokul Das Maheshwari mentioned that this activity has been extended to other schools in the past, and similar events will be organized in other schools in the future. During the program, Kedarmal Bhala, Bajrang Lal Baheti, Deepak Sarada, Kishan Rathi and Archana Singh, were also present.

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Jana Small Finance Bank, a leading small finance bank in India, has announced the opening of a new branch in Raja Park, Jaipur, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive banking. The branch, inaugurated on January 18th, offers a comprehensive range of financial products and services, including savings accounts, fixed deposits, loans, insurance and digital banking solutions such as mobile and internet banking.



MLA Kailash Verma during the lamp lighting ceremony. Also seen are Ramsingh Chandlai, Neeraj Kumar, Brij Raj Gautam, Amit Tyagi, Akshay Tambi, Vijay Kumar and others

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and conveyed his congratulations to the entire team on this significant milestone. The inauguration ceremony was attended by notable figures, including Dr Kailash Verma, MLA Bagru and Ramsingh Chandlai,

President of Rajput Sabha.

Shrinivas Murty, President & Head of Branch Banking and Marketing at Jana Small Finance Bank, expressed excitement about the new branch, stating, "We are very excited with the launch of our new branch at Raja Park, Jaipur. This enables us to serve our customers even better. We are evolving as a one-stop-shop for the financial products & services needs of our customers. We aim to offer state-of-the-art banking services to our customers in the region & continue to expand our network to increase our reach."



Jaipur-based actress Iti Acharya is set to receive the prestigious Pride of Rajasthan Award at the 10th edition of the Rajasthan International Film Festival (RIFF) in 2024. The festival, scheduled from January 27 to 31, will celebrate the theme "Youth and Film Heritage." Known for her roles in Kannada and Malayalam films, Iti Acharya, a former Miss South India and World Peace Ambassador, has garnered recognition for her contributions to Indian cinema, including a red-carpet appearance at the Cannes Film Festival. The RIFF award acknowledges individuals rooted in Rajasthan who have made significant contributions to the film industry.

ANANDA OPEN MIC THRILLS CROWD

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The inaugural extravaganza of Ananda The Universe of Talent Open Mic sponsored by The T Shirt Shop and The Correct Steps Consultancy took place on Saturday at Hush Jammer. "The event was graced by the presence of leadership coach Uday Singh followed by the esteemed presence of Anuj Kapoor the guest performer," Dhhanushri Vyas, Founder at



Uday Singh being felicitated by Dhhanushri Vyas & Anant Mani



Uday Singh and Anuj Kapoor with other guests & audience



Nikhil Dadhich, Somendra Prajapati & Abhishek Joya

Ananda said. Ananda Laureate Award, the memorial trophy in honour of artist Late Ajay Vyas was conferred to the chief guest." The event hosted a series of multiple performances including poem recitations, shayari, instrumental music, singing and storytelling. Abhishek Joya, the anchor, created a fabulous environment. Core team also includes Nikhil & Somendra," Anant Mani, Co Founder, said.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



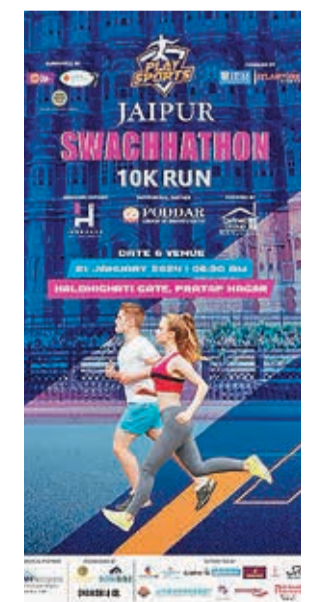
Embarking on a special shoot for the Ayodhya Ram Mandir festival on January 22, Payal Daryani, the second runner-up of Miss India Glam 2024, graced the occasion in exquisite outfits by Mandakini Sarees. Organised by Pawan Tak, the director of Miss and Mrs India Glam, this event promised a blend of tradition and glamour. The captivating moment was beautifully captured by Mukesh Saini.



Jaipur is gearing up for a unique sporting event that not only promotes physical fitness but also makes the city drug-free by championing the cause of cleanliness. The Play Sports Jaipur Sawachthon (Marathon) is scheduled for January 21 at Haldighati Gate, Pratap Nagar on Sunday, which will be set to bring together enthusiastic participants for a race towards a cleaner and healthier city.



The Museum of Gem and Jewellery will conduct a special pooja on January 22, dedicated to the floating stones of Ram Setu. The occasion will include the unveiling of a 13650-carat precious ruby stone-made Ram Darbar in the museum. Visitors can physically experience the floating stones associated with Lord Shri Ram at this unique museum, showcasing a diverse range of rare gems, fossils, and artefacts. The event coincides with the Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla, and the floating stones will be worshipped on the day of Ramlala's installation in Ayodhya.



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