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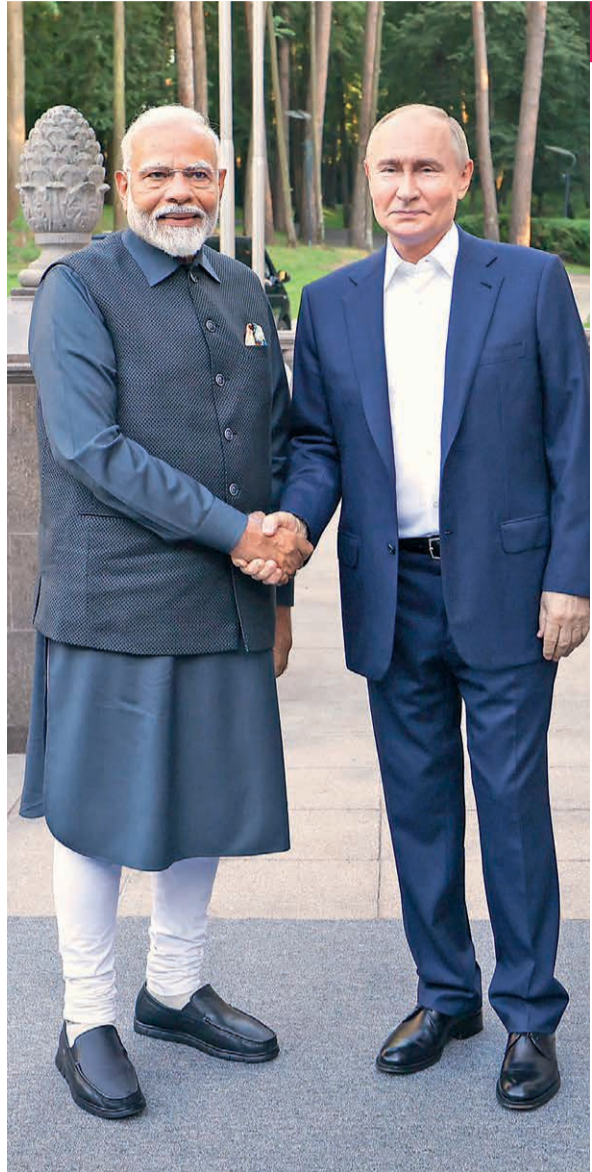
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**FRANCE'S ELECTIONS END UP WITH NO CLEAR MAJORITY**  
French Prez Emmanuel Macron refused resignation of PM Gabriel Attal, asking him to temporarily head govt after chaotic poll results left govt in limbo. **P7**

**Indian cricket team, fresh off their T20 World Championship win, has been invited to Maldives for victory celebration by Maldives' tourism authorities**

**LIGHTNING STRIKES CLAIM 12 LIVES, CM ANNOUNCES AID**  
12 more people lost their lives due to lightning strikes in seven districts of Bihar, prompting the state to announce ex-gratia of Rs4 lakh each. **P6**



PM Narendra Modi welcomed by Russian President Vladimir Putin at his official residence at Novo-Ogaryovo for a private engagement, in Moscow, Russia, Monday.

## PM MODI ARRIVES IN RUSSIA FOR KEY SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT PUTIN

# PUTIN ROLLS OUT A RED CARPET FOR FRIEND MODI

First India Bureau  
Moscow

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday arrived in Russian capital Moscow to attend the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit. PM Modi, upon his arrival in Moscow, was received by Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov and honored with a ceremonial welcome. In a rare gesture, Manturov accompanied Modi to his hotel, where the PM met with the Indian diaspora. The protocol of having Manturov personally welcome PM Modi and accompany him to the hotel in the same car sends a strong signal about the importance Russia places on its relationship with India. President Vladimir Putin will be holding extensive talks with PM Modi on Tuesday. **P7**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a guard of honour upon his arrival at the airport, in Moscow, Russia, Monday.



L: President Putin hosted a dinner in PM Modi's honour. R: PM Modi meets Indian diaspora in Moscow.

### PM MODI IN REACH AUSTRIA TODAY NOON

PM Modi will depart for Austria's Vienna from Moscow on Tuesday afternoon. During his stay in Vienna, PM Modi will call on Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen and hold talks with Chancellor Karl Nehammer. Both leaders will also address business leaders from India and Austria. PM Modi is also scheduled to interact with members of the Indian community in Vienna during his visit.

### MODI-PUTIN HAVE PRIVATE DINNER

Gratitude to President Putin for hosting me at Novo-Ogaryovo this evening. Looking forward to our talks tomorrow as well, which will surely go a long way in further cementing the bonds of friendship between India and Russia," PM Modi posted on X after the meeting.

Landed in Moscow. Looking forward to further deepening the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between our nations, especially in futuristic areas of cooperation. Stronger ties between our nations will greatly benefit our people. Narendra Modi @narendramodi

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Putin and Modi will hold both one-on-one talks and with delegations. There will be a private conversation, as well as Russian-Indian talks over an official breakfast," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.
- On Tuesday, Modi will co-chair the 22nd India-Russia annual summit with President Putin. The two leaders, however, will not make any statements to the press afterwards. This is the first visit to Russia by PM Modi in five years.
- Leaders might announce deals in trade and investment and energy cooperation. Country's trade imbalance with Russia will be a priority for PM Modi.

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## Five soldiers martyred in militant ambush in Kathua

First India Bureau  
Srinagar

Five soldiers were killed and six were injured on Monday in a deadly terrorist attack on an Indian Army convoy in the Machedi area of Kathua district, Jammu and Kashmir. The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of the Indian Army's 9 Corps. The attack occurred when terrorists targeted the Army vehicle with a grenade and gunfire during a routine patrol on the Machedi-Kindli-Malhar road near Badnota village in Lohai Malhar, 150 km from Kathua, at around 3:30 pm. It is the second major attack in Kathua district within one month.



**10 SOLDIERS WERE INJURED IN THIS ATTACK. FOUR OF THEM DIED. 6 ARE STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT.**  
POLICE OFFICER

**SECOND ATTACK ON ARMY IN 48 HOURS**  
Reinforcements were then rushed in and a search op was launched to track down the terrorists. Officials said there is intermittent firing going on between the terrorists and the security forces. This is the second attack on the Indian Army in the Jammu region in the past 48 hours. The terrorists were believed to have recently infiltrated from across the international border and were moving to the higher reaches.

IMD sounds red alert; rain wreaks havoc in Mumbai

Agencies  
Mumbai

In the highest 24-hour spell of rainfall since 2019, Mumbai's Santacruz Observatory recorded 268 mm of rainfall on Monday morning. Amid the downpour, 51 flights were cancelled to and from Mumbai. Train and BEST bus services were affected due to submerged tracks and roads, and traffic movement was paralysed across the city. The IMD in its latest forecast has put Mumbai under a red alert till 1 pm on Tuesday, indicating that heavy to very heavy rainfall will continue. A red alert has also been issued for Raigad and Ratnagiri districts, while an orange alert has been sounded for Palghar and Thane. **P6**

## Sanctity of NEET-UG breached: SC

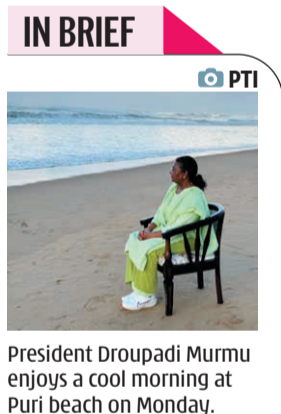
Decision on re-test to be based on extent of paper leak effect; next hearing on July 11

PTI  
New Delhi

Supreme Court, observing need for a re-test if NEET-UG 2024's integrity is compromised, sought information from National Testing Agency and CBI regarding the timing and extent of a question paper leak. A bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud emphasized necessity to identify wrongdoers and beneficiaries before ordering a re-test. Next hearing, set for July 11, will review a CBI report on malpractices, including OMR sheet manipulation and impersonation. SC said exam if breach was systemic and affected entire process or if fraud beneficiaries can be isolated.



The fact that the sanctity of the exam has been compromised is beyond doubt. Now, what is the consequence of that leak would depend on the nature of that leak. If it is not extensive, then there is no cancellation. Before we order a retest, we must be careful. We are dealing with the careers of 23 lakh students.  
DY CHANDRACHUD, CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA (CJ)



President Droupadi Murmu enjoys a cool morning at Puri beach on Monday.

### Soren wins trust vote in Jharkhand Assembly

Ranchi: Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren won trust vote on Monday in Assembly after he secured support of 45 MLAs. He moved confidence motion after assuming office after getting bail from HC.

### PM to chair NITI Aayog GC meet on July 27

New Delhi: PM Modi will chair NITI Aayog's ninth Governing Council meeting on July 27, to discuss 'Vikshit Bharat@2047' document to make India a developed nation.

### Sandeshkhali: SC rejects WB plea on CBI probe

New Delhi: "Why should state be interested in protecting someone?" SC said on Monday while dismissing WB govt's plea challenging HC order, directing a CBI probe.

### Jay Shah to contest ICC chairman polls in Nov?

New Delhi: Polls for next chairman of ICC are to be held in November. Speculations are, BCCI secy Jay Shah could contest. If does & he succeeds he will be youngest to hold the post.

## A Grand Finale



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Oriana Ribeiro (Second Runner-Up), Annette Marrero (First Runner-Up), Barbara Parraga (Miss Teen International 2023), Lee Muileang (Miss Teen International 2024), Onkatille Koolatose (Third Runner-Up) and Regina Gonzalez (Fourth Runner-Up) during the grand finale of Miss Teen International 2024 at Zee Studios in Jaipur on Sunday. **MUKESH KIRADOO**

## PLAN TO COVER ABOUT 4000 SQ KM OF JDA REGION

# Jaipur to have a New Master Plan; JDA issues tender for 2047 vision

Abhishek Shrivastava  
Jaipur

In a significant move, the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) has issued a tender for the creation of a new Master Plan for Jaipur city. The deadline for tender submissions is August 5, 6 PM. The new plan will cater to the city's needs for the year 2047, with ac-

companying zonal plans. The total timeframe for completing the plan is two years. The draft Master Plan, covering approximately 4000 square kilometers of the JDA region, will be prepared within one year and four months. The current plan spans around 3000 square kilometers, indicating a proposed expansion of 1000 square kilometers in the JDA region.



New Master Plan will ensure that woes of the people regarding drainage, sewerage traffic jams will be mitigated.

# Rain brings respite in Raj; Bandikui & Bhusawar record 91 mm of rain



After a humid day, it rained in evening at scattered places in Jaipur on Monday. Vehicles passing amidst rain(R) at Narayan Singh Circle causing traffic jam latter(L). **SANTOSH SHARMA**

State sees continued monsoon rains; Dausa & Bharatpur hit hard; Southwest monsoon causes heavy rain in Eastern & Western Raj

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The southwest monsoon continued to bring rain in many areas of Rajasthan on Monday, with Bandikui and Bhusawar recording the highest rainfall during a 24-hour period. The Met office in Jaipur said light to moderate rain was recorded at some places. Heavy rain was recorded at some places in Bharatpur and Dausa districts during the 24 hours ended at 8:30 am.

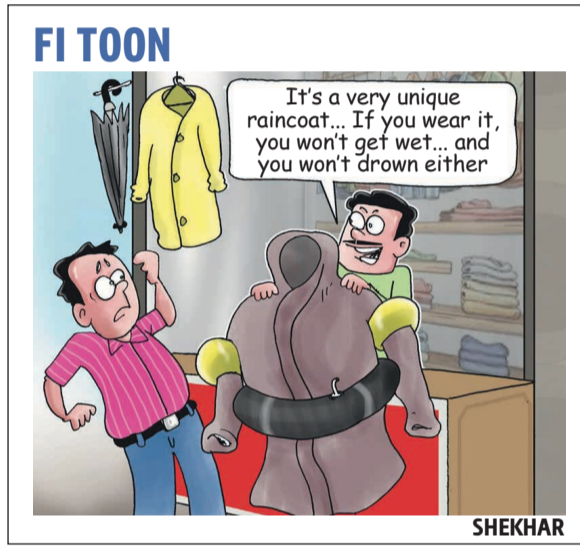
The highest rainfall in eastern Rajasthan was recorded in Dausa's Bandi-

## THREE COUSINS DROWN IN RIVER IN BANSWARA

Banswara: Three cousins drowned in a river in Banswara district of Rajasthan while washing their hands and feet in it, police said Monday. The three girls, all aged 10-11, had taken their goats for grazing along the banks of Anas river on Sunday, they said. As they were washing their hands and feet in the river, they slipped into deep water and drowned, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jitendra Patidar said on Monday. Villagers took them out of the river and sent them to a hospital where doctors declared them dead. He said that the girls have been identified as Itali (11), Sharmila (10) and Tina (10). Police conducted the post-mortem and handed over all three bodies to the respective families.

kui and Bharatpur's Bhusawar at 91 mm each while Sikrai registered 76 mm. In western Rajasthan, Chhatargarh recorded 38 mm rainfall and was the wettest place.

The ongoing spell of rain has caused a decline in maximum temperatures. The Met office said highest max temperature was recorded at 38.8 degrees Celsius in Phalodi.



SHEKHAR

# 3 of family killed, 20 injured in bus-truck collision in Shahpura

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

A couple along with their son was killed and 20 people were injured when a Rajasthan Roadways bus rammied into a truck in Shahpura area here early Monday, police said. The deceased have been identified as Vijay Agrawal (40), his wife Tina Agrawal (36) and their son Preetam (16), residents of Delhi, said police. The accident occurred on the Jaipur-Delhi Highway when the bus was trying to overtake the



Right side of the bus from driver's cabin to rear tyre got damaged in the accident.

truck, police said.

The roadways bus was on its way to Delhi from Jaipur, it added. Some of the injured were admit-

ted to a local hospital in Shahpura and some to the Sawai Man Singh Hospital (SMS) hospital in Jaipur.

# CRPF constable Amarjeet Singh's body found hanging, probe on

First India Bureau  
Ajmer

A constable of CRPF GCA 2 in Ajmer committed suicide on Sunday night and was found hanging in his quarter. On receiving the information, CRPF Group officials and Ganj police station reached the spot and kept the body in the mortuary of JLN Hospital. The body was handed over to the family members, who came from Assam, after postmortem. At present, the reason for suicide is not known.

According to Ganj police station, constable Amarjeet Singh was post-

## NEWLY MARRIED FALLS TO DEATH FROM TOP FLOOR

Ajmer: A shocking incident occurred on Monday when merely hours after getting married, a woman from Ajmer died after falling from the roof of a multi-storey building. The deceased - Komal Bansal - was married to Raunak Bansal from Ajmer on Sunday and reached her in-laws house at 8 am on Monday. However these proved to be a final few hours at her in-laws' house as the woman fell from the roof at 3:30 PM. The relatives took her to hospital in critical condition where the doctors declared her dead in the hospital. Top police officers also reached the hospital when her condition became suspicious. **Shubham Jain**

ed in CRPF Group 2 located at Foysagar Road. On receiving the information of the accident, the family members reached Ajmer and after postmortem, the body was handed over to the family mem-

bers. According to the police, he was posted here for about 5 years. No suicide note has been found in the preliminary investigation. Investigation is being done regarding the reasons for suicide.

Min Dilawar urges to stop protests; Sarpanches give call to gherao Vidhan Sabha

First India Bureau  
Alwar

A symbolic protest of 'Talabandi' or lockout was held in Gram Panchayats on call of Sarpanch Sangh Rajasthan to press for various demands. Sarpanches will submit a memo to the Subdivision Officer and MLAs on July 10, and to district Collector on July 12. If demands are not met, Sarpanches will gherao Vidhan Sabha in Jaipur on July 18. 13 Sarpanchs resigned in Phagi Panchayat Samiti.

Meanwhile, Panchayati Raj Min Madan Dilawar urged the protesting sarpanches not to strike, citing that the agreement on most demands are met in the July 4 talks.

# Rare tumour removed from heart of newborn



Dr Sunil Kaushal with the newborn Champa and her mother and other family members after the operation in MG Hosp in Jaipur.

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

In a first, the heart surgery team of Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Sitapura gave a new life to a newborn by successfully removing a rare heart tumour.

Dr Sunil Kaushal, Director of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, said that when Champa, who was only seventeen days old and weighed 2.5 kilograms, reached the emergency, she had difficulty

breathing and heartbeat was very fast. Echo test revealed that there was a large congenital tumour in the heart which was obstructing the flow of blood to and from the heart. Dr Kaushal said that the operation lasted for about six hours. It took about 12 days for the child to get normal.

The biopsy report revealed that it was a Rhabdomyoma type of tumour which is very rare in newborn babies (0.05-0.01%).

14-year long legal battle ends in favor of Rajasthan Prabodhak Teachers

First India Bureau  
New Delhi

In the case related to Rajasthan Prabodhak recruitment, the state government including thousands of Prabodhak teachers have received from the Supreme Court whose decision came after 14 years.

The SC dismissed petition challenging bonus marks and age relaxation in Prabodhak teacher recruitment. A petition was filed in the year 2010 challenging order of Raj HC in the case and after a long hearing, the decision was reserved by the Supreme Court in February 2024. The then Additional Advocate Gen Manish Singhvi had presented side on behalf of Rajasthan govt.

# Ex-MLA Awana, family booked for fraud of ₹42 lakh with former staff



Ravi Katara  
Uchhain (Bharatpur)

A case of fraud has been registered against former MLA Joginder Singh Awana, wife Brijesh Awana and son and Pradhan Himanshu Awana.

The former MLA's personal assistant - Atar Singh, a native of Uch-



MLA's personal assistant, Atar Singh, a native of Uchhain, has got the case registered of fraud of Rs 42 lakhs

hain, has got the case registered of fraud of Rs 42 lakhs. It has been said that two daughters were also deceived with government jobs while the victim spent lakhs of ru-

pees on programs and when he asked for return of the money, the former MLA Awana allegedly refused and even accused of threatening to murder him and his family.

## JPR GIRL HELD HOSTAGE IN DUBAI, FILES PLAINT

Jaipur: A girl from Jaipur was sent to Dubai on pretext of job but was held hostage in Dubai and forced to do immoral things. Somehow girl came back to Jaipur and registered a case in Shastri Nagar police station while laying allegations against Mohd Raees. In her complaint, the woman has accused Raees of sending her to Dubai by taking one lakh rupees.

## MINOR SODOMISED IN JPR; MOTHER FILES COMPLAINT

Jaipur: A shocking case came to light in Babu Ka Tiba area of Ramganj police station wherein a person sodomised a child. The child's mother filed a named report against the accused in Ramganj police station alleging that the accused sodomised her son for about 3 months after luring the child on various pretext. The accused also issued death threats to child if he revealed it to anyone.

## BHARATPUR SP MRIDUL KACHHAWA AVERTS MAJOR GANG WAR

Bharatpur: SP Mridul Kachhawa held a PC on Monday regarding action taken against gangsters in Bharatpur. SP said, "There is enmity between Kuldeep and Kripal gang. Any incident that could have happened has been prevented." In fact, a gang war has been averted as SP Kachhawa was keeping a constant watch after Jaghina murder. It was learnt that Kripal gang was about to commit a big crime in Bharatpur, but SP Mridul Kachhawa stopped a big gang war.

## WOMAN HELD FOR FAKE RAPE CASE THREAT

Jaipur: On Monday, the Sambhar Police arrested a woman for threatening to implicate a man in a false rape case and trying to blackmail him for money. The woman demanded Rs 50K and grains by threatening a rice trader after which man filed case against woman in police. The woman was arrested by the police. **Satyanarayan Sharma**

## RETIRED HC JUDGE KC CHAUDHARY DUPED OF ₹2L

Jaipur: A retired High Court judge has fallen victim to fraud as an unknown person called retired judge KC Chaudhary threatening that he will be arrested soon and demanded Rs 2 lakh for verification of money laundering activities. Under extreme stress, 76-year-old KC Chaudhary transferred Rs 2 lakh from the bank and upon discovering fraud, retired judge KC Chaudhary filed a case in Vaishali Nagar police station, who is investigating the matter.

## ₹5L FINE ON YOUTH FOR CLIMBING WATER TANK

Churu: Mohammad Rasheed Kazi — who climbed on overhead water tank and protested in Churu was arrested and 5 lakh rupees will be recovered as fine. SP Jai Yadav ordered to register a case under new laws. Along with this, water supply department also registered a case against the youth. On Sunday at 11 am, youth climbed on the tank and protested for 4 hours. The youth was protesting on tank demanding that his wife be brought back.

## FIRING BETWEEN COPS, BAJRI MAFIA IN DHOLPUR

Dholpur: On Monday, the police and gravel mafia came face to face near Jirauli Phatak in Sadar police station area in Dholpur with rumour that shots were also fired against each other. Although the police did not disclose the matter, word is that the police team seized some tractor-trolleys and took mafias into custody. Action against illegal gravel caused a stir on the spot and a long traffic jam occurred on National Highway-44. **Vinod Tiwari**

## JDA FILES FIR AGAINST CONTRACTUAL STAFF FOR DEFACTING PUBLIC PROPERTY

Jaipur: JDA has lodged an FIR against a contractor for causing damage to the Tourist Facility Centre (Govt property). JDC Manju Rajpal said that the Tourist Facility Centre located at Chaura Rasta was given by JDA to M/s Pink City Pvt Ltd. on 25.05.2018 for operation & maintenance of building for 10 years on basis of license fee. After Covid period, the contractor did not deposit the fees as per contract due to which, after terminating the contract and taking possession of the closed Tourist Facility Centre in Chaura Rasta, an FIR has been lodged by JDA for recovery of the damage caused.

## MEETING OF JMCG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

# Dr Somya orders inquiry on soil bag complaints; demand put to rename Albert Hall to Ram Hall

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Various decisions like cracking down on illegal slaughter houses were taken in the EC meeting of the Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation. A proposal was passed in the meeting that slaughterhouse licenses will be given only to commercial leases. At the same time, it was also decided in the meeting that NGOs, development committees



Dr Somya at the meeting of Executive Committee in Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in Jaipur on Monday.

and others will be motivated to adopt parks that are in the jurisdiction of the corporation, with certain conditions.

In the meeting, JMCG mayor Dr Somya gave directions to officials to conduct an inquiry in complaints related to less

amount of soil in soil bags. Soil bags are used during erosion in the rain and there were complaints that quantity of soil was less in bags. A demand of rechristening Albert Hall as "Ram Hall" was also raised in the meeting by chairman Arun Sharma. He said, "The symbol of slavery should be erased and Albert Hall should be renamed as "Ram Hall" because it was built by Madho Singh II, the successor of Maharaja Ram Singh," he said.

Public Health CM Bhajan Lal pushes for improvements at RUHS

# Meeting to address RUHS hosp's issues in staffing

Vikas Sharma  
Jaipur

After the displeasure of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, brainstorming has started on the expansion of medical services of RUHS hospital but still looking at the existing problems, the path of solution seems difficult.

Many posts are lying vacant in RUHS with world class infrastructure and the doctors of SMS hospital also do not want to shift there.

CM Bhajanlal Sharma had inspected Rajasthan University of Health Sciences on Saturday and directed the officials to improve medical facilities in RUHS, appoint doctors and make proper arrangements for stay of relatives of the patients.



RUHS, which was overloaded with patients during Corona period, has a nominal OPD these days.

**In the meeting organized regarding this entire matter, RUHS Principal Dr. Vinod Joshi said that an agreement has been reached on some points regarding cooperation with SMS**

On the instructions of the CM, ACS Shubhra Singh held a meeting of top officials and doctors of the Medical Education

Department, RUHS and SMS Hospital on Monday and gave instructions. In this meeting, many aspects including

recruitment of vacant posts were discussed. Apart from this, there was also a discussion on sending SMS doctors to RUHS. However, effort has been going on for the last several years but it is believed that SMS doctors are not interested in going to RUHS.

Six new private medical colleges to be opened in Rajasthan soon

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Preparations are on to open six new private medical colleges. NMC received 113 new applications from across the country for permission. After considering these applications, NMC issued a public notice which includes the names of 11 colleges in Rajasthan, including six in the private sector.

According to the list, applications are for Dev Medical College and Research Centre in Jaipur, Geetanjali Medical College in Bhankrota, Sudha Medical College in Kota and Surendra Medical College Vyas Medical College in Sri Ganganager and JIET Medical College in Jodhpur.

Earlier, there were a total nine medical colleges in the private sector in Rajasthan.

Mining Revenue collection

# Jaipur zone tops with ₹228.12 cr in revenue

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Jaipur zone tops in mining revenue with AME Tonk being the best performer by earning revenue of Rs 228.12 crore. Tonk, Jhunjhunu, Kotputli, Jaipur, Alwar and Dausa are under the zone.

A total of 133 percent of the target has been achieved under the leadership of Tonk AME Sohan Lal Suthar. ME Jhunjhunu Ramlal Singh achieved 124 percent of the target. AME Kotputli Amichand Duharia achieved 111 percent of the target. ME Jaipur Shyam Kapri achieved 110 percent of the target. AME Alwar Pushpendra Meena achieved a 108.58 percent target. AME Dausa Laxmi Chand Meena achieved 110 percent revenue against the set target.

STATE-WIDE CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL MINING CONTINUES; 1111 CASES REGISTERED



FILE

A campaign against illegal mining was started on June 11 after the order of Rajasthan High Court. The campaign was led by Mines Secretary Anandi and Director Bhagwati Prasad Kalal. In 24 days, 92 cases of illegal gravel mining and 931 cases of illegal extraction were registered. A total of 1111 cases, including 88 of illegal storage, 189 FIRs, and 86 arrests were made. Besides, 49,873 metric tonnes of minerals were seized, 980 vehicles/machines were confiscated and an amount of Rs 6.79 crore was recovered as fine. The campaign is being monitored by Additional Director PR Ameta. Following CM Sharma's directive to crackdown on illegal mining activities, the Mines Department initiated a rigorous campaign against the mining mafia across the state.

# PHED losing crores in revenue due to absence of meter readers in dept

Naresh Sharma  
Jaipur

The water department is suffering losses worth crores of rupees due to the absence of metre readers. The department has dues of more than Rs 600 crore. The consumers are not able to deposit the amount due to lack of bills. In some places, the department relies on contractors, who keep bills with them for several days. Due to the department not having its own employees, illegal connections cannot be checked.

The category of those running hotels and hospi-



tals in residential complexes is not being changed and this is also causing revenue loss.

Outstanding bills of several months are being handed over to consumers with a penalty without any prior information. Besides this, there is no regulation on illegal connections.

CM assures action on Press Club's 11-point memorandum

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Pink City Press Club President Virendra Singh Rathore and General Secretary Yogendra Pancholi on Monday met the CM Bhajanlal Sharma and requested him to fulfill demands pertaining to journalists. They submitted an 11-point memorandum for resolving the problems of journalists. The CM assured them to include demands in the budget.

They also demanded simplification of rules for accreditation of journalists and restore travel facility in railways.

# NGOs recognized by JMCH for efforts in making Jaipur cleaner

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The Jaipur Municipal Corporation Heritage has conferred recognition upon cleanliness champions collaborating to make Jaipur a cleaner city. JMCH Commissioner Abhishek Surana mentioned that several social organizations are cooperating with the Heritage Corporation to make the city clean. On Monday, more than 30 social organizations were honored with the title of cleanliness champions.

Representatives also pledged to collaborate with the JMCH to make the city waste-free. Brand ambassadors of the Her-



Representatives of different NGOs with JMCH commissioner Abhishek Surana on Tuesday.

itage Corporation, Karnika Bai and Mona Gupta, along with Chief Health Officer Dr. Sonia Agrawal and the PIU team, were also present at the event. Aatmanirbhar NGO, Nai Umang Work Organization, Mahavir International, Hotel Association,

Poddar Institute, C-FAR, Pratham Kadam, Gram Bharati Samiti, Bhoomika Foundation, Finnish Society, Green Forest Foundation, Henneman Trust, Jaipur Bytes, Huma Khan, Bhavna Sengar were appointed as cleanliness champions.

# Elderly passenger could not even get a wheelchair at Delhi airport

Ziauddin Khan  
Jaipur/New Delhi

It seems that airline companies have lost their humanity! An example of this came to light on Monday when an elderly woman had to face trouble at Delhi airport. An elderly woman passenger from Jaipur, flying by Alliance Air, had to suffer.

84-year-old Shashikala Goswami is seriously ill and on Sunday night, she reached Delhi from Jaipur by flight 91-644. First, the flight reached Delhi 1 hour 20 minutes late from the scheduled time. When a wheel-

chair was called for to deboard the plane, the airline staff did not bring it. Then her son - Sushil - took his mother in his arms and brought her down from the plane and by then the plane staff and the passenger bus had also left.

With the help of ground staff present there, the 84-year-old elderly took out her wheelchair from her luggage and kept waiting to reach the terminal building from the apron. Later, 2 pilots dropped her in the terminal building from their car and in this way, she kept facing trouble for more than 1 hour.

New CIC, team to take oath today

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Guv Kalraj Mishra will administer oath to the newly appointed Chief Information Commissioner Mohan Lal Lathar. In the ceremony at Raj Bhavan, he will also administer oaths to the newly appointed Information Commissioners Suresh Chand Gupta, Mahendra Kumar Parikh and Tikaram Sharma.

# 31 booths in Rajasthan show zero votes for BJP

Yogesh Sharma  
Jaipur

There are some booths in Lok Sabha elections where BJP got zero votes. It could be possible that perhaps the BJP booth president even did not vote here.

This happened at 31 booths in four Lok Sabha constituencies. The constituencies are Sikar,



Jhunjhunu, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jaipur. BJP did not get a single vote at booth 129A of Hawa Mahal in Jaipur.

# Sikar honors Min Kharra on his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday

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Sikar

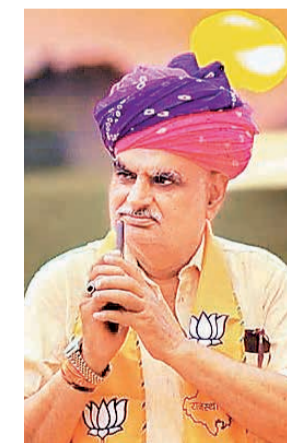
On the occasion of UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra's 66th birthday on Monday, several events were organized in Ajitgarh of Sikar. Besides, many workers wished him on the phone. Fruits were distributed to patients in Ajitgarh sub district hospital.

Gau Savamani was done in Shri Krishna

Gaushala Ajitgarh, Garhtaknet and Triveni. Ajitgarh head Shankarlal Yadav, minister's son Ajay Singh Kharra were present on the occasion.

BJP Ajitgarh Mandal General Secretary Om Prakash Gurjar gave information about the celebrations.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma also extended his best wishes to Kharra on this special day.



Jhabar Singh Kharra.

"I pray to Lord Shri Ram for your good health and long life," Cm Sharma posted on X (formerly Twitter).

UDH minister Kharra celebrated his birthday after returning to Jaipur from Delhi at his official residence in C-Scheme by lighting 101 lamps and cutting a cake. A large number of workers, supporters and well-wishers were present on the occasion.

Mandatory pics for health claims under SHRC scrutiny

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The State Human Rights Commission has taken a suo moto cognizance of a concerning issue regarding the mandatory uploading of photos of women patients' body parts along with the face for claims under CM Ayushman Health Scheme.

Justice Ramchandra Singh Jhala, a member of the commission, deemed this matter a serious affront to women's dignity. Consequently, he has issued a notice directing ACS Medical and Health to investigate the issue thoroughly.

Under the scheme, insurance companies require uploading of photos of operated body parts, including the face, as a condition for processing claims.

SOMBRE GOODBYE

# T-58, Tiger 'Rocky' died of cardiac arrest

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur/Sawai Madhopur

The postmortem report of tiger T-58 Rocky by the medical board on Monday revealed that it died of cardiac arrest. A large amount of fat was found in the tiger's heart. Hunting for prey puts a lot of strain on the heart and this could possibly be the reason for the tiger's death.

The tiger's blood samples were sent to IVRI Bareilly and Forensic Laboratory



T-58, Rocky was cremated after the post-mortem by forest personnels on Tuesday at Rajbagh Naka.

Bharatpur. Field Director Anoop KR, District Administration, NTCA and WII representatives

were present during the post-mortem. Tiger T-58 died in Ranthambore on Sunday.



DFO Manas Singh said that the possibility of death is due to heart attack. The tiger's last rites

were performed at the city's Rajbagh Naka in the presence of the administration.

# RMSC bans several firms over substandard drugs

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation has prohibited various companies from supplying five different drugs as their samples were found to be substandard and for not supplying 33 other drugs. The companies will not be able to participate in the tender for these medicines for the next couple of years.

This is seen as an important step towards ensuring quality and timely supply of medicines.

RMSC Managing Director Neha Giri said that

M/s Sai Parenterals has been banned for a certain period for supply of medicines after samples of Heparin Sodium Injection, M/s Medipol Pharmaceutical for Enalapril Maleate Tablet, M/s Meeka Industries for urine bag were found to be substandard.

Similarly M/s DD Pharmaceuticals has been banned for manufacture of the Alprazolam Tablet while M/s Sun Life Sciences has been banned for supply of medicines after samples of Cefuroxime Axetil Tablet were found to be substandard.

# Moving towards energy efficiency, the coming times will be challenging



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**R**ecently, in the G-7 summit held in Apulia, Italy, once again the energy sector was discussed in detail. This shows the increasing importance of the energy sector in the world. It has been said in the conference that the G-7, a group of the seven most prosperous countries in the world, will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and will move rapidly towards adopting changing sources of energy. This was said in the draft statement issued by the group at the end of the conference. The draft states that they will gradually reduce dependence on fossil fuels in a systematic manner. They will make serious efforts together in this decade to achieve the target of zero carbon emissions by 2050. It has been said in this document that by 2035, the process of reducing coal-based power generation will begin and concrete steps will be taken in this direction.

It is worth noting that in the month of April, the finance ministers of the G-7 countries agreed on this proposal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was invited as a special guest in the conference, said that India's approach in the field of energy is based on four principles - availability, access, affordability and acceptability. We are making every effort to fulfil our commitment to achieve the goal of net zero by 2070. Addressing the global leaders, Modi said that we should together try to make the coming time a green era. He said that India is the first country to fulfil all the commitments taken under COP before time. Underlining the importance of the energy sector, he also said that we should together make every effort to make the coming time a green era.

Why is the energy sector being discussed so seriously again and again? Why is this issue being raised every time on global forums? Actually, the world



**There has been talk about energy efficiency in the last few years, but there is still a great need for awareness. The emerging energy crisis, dwindling fossil fuel resources and climate change concerns along with high oil prices have drawn global attention towards the development of renewable, alternative, eco-friendly and carbon neutral fuels to meet the growing energy demands**

is facing crises in the energy sector. Everyone has understood that the coming time will be very challenging if this sector is not given serious attention now. The emerging energy crisis, dwindling fossil fuel resources and climate change concerns along with high oil prices have drawn global attention towards the development of renewable, alternative, eco-friendly and carbon neutral fuels to meet the growing energy demands. Most energy crises have been caused by local shortages, wars and market manipulation. Some have argued that government actions such as tax hikes, nationalisation of energy companies and regulation of the sector have exacerbated the crisis.

As for India, there are several challenges in tackling its energy crisis. Firstly, everyone has limited energy resources. India has limited energy resources such as coal, oil and gas and is dependent on imports to meet its growing energy demands. The estimated value of petroleum imports for FY23 is estimated at around US\$210 billion. This includes import value of US\$163 billion for crude oil and US\$17.6 billion and US\$14 billion for LNG and LPG respectively. Crude oil imports have increased by 53 per cent compared to the previous financial year. At the same time, coal reserves are weak and there are significant environmental concerns associated with their extraction and use. As

a result, India is looking for alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and hydropower.

There is currently inadequate investment in the country's energy sector. The country's energy sector needs massive investment to improve its infrastructure and expand its energy capacity, but the government and the private sector are not able to invest enough in the energy sector. The country's low per capita income and high poverty rate also make it difficult for people to afford clean energy sources. At the same time, there are also political and regulatory barriers in this sector. The country's energy sector is highly regulated and there are significant obstacles to reform. Lack of coordination among agencies is a major component in this. It is worth noting that India is one of the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters and its energy sector is a major contributor to these emissions. At the same time, climate change is also affecting the country's energy infrastructure, as the frequency of seasonal events is increasing.

According to a study, the use of LED bulbs and tube lights in the country has reduced the electricity consumed for lighting by about 75 percent. There have also been many studies on electricity consumption in buildings, which show that about 30 percent electricity consumption can be re-

duced by the use of energy efficient equipment, that is, there is a possibility of saving 1.20 lakh gigawatt electricity in buildings. Studies show that electricity can be saved on a large scale in domestic and residential buildings by implementing energy efficiency standards. If energy efficiency standards are implemented in buildings, an additional 30 percent electricity can be saved. According to a report, the industry sector in the country consumes the most electricity, about 42 percent. The domestic sector is second, consuming 24 percent electricity. Commercial buildings consume eight percent of electricity. The building sector accounts for 32 per cent of total consumption, but the implementation of energy efficiency standards in buildings has been the lowest.

Actually, the country needs rapid reforms in the energy sector. First of all, to reduce dependence on imports, attention will have to be paid to improving the quality of domestic coal. This can be achieved by investing in technology to increase the calorific value of coal and reduce the amount of ash. At the same time, renewable energy will have to be encouraged. The country has immense potential for renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and hydropower. The government should encourage the development of renewable energy projects through incentives and subsidies. Many potential solutions to the global energy crisis already exist, but they are not being widely used. The best solution is to eliminate the world's dependence on non-renewable resources and improve overall conservation efforts. Much of the industrial age was based on fossil fuels and well-known technology uses other forms of renewable energy like steam, solar and wind. Replace yellow bulbs with CFLs and LEDs. They consume less energy and last longer. If millions of people in the world use LEDs and CFLs for residential and commercial purposes, the energy demand will be reduced and the crisis can be avoided. People who generate electricity in various ways should be allowed to put it into the grid and get credit for their energy. Also, financial aid should be provided for solar panels to encourage public to check out renewable energy options. Appliances with higher star rating should be purchased, this will save electricity.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

## IN-DEPTH

### MODI VISIT FOR STRONGER TIES WITH RUSSIA

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi's first bilateral visit to Russia in his third term signifies a pivotal moment in Indo-Russian relations. This visit underlines the historical ties and the evolving strategic partnership between the two nations. As geopolitical dynamics shift, Modi's engagement with Russian President Vladimir Putin highlights India's commitment to maintaining robust bilateral relations, particularly in areas of defence, energy, and trade.

The discussions are expected to cover critical issues such as enhancing defence cooperation, ensuring energy security, and exploring new avenues for economic collaboration. The PM's visit comes at a time when both countries face significant international challenges, necessitating closer cooperation and mutual support.

This visit is not just a reaffirmation of long-standing ties but also a strategic move to strengthen India's position on the global stage. It demonstrates India's proactive approach in fostering strong international partnerships and addressing global issues collaboratively. Modi's outreach to Russia is a testament to India's balanced foreign policy and its vision for a multipolar world.

### SC STEPS IN TO PROTECT PRIVACY OF ACCUSED



**T** he Supreme Court's recent order against using Google Maps as a bail condition marks a significant step in protecting individual privacy. In a notable ruling, Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan emphasized that bail conditions should not facilitate constant tracking of individuals, asserting, "There cannot be a bail condition defeating the purpose of bail. We have said Google PIN cannot be a condition. Police cannot peep into accused's private life for bail."

In 2022 the Delhi High Court ordered an accused to share his Google Maps PIN with the investigating officer for grant of bail.

While technology has undeniably become a powerful tool in tracking criminals and solving crimes, its potential misuse by law enforcement agencies remains a pressing concern. The Court's decision underscores the delicate balance that must be maintained between leveraging technological advancements for public safety and safeguarding citizens' rights to privacy. By ruling against the use of Google Maps for monitoring individuals on bail, the judiciary has reinforced the principle that the presumption of innocence must prevail until proven guilty.

This decision is a critical reminder that technological surveillance should not infringe upon the fundamental liberties enshrined in our Constitution. The ruling sets a precedent, ensuring that the use of technology by law enforcement is judicious and does not encroach on personal freedoms without due cause. As we become a technologically advanced society, such judicial oversight is essential in preventing the erosion of civil liberties under the guise of security. The Supreme Court's ruling will help protect the delicate balance between security needs and individual privacy rights.



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## RENEWABLE REVOLUTION

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## TOP TWEETS

**X** Relived some childhood memories during my visit to the "15th Toy Biz International B2B Exhibition" being held in Delhi. Under the Modi Govt, the Toy sector has witnessed a remarkable growth in quality, production & exports. Urged industry stakeholders to build further on this momentum to establish 'Made In India' toys as the gold standard globally.  
Piyush Goyal@PiyushGoyal



**X** I extend my heartiest greetings to the people of Manipur on the joyous occasion of the Kang (Rath Yatra) festival. May the blessings of Lord Jagannath be upon all and may this festival bring peace and prosperity for all.  
Jyotiraditya M. Scindia @JM\_Scindia

## SPIRITUAL SPEAK

One who indulges in ongoing action and is engaged in regular study of the Gita, is free and happy in this world and is not bound by karma.  
BHAGAVAD GITA



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**On New Criminal Laws**

This is the second time that Vice Prez targeted Cong leader

## Dhankhar slams Chidambaram again over criticism remarks

PTI  
New Delhi

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday said a member of Parliament shows concurrence by not participating in a debate on a bill, as he launched a fresh attack on former Union minister P Chidambaram over his comments on the three criminal justice laws.

This is for the second time that Dhankhar has targeted Chidambaram over his remarks on the three criminal justice laws which came into force on July 1. He, without naming Chidambaram, said, "He said nothing in the House (Rajya Sabha). He was a member of the committee (department-related standing committee on Home)".

If a member is part of the committee, makes his point of view before the committee, the committee by majority holds otherwise, that member has



Vice-President and Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Jagdeep Dhankhar, interacts with participants of the Rajya Sabha Internship Programme (Batch-2) at the Parliament House, in New Delhi.

great opportunity to participate in the proceedings before the House and make his point known and try to convince others by persuasion, logic and rationality, Dhankhar said.

"If you do not discharge your constitutional duty, if you do not participate in the debate, if you do not take your point

further, you are in a sense not performing your duty. And then if you say something outside, you suffer the handicap that you had valuable opportunity, constitutional platform, a rare opportunity that is available only to members of Parliament, you fail to avail the opportunity, in a sense you forfeit your right," he said.

### TAMIL NADU APPOINTS PANEL TO SUGGEST CHANGES IN THREE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to appoint a one-man committee under retired Madras High Court judge K. Sathyanarayanan that would examine the three new criminal laws and further suggest changes in them for their implementation in the State. A decision to this effect was arrived at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at the Secretariat in Chennai on Monday.

## Ex-J'khand CM Champai, 10 others take oath in Hemant Soren govt

Agencies  
Ranchi

Former chief minister Champai Soren and 10 other leaders of the JMM-led coalition took oath as ministers in the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand on Monday.

Soren had resigned from the post of CM on July 3, a day before JMM executive president Hemant Soren took oath as the 13th chief minister of Jharkhand on July 4.

Jharkhand Governor C P Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office and secrecy to the 11 leaders at a function in the presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and other senior politicians of the JMM-led alliance and government officials.

The new faces in the 12-member cabinet, which includes the chief minister, are Congress's Jamtara MLA Irfan Ansari, Mahagana MLA Deepika Pandey Singh and JMM's Latehar MLA Baidynath Ram.

The Soren government also won a vote of confidence in the assembly.



Congress MLA Dipika Pandey takes oath as a minister in the newly formed Soren govt.



Congress MLA Rameshwar Oraon takes oath at Raj Bhavan, in Ranchi, Monday.



BJP MLAs stage a protest against Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren after walking out of the Assembly during a special session for Soren government's floor test, in Ranchi, Monday.

### 2 NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SWORN IN: REPORT

Mumbai: Two newly-elected members of the Maharashtra legislative council were sworn in on Monday. The third new member, Kishor Darade, from the Nashik Teachers constituency, could not reach Mumbai for the ceremony due to heavy rains. Deputy chairperson of the Council, Neelam Gorhe, administered the oath to the BJP's Niranjana Davkhare and Jagannath Motiram Abhyankar of the Shiv Sena (UBT). Shiv Sena's Kishor Darade could not be present for the ceremony due to heavy rains in his region, she said.

## "I'm here as your brother": RaGa's message of peace for Manipur

Gandhi visits relief camps, talks to violence victims in his third visit

Agencies  
Imphal

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had a message of "peace" for the people of Manipur after he visited relief camps in the violence-hit state. "I want to tell Manipur, I come here as your brother. I want to work with you to bring back peace in Manipur," he said.

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, while addressing a press briefing, claimed that there was not much improvement in the situation in the state: "It's the third time I have come here since the problem started and it has been a tremendous tragedy. I expected some improvement in the situation but was disappointed to see no marked improvement."

Rahul visited a relief camp in Manipur's Churachandpur district and interacted with inmates.



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi during his visit to Churachandpur relief camp, in Manipur on Monday.

### RAHUL URGES PM TO VISIT MANIPUR AND TO HELP BRING PEACE

Imphal: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday requested PM Narendra Modi to visit the ethnic violence-affected Manipur to give solace to the people. Gandhi also said that Congress is ready to do everything it can to bring peace to the state. "The PM should have visited the state long back. It is important that he visit Manipur. I request him to come to Manipur and try and understand what is happening here. People of Manipur, probably people of the entire country, want the PM to visit the state and listen to the victims' woes. It will comfort the people," he said in a press conference.

### RAJASEKHARA REDDY WANTED TO SEE RAHUL AS PM: TELANGANA CM

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday paid homage to former Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh Y S Rajasekhara Reddy on his 75th birth anniversary and recalled that the departed leader wanted to see Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister of the country. Let's take a pledge to make Rahul Gandhi the PM, said Revanth Reddy. Those who take a vow to make Rahul Gandhi as Prime Minister and work for it are the true successors of Rajasekhara Reddy. Those who work against this are against the late leader, he said.

## 108 police officers dismissed for involvement in criminal activities, says Kerala CM Vijayan

Agencies  
New Delhi

The Kerala government has dismissed 108 police officers from service for their involvement in criminal activities since 2016, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Monday.

Answering a question raised in the state Assem-

bly on the action taken against the officers with criminal backgrounds, he said such officials are being closely monitored.

"From 2016 to May 31, 2024, 108 police officers were dismissed from the service for their involvement in criminal activities. The officials involved in corruption, anti-social activities, ma-



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

fia relations are being closely monitored, and directions have been issued to take stern action against such people," Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said.

On the allegations of a rise in goon and mafia violence in the state, he said such gangs are constantly monitored by the intelligence wing, and a

Special Action Group against Organised Crime (SAGOC) has been formed to counter them.

Lauding the intelligence wing, Vijayan, who also handles the Home Department, said they were able to detect the political and communal attacks and threats and handle them to maintain peace in the state.

## No reshuffle in Goa cabinet, focus only on monsoon session: Sawant

PTI  
Panaji

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Monday ruled out the possibility of a reshuffle in his cabinet, stressing that his focus was on the upcoming monsoon session of the legislative assembly.

The month-long monsoon session of the Goa assembly will begin on July 15. The chief minister spoke to reporters after chairing a meeting of his party's ministers



Pramod Sawant

and MLAs.

"Right now, the assembly session will be our focus. The reshuffle in the cabinet will not happen," he said. Some media reports had suggested that Sawant would drop

three ministers from his current cabinet and replace them with the new faces. The chief minister said the meeting saw discussions on bills that would be tabled during the upcoming session.

## "Atmosphere of fear": Punjab BJP chief after meeting Guvs

PTI  
Chandigarh

There is an "atmosphere of fear" in Punjab as the law and order has "collapsed", state BJP chief Sunil Jakhar said on Monday after meeting Governor Banwarilal Purohit here.

Jakhar met Purohit to convey concerns over the "dwindling" law and order situation across the state, alleging that it was due to the AAP government's "defunct" approach towards governance. Jakhar highlighted

the attack on Shiv Sena (Punjab) leader Sandeep Thapar in Ludhiana, the death of a man after he was attacked with sharp-edged weapons in Bathinda, and four fatalities in a firing incident between two groups in Batala.

Speaking to the media after meeting the governor, Jakhar said there was an "atmosphere of fear" in Punjab.

Calling it a courtesy meeting, Jakhar said he discussed the law and order situation with the governor.

### OVER POWER TARIFF HIKE

## Congress stages protests in Chhattisgarh

PTI  
Raipur

The opposition Congress on Monday staged demonstrations across Chhattisgarh to protest the electricity tariff hike and alleged frequent power cuts in the state.

The Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (CSERC) has hiked the power tariff by 8.35 per cent in all categories of consumers over the existing rate in the state. The new tariffs were made effective



from June 1. Former CM Bhupesh Baghel and Congress's state unit chief Deepak Baij took part in the protests in Raipur. Other party leaders staged agi-

tations in the district headquarters and development blocks, a party functionary here said. Congress leaders and workers marched holding lanterns at Rajiv

Chowk here. Hitting out at the ruling BJP, Baghel said domestic consumers, farmers, industrialists and businessmen were bearing the brunt of increased electricity tar-

iffs and power cuts. "Coal is being supplied to half of the country from Chhattisgarh. The state that supplies energy (coal for power plants) to the rest of the country is itself facing interruptions in power supply," he told reporters. Baghel further claimed that the power tariff in Chhattisgarh was more than its neighbouring states.

Baij said the previous Congress government had provided power at cheaper rates, but the BJP hiked the tariff soon after it came to power.

## Madhya Pradesh: Campaigning for Amarwara assembly bypoll ends

BJP and Congress to square off after Lok Sabha battle

PTI  
Chhindwara (MP)

Campaigning for bypoll to the Amarwara assembly seat in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh ended on Monday evening with Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and senior Congress leaders making last-minute efforts to woo voters in favour of their respective candidates.

Besides Yadav, a senior



BJP politician, state Congress chief Jitu Patwari and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the assembly Umang Singhar also took part in canvassing on the last day before the July 10 voting, which comes weeks after the saffron party made a clean sweep in the Lok Sabha polls in

In all, nine candidates are in the fray in Amarwara, which falls in Chhindwara district, the home turf of Congress veteran Kamal Nath, but the main fight is likely to be between the grand old party and the ruling BJP.

Yadav, facing the first electoral test after assuming office nearly seven months ago, addressed two election meetings to drum up support for BJP candidate Kamlesh Shah, promising rapid development of the tribal-reserved assembly constituency.

**Incessant rainfall** 84 transformers and 51 water schemes were also affected

# Highway among 70 roads shut in Himachal; rain triggers landslides

First India Bureau  
Shimla

Rain in parts of Himachal Pradesh triggered landslides on Monday, prompting the authorities to close more than 70 roads, including a national highway.

The Shimla-Kinnaur Road (National Highway 5) was blocked near the Nathpa sliding point in Kinnaur district, officials said.

According to the state's Emergency Operation Centre, 70 roads — 31 in Mandi, 26 in Shimla, four each in Sirmour and Kinnaur, two each in Hamirpur and Kullu and one in Kangra districts — besides National Highway 5, are closed for traffic.

The regional Met office in Shimla has issued a 'yellow' warning for heavy rain, thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places on July 11-12.

It also cautioned of damage to plantation, horticulture and standing crops, partial damage to vulnerable structures, minor damage to kutcha houses and huts due to strong winds and rain, disruption in traffic and waterlogging in low-lying areas.



Police personnel at the site after boulders and stones fell on the road near Chauki Fata, in Rudraprayag district, Monday.



## BIHAR CM CONDOLES DEATHS OF 12 PEOPLE DUE TO LIGHTNING



Patna: Chief Minister Nitish Kumar condoled the death of 12 people due to lightning in seven districts in Bihar and announced an ex-gratia of four lakh rupees each to the dependents of the deceased. "The CM has expressed deep condolences on the death of three people in Jamui, three in Kaimur, two in Rohtas, one in Saharsa, one in Saran, one in Bhojpur and one in Gopalganj due to lightning in the last 24 hours."

## RED ALERT IN MUMBAI, TWO NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS TILL TUESDAY, FLIGHTS DIVERTED

Mumbai: The IMD in its latest forecast has put Mumbai under a red alert till 1 pm on Tuesday, indicating that heavy to very heavy rainfall will continue. A red alert has also been issued for Raigad and Ratnagiri districts till Tuesday afternoon, while an orange alert has been sounded for Palghar and Thane. Following the highest 24-hour spell of rainfall since 2019, 51 flights were cancelled to and from Mumbai till 11 am. Train and BEST bus services were affected due to submerged tracks and roads. Several flights diverted and about 50 flights cancelled due to inclement weather.



## RAIGAD SEES HEAVY RAINFALL, TALA GETS 287 MM

Alibag: Maharashtra's Raigad district witnessed very heavy rainfall on Monday, with Tala getting 287 millimetres till noon, an official said. As per data shared by the district collectorate, Mhasala received 273 millimetres of rain, followed by 255 mm in Murud, 170 mm in Alibag, 131 mm in Shrivardhan, 93 mm in Roha and 92 mm in Mangaon. It caused flooding in several parts of the district, leading to closure of Roha-Alibag road for several hours after a river breached its banks at Ramraje village, while rainwater entered houses in Mangaon as well as Tondare.

## HIT-AND-RUN CASES

# No one will have immunity as long as I am CM, says Shinde

Police have issued a lookout circular against Mihir Shah, a 24-yr-old man

Agencies  
Mumbai

Amid rising hit-and-run cases in Maharashtra, the latest being at Worli in which a BMW car rammed into a couple on a scooter killing a woman, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said on Monday that he has zero tolerance for injustice and those involved in such incidents would not have immunity.

In a post on X, he said, "No one, whether rich, influential or the offspring of bureaucrats or ministers, affiliated with any party, will have immunity as long as I am the CM of the State. I have zero tolerance for injustice. Let it be clear: my administration stands firmly with the victims and their families. We are committed to creating a safer Maharashtra for all its citizens."

"I am deeply alarmed by the rise in hit-and-run incidents in Maharashtra. It is intolerable that the powerful and influential misuse their status to manipulate the system. Such miscarriages of justice will not be tolerated by my Govt," added Shinde.



Chief Minister Eknath Shinde

## BMW CRASH: MUMBAI POLICE FORM SIX TEAMS TO NAB 24-YR-OLD SON OF SHIV SENA LEADER

Mumbai: Mumbai police have formed six teams to nab the 24-year-old son of a ruling Shiv Sena leader after a BMW car the youth was driving crashed into a scooter, killing a woman and injuring her husband, an official said. A Look Out Circular (LOC) has also been put out against Mihir Shah, son of Rajesh Shah, a Shiv Sena leader from neighbouring Palghar district, the official said on Monday. A Mumbai court on Monday remanded Rajesh Shah in 14-day judicial custody. He was later granted bail. His driver, also an accused in the case, was sent to police custody till Tuesday. Maharashtra Chief Minister and Shiv Sena head Eknath Shinde said, "No one, whether rich, influential, or the offspring of bureaucrats or ministers, affiliated with any party, will have immunity as long as I am the chief minister."

## BMW HIT-AND-RUN CASE: SHIV SENA LEADER REMANDED IN 14-DAY JUDICIAL CUSTODY

Mumbai: A Mumbai court on Monday remanded Shiv Sena leader Rajesh Shah in a 14-day judicial custody in a fatal BMW hit-and-run case, in which his son, who was allegedly behind the wheel at the time of the crash, was on the run. The Sena leader's son, Mihir Shah (24), was allegedly driving the BMW car which fatally knocked down a woman, Kaveri Nakhwa (45), and injured her husband Pradeep while the couple was on their two-wheeler in Mumbai's Worli area on Sunday morning, police said. The Shah family's driver, Rajirishi Bidawat, also an accused in the case, was sent to police custody till Tuesday by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Sewree court) S P Bhosale. Rajesh Shah, who owns the car, and Bidawat, who was in the luxury vehicle at the time of the accident, were arrested on Sunday for allegedly helping Mihir escape after the crash.

## In 2024 Union Budget, focus likely on jobs, rural India: Goldman Sachs

Agencies  
Mumbai

The 2024 Union Budget may tilt towards, but not pivot to welfare spending, with a focus on rural economy and job creation, economists at Goldman Sachs said in a note on Monday.

The budget proposal for the financial year ending March 2025 will be presented on July 23, the government said over the weekend.

Goldman economists expect the government to stick to its fiscal deficit target of 5.1% of GDP set in the interim budget but said it will likely make an "overarching statement" about long-term economic policy.

"We see an emphasis



While the Indian economy is seen growing a fast clip of 7.2% this year, job creation has lagged

on job creation through labor-intensive manufacturing, credit for micro, small and medium enterprises, continued focus on services exports by expanding global capability centres, and a thrust on domestic food supply chain," Santanu Sengupta, chief India economist at the Wall Street bank wrote.

## Two dead, over 130 injured during Rath Yatra in Odisha

PTI  
Odisha

During the 2024 Rath Yatra in Odisha's Puri district, two people were killed and many others left injured after a stampede-like situation. The incident occurred during the chariot pulling ritual of the procession.

As per reports, the deceased devotee hailed from Balangir district and reportedly died of suffocation during pulling of Taladhwa Chariot. He was rushed to Puri District Headquarters Hospital in critical condition, where he was later declared dead.

As per ANI, the chariot pulling started around 5.20 pm after Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalanada Saraswati



Devotees participate in the Rath Yatra in Puri on Monday.

visited the chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra with his disciples and the Puri's titular king completed the 'Chhera Pahanra' (chariot sweeping) rituals.

Following the death

of the person, newly elected Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced Rs 4 lakh ex-gratia to the next kin of the deceased. Additionally, free treatment for the injured was also announced.

## Good time to push disinvestment of public banks, says SBI report

Agencies  
Mumbai

The government should go ahead with disinvestment of (PSBs) as they are in good condition, SBI said in its research report on Monday. The report also pitched for the consolidation of existing government-owned banks.

"As banks are in good condition, the government should take stance on disinvestment of PSBs," the report titled 'Prelude to Union Budget 2024-25' said.

With regard to the privatisation of IDBI Bank, it said the government and Life Insurance Corporation of India are selling an almost 61 per cent stake in the lender.

"They invited bids

The report also recommended that the gov't should tweak the tax on deposit interest and make flat tax treatment across the maturity ladder in line with mutual fund

from buyers in October 2022. In January 2023, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) received several expressions of interest for the IDBI Bank stake on offer. We expect the government to clarify this in the Budget," it said.

Presently, the government owns over 45 per cent stake in IDBI Bank, and LIC has a 49.24 per cent shareholding.

## Salman Khan firing case: Cops file chargesheet

PTI  
Mumbai

Mumbai Police on Monday filed a charge sheet in a special court against six arrested accused and three wanted persons, including jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, in connection with the firing at Bollywood actor Salman Khan's residence in Bandra in April.

The 1,735-page charge sheet was filed by the crime branch in a special MCOC court. It included various investigation documents incorporated in three volumes, an official said.

The evidence includes statements of 46 witnesses and statements of witnesses under section 164 of CrPC recorded before the magistrate, he said.

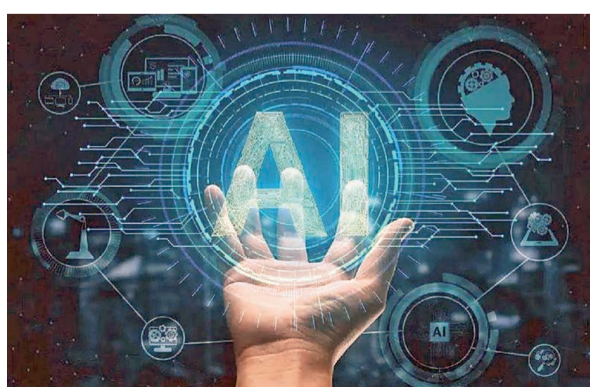
## TENABLE REPORT

# 73% of Indian firms eye GenAI for security

Agencies  
New Delhi

About 73 per cent of Indian organisations plan to harness generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) within the next 12 months to enhance security measures and align IT objectives with broader business goals, a new report said on Monday.

However, only 8 per cent of organisations showed high confidence in effectively implementing GenAI technol-



Representational

ogies, according to the exposure management company Tenable.

"Despite the rise of AI, many Indian busi-

nesses are still developing their technology maturity and often lack the resources or skills needed to properly create,

Around 31 per cent believe GenAI can enhance preventive threat response, 42 per cent think it can automate security measures, and 40 per cent feel it can improve actionability, according to the report

train, and implement AI, as well as maintain high standards of data governance," said Nigel Ng, Senior VP, Tenable APJ.

The report surveyed 826 IT and cybersecurity professionals, including 52 Indian respondents conducted in October 2023.

An aspect of concern highlighted by the report was the perception of GenAI as a greater security threat than an opportunity among 40 per cent of Indian organisations.

Despite facing significant challenges in adopting AI technologies, cybersecurity and IT leaders in India were optimistic about the potential benefits of GenAI.

## Man planning 'lone-wolf' attacks on security forces held by MP ATS

PTI  
Bhopal

A 34-year-old man arrested for allegedly planning "lone-wolf" attacks on security forces was helping families of eight SIMI activists killed in an encounter with police in 2016, a senior official of the MP Anti-Terrorism Squad said on Monday.

The ATS last week arrested Faizan Sheikh, a mechanic who was influenced by the ideologies of the Indian Mujahideen (IM) and the Islamic State (IS), from communally-sensitive Khandwa town.



## MAN INVOLVED IN TERROR FINANCING CASE THROUGH BITCOIN TRADE IN J&K: SIA

Srinagar: J&K State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Monday found a man involved in terror funding through Bitcoin trading. SIA has issued a public request for identification of the man behind terror financing in the region. Officials said that the SIA found the involvement of a man in routing money and funds via Bitcoin trade to the conduits of terrorist organisations for fueling mass violence and terrorist activities.

**Modi in Moscow** The Indian community in Russia expresses wish to PM Modi

## 'Hindu temple, more flights to India': Indians in Russia to PM

PTI  
Moscow

The Indian community in Russia are eagerly waiting for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Moscow and will be seeking his support to build a Hindu temple in the country, a new Indian school building and the availability of more direct flights to India.

Indian diaspora members in Russia expressed excitement over PM Modi's visit to Russia.

The diaspora members also expressed their wish for a Hindu temple, a new Indian school building and the availability of more flights to India.

"There are few things which remain missing in the society. For example, we would demand a Hindu temple through PM Modi. There are a few troubles with airlines as only Aeroflot works. If any other airline like Air India operates flights to Russia, then the frequency will increase along with the availability of seats," Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, an Indian living in Russia said.

With Hinduism spreading in Russia, the community is feeling the necessity of having a Hindu temple in the country to meet their spiritual needs.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Indian diaspora, in Moscow, Russia, Monday.

### PM MODI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW EXPECTED TO YIELD 'TANGIBLE OUTCOMES': ENVOY

Moscow: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia and his talks with President Vladimir Putin will focus on bilateral trade and economic ties and in some new areas of scientific and technological research, the Indian Ambassador to Russia has said, expressing confidence that the talks will yield "tangible outcomes" in many areas. It will be Modi's first visit to Russia since Moscow invaded Ukraine in February 2022. The two leaders will review the entire range of multifaceted relations between the two countries and exchange views on contemporary regional and global issues of mutual interest, the Ministry of External Affairs said in New Delhi on Thursday while announcing the high-level visit starting on Monday. Speaking to PTI on Modi's visit, Indian Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar said that extensive dialogue on trade, economic and investment cooperation and connectivity will be a key focus of discussions during Modi's visit.

### "WILL PM ENSURE SAFE RETURN OF INDIANS SOLDIERS"

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asked whether PM Modi would ensure safety of Indian nationals fighting for the Russian Army in the war zone and ensure their safe return to India. "As per Indian Embassy in Moscow, 50 Indian nationals have joined the Russian Army," he added.

### AS PM MODI EMBARKS ON RUSSIA TRIP, HIS TWO-DECADE OLD PHOTO WITH PUTIN SURFACES

New Delhi: An old photo of PM Modi and President Putin has surfaced on social media. The viral photo is from the meeting that happened when Modi was Gujarat CM and accompanied the then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Moscow for the India-Russia Summit in 2001. Modi Archive, the popular X account sharing the photograph of the leaders, said that the longstanding relationship between India and Russia has deep historical roots, which got strengthened over a period of time and also mentioned a specific incident on how the then Gujarat CM Modi's initiative led to solidification of ties.



**FRANCE ELECTION**

## Amid chaotic results, Macron refuses PM Attal's resignation

Agencies  
Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron refused the resignation of the country's prime minister, asking him on Monday to remain temporarily as the head of the government after chaotic election results left the government in limbo.

French voters split the legislature on the left, center and far right, leaving no faction even close to the majority needed to form a government. The results from Sunday's vote raised the risk of paralysis for the European Union's second-largest economy.

Macron gambled that his decision to call snap elections would give France a "moment of



PM Gabriel Attal said he would stay if needed, but resigned on Monday. Attal appointed PM by Emmanuel Macron 7 months ago.

clarification," but the outcome showed the opposite, less than three weeks before the start of the Paris Olympics, when the country will be under an international spotlight.

The French stock market fell on opening but quickly recovered, pos-

sibly because markets had feared an outright victory for the far right or the leftist coalition.

Prime Minister Gabriel Attal had said he would remain in office if needed but offered his resignation on Monday morning.

Rishi Sunak makes apology calls to ex-PMs after UK polls

PTI  
London

Former British PM Rishi Sunak spent the weekend calling the Conservative Party candidates who lost their seats in the general election last week to apologise for the party's worst performance at the ballot box. Several former members of Parliament told the media about the "very sympathetic call" they received from the British Indian MP.

## "Dirty cooking fuels linked to high child mortality rates"

Agencies  
Washington

A report released by Cornell University has revealed a concerning statistic: 27 out of every 1,000 children in India die due to exposure to dirty cooking fuels.

The study, titled 'Cooking Fuel Choice and Child Mortality in India', was authored by Arnab Basu and others, using extensive household survey data. The findings are

startling, especially for infants under a month old, where lung development is incomplete, and the children are often in close proximity to their mothers, who are the primary cooks in households.

Basu said the mortality effect is disproportionately higher for young girls, not because they are more vulnerable, but due to a prevalent son preference in India, leading to neglect in seeking medical treatment for daughters.

## Will not drop out in race against Trump: Biden

PTI  
Washington

US President Joe Biden told congressional Democrats on Monday that he is "firmly committed" to running for re-election against his Republican rival Donald Trump and called for speculation over his candidacy to end despite mounting concerns about his mental fitness and the viability of his campaign.

In a strongly-worded letter to some donors and Democrats who are



US President Joe Biden

demanding that he quit the race for the White House on November 5, Biden, the presumptive candidate of the Democratic Party, sought to address their growing concerns.

## Israeli tanks storm Gaza City districts, residents report heavy fire

## Israel deepens its operation in Gaza City: Report

Agencies

Deir-Al-Balah (Gaza Strip)

Israeli forces deepened an operation in the Gaza Strip's largest city in what the military said was meant to weed out militants, sending thousands of Palestinians fleeing on Monday from an area already ravaged in the early weeks of the nine-month-long war.

Residents said the airstrikes and artillery barrages were among the heaviest attacks on the Gaza Strip in 9 months.



Palestinians, who fled the eastern part of Gaza City after they were ordered by Israeli army to evacuate their neighborhoods, carry their belongings, amid Israel-Hamas conflict, in Gaza City.

### ISRAEL NOW ORDERS NEW EVACUATION

CAIRO: Israeli tanks advanced into the heart of Gaza City from different directions on Monday and Israel ordered Palestinian civilians to evacuate neighbourhoods after a night of bombardments which Gaza authorities said had killed dozens. Gaza City, in the north of the Palestinian enclave, was one of the first areas that Israeli troops moved into at the start of the war.

### NAME CHANGE

I, 457026SH MACP/ NB SUB Sugana Ram Puniyan S/o Dunga Ram Puniyan R/o Vill. Falki, PO. Mugadara, Teh. Merta City, Distt. Nagaur (Raj.) and retired from 4 MAHAR (BORDERS) C/o 56 APO do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in my Army Service Records my son's name wrongly recorded as Ritesh Puniyan, whereas in 10th Class Mark Sheet, Aadhar and PAN Card his name is recorded as Retesh Puniyan, which is true and correct. Therefore in my Army Service Records my son's name should be corrected as Retesh Puniyan.

### NAME CHANGE

I, Sher Mohamed Lilgar, Age 34 years, R/o Badi Khattu, Teh. Jayal, Distt. Nagaur, Rajasthan do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in my Passport my name recorded as Sher Mohammed, my father's name recorded as Sadiq Ahmed and my mother's name recorded as Buli, which are wrong. Whereas in Aadhar Card and other documents my name recorded as Sher Mohamed Lilgar, my father's name recorded as Sadiq Ahamed and my mother's name recorded as Buli Begam, which are true and correct. Therefore in my Passport above mentioned names should be corrected.

## OFF TO PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

# Jyothi 1st Indian to qualify for 100m hurdles in Olympics

First India Bureau  
Mumbai

When Jyothi Yarraji, the fastest Indian hurdler, takes to the track at the Paris 2024 Olympics, she will be in uncharted territory. Jyothi, supported by the Reliance Foundation, will be the first Indian woman ever to compete in the women's 100m hurdles at the Olympics.

The women's 100m hurdles event has been a part of every Olympics since 1972, but this will be the first time that an Indian

athlete will feature on the start list.

The reigning national record holder in the event, Jyothi is also the only Indian woman ever to medal in the women's 100m hurdles event at the Asian Games, where she won silver last year after showing impressive fortitude in standing her ground after a false disqualification. She is the only Indian woman to dip below the 13s mark.



Jyothi's personal best stands at 12.78s, a mark she matched earlier this year at the Motonet GP in Finland despite a hard collision with the final hurdle. She also won gold at the recent Senior Inter-State Athletics Championships, continuing her unbeaten run on Indian soil.

### FIRST INDIAN WOMAN

To Qualify For 100m Hurdles In Olympics  
To Win a Medal In 100m Hurdles in Asian Games  
To Break The 13s Barrier in 100m Hurdles

### NATIONAL RECORD HOLDER-12.78S

Broke a 20-Year-Old Record in 2022  
Breached 13s Mark 10 Times in Last 3 Years

We are overjoyed and immensely proud of our Reliance Foundation athlete, Jyothi Yarraji, for becoming the first Indian to qualify for the women's 100m hurdles at the Olympics. Jyothi's journey, her dedication, and her incredible achievement are a testament to the power of dreams and relentless hard work. She embodies the spirit, talent, and resilience of the youth of India.

NITA M. AMBANI, FOUNDER & CHAIRPERSON, OF RELIANCE FOUNDATION

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### Notice Inviting Bids

1. Single Stage two envelope offline sealed bids are invited up to 02.00 PM of 12/07/2024 Received bids will be opened on same date at 03.00 PM for Service and Maintenance of Computers and Printers at RUHS College of Medical Sciences Jaipur. (Total Estimated Cost Rs. 3,30,000.00)

• Detail may be seen in the Bidding Document at <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> or RUHS CMS website [www.ruhscms.org](http://www.ruhscms.org)

Principal  
Raj.Samwadi/24/1848 RUHS College of Medical Sciences, Jaipur

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### Notice Inviting Bid (2023-24)

Bids for rate contract for Speech Therapy and Rehabilitation Post Cochlear Implantation at Govt. RDBP Jaipuria Hospital, Jaipur are invited from interested bidders up to 18.07.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> of the state.

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### CAM 2024

Centralized Admission for M. Tech. and M. Arch. Session 2024-25

Adv. No. BTU/CAM/2024/01 Date: 06/07/2024

Online applications are invited for admission to M.Tech. and M.Arch. programs offered by various constituent and affiliated colleges of Bikaner Technical University, Bikaner and Rajasthan Technical University, Kota for the academic session 2024-25.

Information brochure, tentative schedule, details of offered specialization, seat matrix of M.Tech./M.Arch., and other relevant information are provided on the BTU website. Fellowship is subject to terms and conditions and approval by AICTE. All the updates/changes will be provided on the CAM 2024 web-portal <https://btucam2024.com> only. Candidates are advised to visit the web portal of CAM 2024 regularly as all communication will be made available through web portal only.

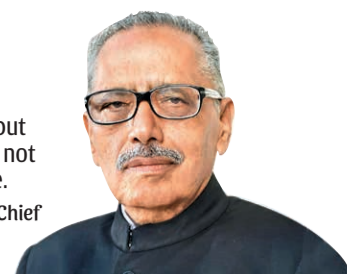
Last date of Application submission: 31 July 2024  
Raj.Samwadi/24/1919 Coordinator CAM 2024

# FIRST INDIA 2ND FRONT

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Everyone says that one should never ever give up but sometimes things are ordained otherwise, and it is not a bad thing to stop reflect, and change your course.

Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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First in 33 Yrs: State Budget to be presented before Union Budget

## State Budget based on estimated ₹73,504 crore share from Centre

- Increasing debt poses challenge, 'Revdi Culture' may face ban
- State Budget on Wednesday to feature several new schemes



Pankaj Soni  
Jaipur

The Bhajan Lal government in Rajasthan will present the budget on July 10, marking the first time in 33 years that the State Budget will precede the Union Budget. Economic experts suggest that this sequencing will not impact the State Budget significantly. Finance Minister Nirmla Sitharaman had already disclosed the allocation details for states during the vote on account on February 1, detailing each state's share of central taxes and duties. According to the Centre's Budget estimate for 2024-25, Rajasthan is slated to receive the sixth-largest share of central taxes, amounting to Rs 73,504 crore, or 6.02% of the total taxes collected by the Centre.

Based on this allocation, the State Budget will scale various



### SHEKHAWAT PRESENTED RAJ'S STATE BUDGET BEFORE THE UNION BUDGET IN 1991

In Rajasthan, there was a situation in 1991 when the State Budget was presented before the Union Budget of the Centre. Chief Minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, serving as Finance Minister, presented the budget in the Assembly on March 6. Concurrently, Manmohan Singh, the then Finance Minister at the Centre, presented the Union Budget in Parliament on July 24.

It will not make any difference if the state budget precedes the central budget. The budget is prepared based on the state's income forecast and its share of taxes received from the Centre.

ND MATHUR, PROFESSOR

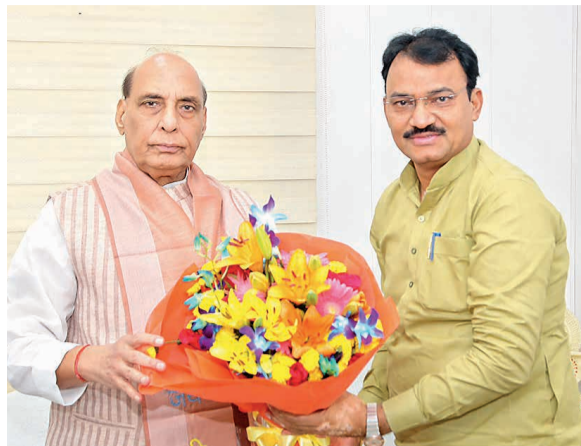
schemes, while expenditure items will be based on estimates from state revenue sources. State Budget to prioritise capi-

tal expenditure and employment initiatives, with decisions on schemes like Old Pension Scheme anticipated.

### REVDI YOJANA STARTED BEFORE POLLS TO BE DISCONTINUED

Rajasthan currently ranks sixth in national debt, with the previous Congress government under Ashok Gehlot borrowing over Rs 44,736 crore in its final eight months. Projections estimate this figure will reach Rs 5,79,781 crore by March 2024. The Bhajan Lal administration faces the challenge of managing this debt efficiently, following strict measures implemented by previous BJP governments. Diya Kumari, the Finance Minister, unveiled the interim budget 2024-25 in February, outlining plans to enhance infrastructure including roads, hospitals, and schools. Diya Kumari assured the public that the upcoming budget is designed to cater to every sector and community, aiming to meet public expectations.

## Courtesy Meeting



Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa calls upon Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Monday. Various developmental issues of Rajasthan were discussed in detail during the meeting. Bairwa praised Singh's skilled leadership in achieving milestones and accomplishments in the defence sector for the nation.



Dr Prem Chand Bairwa calls upon the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Chirag Paswan in New Delhi. Both the leaders held meaningful discussions on various developmental initiatives related to Rajasthan, along with topics concerning public welfare.

## Double-engine government will ensure unbiased development: Birla

First India Bureau  
Kota

LS Speaker Om Birla and Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar inaugurated the 132 KV GSS of Vidyt Prasaran Nigam and the 33 KV GSS of KEDL in Borkheda, costing Rs 20 crore and Rs 3 crore respectively. Birla criticised biased development in Ladhura, stressing fairness under the double-engine government for urban and rural areas, ensuring uninterrupted power and solving water issues. Expressing displea-



Om Birla and Heeralal Nagar inaugurate the 132 KV GSS of Vidyt Prasaran Nigam and the 33 KV GSS of KEDL in Borkheda, Kota on Monday. Kalpana Devi and others were also present.

sure with KEDL's service, Birla urged improvements after public inconvenience during

summer due to power supply issues, demanding swift resolutions to complaints.

Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar criticised the previous regime's neglect of power infrastructure, promising relief to farmers under the *Kusum Yojana*. He emphasized making Rajasthan energy self-reliant.

Local MLA Kalpana Devi condemned the previous gov't's neglect of Ladhura, highlighting current efforts to address power challenges and fulfill community needs, including a new hospital and college. The new GSS is expected to benefit both rural villages & urban areas in Ladhura.

## Devnani launches book & Bharatpur dist souvenir

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani marked Bharatpur's 291st Foundation Day by releasing a souvenir. The publication, themed on Bharatpur District Governance, highlights local luminaries in various fields like administration, law, and the armed forces.

Devnani also unveiled 'Mahabharata Part II' by



Vasudev Devnani launches a souvenir marking the 291st Foundation Day of Bharatpur at the State Assembly in Jaipur. Gulab Batra, Pradeep Chaturvedi, Gopal Gupta and others were present.

Gopal Lal Gupta. The souvenir features articles on historical events like Bikaner's Rati Ghati War and cultural assets such as the Shri Ram Temple.

It includes literary works by Dr Rangey Raghav and details of developmental projects like the ERCP.

The publication aims to celebrate the district's rich heritage and contributions of its prominent figures.

## Nagar: Raj will be made hub for solar equipment manufacturing

Vikas Sharma  
Jaipur

Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar said on Monday that the state government is striving to establish Rajasthan as a key hub for solar energy production, assembly, and manufacturing of solar equipment.

Addressing entrepreneurs at the India Solar Component Expo organised by the Rajasthan Solar Association, Nagar invited their suggestions for potential policy amendments, promising prompt government consideration.

The Minister also interacted with beneficiaries of the 'PM Kusum Yojana' and entrepreneurs, addressing queries and discussing opportunities in the solar industry.



Heeralal Nagar inspects a project during the India Solar Component Expo organised by the Rajasthan Solar Association at the Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur on Monday. SANTOSH SHARMA

Setting up solar component manufacturing units locally will reduce costs for solar panels, cables, and aluminium structures, creating better job opportunities for youth in this emerging sector. Solar energy is the future, and Rajasthan offers immense potential for investment in this field.

HEERALAL NAGAR, ENERGY MINISTER

Nagar highlighted cost-effective solar panel production and job prospects & plans to include

Rs 10,000 crore investment in state power infrastructure under RDSS scheme."

Training for newly elected Cong MLAs to be held today

Dinesh Dangi  
Jaipur

The Congress Legislature Party meeting will be held today to discuss strategy for the budget session, following which the newly elected MLAs will be given training, a party leader said.

The party's Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa will welcome the newly elected MPs of the Congress, 'India' bloc and Bharat Adivasi Party. PCC Gen Secy Swarnim Chaturvedi said that on July 9, a meeting of the legislature party will be held at a hotel here at 4 pm under the chairmanship of LoP Tikaram Jolly. After this meeting, training will be organised for the newly elected MLAs.

## CS: Edu institutes must take e-pledge against drugs

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant convened a meeting with various departments to curb the spread of illegal drugs in the state and raise awareness against their use. Acting on instructions from Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Pant called for a comprehensive drive across all districts. "In all private and government schools and

colleges, students should take an e-pledge against drugs at least once a month," Pant emphasised.

"The state police must periodically run campaigns to completely eradicate the illegal drug mafia," Pant emphasised.

Illegal drugs are being supplied via drones in Rajasthan's border areas, notably in districts like Ganganagar, said Narcotics Control Bureau Director Ghansyam Soni.



Sudhansh Pant chairs a meet over NCORD at Secretariat in Jaipur on Monday. Kuldeep Ranka, Anand Kumar, Vaibhav Galriya, UR Sahoo, Krishna Kunal, VK Singh & Ghansyam Soni were present.

## 3RD CONVOCATION OF SPUP, JODHPUR

## Police Univ should use AI in criminal probes: Guv

Shivprakash Purohit  
Jodhpur

Governor Kalraj Mishra, while addressing the third convocation of Sardar Patel Police, Security and Criminal Justice University located in Jodhpur, said that the university should make positive use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in crime research. He called upon the university to work as a 'think-tank' for crime prevention, do excellent research in various disciplines related to crimi-



Governor Kalraj Mishra and Jawahar Singh Bedham hand over a degree to a student during the Convocation of Sardar Patel Police University in Jodhpur on Monday. Also seen is Dr Alok Tripathi.

nology and work for effective police education. Mishra said that the

university named after the Iron Man must tread his path and provide a

strong police system. "Students here should contribute in fulfilling the goal of a 'Developed India' of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said. Mishra said that cyber-crime is increasing. "Criminals have started using technology and 'smart policing' is the need of the hour. Police University will have to make its courses useful and updated. It will have to make research in the fields of policing, internal security, cyber security, forensic science, etc.," he said.

In this era of competition and global challenges, Police Varsity must update its curriculum to be timely, useful, and relevant. This will enable young researchers to gain global recognition.

KALRAJ MISHRA, GOVERNOR

We should fulfill our duties and work towards guiding society in a new direction. Students must contribute significantly to the nation's progress by bringing fresh experiences to the process of justice.

JAWAHAR SINGH BEDHAM, MOS HOME

## Raj govt must cease undemocratic ban on protests in Jaipur: Gehlot

Naresh Sharma  
Jaipur

Former CM Ashok Gehlot accused Raj's BJP government of not allowing people to protest in Jaipur, saying it should not adopt such "undemocratic methods".

In a post on X, Gehlot said many youths have approached him saying they want to protest in Jaipur on issues like unemployment allowance, employment, restoration of Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitra but the administration is not giving them permission.



Ashok Gehlot

"In a democracy, peaceful protest for their rights is people's right. It is the duty of the govt to listen to them. I urge the govt & police administration not to adopt such undemocratic methods and let people exercise their democratic rights."

### GEHLOT COMMENTS ON RAHUL GANDHI'S ROLE AS LEADER OF OPPN

Ex-CM Ashok Gehlot criticised the NDA govt, stating that PM's failure to heed opposition calls to visit Manipur for peace talks led to ongoing criticism. He highlighted Rahul Gandhi's persistent calls for PM's visit over the past year, emphasising that such gestures could have diffused tensions. Gehlot stressed the importance of addressing both ruling and Opposition sentiments to foster peace & avoid widespread criticism of govt's handling by the PM and Home Minister nationwide.



# City First

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## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

City First brings you exclusive glimpses of Miss Teen International 2024's grand finale. The evening highlighted diverse talents through various rounds, affirming pageant's global influence. P10-11

### MISS TEEN INTERNATIONAL 2024 WINNERS SHINE BRIGHT IN JAIPUR



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Regina Gonzalez (Fourth Runner-Up), Oriana Ribeiro (Second Runner-Up), Lee Muileang (Winner, Miss Teen International 2024), Nikhil Anand, Annette Marrero (First Runner-Up) and Onkatlile Koolatotse (Third Runner-Up)

SANTOSH SHARMA & NIKESH KIRADOO

The grand finale of Miss Teen International 2024, held on Sunday at Zee Studios, Jaipur celebrated global beauty and talent, crowning Cambodia's Lee Muileang as the winner, with stunning performances and inspiring moments highlighting the event! Bharat24-Vision of New India and First India Newspaper, serving as media partners, added to the evening's splendour!

# Empowering Dreams



The grand finale of Miss Teen International 2024 was a dazzling affair held on Sunday evening at Zee Studios in Jaipur. As the 26th edition of this prestigious competition, it brought together young women from around the globe, offering them a platform to showcase their talents and represent their countries with pride. Led by Nikhil Anand, National Director, Glamanand Group & Franchise Owner of Miss India Universe, with media partners Bharat24-Vision of New India and First India Newspaper, the event was a night to remember. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, the chief guest, praised the event and the participants, remarking, "I commend Nikhil Anand and the entire team for orchestrating such a magnificent event and elevating the pageant industry. At Bharat24-Vision of New India and First India News, we are dedicated to promoting young, talented women in the realms of fashion, beauty and entertainment. Congratulations to the crowned beauties and all participants. May they achieve great success in their future endeavours."

Last year's winner, Barbara Parraga from Venezuela, passed the crown to the new Miss Teen International 2024,



Mitali Dusad

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Lee Muileang from Cambodia in a ceremony that celebrated grace, beauty and potential. Annette Marrero from Cuba earned the title of First Runner-Up, followed by Namibia's Oriana Ribeiro as Second Runner-Up. Onkatlile Koolatotse from Botswana secured the Third Runner-Up position, while Regina Gonzalez from Mexico was named Fourth Runner-Up.

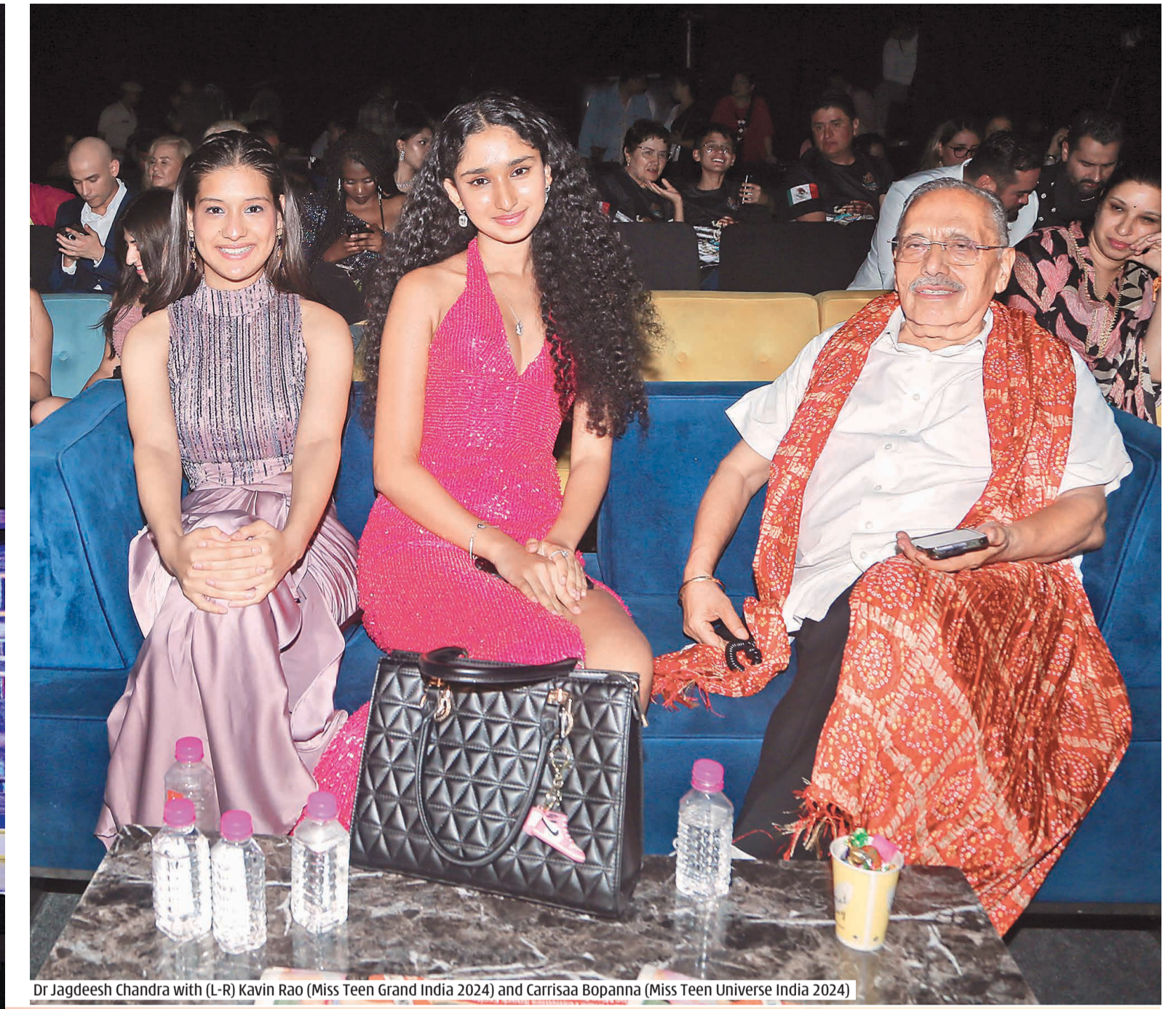
The evening was skillfully hosted by Lance Raymundo and Ngo Ngoc Gia Han, Miss Teen International 2022. The event was graced by the presence of supermodels Kaziah Liz Mejo (Miss Teen International India 2024), Carrisaa Bopanna (Miss Teen Universe India 2024), and Kavin Rao (Miss Teen Grand India 2024), among others. National directors from various countries attended to support their representatives, highlighting the event's international significance.

The gorgeous winners of Miss Teen International 2024 pose gracefully



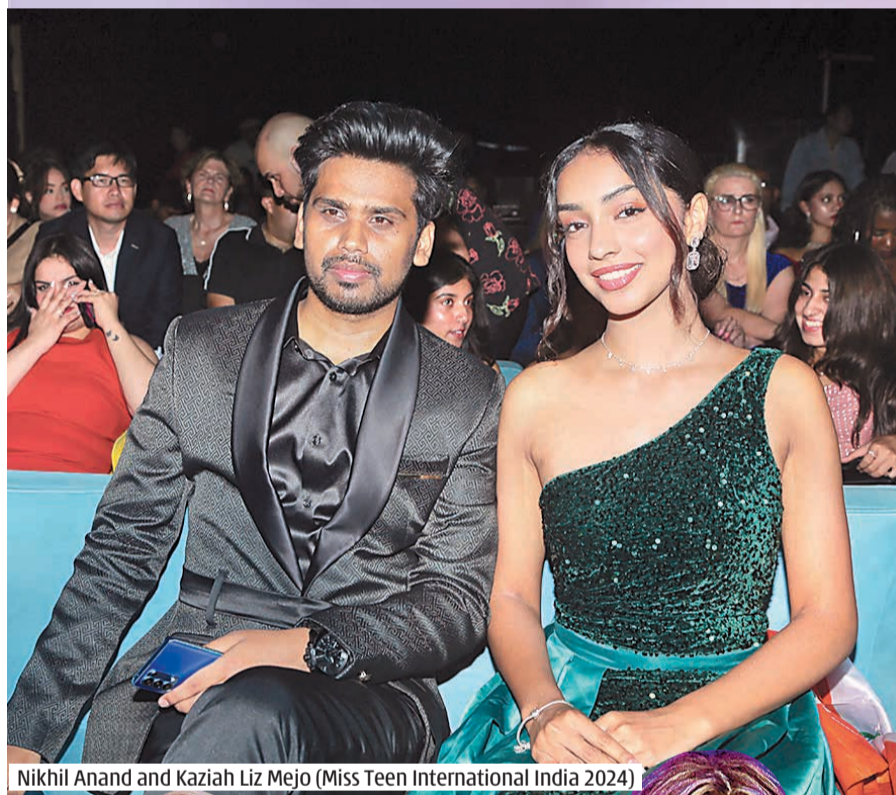


28 finalists shine as they proudly wave their country's flags in the opening dance and introduction round



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Kavın Rao (Miss Teen Grand India 2024) and Carrisaa Bopanna (Miss Teen Universe India 2024)

SANTOSH SHARMA, MUKESH KIRADOO



Nikhil Anand and Kaziah Liz Mejo (Miss Teen International India 2024)

# Celebrating Beauty & Talent



The esteemed jury included Barbara Parraga, Mannat Siwach, Bui Vo Hua Ng, Arshina Sambal, Divya Gambhir, Prachi Nagpal, and National Director Nikhil Anand. Nishant Anand, Director of the Glamanand Group, also felicitated the national directors of participating countries.

(L-R) Mevy Lumamuly from Netherlands, Sejal Gupta from India and Maria Rondon from Venezuela

**T**his year's Indian representative, 15-year-old actress Sejal Gupta, who won the Miss Teen Diva contest and was crowned Miss Teen International India, showcased her talent and dedication. Last year's first runner-up, Mannat Siwach, also attended, symbolically crowning the new winners and inspiring the participants with her journey. The competition featured multiple rounds, including the Talent Round, National Costume Round, and Evening Gown Round, where participants' beauty, confidence and talent were meticulously evaluated. The grand finale commenced with a vibrant opening dance, followed by the swimsuit and evening gown rounds. The top 15 contestants were then shortlisted for the final stages.

**IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN TITLES, VARIOUS SUBCATEGORIES HIGHLIGHTED THE DIVERSE TALENTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS:**

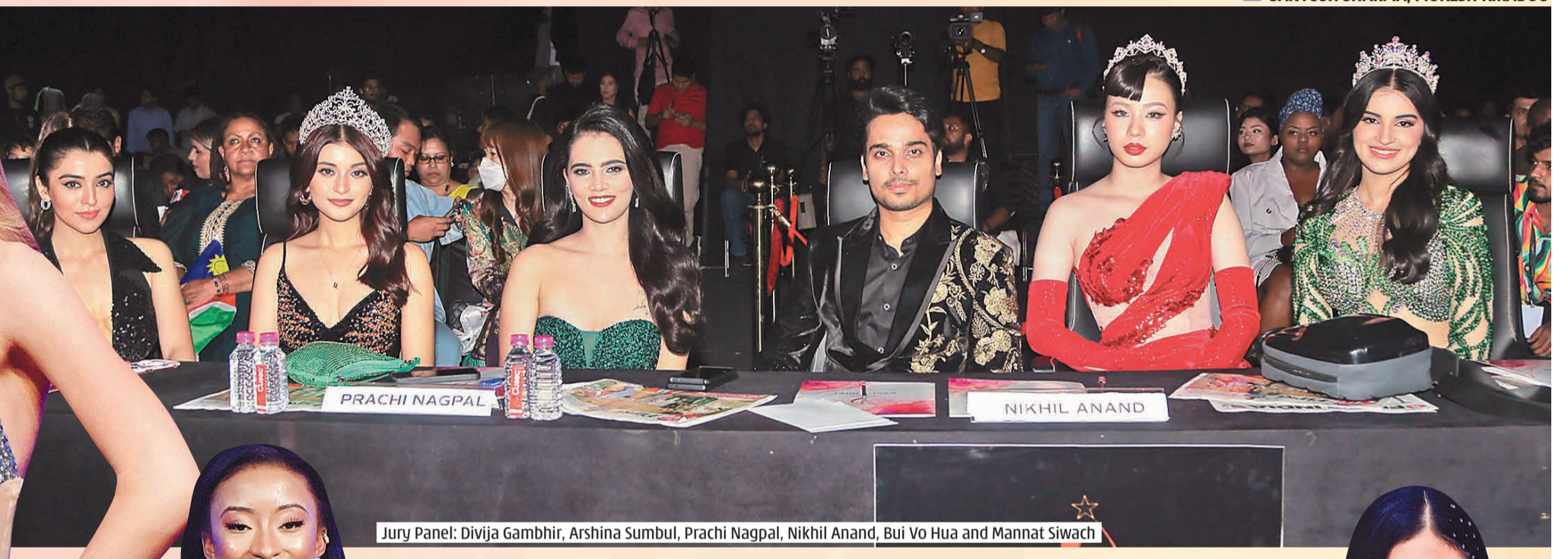
- 1. **Best in Swimsuit:** Delylah Sophia Tineo from the Dominican Republic
- 2. **Top Model:** Camila Gomes Garcia from Spain
- 3. **TPC Miss Fashion Icon:** Lee Mulleang from Cambodia
- 4. **Best in Personal Interview:** Annette Marrero from Cuba
- 5. **Beauty with a Purpose (Top 8):** Sejal Gupta from India
- 6. **Best in Ramp Walk:** Lee Mulleang from Cambodia
- 7. **Best in Evening Gown:** Regina Gonzalez from Mexico
- 8. **Miss Multimedia:** Lee Mulleang from Cambodia
- 9. **Eventista Miss Popular:** Onkatile Kulatots from Botswana
- 10. **Eventista Best in National Costume:** Onkatile Kulatots from Botswana
- 11. **Best Intro Video:** Easter Sonia Roy from Bangladesh



Supporters and National Directors from across nations cheer for the participants of Miss Teen International 2024



(L-R) Isabella Rodrigues from Brazil, Anette Marrero from Cuba and Onkatile Koolatots from Botswana



Jury Panel: Divija Gambhir, Arshina Sumbul, Prachi Nagpal, Nikhil Anand, Bui Vo Hua and Mannat Siwach



Hosts Lance Raymundo and Ngo Ngoc Gia Han

Anette in a still from the 'Swimsuit' round



A still from the 'Evening Gown' round

Mila Arai from Japan

# A CELEBRATION OF JOY & TRADITION



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with MLA Rafeek Khan, Manish Bhattacharya, Sharad Purohit, Ashutosh Sharma, Shashi Mohan Sharma, Lal Singh Fauzdar, Dhvaj Arya, Ankit Tiwari, Amar Sharma, Dinesh Dangi and Gajraj Singh Bhati



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Manish Bhattacharya, Arunika Bhattacharya and baby Shivalya. Also seen are MLA Rafeek Khan, Dinesh Dangi, Lal Singh Fauzdar and Dhvaj Arya

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**A** delightful Anna Prashan ceremony of Shivalya Bhattacharya, son of Senior Journalist Manish Bhattacharya and Arunika Bhattacharya, was held at Rudra Villas, Rajawat Farms in Mangyawas, Mansarovar on Sunday. Governor Kalraj Mishra and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached to bless the baby boy. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and senior journalists, marked a joyous occasion as Shivalya was introduced to solid foods amidst blessings and well-wishes

from family and friends. Cabinet Minister and MLA Jhotwara, Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore; MLA Adarsh Nagar Rafeek Khan and MLA Civil Lines Gopal Sharma, ACP Sanjay Sharma, Press Club President Virendra Singh Rathore, among various dignitaries, friends and family joined the gathering, emphasizing the community's support. The Bhattacharya family expressed gratitude to all attendees, celebrating Shivalya's milestone under the loving gaze of grandparents Sheela and the late SN Bhattacharya. Manish Bhattacharya, Senior Editor at India TV, personally invited guests



Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore caught in a candid moment with baby Shivalya

to share in the festivities, fostering an atmosphere of warmth and familial joy that resonated throughout the evening. City First brings to you some more glimpses from the ceremony that exemplified tradition, making it a cherished memory for all.



MLA Gopal Sharma congratulates Manish and Arunika



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Shashi Mohan Sharma, Dinesh Dangi, Virendra Singh Rathore and ACP Sanjay Sharma

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!



MLA Kalicharan Saraf participated in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative by planting a tree at a government school in Ward No. 127, Sector One of Malviya Nagar Assembly Constituency. Stressing the importance of tree planting, Saraf encouraged everyone to nurture trees near their homes. Additionally, Harihan Wellness Foundation's "Ek Prayas Faile Ujala" program distributed 1000 copies to school children. The event saw the presence of former Women's Commission Chairperson Suman Sharma, Councillor Jayshree Garg, Principal Kalpana Yadav and several other dignitaries.



CII Rajasthan organised a significant interaction with Indian Diplomats at their Jaipur Centre on Monday. The event featured insights from four distinguished diplomats, namely, Sita Ram Meena, Ambassador to Niamey, Niger; Mahesh Kumar, Consul General to Johannesburg; Manisha Swami, Consul General to Sao Paulo and Amararam Gurjar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Rome. The event drew participation from 20 senior industry members aimed to acquaint these officials with Rajasthan's economic and commercial profiles, covering trade, investment, industry and tourism.



The grand degree distribution ceremony at Swami Keshavanand Institute of Technology (SKIT) celebrated 945 B.Tech, M.Tech, and MBA students from 2022 and 2023 batches on Sunday. Gold medalists like Vinay Vyas, Rashi Kinra, Avedhash Cheshta, and Harshita Sharma were honoured for their achievements. The event, graced by college dignitaries including Director Jaipal Meel, emphasized SKIT's excellence in education and student accomplishments across various disciplines. Students expressed gratitude to the college and faculty, highlighting the vibrant campus environment and strong career prospects.

Maharani College has seen an overwhelming number of students during the current admission process, with many depositing their documents on campus. Regular classes for newly admitted students will start on Wednesday, and students are expected to follow the timetable provided by the college. Principal Payal Lodha stated that the second cutoff list was published, and students were in the process of document verification. The deadline for depositing fees for this admission cycle is July 9. The third cutoff list will be published on July 11, 2024. If there are still vacant seats after the release of the third list and the completion of document verification and fee deposition, a fourth list may be released, offering another opportunity for students who have not yet been admitted.



## DURING THE DAY!



The WCCI Architecture Rajasthan Chapter held an interactive talk session on mental wellness for women architects at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, on Saturday. Titled "Dream Design Delivered: Crafting Your Life Story," the event was part of a mentorship program led by President Kavita Jain. Key features included interactive talks, presentations, and Q&A sessions. Moderated by Shelly Singhvi, the session aimed to enhance work-life balance and professional development. The event, coordinated by Preeti Agarwal, saw participation from 50 women architects and council members.



Manish Sharma, Dr Rajnish Harsh, Kamal Joshi, Umashankar Joshi, Priya Maru and Tanushree

The 2010 inception of 'Rang-Malhar,' spearheaded by senior artist Vidyasagar Upadhyay, continues to attract attention on Sunday. Held annually in July, this year's event at Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy saw 130 artists, including 10 international participants from Sri Lanka, Egypt, Bangladesh, Spain, and Nepal. They began by painting aprons, symbolizing their wish for good rains. Secretary Manish Sharma highlighted the enthusiasm surrounding the event, which also featured a three-day camp at Neeraj Modi World School, uniting local and foreign artists.

**MUKESH KIRADDO**

## EVENTS!



On Sunday, Winning Vega (women's wellness centre) celebrated its 11th foundation anniversary with Pawan Tank, Director of Miss & Mrs India Glam, and Somya Gupta, Miss India Glam 2024, as chief guests. Directors Dr Shameta and Avani Sharma welcomed and felicitated the guests. Somya Gupta presented awards to the achievers, while Tank congratulated the team for their successful journey. The celebration highlighted Winning Vega's dedication to women's wellness and empowerment over the years.



In Jaipur, the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" program organised by BJP leader Alok Pareek on Sunday in Bilva Gram Panchayat's ward 7 saw the planting and distribution of 151 saplings, including Bilva Patra, Ashoka, Sapodilla, Pomegranate, and Guava. Alok Pareek highlighted the importance of tree plantation for environmental protection and encouraged everyone to plant and nurture at least two trees in their lifetime. A pledge to plant 5100 trees was taken. The event was attended by Suresh Kumar, Kamlesh Kumar Tharma, and other local representatives.

## KHUSHBOO KA SAFAR: A NIGHT OF LITERARY EXCELLENCE



Members of Madan family during the lamp lighting ceremony



Kusum Madan greets Poet Sapna Manchandani

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**S**unday evening at the Rajasthan International Centre was dedicated to the memory of the renowned poet and shayar, DR Madan (Hosh Sarhadi). The 14th edition of the 'Khushboo

Ka Safar' 'All India Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan' featured numerous eminent poets and shayars, who captivated the audience with their exceptional performances. Prominent figures at the poetic symposium were Naeem Akhtar Khadimi, Sha-keel Azmi, Nizamath Azhar Iqbal, Saleem Siddiqui, Aman

Akshar, Ismail Raaz, Dr Satish Chandra Satyarthi, and Sapna Manchandani who had the audience asking for more! Their presentations left the audience spellbound, creating an unforgettable evening. Organised by the Mahima Foundation, the event aimed to bring new energy and opportunity to the beauty of Urdu

poetry. The heartfelt evening was a tribute to the late DR Madan (Hosh Sarhadi), and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the program. Devendra Madan, the eldest son of DR Madan, shed light on his father's literary vision and love for writing. Mahima Group's Director, Dhirendra Madan, addressed

all the distinguished guests and dignitaries present, discussing the various activities of the Mahima Foundation and presenting some of the late DR Madan's works. This event showcased a unique blend of poetry and camaraderie, offering a truly heartfelt tribute to the literary legacy of DR Madan.