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PM MODI REMEMBERS MARTYRS ON 25TH KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS AND SAYS...

WITH THEIR BLOOD, WE WON!

● Will crush terrorism with full force: PM talks tough on terror, warns terrorists

● PM Modi stresses that Pakistan has yet not learnt from the mistakes made in past

First India Bureau
Drass

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lambasted at Pakistan for promoting terror activities despite facing defeat in past wars. He said that the country has not learnt anything from its past mistakes. PM Modi also carried out virtually 1st blast of Shinkun La Tunnel Project, marking the start of construction of the tunnel. Once completed, it will be the highest tunnel in the world. While addressing a gathering at Kargil War Memorial in Drass, he further gave a stern warning to Pakistan saying that nefarious intentions of terrorism will never succeed. He further attacked the Opposition parties over the Agnipath scheme



PM Narendra Modi along with CDS General Anil Chauhan, ACM Vivek Ram Chaudhari, CAS General Upendra Dwivedi and Ladakh LG BD Mishra, virtually carries out the first blast of the Shinkun La Tunnel project in Ladakh on Friday. (L) PM Narendra Modi pays tribute to martyrs during an event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass on Friday.

saying that some people are doing politics of lies for their personal benefit even on this reform of the Army. "The goal of Agneepath is to make the Army young. Unfortunately, some people have made such a sensitive issue related to national security a subject of politics. Some people are doing politics of lies for their personal benefit even on this reform of the army," PM Modi said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the Kargil War Memorial at Drass, in Kargil on Friday.

PM MODI TO CHAIR NITI AAYOG MEETING TODAY

PM Modi will chair 9th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre today. This year's theme is 'Viksit Bharat@2047', with focus on making India a developed nation. The meeting aims to foster participative governance and collaboration between Centre and States, enhancing the quality of life for both rural, urban populations by strengthening delivery mechanisms of govt interventions.

The goal of Agneepath is to keep the Army continuously fit for war. NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

Today, we mark #10YearsOfMyGov. I compliment all those who have enriched this platform and shared their valuable insights as well as inputs. Over the last decade, MyGov has emerged as a vibrant forum for participative and good governance.

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

SENSEX

BSE 81,332.72
NIFTY 24,834.85
1,292.92 428.75

BOUNCING BACK!

Benchmark stock market indices closed higher after witnessing a massive rally by rise in IT stocks. Nifty50 saw movement among key stocks. Shriram Finance emerged as star performer surging impressive 9.52%.

SEBI bans fugitive bizman Vijay Mallya from trading in securities market, being associated with any listed company for three years

IN BRIEF

NTA declares re-revised results of NEET-UG '24

New Delhi: The NTA released re-revised scorecards for NEET-UG 2024 on Friday, following SC directive. Students can access updated NEET-UG 2024 results on the website, exams.nta.ac.in.



RaGa appears in court in defamation case

Sultanpur: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi attended hearing at MP-MLA court on Friday concerning a defamation case over remarks on Amit Shah. Next date is August 12, during which petitioner's remarks to be recorded.

Raj 1st in free med scheme implementation

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Rajasthan has dominated in the free medicine as State ranks 1st in the country in implementation of the scheme. This was achieved with maximum marks in other parameters including number of medicines approved in the scheme, available rate contract and availability of medicines in various medical institutions. RMSC MD Neha Giri said, "Centre created Drugs and Vaccines Distribution System Dashboard in April 2019. As per info, Rajasthan has consistently been among leading states in free medicine scheme. Rajasthan is 1st with 76.78 marks, Telangana 2nd with 75 marks."

Govt will buy millets at MSP, says CM Sharma

Aishwary Pradhan, Yogesh Sharma and Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma said on Friday that keeping in mind interest of farmers of State, govt will consider purchase of millets at Minimum Support Price (MSP). Clarifying the question asked on the purchase of millet during Question Hour, he said Govt has written to Centre in this regard. CM said, "During 5-year tenure of previous govt, farmers were cheated and millet was not purchased at MSP. During the tenure of the previous government, millet farmers were forced to sell their crop at the rate of ₹1400 to ₹1500/quintal."



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reaches Rajasthan Assembly with Jogeshwar Garg and Jogaram Patel in Jaipur on Friday.

CM REACHES DELHI FOR NITI AAYOG MEET TODAY

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma reached the Jodhpur House in New Delhi on late Friday and will attend NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting today at 9 am. Deputy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, ACS to CM Shikhar Agrawal, Joint Secy to CM Sidharth Sihag, Special Secy to CM Sandesh Nayak, with OSD Yogesh Srivastava, also accompanied CM Sharma.

SC extends interim stay on Kanwar order

Bill assent denial: SC seeks replies from Centre, Kerala & WB

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The SC on Friday reasoned that laws should apply equally to all and in every part of the country while countering Uttar Pradesh's argument that its directive to shop owners and staff along the Kanwar Yatra route to display their names was in line with a "Central law". A Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti refused to rethink the court's earlier stay of the implementation of the directives issued by Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. In fact, the court extended the stay orders till August 5.

Obamas back Kamala Harris for Prez of USA



Kamala Harris Barack Obama Michelle Obama

First India Bureau
Washington

Barack Obama has endorsed Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee for US President. Former Prez had conspicuously withheld his endorsement in immediate aftermath of Biden's decision to withdraw. Barack was joined by wife Michelle, ex-first lady, in a phone call with Harris that was filmed and released by her campaign on Friday.

'BIDEN COMMITTED TO ATTEND QUAD IN INDIA'

US President Joe Biden is still committed to attending the annual leadership summit of the QUAD countries which is scheduled to be held in India this year, the White House National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby told reporters at a news conference here.

4 states move to give job quota to Agniveers

New Delhi: The CMs of Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha announced the decision to provide job reservations to Agniveers in the state jobs while backing scheme.

Over 9 states to get new Governors soon!

The appointment of Governors in various states is scheduled to happen soon. Several Governors will be replaced, with new appointments expected in nearly 9 states. The names of these new Governors have reportedly been finalised. Sources indicate that a consensus has been reached among Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Health Minister & BJP National President JP Nadra regarding the appointments.

SPORTS UNITE THE WORLD

Let the games begin!



PARIS OLYMPICS 2024

Smoke in the colours of the French flag billows during the opening ceremony of the 2024 Olympics at River Seine in Paris on Friday.

ARSON ATTACKS ON RAILWAY STATION HRS BEFORE OPENING

Just hours before the start of Paris Olympics 2024 opening ceremony, France's high speed railway network was targeted in an arson attack on Friday, which the officials termed as premeditated acts of "sabotage". It led to mass train cancellations and delays affecting almost 80,000 passengers. EuroAirport, an airport located on Franco-Swiss border was evacuated following a bomb threat after alleged arson attack. French PM Gabriel Attal said attackers objective to block the train network.



INDIA VS SL T20 & ODI FROM TODAY

The India vs Sri Lanka series for T20 and ODI matches will start from today. Gautam Gambhir has been appointed as Head Coach for the first time. While the Men in Blue will have a new captain in Suryakumar Yadav in the T20 format, veteran skipper Rohit Sharma will be back to lead the side in the ODI leg of the tournament.

IND-SL WOMEN'S ASIA CUP FINAL ON SUNDAY

India beat Bangladesh by 10 wickets in semis



Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana celebrate India's win against Bangladesh Women in the first Semi-Final of Women's Asia Cup, in Dambulla on Friday. The defending champions India trounced Bangladesh by 10 wickets to storm into the final of the Women's T20 Asia Cup. SL Women will face India Women in final on July 28.

ACB CRACKDOWN Both cases are under investigation

Senior assistant & patwari caught in Deeg and Barmer



Navin Sharma & Ashok Shera
Deeg/Barmer

In a decisive operation instructed by the ACB Headquarters, Jaipur's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) apprehended **Devendra Singh**, a Senior Assistant at the Chief Medical and Health Officer's office in Deeg, on Friday. Singh was caught red-handed accepting bribe of Rs 30k from a complainant who had earlier reported Singh's demand for Rs 40k to influence an ongoing investigation. The complaint was verified by the ACB team under the supervision of Deputy Inspector General Randhir Singh & Additional SP Sandeep Saraswat.

In a separate operation, the Barmer ACB team, led by DSP Kishan Singh, arrested Patwari **Ramul Meena** in Binjasar. Meena was caught accepting a bribe of Rs. 2,000.



Krishna Poonia addressing hundreds of people in front of the police station in Churu on Friday.

MANISHA SWAMI'S CASE: KEY DEMANDS SETTLED AFTER PROTEST AND NEGOTIATION IN CHURU

Churu: In the case of Manisha Swami from Sadulpur, whose body was found on the highway, a consensus has finally been reached between the police and protesters on Friday evening. On Friday, hundreds of people reached in front of the police station shouting slogans in a procession from different places. Agreement was made on three key demands including post-mortem to be conducted by a medical board. FIR to be registered under Section 302 & the missing girl, unaccounted for five days, to be found promptly. Former MLA Krishna Poonia, Jogendra Jhajharia, and police officials were present during the discussions. Earlier, Krishna Poonia addressed the protest, stating, "We do not want to take the law into our own hands. We urge the protectors of the law to deliver justice. We will not back down under any circumstances."

LOOT IN RESIDENCE OF CHITTORGARH COLLECTOR'S PA

Chittorgarh: In a daring daylight heist in Chittorgarh's Seth Sanwariya Colony, two individuals disguised as salesmen robbed the home of Shantilal Suthar, the personal assistant to the District Collector. Engaging Suthar's wife, Saraswati, in conversation, the miscreants made off with approx 6 tolas of gold and 200 grams of silver jewelry. The Sadar police are currently reviewing nearby CCTV footage.

Massive e-cigarette bust: DRI nabs smuggler in ₹1.25 cr raid

Vimal Kothari
Jaipur

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 8,500 smuggled e-cigarettes in Jaipur, conducting raids in C-Scheme and Vidhyadhar Nagar. The e-cigarettes were sourced from smugglers in China, Malaysia, and Dubai. The estimated value is said to be approximately Rs. 1.25 crore.

Investigations revealed that smugglers targeted youth, with online payments funneled into bank accounts under fake names

Accused Sunil Kumar Sharma was arrested and presented in court on Friday, where he was remanded to 14 days of judicial custody.

The DRI acted on information about the sale of banned e-cigarettes in India through both online and offline channels. Investigations revealed that smugglers targeted youth, with online payments funneled into bank accounts under fake names and offline sales conducted in cash.

The DRI continues to investigate, with further developments expected soon.



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Rajasthan bans gifts at blood donation camps

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

The Food Safety and Drug Control Department of Rajasthan has issued a directive prohibiting the distribution of helmets, blankets, and other gifts at blood donation camps. The department's order emphasizes that such methods of inducement are against the regulations and could lead to the cancellation of the licenses of blood centers involved in these practices. The order stated that according to the rule (122EA (g)), a donor is one who donates blood voluntarily after being medically fit.

JDA demolishes illegal colonies on Sirsi road

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Following directives from the UDH Minister, the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) administration swung into action. On Friday, a large contingent from the JDA descended on Sirsi Road, targeting illegal colonies being developed by land mafias without proper land conversion.

The JDA's enforcement team, led by CI Vikram Singh of Zone 12, actively removed encroachments at Hathoj Mod. This action is part of a broader campaign initiated on July 15 to

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clear illegal temporary encroachments from major roads, sector roads, and other pathways to ensure smooth traffic flow.

The campaign will continue until July 30, and several illegal encroachments have already been cleared across the city.

Inspection teams probe Ramgarh dam intrusion

First India Bureau
Jaipur

In response to concerns raised in the Rajasthan Assembly about encroachments in the Ramgarh Dam's flow area, two inspection teams have been deployed to assess the situation. One team, led by the District Collector, includes officials from the District Administration, Water Resources Dept, (JDA), and Forest Department. The teams are meticulously documenting the area using videography and photography to compare with older reports.

Police Commissioner addresses grievances



Biju George Joseph planted a tree at at Jaisinghpura Khor police station on Friday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph conducted a public hearing at Jaisinghpura Khor police station on Friday, addressing the grievances of local residents. During the session, he directed the concerned officers to resolve issues on the spot, emphasizing the police's commitment to increasing public trust and deterring criminal activities.

The Commissioner highlighted that this proactive approach by the police is fostering greater confidence among the public while instilling fear among criminals. He also mentioned that public hearings are now being conducted daily at all police stations to provide immediate relief to the common people.

During the hearing, various complaints were addressed, including mutual disputes, family conflicts, land disputes.

BOOSTING INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

JJS & Jewellery industry focuses on employment & women artisans

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Jaipur Jewellery Show (JJS) and the Jewellers Association Jaipur was held to discuss the Jaipur Gems and Jewellery industry's current scenario. Several proposals were unanimously passed to enhance competitiveness, make the industry em-

ployment-oriented, encourage women artisans, provide better training, and create a platform for young artisans.

JJS Chairman Vimal Chand Surana emphasized the need for collaboration to tackle industry challenges and highlighted employment opportunities for artisans. JJS Secretary Rajiv Jain announced this year's JJS theme as Ruby,

noting Jaipur's global fame for emeralds.

Jewellers Association President Alok Sonkia stressed the importance of technical support and adopting international techniques. Nirmal Bardia noted opportunities in the domestic market despite global changes. Vijay Kedia highlighted the need for more training for artisans in Jaipur's walled city.



Ajay Kala, Vijay Kedia, Sudheer Kasliwal, NR Kothari, Vimal Chand Surana, Rajeev Jain, Nirmal Bardia, Dinesh Khatoria, Alok Sonkhia, Kamal Kothari, Neeraj Lunawat & others at joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Jaipur Jewellery Show (JJS) and the Jewellers Association Jaipur.

Forest dept bans weekend trips for officers

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Forest Department has instituted a ban on 'weekend tourism' for its officers. Investigations revealed that Chief Conservators of Forests (CCFs) and Conservators of Forests (CFs) were departing from their headquarters on Fridays and extending their absences through the weekend. This prompted Head of Forest Force (HoFF) Arijit Banerjee to issue a new directive.

Effective immediately, CCFs and CFs must seek permission from the HoFF office for any urgent personal leave. The new policy also requires that all subordinate officers comply with these regulations to prevent unauthorized absences and enhance departmental efficiency.

VHP to address religious conversion



Bajrang Bagra addressing the media in Jodhpur on Friday.

Shiv Prakash Purohit
Jaipur

The Central Management Committee of (VHP) will convene in Jodhpur on July 27 for a two-day meeting. On Friday, Central General Secretary Bajrang Bagra outlined key discussion points, including bans on religious conversion, freeing temples from government control, and addressing population imbalances. Bagra expressed concerns over the declining Hindu popula-

tion, attributing it to reduced family sizes and insufficient population control measures. He emphasized the need for awareness programs to encourage larger families and criticized efforts to convert tribal communities from Hinduism.

The VHP aims to address these issues and reinforce Hindu identity and values. VHP's state minister Parmeshwar Joshi said that Sursagar Ramdwara Mahant Dr. Ramprasad Maharaj will participate in the seminar.

1ST CONVOCATION OF VISHWAKARMA SKILL UNIVERSITY

Governor Mishra advocates for skill-based education



Governor Kalraj Mishra presenting a degree to a student at Vishwakarma Skill University at Rajasthan International Centre on Friday.

Vinod Singh Chouhan
Jaipur

Governor Kalraj Mishra, while addressing the first convocation of Vishwakarma Skill University at Rajasthan International Centre on Friday called for spread of quality education related to skill development. He said that the university should create courses to develop original thinking in the students and make them capable in future. Mishra said that such



Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Brijesh Pathak met Governor Kalraj Mishra at Raj Bhavan on Friday.

an education would augment the country's economic development. He

said that skill-based education brings rapid improvement in the em-

ployment potential in the country.

Mishra conferred degrees to 590 graduate and post-graduate students. Expressing happiness over 52 percent of these positions being held by girls, he said that if girls progress, society progresses.

State Skill Development Minister Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore, while remembering the country's soldiers on Kargil Vijay Diwas, called upon the youth to move ahead in skill development.

Naresh Sharma
Jaipur

The draft of Rajasthan's new sports policy, featuring numerous innovations for athletes and sports, is now available to First India. The policy proposes categorizing sports into three priority levels, with cricket notably absent from the top tier.

Athletes will benefit from pension and medical facilities, including Rs. 10 lakh for international players and Rs. 5 lakh for national players. The policy plans to introduce various new

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awards and establish a Rajasthan Sports Development Fund.

Additionally, there is a proposal to provide a pension of Rs. 20,000 to athletes. These measures aim to enhance support and recognition for sports and athletes in the state.

Several issues raised in House

When CM sits, the dignity of the House increases, says Jullu

LoP replies to CM over millet purchase



Yogesh Sharma, Aishwary Pradhan & Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

Leader of Opposition Tikaram Jullu said in the assembly on Friday that when the Chief Minister sits, the dignity of the House increases. He said that it was nice to see you in the House today and he remembered how Bhairon Singh Shekhawat always used to sit in the House when he was the Chief Minister.

Jullu said that the questions they asked were answered correctly but he wanted the to respond to the query regarding millet purchase. He said that minister must say that this time they will start purchasing millets. We wanted minister to respond, "It is in our manifesto that this time we will start purchasing millets." "You talked about the wheat support price of Rs 2700 but you could increase it by only Rs 125. If you make the announcement today, the farmers of Rajasthan will be happy," he said.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma & LOP Tikaram Jullu in Assembly on Friday.

CONGRESS NEGLECTED WALLED CITY ENCROACHMENTS, SAYS SARAF DURING DEMAND MOTION IN HOUSE

Speaking on grant demands, MLA Kalicharan Saraf said that more work would be done in five years under the BJP government as compared to the Congress government. He said that BJP does what it says. Saraf said that when Shanti Dhariwal was minister, all projects were taken to Kota and the capital was neglected. "The Congress government did nothing to protect the Walled City from encroachments. Construction of big complexes should be stopped. Congress discriminated between Greater and Heritage municipal corporations. They created two municipal corporations and Jaipur, Jodhpur and Kota are in a bad condition."



'INCREASE VIDHVA VIVAH YOJANA REWARD TO ₹5L'

MLA Ramnivas Gawriya raised question on Vidhva Vivah Uphar Yojana and asked Social Justice Empowerment Minister Avinash Gehlot if he intended to increase the amount of Rs 51,000 to Rs 5 lakh given to the beneficiaries. Gehlot said that the scheme started in 2007 and the amount was Rs 1500 which was increased to Rs 20,000 in 2016.



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SPEAKER'S LIGHT COMMENT ON DHARIWAL'S AGE; YOUTH PALIAMENT ON DEVNANI'S INITIATIVE TODAY

In an interesting episode in Rajasthan Assembly, Speaker Vasudev Devnani said, "Shanti Dhariwal is 19 years old." This remark was made during the question of the Forest and Environment Dept when Forest Min Sanjay Sharma said while answering Dhariwal's question said, "The 81-year-old MLA's concern about wildlife is justified." However, Devnani immediately said, "You are wrong, Dhariwal is 19 years old, not 81. 100 minus 81 is 19 years, so Dhariwal is still young." During this, there was loud laughter in the House and even the CM laughed. Notably, on initiative of Speaker Devnani Youth Parliament will be held in Rajasthan Assembly on Saturday. Devnani thought of introducing the future generation to the politics of the country. Under this, Youth Parliament is being held.



UDH Minister Jhabhar S Kharra speaking in House on Friday.

Lease approvals guaranteed within 30 days, assures UDH minister JS Kharra

First India Bureau
Jaipur

UDH Min Jhabhar Singh Kharra replied to demand-motion in the Assembly. However, prior to his reply, Rajendra Pareek said, "Property tax is levied in Andhra-Karnataka, send a team there to study it. This is my request to the UDH Minister." On this, the UDH Min announced that a team will go to those states and study model of property tax there.

Meanwhile, the minister also said, "Transparent scheme for issuing lease will be brought wherein one could apply online for lease and lease will have to be given in 30 days."

EX-UDH MINS CLASH OVER URBAN DEVP GRANTS

During the discussion on grant requests for the UDH and LSG. The debate saw active participation from three former Urban Development Ministers: Shanti Dhariwal, Shrichand Kriplani, and Pratap Singhvi. Each provided constructive suggestions, while also bringing up several scams. Other members in the House quipped, "What were you doing when you were ministers?" Kriplani said, "If you couldn't win municipal corporations, you split Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kota into two based on appeasement." In response, Dhariwal clarified, "In Jaipur & Jodhpur, we won one, but in Kota, we won both. Your appeasement allegation is incorrect."

GOPAL SHARMA URGES TO CHANGE NAMES OF ROADS

Civil Lines MLA Gopal Sharma urged the renaming of several prominent roads and buildings in Jaipur. He proposed changing Mirza Ismail Road to Bhagwan Govinddev Marg, Ramganj to Prabhu Ramganj, and Albert Hall to Sawai Ram Singh Museum. He also called for a multi-storey residential complex for journalists.



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QUESTION HOUR

'TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION FOR GIB CONSERVATION'

MoS for Forests, Sanjay Sharma, announced that tunnel construction for the Great Indian Bustard's conservation will begin soon, with RSRDC appointed as the executive agency and Rs 8 crore allocated. Sharma highlighted efforts like artificial breeding centers in Jaisalmer and Sorsan Baran, with 44 birds under scientific supervision, and promised to incorporate public suggestions.



JIM EXTENSION SOUGHT FROM CENTRE: CHAUDHARY

PHED Minister Kanhaiya Lal Chaudhary assured that if Central Govt extends the Jal Jeevan Mission's timeframe, the remaining villages and hamlets will be included. He stated that only Rs 30 thousand crore of the Rs 90 thousand crore work plan was completed by the previous govt. The current govt seeks an extension to complete remaining works worth RS 10-12,000 crores.



VACANT POSTS IN GOVT COLLEGES IN RAJASTHAN WILL BE FILLED SOON: MINISTER PREM CHAND BAIRWA

Higher Education Minister Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa announced that the Rajasthan Public Service Commission conducted exams to fill 1,936 vacant posts in government colleges, assuring that most vacancies will be addressed. Exams for 247 librarian and physical teacher posts were also conducted. In Rajakheda Government College, 11 out of 14 Acharya posts are filled, with vacancies to be addressed through recent recruitment exams.



'INCREASE IN NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY CEILING'

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Sumit Godara informed the Assembly that a letter was sent to the Central Govt on December 29, 2023, requesting an increase in the state's National Food Security ceiling, currently at 4 crore 46 lakhs. He stated that 13.9 lakh applications are pending, with 8 lakh to be included soon.



MINSTER RAWAT UPDATES ON PKC-ERCP SCHEME

Water Resources Min Suresh S Rawat assured the Assembly that efforts are underway to connect more dams in the Revised Parvati Kalisindh Link (PKC-ERCP Integrated) Scheme. The National Water Development Agency is preparing the DPR. The status of connecting Kathumar constituency villages to Isarda Dam will be clear after the DPR.



Avdheshacharya moves HC, court orders status quo

First India Bureau
Jaipur

An appeal and stay application was presented in the double bench of the High Court on behalf of Mahant Avdheshacharya in the Galta Peeth case on Friday.

After a debate on the adjournment application, the court reserved its decision on the adjournment motion and said that until the order is pronounced on the stay application, both the parties will maintain their present stand.

Meanwhile, the District Collector wrote a letter to the banks to stop the transaction of any kind from the trust account. It is said that an amount of about Rs 9 lakh is in the account of Galtaji Trust.

Raj PHED staff protest transfer to RWSSC



PHED employees protesting at Jal Bhawan in Jaipur on Friday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The anger is escalating among engineers and employees of the Public Health Engineering Dept (PHED) against the Rajasthan Water Supply and Sewerage Corporation (RWSSC). On Friday, demonstrations took place across the state, including a significant protest at Jal Bhawan in Jaipur wherein workers voiced their opposition to the government's plan to transfer PHED functions and personnel to RWSSC.

In Karauli, PHED staff protested at the Collectorate, submitting a memorandum against the transfer, led by PHED SE Parshuram Verma. They warned of a major state-level agitation in Jaipur on July 29 if their concerns are not addressed. In Jodhpur, employees staged a mass leave & protested outside the Collectorate, demanding withdrawal of the RWSSC law.

Friend decapitates teacher, then kills self in Salumbar

First India Bureau
Salumbar

In Salumbar's Meghal Basti of Adwas village, a gruesome incident occurred where 40-year-old teacher Shankarlal Meghwal was decapitated by his friend, 30-year-old Fateh Singh, over a dispute involving witchcraft. After the murder, Fateh fled and hid in a forest.

When the police arrived on Friday, he attempted to slit his own throat despite their efforts to stop him and was later declared dead at the hospital. Salumbar SP Arshad Ali reported the incident, highlighting the brutal nature of the crime.

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'TB MUKT RAJASTHAN'

586 gram panchayats declared TB free in Rajasthan, campaign underway

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Central Tuberculosis Section of the Government of India has declared 586 Gram Panchayats of the state to be TB free. Medical and Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar said that this is an important achievement for the state and praised the medical department for ensuring best health services to TB patients. He said that the TB Free Rajasthan



Awareness activity being conducted in the Gram Sabha of Taliana Sayla in Jalore district under TB Free Gram Panchayat Campaign.

campaign will be conducted with commitment in future as well.

Additional Chief Secretary of the Medical and Health Department,

Shubhra Singh said that to strengthen TB eradication efforts, PM Narendra Modi had launched the 'TB Mukta Panchayat' campaign on 'World TB Day' in Varanasi on March 24 last year. "The objective is to provide support to Panchayati Raj members for TB disease programmes, help patients and make joint efforts towards making Panchayat TB free," she said. The campaign is being organized in 9,325 gram panchayats to achieve target.

ASIA CUP 2024

INDIAN WOMEN ROUT B'DESH BY 10 WICKETS, ENTER FINAL



Siddhaarth Mahan

The writer is a specialist on Sports and Cinema who works as an actor in the Hindi film industry



India Women's Renuka Singh and teammates celebrate a wicket during semis against Bangladesh in the Womens Asia Cup T20, 2024 in Dambulla on Friday.

INDIA SET FOR FINAL

India seem well prepared for the finals of the tournament with openers Shafali Varma and Smriti Mandhana now firing in unison. The elegant left-hander Smriti was in great nick during her knock in the semi finals against Bangladesh, which could be a particularly pleasing development for the Indian camp

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Winning the toss, Bangladesh opted to bat first on what looked like a great batting track. But it was India that began dominating from the start. Pacesetter Renuka Singh removed opener Dilara Akter in the first over of the match. Her lethal inswingers proved a tough challenge for all batters and as Renuka picked up three wickets in the powerplay, the Bangladesh side was dealt a big blow from which they never recovered all through the match.

After losing their top 3 for just 21 runs, Bangladesh went into a shell but kept losing wickets. As the Bangla women refused to attack, Indian bowlers exerted a stranglehold all through their innings. The only one to put up some resistance was captain Nigar Sultana who held the innings from one end and scored an invaluable 32 off 51 balls. Though Nigar kept shielding the other batters and held one end firmly, the support at the other end kept dwindling with each passing over and Bangladesh struggled to

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Ultimately, while Nigar provided Bangladesh much-needed stability at one end, the slow pace took the impetus out of their batting. Sultana was eventually dismissed in the final over of the Bangla innings, when she tried to take on spinner Radha Yadav. In fact, Bangladesh conceded a double wicket maiden in the final over and were restricted to a paltry 80 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. Renuka Singh and Radha Yadav were the pick of India's bowlers as they both claimed three wickets in their incisive spells.

Chasing the modest target of 81 runs, Indian openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma came out with positive intent as they put away all loose deliveries to the boundary. The target was never likely to bother the India batters and it was not a question of whether but how long they would take to get the job done.

As Mandhana and Shafali led the charge from ball one and batted with their

known skill and aggression, India reached the target in barely 11 overs. Given Shafali and Smriti's beezy, powerful partnership, Team India cantered home without any difficulty. With Smriti scoring an aggressive 55 and Shafali getting a sedate 26 off 28 balls, the duo took their side across the line with 9 overs to spare!

The comprehensive win over Bangladesh by 10 wickets marks a continuance of India's terrific campaign in the Women's Asia Cup this year. Prior to the semi finals, the 'Women in Blue' had routed the opposition in all three of their group games – winning by seven wickets against Pakistan in their opening encounter, 78 runs against UAE and by an 82-run margin against newcomers Nepal.

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Overall, Harmanpreet and her talented side seem well-poised to defend their Asia Cup crown successfully. Whether they face hosts Sri Lanka or traditional rivals Pakistan in the final encounter, the Indian girls appear a tad too powerful for any of their Asian opponents.

After the solid win against Bangladesh, Indian women have upheld their terrific record of appearing in the finals of all nine editions of the Asia Cup. The 'Women in Blue' now seem set to corner Asian glory just a month after the 'Men in Blue' triumphed globally at the T20 World Cup in West Indies!

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IN-DEPTH

Dynastic politics is here to stay, and flourish

Udhayanidhi Stalin's ascension in the DMK underscores the entrenched nature of dynastic politics in India. This trend is not confined to one region or party. The Gandhis dominate the Congress, the Gowdas hold sway in Karnataka, and the Yadavs are pivotal in UP's political landscape.

Such familial successions aren't limited to traditional parties; even leaders like Mamata Banerjee and Mayawati have groomed their nephews for leadership roles. Nara Lokesh is ready to step into the shoes of his father Chandrababu Naidu and K. Kavitha, K. Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter is also an aspirant.

This cross-party, pan-Indian phenomenon highlights a reluctance to embrace meritocracy, favoring lineage instead. While dynastic politics ensures continuity and loyalty, it stifles fresh talent and innovative ideas, ultimately impeding democratic evolution. Political leaders need to balance respect for legacy with opportunities for new leaders to emerge independently from within the party.

No matter how loud a voice is raised against dynastic politics, it is here to stay as it guarantees power.

NO SPECIAL STATUS BUT OPPN IS UNHAPPY



The Central government deftly changed the form of financial assistance to Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, the Opposition has started blaming the government of politics of appeasing coalition partners. As a protest, chief ministers of most opposition-ruled states have decided to boycott the ninth governing council meeting of Niti Aayog. The Prime Minister will chair the meeting.

The Opposition is upset that Bihar and Andhra Pradesh may not have got what they asked for, but they got much more. Bihar has been allocated ₹37,500 crore which includes special allocations for infrastructure projects, flood mitigation and tourism-cultural circuit development in Rajgir and Nalanda. Andhra Pradesh will be getting ₹15,000 crore for the development of Amravati, the state's new capital.

The special financial assistance cleverly silenced those doing politics over denial of the special status package to the two states which had been clamouring for more funds for development. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was especially targeted for what critics called a snub to an ally which has 12 MPs in the National Democratic Alliance. Telugu Desam Party has fewer MPs but its support to NDA is no less important.

Congress feels that Karnataka too should have got financial assistance for the development of infrastructure and Pinarayi Vijayan thinks Kerala has been ignored. West Bengal may attend the meet but complains that the state's legitimate dues have not been met. That is a more constructive approach in a federal structure.

In the case of Bihar, Nitish Kumar has to stop pilferage of funds so that bridges don't collapse like ninepins like the way they recently did.

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TOP TWEETS



Kargil Vijay Diwas is an occasion for a grateful nation to pay tribute to the courage and extraordinary valour of our armed forces. I pay tribute to each soldier who made the supreme sacrifice while protecting Mother India on the peaks of Kargil in 1999 and bow in reverence to their sacred memory. I am sure that all countrymen will draw inspiration from their sacrifice and valour. Jai Hind Jai Bharat!

President of India @rashtrapati bhvn



I express my condolences on the demise of senior politician and former MP Shri Prabhat Jha ji. Prabhat ji was always vocal in Parliament for the rights of the deprived and underprivileged class. May God grant peace to the departed soul and give courage to the family to bear this sorrow. Om Shanti!!!

Om Birla @ombirlakota

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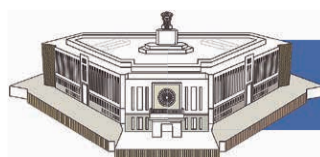
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PARLIAMENT SESSION

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Explore possibility to table Shah panel report: Dhankhar

PTI

New Delhi

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday asked the government to explore the possibility of placing an authentic copy of the Shah Commission report on Emergency excesses on the table of the House, as it had investigated the "darkest period of democracy".

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"The government must examine the possibility of having the authentic report (of Shah Commission) and place it on the table of the House for the benefit of the members and public at large," he said.

The Shah Commission was set up to investigate the 'darkest period of democracy' and the report relates to atrocities committed during the Emergency imposed in 1975, he noted.

Earlier raising the issue, Prakash said, the Shah Commission, which was set up in 1977, conducted 100 sittings and evaluated 48,000 documents.

The final report was presented on August 6, 1978. This report was published in three volumes.



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar conducts proceedings of the House during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, on Friday.

Both Houses adjourned briefly amid uproar on different issues

First India Bureau

New Delhi

Both Houses of the Parliament, the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, were adjourned briefly on Friday amid noisy scenes.

The Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned on Friday amid uproar over remarks to divide West Bengal and an alleged scam involving a Karnataka minister.

TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee tried to raise the issue of West Bengal's division, mentioned by Union Minister Sukanata Majumdar and BJP leader Nishikant Dubey, but Speaker Om Birla disallowed it.

BJP leader PC Mohan's attempt to raise the Val-



Members in the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, on Friday.

miki Corporation scam involving a Karnataka minister was also blocked. TMC members protested in the Well of the House, while Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and BJP leader Anurag Thakur raised slogans against the Karnataka govt, leading to adjournment till 12:30 pm. In the Rajya Sabha, proceedings were adjourned for an hour after an uproar over reserva-

tion issues. Congress MP Neeraj Dangi highlighted the 1993 provision for 27% reservation for socially and educationally backward classes and demanded a caste-based census and removal of the 50% reservation limit. Treasury bench members raised slogans against the Congress, prompting S Phangnon Konyak, in the Chair, to adjourn the House at 3 pm.

Issue of MSP legal guarantee rocks RS; Oppn stages protest

PTI

New Delhi

Opposition parties led by Congress on Friday created a ruckus and obstructed proceedings in the Rajya Sabha, as they were not satisfied with Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's reply on providing a legal guarantee on minimum support price (MSP) to farmers.

The trouble began during Question Hour when Chouhan listed steps taken by the govt for the welfare of farmers and spoke about the committee looking into strengthening the MSP system but stopped short of talking about a legal guarantee for crop support prices.

Following the minister's remark, Congress MPs, including Randeep Surjewala and Jairam Ramesh, protested, saying that Chouhan's reply was incomplete.



Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan speaks in Rajya Sabha.

Meeting with Minister!



A delegation of MPs from Kerala led by Congress MP KC Venugopal meets the Minister of Environment Bhupender Yadav to discuss the need for modifications to the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) regulations and to address the increasing incidents of human-animal conflicts in Kerala, at Parliament in New Delhi, on Friday.

INDIA'S DRONE INDUSTRY GROWING AT ROBUST PACE: MoS MURLIDHAR MOHOL

New Delhi: Minister of State (MoS) for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol on Friday informed the Rajya Sabha that the country's drone industry is growing at a robust pace. He said that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued 16,000 Remote Pilot Certificates (RPC) so far. He said that there are currently 116 Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs) across the country which have also been approved by the civil aviation regulator. Further, 70 Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) models have been type



certified by the DGCA and there are 48 drone companies manufacturing these UAS models in the country. Under the PLI scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, 23 MSMEs were shortlisted as per the prescribed scheme guidelines, out of which 11 were under the category of Drone Component manufacturer, the minister added.

16.83 CRORE NEW JOBS CREATED IN LAST 6 YEARS: GOVT

New Delhi: As many as 16.83 crore new jobs have been created in last 6 financial years from 2017-18 to 2023-24, MoS for Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje informed the Parliament. The total employment in the country registered a robust 35 per cent increase during this 6-year period from 47.5 crore in 2017-18 to 64.33 crore as of March 2024, the minister stated in a written reply to Rajya Sabha. The information is based on the latest data of the RBI which provides employment trends at India level.

Scrap NITI Aayog, bring back Planning Commission: Mamata

PTI

New Delhi

In Delhi to attend a NITI Aayog meeting, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Friday said the public policy think tank brought by the Modi government should be scrapped and the Planning Commission restored.

Banerjee, who is set to attend the NITI Aayog meeting even as most INDIA bloc chief ministers have decided to give it a miss, said she felt their voices should be raised



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee arrives at Banga Bhawan, in New Delhi on Friday.

on a common platform. "They (BJP) have formed the government but they don't have people's mandate. This is the

first time after the BJP came in, since 2014, they have not formed the government as a single party," she said.

Bihar: Opposition stages walkout on final day of the Budget session

PTI

Patna

Opposition members on Friday staged a walkout in the Bihar assembly after their demand for putting to vote a private member's bill on the state's amended reservation laws was turned down.

The bill was moved by CPI (ML) Liberation MLA Ajit Kumar Singh.

Talking to reporters outside the assembly, RJD MLA Bhai Virendra said "there is a provision



RJD MLA Rabri Devi speaks to the media outside Bihar Assembly during the state Legislative Monsoon session, in Patna on Friday.

for voting on a private member's bill if there is no unanimity on the

same. But, our demand for division of votes was turned down by the

Speaker who seemed to be acting at the instance of the state government".

He also alleged that the BJP, a partner in the state's ruling alliance to which the Speaker, Nand Kishor Yadav, also belongs, was "opposed to reservations for underdogs".

"And to enjoy power, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is sitting in their lap and squealing with joy," said the RJD MLA, whose party lost power in the political upheaval earlier this year.

'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' PIL dismissed

PTI

New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed a PIL challenging Centre's decision to observe June 25, the day Emergency was imposed in 1975, as 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas'. A bench rejected the contention that the decision was not only in violation of the Constitution but also "insulting" as it used the word "hatya" (murder) with "Samvidhan" (Constitution), which is a "living document".

UP CM LAUDS MODI

PM working to make India 3rd largest economy: Yogi

First India Bureau

Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India is set to become the world's third-largest economy within the next three years.

While addressing 'Rajat Jayanti Samaroh' held at Kargil Smriti Vatika on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the CM said that this mile-



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath arrives to pay homage to the Kargil War martyrs on the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas at Smritika' War Memorial, in Lucknow.

stone signifies a new era of prosperity and a significant step toward

achieving self-reliance. Highlighting the contribution of Uttar Pradesh

AKHILESH YADAV HAS BECOME 'PAWN' OF CONGRESS PARTY: UP DEPUTY CM MAURYA



Lucknow: Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya on Friday alleged that SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has become a "pawn" of Congress. Maurya was reacting to Yadav's remarks in which he had alleged that corruption in the state is being exposed because some people such as Maurya have become pawns and passwords of "Delhi's Wi-Fi". "Akhilesh, who has become a pawn of Congress, should focus on saving the SP from extinction instead of having misconceptions about the BJP, targeting the backward and insulting them," Maurya said.



in building India as a self-reliant nation, Yogi said that work is going on at a

fast pace on the 6 nodes of the Defence Corridor in the state. "Here, de-

fence-related companies from India and abroad are setting up manufacturing units, presenting a new example of India's self-reliance in the defence sector," he said.

Before the programme, the CM paid tribute to the martyrs Major Ritesh Sharma, Captain Manoj Pandey, Captain Manoj Mishra, Lance Naik Kevada Nand Dwivedi and Rifleman Sunil Jung by laying wreaths on their statues installed in the Kargil Smriti Vatika and paid homage to their memories.



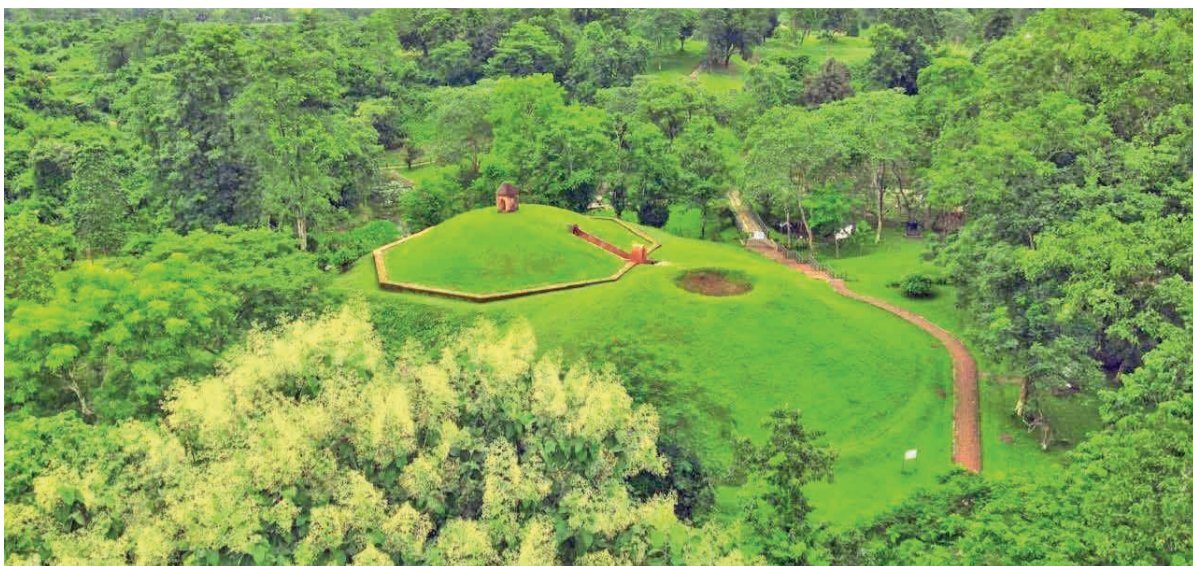
SHEKHAR

Assam's 700-yr-old Moidams get UNESCO World Heritage Site status

First India Bureau
Guwahati

The Moidams, 700-year-old mound-burial system of Ahom dynasty in Assam, were officially included in the UNESCO World Heritage List under the Cultural Property category on Friday. The decision was made during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee taking place in Delhi.

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said the inclusion was "a great win for Assam." In a post on X, Sarma said that the Moidams of Charaideo represent the deep spiritual beliefs, rich civilizational heritage, and architectural achievements of Assam's Tai-Ahom community.



Moidams are burial mounds constructed for Ahom kings, queens, and nobles. Moidams are found throughout upper Assam. **FILE**

"It is the first time a site from the North East has made it to the UNESCO World Heritage List under the Cultural Cate-

gory. After Kaziranga and Manas National Parks, it is Assam's third World Heritage site. I urge all of you to come

and experience Awesome Assam," Sarma said.

The Moidams are burial mounds constructed for Ahom kings, queens,

and nobles. The term "Moidam" is derived from the Tai phrase "Phrang-Mai-Dam" or "Mai-Tam," where

"Phrang-Mai" means to bury and "Dam" refers to the spirit of the deceased.

Although Moidams are found throughout upper Assam, Charaideo, the first capital of the Ahoms, served as the necropolis for the Ahom royalty. Located 28 km east of Sivasagar, Charaideo is known for the burial of the first Ahom king, Chau-lung Siu-ka-pha, who was interred there following Tai-Ahom religious rites and rituals.

The ongoing WHC session is reviewing proposals for 27 sites for inclusion on the World Heritage List, assessing the conservation status of 124 existing sites, and examining the List of World Heritage in Danger.

MODI EXPRESSES DELIGHT ON UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE STATUS FOR ASSAM'S MOIDAMS

New Delhi: In a post on X, PM Narendra Modi expressed his delight, calling the inclusion of the Moidams a matter of pride for India. "A matter of immense joy and pride for India! The Moidams at Charaideo showcase the glorious Ahom culture, which places utmost reverence to ancestors. I hope more people learn about the great Ahom rule and culture. Glad that the Moidams join the #WorldHeritage List," PM Modi said.

It is a proud moment for India as the Moidams are included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The royal burial mounds in Assam bear the memories of kings and queens of the Ahom Dynasty. The dynasty is known for vanquishing the vast Mughal army several times. It will bring global prominence to the history of Assam.

Amit Shah
@AmitShah

In a moment of immense pride for India, Assam's Moidams have been inscribed as the 43rd UNESCO World Heritage Site. This historic recognition brings global attention to the unique 700-year-old mound burial system of the Ahom Kings at Charaideo, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of Assam and Bharat.

Gajendra S Shekhawat
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IN BRIEF

Fake gun licence racket: Accused evading arrest

Jammu: After 435 fake gun licences were recovered in Jammu, the J&K Police on Friday said the accused was on the run and will be arrested soon. The police busted a fake gun licence racket and recovered licences hidden in an under-construction building on Thursday.

Sensex bounces back over 500 points

Mumbai: Snapping a losing streak of last five sessions, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) sensex on Friday regained 550 pts at 80,590.48 in opening session as buying was seen across the board. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) rose 191.70 pts to 24,597.80.



Sr IPS Anurag Gupta new Jharkhand DGP

Ranchi: Senior IPS officer Anurag Gupta was given additional charge of DGP of Jharkhand, a govt notification said on Friday. The 1990-batch officer has been given additional charge of state police chief replacing Ajay Kumar Singh, a 1989-batch IPS officer.

Andhra man stuck in Saudi Arabia returns

Amaravati: A man from Andhra, who was stuck in Saudi Arabia, returned home on Friday following intervention by state minister Nara Lokesh. Sarella Veerendra Kumar, of Ambedkar Kona-seema dist, reached Hyderabad airport where his family welcomed him.

WEATHER WATCH Monsoon to stay active in several states

Over 2,500 evacuated amid heavy rains in south Gujarat

First India Bureau
Navsari

More than 2,500 people were shifted out of their homes as several villages were inundated due to heavy rains in south Gujarat, officials said on Friday.

At least 2,200 people were relocated from villages and low-lying areas in Navsari, while 500 persons were evacuated in neighbouring Tapi district following heavy rains in 24 hours, they said.

"Purna River passing through Navsari district has been flowing at 28 feet, well above the danger mark of 23 feet, due to heavy rains in the district and its upstream basin in 24 hours," Navsari collector Kshipra Agre told reporters here.

As many as 2,200 persons living in Navsari town and other surrounding areas have been shifted to shelter houses, where 15 medical teams were deployed, she said. At least 70 internal roads and four main roads were closed for vehicular traffic due to waterlogging, she said.

In Tapi district, 500 persons from villages in Valod taluka were shifted to shelter houses due to flooding, the district disaster management cell said. Villages in Valod, Vyara, Dolvan and Son-gadh talukas were waterlogged, and 113 internal roads were closed, it said.



A biker rides through a waterlogged road after heavy rain, in Chikkamagaluru, on Friday. **PTI**

OVER 2K PEOPLE SHIFTED AS PANCHAGANGA RIVER FLOWS ABOVE DANGER MARK IN KOLHAPUR DIST

Kolhapur: More than 2,000 people were relocated from inundated areas as the Panchaganga river started flowing above the danger mark in western Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, an official said on Friday. According to the Kolhapur district administration, the water level of the Panchaganga river at Rajaram Wier was 45.2 feet, well above the danger mark of 43 feet, at noon on Friday. Talking to PTI, Kolhapur collector Amol Yedge said the district administration has started relocating people from the affected areas of Sutarwada and Kumbharwada in the city. The administration has relocated people from Chikhli and Ambewadi in Karveer tehsil and some villages in Hatkalangane, Shirol and Ichalkarangi tehsils, he said.

RAINS LASH DELHI, WATERLOGGING LEADS TO TRAFFIC SNARLS IN SEVERAL LOCALITIES OF CITY

New Delhi: Morning showers in Delhi on Friday caused waterlogging and disrupted traffic movement in many areas of the city. The Delhi Traffic Police issued alerts informing commuters about the roads affected due to waterlogging and sewer overflow and asked them to take alternative routes. Some of the severely affected areas were Mother Teresa Crescent, Nyay Marg near Shivaji Stadium Metro Station, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Moti Bagh Metro Station among others, police said on X.



HP: NH-3 REOPENED AFTER FLASH FLOODS

Shimla: Manali-Leh National Highway 3 has been opened for vehicular traffic, officials said on Friday, two days after a section of the road was blocked between Dhundi and Palchan Bridge following a flash flood. The deluge was caused by a cloudburst at the Anjani Mahadev nullah in Manali around Wednesday midnight.

ORANGE RAIN ALERT FOR 8 MAHA DISTTS TODAY

Mumbai: The IMD has issued an orange alert for Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Pune and Satara dists of Maharashtra for Saturday, indicating possibility of heavy to very heavy showers. After nearly two days of intense rain, Mumbai was largely rain-free and the IMD has issued a yellow alert for city on Saturday.

West Bengal municipality job scam case

CBI identifies a total of 1,814 illegal recruitments

Agencies
Kolkata

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has identified 1,814 illegal recruitments in 15 different municipalities in West Bengal, sources have said.

All these recruitments were done since 2014 through an outsourced agency ABS Infozon Private Limited, owned by private promoter Ayan Sil, who is already in judicial custody in connection with the multi-crore cash-for-school job case.

Sources said that a total of 17 municipalities in the state were under the ambit of CBI investigation, and the Central



court in Kolkata.

Of the 15 municipalities, sources added, the number of irregular recruitments had been maximum at South Dum Dum Municipality at 329. The other municipalities where the numbers of illegal recruitments had been high include Kamarahati, Baranagar and Titagarh, all of which are in North 24 Parganas district.

Investigation revealed that recruitments against cash were done in several municipalities for a variety of posts which included medical officers, ward masters, clerks, drivers, helpers and cleaning assistants, among others.

NPCL's solar push for PM Surya Ghar Scheme in GN

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Greater Noida

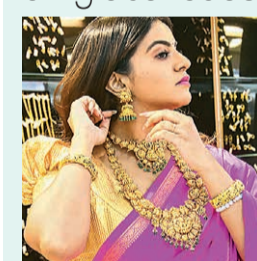
Noida Power Company Ltd has intensified its efforts to ensure that the benefits of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana reach maximum people.

So far, NPCL has received over 1000 applications from people eager to avail benefits of this scheme. 282 consumers in Greater Noida have already made use of this scheme by installing solar panels. Out of the 282, 174 have received subsidies from the central and state governments, which amount to approximately



1.77 crores. The installation of rooftop solar systems will be conducted exclusively through registered vendors of UPNE-DA under PM Surya Ghar scheme to avail govt subsidies. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman had spoken highly about this issue in her speech while presenting the Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament last week.

Prices of gold and silver bounce back on global cues



PTI
New Delhi

Gold prices rebounded on Friday after falling for three past sessions, rising Rs 50 to Rs 70,700 per 10 grams in the local market due to strong trend in the global markets.

The precious metal had closed at Rs 70,650 per 10 grams in the previous session on Thursday.

According to All India Sarafa Association, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity edged up Rs 50 each to Rs 70,700 and Rs 70,350 per 10 grams, respectively.

Silver also jumped Rs 400 to Rs 84,400 per kg. It had settled at Rs 84,000 per kg in the previous close.

Traders attributed the rise in gold prices to a pick-up in demand by jewellers in the domestic market and a strong trend in the overseas markets.

FAMILY FEELS PROUD OF...

Kargil hero who hoisted Tricolour after being hit by 17 bullets

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The family of Yogendra Yadav is proud of the fact that the braveheart hoisted the Tricolour on Tiger Hill despite being hit by 17 bullets at the young age of 19. Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav, Param Vir Chakra (PVC) was born in 1980 in the village of Aurangabad Ahir Masjid 1 in Bulandshahr District. Yogendra, the son of soldier Karan Singh Yadav, joined the 18 Grenadiers Battalion in 1996. In



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh pays tribute at the National War Memorial on the 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas, in New Delhi on Friday.

1999, just five months after his marriage, he was called to fight Pakistani infiltrators in Kargil War.

As the commander of a seven-member deadly platoon, Yogendra was assigned the task of cap-

Today, on 25th anniversary of #KargilVijayDiwas, we remember the indomitable spirit and courage of the brave soldiers who fought valiantly in 1999 war. Their unwavering commitment, valour and patriotism ensured that our country remained safe and secure. Their service and sacrifice will continue to inspire every Indian and our coming generations.

Rajnath Singh
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turing Tiger Hill on the night of July 3, 1999. Tiger Hill was a steep, snow-covered, rocky

CONGRESS NEVER RESPECTED ARMED FORCES: BJP'S POONAWALLA ON KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

New Delhi: On the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the BJP once again attacked congress and said that the anti-army mindset of the party, which did not celebrate the Day after coming to power, persists. BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "On the occasion of 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas, the whole country is paying tribute to our brave soldiers, martyrs and the army. Even the Prime Minister is also among the heroes of Kargil because we salute our Armed forces. But the Congress party has never respected the Armed forces. In fact, it continues to abuse the 'Manobal' (spirit) of the Armed forces."

mountain. Despite the risks, Yogendra led his team upward. When the infiltrators saw the Indian

soldiers, they began firing, using grenades and rockets. Six soldiers were martyred, and Yogendra

was hit by 17 bullets.

Understanding seriousness of the situation, Yogendra launched an attack at enemy positions. Despite having a fractured hand, he continued crawling towards Tiger Hill. He fired incessantly, causing the enemy to retreat. Yogendra then killed eight enemy soldiers and, disregarding his own safety, hoisted the Tricolour atop Tiger Hill. After being treated for months, Yogendra recovered from his bullet wounds and the govt honoured him with the PVC.



78-member Indian contingent takes part in Athletes' Parade



French President Emmanuel Macron, left, and his wife Brigitte Macron, right, welcome Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and Sheikhha Hind bint Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani at the Elysee Palace.



Spectators hold umbrellas on stands along the Seine in Paris, France, before the opening ceremony for the 2024 Summer Olympics, Friday.



Five-time Olympian Sharath Kamal, Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna, badminton player P V Sindhi and others arrive to board the boat in Paris, France, for the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics, Friday.

TODAY'S MATCH SCHEDULE

- 1** Badminton: Men's singles: Lakshya Sen vs Kevin Cordon (7:10pm)
- 2** Men's doubles: Satwik-sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty vs Lucas Corvee & Ronan Labar (8pm)
- 3** Women's doubles: Ashwini Singh/Elavenil Valarivan & Tani-sha Crasto vs Kim So Yeong & Kong Hee Yong (11:50pm).
- 4** Men's Shooting: Sandeep Singh/Elavenil Valarivan, Arjun Babuta/Ramita Jindal (12:30pm).
- 5** Women's: Manu Bhaker & Rhythm Sangwan (4pm).

Record shooting contingent out to end India's 12-year medal drought

PTI
Paris
The Indian contingent takes part in the Athletes' Parade during the

Opening Ceremony of the Paris Olympics on Friday, to be led by PV Sindhu and Achanta Sharath Kamal, will have 78 athletes and officials from 12 sports disciplines. All the athletes who made themselves available for the ceremony will be part of the Parade, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) said. "IOA President PT Usha and Chef-de-Mission Gagan Narang have

given top priority to athletes in the composition of the contingent in the Athletes' Parade." the IOA said. "Many have competi-tions on Saturday and IOA has been respectful of their decision to prioritise preparation and to not take part in the Opening Ceremony."

Kamala Harris urges Netanyahu to end devastating war in Gaza

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Washington
US Vice President Kamala Harris has urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to quickly conclude a ceasefire deal with Hamas and reach a "durable end" to the devastating war in Gaza, amidst mounting civilian casualties and the humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian enclave. "Israel has a right to defend itself and how it does so matters. What has



US Vice President Kamala Harris meets with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House grounds, in Washington, D.C.

happened in Gaza over the past nine months is devastating," Harris, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, told reporters after her meeting with Netanyahu at the White House.

TRUMP LEADS KAMALA HARRIS 48%-46% AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS, SAYS SURVEY

Washington: Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris is performing better than President Joe Biden in battleground states likely to decide the Nov. 5 election, according to an Emerson College/The Hill poll released. The poll showed former President Trump leading in four of the critical states: Arizona 49% to 44%, Georgia 48% to 46%, Michigan 46% to 45%, and Pennsylvania 48% to 46%. Trump and Harris are tied at 47% in Wisconsin, according to the poll. Harris surpassed Biden's performance in an Emerson poll conducted earlier this month in each of the five states. Harris hit the campaign trail this week after President Joe Biden dropped out of the race on Sunday and endorsed his vice president.

EAM meets Russian FM Lavrov & other counterparts to boost ties

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Vientiane (Laos)
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and other leaders from Brunei, New Zealand and Laos and discussed various aspects of bilateral collaboration, including education and agriculture technology. Jaishankar is in the capital of the Laos People's Democratic Republic to participate in the meetings of the Association of Southeast Asian



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar speaks at the Opening Session of the ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers Meeting, in Vientiane.

Nations (ASEAN). He met Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov on the sidelines of the meeting. Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with his counterpart from New Zealand, Winston Peters, also the country's deputy prime minister. "Always enjoy meeting DPM & FM @winstonpeters of New Zealand," Jaishankar said.

EU sends USD 1.6 bn from Russia assets to Ukraine

Agencies
Brussels
The European Union will transfer 1.5 billion euros in proceeds from frozen Russian assets to Ukraine, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Friday. Western countries blocked around \$300 billion worth of sovereign Russian assets after Moscow sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022. "There is no better symbol or use for the Kremlin's money than to make Ukraine and all of Europe a safer place to live," von der Leyen said.

India, US sign first-ever cultural property agreement for retrieval of antique objects

Gopendra Nath Bhatt
New Delhi
The Government of India and the Government of the United States of America signed the first ever 'Cultural Property Agreement' to prevent and curb the illicit trafficking of antiquities from India to the USA on the sidelines of the 46th World Heritage Committee. The agreement was signed by Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture and H.E. Eric Garcetti, Ambassador of the United States of America to India in the august presence of Union



Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti, Secretary, Ministry of Culture Govind Mohan sign the CPA between India & USA on the sidelines of the 46th session of World Heritage Committee, in New Delhi.

Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. The Cultural Property Agreement (CPA) is aligned with the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, to which both countries

are States party. Eric Garcetti and Govind Mohan on Friday. The illicit trafficking of cultural property is a longstanding issue that has affected many cultures and countries throughout history. Sandhya Suri, a British-Indian filmmaker, has won the award for the best first feature film at the Jerusalem Film Festival (JFF) 2024. Suri's film 'Santosh', shot in India with a local cast, revolves around a female police official who has been given a job on compassionate grounds after her husband's death, and how she unwittingly gets caught in a web of local social and political drama that she has no control over.

Women's Asia Cup: Sri Lanka to face India in final

PTI
Dambulla
Skipper Chamari Athapaththu's diligent fifty propelled Sri Lanka to a thrilling three-wicket win over Pakistan in the second semifinal of the women's Asia Cup here on Friday, setting up the title clash against India. In the first semifinal earlier, defending champions India had beaten Bangladesh by 10 wick-



India Women's Renuka Singh and teammates celebrate the dismissal of Bangladesh Women's Dilara Akter during their Semi-Final match in the Womens Asia Cup on Friday.

ets. The final will be played on Sunday. Athapaththu, who is the highest run-getter in the event with 223 runs, single-handedly chased

the Lankans close to the target of 141, making a well-paced 63 off 48 balls (9x4, 1x6). Three-time champions India have qualified for their fifth final in the Women's T20 Asia Cup. The Women in Blue thrashed Bangladesh by 10 wickets in the first semi-final. Fine spells from Renuka Singh and Radha Yadav restricted the Tigresses to 80/8. India comfortably chased down the paltry total.

INDIA, SL MEET WITH NEW CAPTAINS AT HELM
A young Indian unit will take on hosts Sri Lanka in the opener of the three-T20I series on July 27. Champions of the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup, India will head into the series as favorites as they aim to build a team for the future. SL, however, hold the home advantage. The match will be telecast on the Sony Sports Network while SonyLIV will provide the live streaming (7:00 pm IST). **India's probable XI:** Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rishabh Pant (wk), Suryakumar Yadav (c), Rinku Singh, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, and Mohammed Siraj.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE RAJ. JAIPUR
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS NIB NO. 7755 DT. 22.07.2024
Bids for IWESS (Integrated Weapon Engagement Simulator System) of estimated value INR 40,00,000/- are invited from interested bidders up to 14.08.2024 at 11.00 AM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> of the state and <https://www.police.rajasthan.gov.in>.
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Office of Director General Anti Corruption Bureau Rajasthan, Jaipur
Notice Inviting Bid
Bid for supply of 18 Laptops for Anti Corruption Bureau, J9, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jhalana Doongari, Jaipur is invited from GST registered bidders up to 07.08.2024 (6.00 PM). Other particulars of the bid be visited on <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 12.60 Lacs.
S.P. (Adm.) Anti Corruption Bureau Rajasthan, Jaipur
UBN: ACB2425GLOB00008
DIPR/C/6709/2024

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APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 04.05.2024 calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee Mr. Hamid Khan S/o Mr. Bali Khan, & Mr. Hakim Khan S/o Mr. Mahendra Khan to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 9,22,049,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Forty Nine And Paise Zero Only) as on 04.05.2024 with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/ date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower/ Mortgagee having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Mortgagee and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 20th day of July of the year 2024.
The Borrowers/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for Rs. 9,43,999,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Nine And Paise Zero Only) as on 19.07.2024 with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount including incidental expenses, costs and charges etc. thereon until payment in full.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of immovable property
All that part & parcel of residential plot of Mr. Hamid Khan S/o Mr. Bali Khan located at Village Chhatrail, Distt. Jaisalmer. Admeasuring 1750.00 Sq.Ft. Bounded as under:
East: Main Road And Gali West: Open Land
North: Property of Aradeen Khan South: Property of Sohrab Khan
Date: 20.07.2024 Authorized Officer
Place: Chhatrail, Distt. Jaisalmer State Bank of India

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A successful leader is one who holds close and practices the three essential qualities of integrity, insight, and inclusiveness.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS SILVER JUBILEE CEREMONY

BRAVERY & COURAGE OF OUR HEROES ARE UNMATCHED: CM

Soldiers who demonstrated courage in the Kargil War were also honoured

First India Bureau

Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma paid tribute to the brave soldiers by offering wreaths at the Kargil Vijay Diwas Silver Jubilee function at *Amar Jawan Jyoti Shaheed Smarak* on Friday. He emphasised that the bravery and indomitable courage of our soldiers are unparalleled.

Sharma also honoured the wives of the martyrs with shawls and honoured the soldiers who displayed courage in the Kargil War.

Soldier Welfare Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore paid tribute to the martyrs and honored their wives with shawls and a cheque of ₹11,000 on behalf of the Sainik Welfare Department.

The father & sister of martyr, Captain Amit Bhardwaj from Jaipur were also present during the event. Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani, Col Rathore, Chairman of Soldier Welfare Advisory Committee PS Bajwa, and ACS Home were also in attendance.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma lays a wreath & pays tributes to martyrs to mark the 25th anniversary of *Kargil Vijay Diwas* at *Amar Jawan Jyoti* in Jaipur on Friday.



Vasudev Devnani offers a wreath to martyrs on 25th anniversary of *Kargil Vijay Diwas* at *Amar Jawan Jyoti* in Jaipur on Friday.



Diya Kumari interacts with NCC Cadets after paying tributes to the martyrs on *Kargil Vijay Diwas* at the *Shaheed Smarak* located at the collectorate Circle in Dausa district on Friday.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma felicitates a 'Veerangana' with a 'Shriphal' & a shawl during the event held to mark the 25th anniversary of *Kargil Vijay Diwas* at *Amar Jawan Jyoti* in Jaipur on Friday.

Army's tributes to martyrs



School students acquire information about the latest arsenal and equipment used by our brave soldiers during an exhibition organised by Konark Corps to commemorate the 25th anniversary of *Kargil Vijay Diwas* at Jodhpur Military Station on Friday. A captivating performance by the Military Band also enthralled the visitors.



Major General Rai Singh Godara, General Officer Commanding, 61 Sub Area, lays a wreath at *Amar Jawan Jyoti* in Jaipur on Friday to commemorate *Kargil Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav*.

REMEMBERING CAPT AMIT BHARDWAJ'S KARGIL VALOUR



Jaipur : The Kargil War stands as a pivotal moment in India's history. In 1999, amidst treacherous terrain and harsh weather, our soldiers valiantly defended our sovereignty

against infiltrators, leaving an enduring legacy

of determination and valour. Captain Amit Bhardwaj, an alumnus of St. Xavier's Boys School, Jaipur, etched his name in bravery during this conflict. Commissioned into the 4 JAT Regiment, he embodied Rajasthan's indomitable spirit of leadership, courage, and sacrifice. His saga resonates in streets of Jaipur, where his memory is immortalised. Family members of these veterans attended special events commemorating *Kargil Vijay Diwas*, honouring the pride the Indian Army bestows upon such sacrifices.

Several delegations thank CM for budgetary benefits



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with the members of various delegations including that from Jodhpur, Baran & Chittorgarh, who called upon him to express gratitude for budget allocations for their respective constituencies at CMR and State Assembly in Jaipur on Friday.

First India Bureau

Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma met with delegations from various districts at the Chief Minister's Residence and the Assembly on Friday. A delegation from Jodhpur's Luni constituency, led by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel, thanked the Chief Minister for budget announcements benefiting their area.

The Chittorgarh delegation presented a bouquet

and expressed appreciation for the budget's development provisions for their district. Similarly, the Baran delegation thanked the Chief Minister for the budget's benefits.

Cooperative Minister (Independent Charge) Gautam Kumar and other legislators were present. The state is abuzz with joy over the 2024-25 budget's welfare announcements, with widespread gratitude from youth, women, farmers, and various sectors.

Birla to address HC seminar in Jodhpur today

Rajeev Gaur

Jodhpur

Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** will arrive in Jodhpur by air today at 10:05 am and will be welcomed

by BJP workers led by District President **Dendra Salecha**. He will deliver a keynote address at a seminar organised by the Rajasthan HC Advocates' Assn at Amritam Palace on the 'Role of Technology in Justice.'

Attendees include Supreme Court Justice **Pankaj Mithal**, Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice **MM Srivastava**, and others. After the seminar, Birla will visit Jodhpur Circuit House and depart for Delhi at 4:45 pm.

Will work to strengthen BJP by taking everyone along: Rathore

Aditi Nagar and

Ashvini Yadav

New Delhi

BJP State President **Madan Rathore** spoke with First India, emphasising his commitment to strengthening the party. "We will adhere to party directives & ensure every worker is valued. I am grateful to top leadership & will execute my duties diligently. My focus will be on empowering party, engaging new members, & securing victories in Raj's upcoming by-polls. BJP remains united in the State without any factionalism. Our aim is to foster harmony within BJP & progress under double engine govt. The respect of every worker will be a priority."



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma extends best wishes to newly appointed BJP State Prez, Madan Rathore.

RATHORE'S WIN & 'LADDUS' AT TIWARI'S PLACE STIR CURIOSITY

Madan Rathore was crowned BJP State President on Friday, and 'Laddus' were distributed at Ghanashyam Tiwari's place! This has sparked curiosity about the connection between Rathore and Tiwari.

RAJ IS RENOWNED ACROSS THE NATION FOR ITS PATRIOTISM: RADHA MOHAN DAS AGARWAL

In a conversation with First India on Friday, BJP's Rajasthan in-charge **Radha Mohan Das Agarwal** expressed enthusiasm for his new role in Rajasthan, citing the state's strong patriotic reputation. He praised **Maharana Pratap's** legacy and mentioned that in Gorakhpur, they installed a statue of **Maharana Pratap** and **Chetak**. Agarwal compared **Bhairon Singh Shekhawat** to **Maharana Pratap** in politics and acknowledged the BJP's weak performance in the last Lok Sabha election, but remained confident about future successes. He emphasized that leadership is dynamic, stating, "No seat is anyone's inheritance; roles evolve over time," he said.

State to spend ₹23.79 cr on air travel in a year

Pankaj Soni

Jaipur

The State Government will allocate ₹23.79 crore annually for air travel, having signed a contract with the New Delhi-based firm, **Search Red Bird Airways Private Limited** for leasing helicopters.

The agreement outlines an annual expenditure of ₹23.79 crore for this service.

The **Ashok Gehlot** government has also made substantial investments in air travel.

During the 2023-24 election year, the Gehlot government had spent ₹29.94 crore on flights, and in the year 2022-23, the expenditure was ₹31.30 crore.

Dy CM cracks down on Transport Dept's bias



Dr Prem Chand Bairwa addresses people's concerns during the 'Jansunwai' held at his official residence in Jaipur on Friday.

Shivendra Parmar

Jaipur

Officials of the Transport Department wanted to oblige a company but when Dy CM **Dr Prem Chand Bairwa** sought information about this, the truth came out. The officials wanted to give the work of operating automated driving tracks in the Transport Dept to **Abesis Company**. Senior officials and IT in-charge

Rohitash Meena started the trial in Hanumangarh DTO office and the dept was preparing to buy the software of this **Abesis** firm by declaring the trial successful.

Knowing this, **Dr Bairwa** expressed displeasure over giving priority to a single firm & directed to give opportunity to everyone. After this, **Abesis Company** which was conducting trial in Hanumangarh, has disappeared.

RSS to consider new Gen Secy at Jaipur Meet

First India Bureau

Jaipur

A three-day RSS regional meeting in Jaipur starting August 29 is set to decide the new Organization General Secretary. All Rajasthan Sangh campaigners will attend. Traditionally, a *Sangh Pracharak* is appointed to this role.

Chandra Shekhar, the former Rajasthan BJP General Secretary, stepped down before the Lok Sabha elections.

The RSS All India Co-ordination Committee meeting will also be held in Kerala from July 31 to August 2, where the new General Secretary could be announced.

A state campaigner may be chosen for the post.

LEADERSHIP OVERHAUL

Cabinet reshuffle & expansion expected next month



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being greeted by the State BJP President of Uttar Pradesh, **Bhupendra Chaudhary** at CMR in Jaipur on Friday.

Yogesh Sharma

Jaipur

A Cabinet reshuffle and expansion are anticipated in **Bhajan Lal Sharma's** Rajasthan government. Decisions regarding the BJP state president position have been made, with changes expected before the assembly by-elections.

Surendra Pal Singh, who lost his election bid after becoming a cabinet minister, may be replaced, along with some existing ministers.

The reshuffle and expansion are likely to occur after the budget session of the *Vidhan Sabha*, which is expected to run until August 7, so the changes may be implemented in August or September

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Gurjar leaders might be appointed as cabinet

ministers, with experienced leaders potentially joining the Council of Ministers.

The notable names under consideration include **Pushpendra Singh Bali**, **Shrichand Kriplani**, **Amrit Lal Meena**, **Gurveer Singh Bar**, and **Jitendra Gothwal**.

BJP will win Rajasthan by-polls through worker unity, says Diya

Laxmikant Sharma

Dausa

Deputy CM **Diya Kumari** was warmly welcomed by BJP workers at **Sainthal Mod Circle**, **Gandhi Tiraha Circle**, and **Somnath Circle** in Dausa. During a BJP workers' meeting, she stressed the party's commitment to good governance and urged unity for a BJP win in the Dausa assembly by-polls. She called on workers to promote Central & State govt's budget achievements & distinguish BJP from Congress. Ex-MLA, SL



Diya Kumari addresses during the BJP Workers' meeting at Dausa district on Friday. Other local leaders were also present.

Sharma presented demands for Dausa constituency, which were addressed promptly. After the meeting, **Diya Kumari** joined the **Rajput Samaj Social Dialogue** at

Hotel Ramli Grand. She highlighted the Dausa by-poll's importance, criticising Congress for neglecting development & condemned it for its anti-women stance.



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A DECADE OF STARDOM!

City First celebrates Kirti Sanon's birthday and her decade-long journey, marking her evolution from an engineering student to a National Award-winning star. P11



(L-R) Anushka Sone, Pallavi Sharma, Wachi Pareek & Shruti Jha



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Harshwardhan, Sophiya Singh (Miss Asia Pacific 2024) & Geet Sone (State Director Miss Universe Chhattisgarh)



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (Winners) Wachi Pareek and Anushka Sone



DOUBLE Crowned!

The Miss Universe Chhattisgarh pageant, held on Thursday evening at Mahindra Resort in Durg, saw Wachi Pareek and Anushka Sone crowned as winners. They will represent Chhattisgarh at the Miss Universe India pageant!

Mahindra Resort was abuzz with excitement and elegance on Thursday evening as it hosted the Miss Universe Chhattisgarh pageant. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event, held for the first time in Durg, saw the presence of various who's who of the fashion and glamour industry.



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The pageant, a significant social event, was organised by Geet Sone, the State Director for Miss Universe Chhattisgarh, and was brilliantly anchored by Ankit Tiwari. With Bharat 24- Vision of New India, as the media partner, the event garnered significant attention and added prestige. Seventeen finalists, hailing from diverse backgrounds such as students, social workers, dancers and actors, showcased their charm, grace and talent. The eminent jury, presided over by Sophiya

ya Singh (Miss Asia Pacific India 2024), had the difficult task of selecting the winners from this pool of talent. The competition was fierce, but in the end, two contestants emerged as state winners. Wachi Pareek and Anushka Sone captivated the judges with their poise and talent, earning them the coveted titles of Miss Universe Chhattisgarh. Both winners will go on to represent Chhattisgarh at the national level in the Miss Universe India pageant.

The grandeur of the evening and the presence of distinguished guests underscored the significance and prestige of the title of Miss Universe Chhattisgarh. This event marked an important milestone, setting a high standard for future editions.

Miss Universe Chhattisgarh, as part of the global Miss Universe franchise, aims to celebrate and empower women by providing a platform to showcase their talent, intelligence and beauty. The pageant seeks to identify and nurture future leaders and role models, preparing them to represent Chhattisgarh on national and international stages.



(Top to Bottom) Anushka Sone, Wachi Pareek, Shruti Jha & Pallavi Sharma





A heart shaped betel leaf



Bihar famous Maghai Paan



Bengali bride

RITZZY AND RATZZ'S PAAN ADVENTURES

CULINARY JOURNEY WITH BETEL LEAF



CAULDRON SISTERS



Riccha Khetan



Ratika Khetan

Two Sisters, started Cauldron Sisters in 2015. It started as an exotic food gift hamper business, but their love for food encouraged them to start culinary workshops, food deliveries, and slowly and gradually it turned huge as restaurants and cafes started approaching them for consultancy

Hey there, fellow adventurers of taste!

The CauldronSisters are here, ready to take you on a flavorful journey through the winding streets of India, where every corner boasts the aromatic charm of a beloved leafy delight – the Betel Leaf, or as we fondly call it, Paan.

Imagine vibrant streets bustling with life, adorned with tiny kiosks, each proudly displaying their array of Paan specials. From the heart of bustling cities to the serene countryside, you'll find the essence of Paan weaving its magic everywhere.

Although Ritzy insists that the deliciousness is enough, we should still find out why this

humble leaf holds such a significant place in our country's several cultural traditions.

First off, let's talk about its religious significance. In the Hindu rituals, Paan holds a revered spot as not just a mouth-freshener; it's a symbol of auspiciousness, often offered during ceremonies and festivities to the deity.

Wait, the juicy part is up ahead! A glossy, heart-shaped leaf with a peculiarly pleasant flavour that dances on your taste buds. It's like a burst of freshness in every chew, leaving behind a trail of contentment.

THE DELIGHTFUL MOUTH-FRESHENER – PAAN

Then there is the Maghai Paan, often hailed as the king of Paans, from the

fertile lands of Bihar or the ancient Magadh region in India. Renowned for its exquisite flavour, aromatic essence, and medicinal properties, Maghai Paan has carved a special place in the hearts of all Paan lovers. It is rich in nutrients and compounds, contributing to its remarkable health benefits. Cherished for centuries, it aids digestion, promotes oral health, and offers relief from various ailments, making it a potent ally for overall wellness.

But the allure of Paan doesn't stop there. It's steeped in ancient tales and legends, especially in the cities of Banaras (Varanasi) and Lucknow.

The Banarasi Paan of the renowned 'Khaikhe Paan Banaras Wala' song, has a rich history dating back to mythical times. Legend has it that the first-ever seed of paan was planted by Lord Shiva at Mount Kailash from where the lord brought it to Kashi (today's Varanasi). It holds a special place in the hearts of the locals, the city's bustling lanes are adorned with Paan shops, each boasting its unique blend of ingredients and flavours.

Meanwhile, in the city of 'Nawabi Tehzib,' Lucknow, Paan holds a special place in the culinary landscape. Known for its refined taste and elegant presentation, Lucknowi Paan is a testament to the city's rich cultural heritage. The art of Paan-mak-

ing here is passed down through generations, with each family boasting its secret recipe. From the delicate fragrance of rose petals to the bold kick of clove and cardamom, Lucknowi Paan is a symphony of flavours that tantalizes the senses. It's said that enjoying a Paan in Lucknow from an equally intricately designed Paan-daani is not just a culinary experience; it's a journey through history, tradition, and craftsmanship. Indeed, 'Muskurayi Aap Lucknow Mein Hai' comes true in this city!

WHAT ABOUT THE DIFFERENT AVATARS OF PAAN?

From the tantalizing Masala Paan to the indulgent Meetha Paan, there's something for every palate. And guess what? Ritzy and Ratzz have their twist on the classic recipe.

HERE'S HOW WE LIKE TO SAVOUR OUR PAAN

Start with fresh betel leaves. Remember, freshness is key to unlocking the full flavour. You can store the

leaves for up to 5 days in non-toxic containers in the fridge.

Gather your favourite ingredients – gulkand for sweetness, saunf for that extra crunch, elaichi for a hint of aroma, and if you're feeling adventurous, an addition of laung for a spicy kick.

Wrap it all up and savour the aromatic rush.

Anyhow, the journey doesn't end there! Betel leaf isn't just for chewing; it's a versatile ingredient that adds a unique twist to mouth fresheners and desserts. Let's not forget about the dry Paan, Paan toffee, Paan flavoured sweets, and even Paan kulfi that tantalizes our taste buds with its unique blend of flavours and textures. From refreshing paan shots to decadent paan ice cream, the possibilities are endless for Paan flavoured sweetness.

So, don't forget to indulge in the magic of Special Paan by Cauldron Sisters and let us know what you think about our way.

Here's to savouring the richness of Indian culture, one Paan at a time!



Paan Kulfi



Lucknow famous Paan

RATZZ REMINDS US HOW PAAN IS NOT JUST AN EDIBLE CONDIMENT BUT MUCH MORE, IT WRAPS A PLETHORA OF FEELINGS INSIDE

- In Bengali weddings, the bride walks in with Paan leaves hiding her face until the 'Shubho Drishti' (the first auspicious look into the groom's eyes).
- In Gujarat, Paan symbolizes hospitality, often offered to guests as a gesture of warmth and welcome.
- In Maharashtra, Paan is often enjoyed with a twist of tobacco, reflecting the state's penchant for bold flavours.
- Rajasthan's Paan culture is characterized by its royal touch, with vendors crafting ornate creations fit for kings and queens.
- In Punjab, Paan is a popular post-meal indulgence, with flavours, ranging from tangy to sweet, reflecting the region's vibrant culinary scene.
- In the eastern state of Odisha, betel leaf is revered as an offering to deities during religious ceremonies, symbolizing purity and devotion.

There are so many more traditions involving Paan that it is impossible to list them all without displeasing everyone, so let's say, that Paan itself is bigger than it looks! However, that's not all – chew on a leaf every day and you're not just keeping indigestion at bay; you're also giving your body a daily dose of calcium. Talk about a delicious way to stay healthy!



Masala Paan



Still from the movie Heropanti



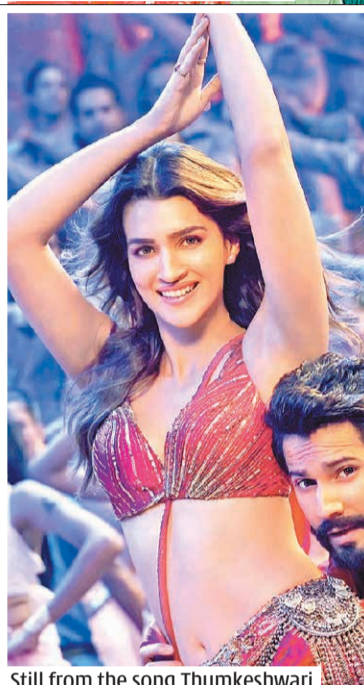
Kriti Sanon in the movie Mimi



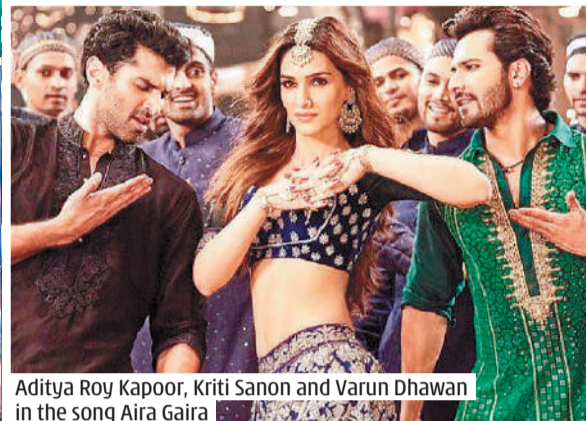
Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon in the movie Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya



Kriti and Kartik Aaryan in the song Poster Lagwa Do



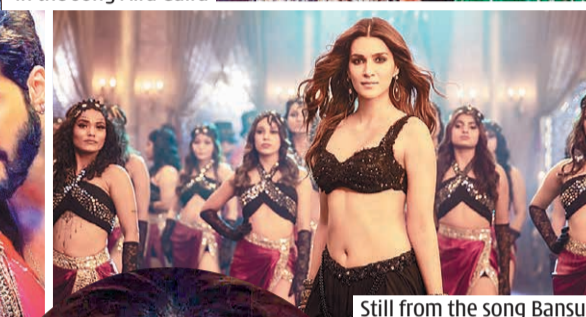
Still from the song Thumkeshwari



Aditya Roy Kapoor, Kriti Sanon and Varun Dhawan in the song Aira Gaira



Poster



Still from the song Bansuri

Award List

2015

HERPANTI
Filmfare Award for 'Best Female Debut'

2015

HERPANTI
IIFA Award for 'Star Debut of the Year'

2022

MIMI
Filmfare Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)

2023

MIMI
National Award for Best Actress

Best Movies

MIMI

- BAREILLY KI BARFI**
- TERI BAATON MEIN AISA ULJHA JIYA**
- LUKA CHUPPI**

Best Songs

- TERI BAATON MEIN AISA ULJHA JIYA (TITLE SONG)**
- PARAM SUNDARI (MIMI)**
- THUMKESHWARI (BHEDIYA)**
- COCA COLA (LUKA CHUPPI)**
- WHISTLE BAJA (HEROPANTI)**

A Decade of STARDOM!

As Kriti Sanon steps into the next chapter of her career, City First celebrates Kriti Sanon's birthday along with her remarkable long-decade journey, which highlights her evolution from engineering student to National Award-winning star.

Happy Birthday!



As Kriti Sanon celebrates her 34th birthday, she also marks a remarkable decade in Bollywood. Since her debut with Heropanti on May 23, 2014, Kriti has evolved from a curious engineering student into a National Award-winning star, captivating audiences with her diverse roles and magnetic screen presence.

Kriti's transition from an engineering background to the glamorous world of cinema was anything but ordinary. Her debut opposite Tiger Shroff was just the beginning of a thrilling ride through Bollywood. With films like Bareilly Ki Barfi and Luka Chuppi, she quickly established herself as a talented performer, capable of both comic timing and emotional depth. These roles showcased her ability to connect with audiences on multiple levels,



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making her a household name in the industry.

A significant milestone in her career came with the film Mimi (2021). Her portrayal of a surrogate mother not only garnered critical acclaim but also earned her the National Film Award for Best Actress. This role highlighted her remarkable ability to tackle complex characters with sensitivity and skill, proving her versatility and dedication to her craft.

Kriti's versatility is further exemplified in her latest film, the sci-fi romance Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Ul-

jha Jiya, where she plays a robot named Sifra alongside Shahid Kapoor. Beyond her impressive acting skills, Kriti has also mesmerized fans with her infectious dance moves, delivering iconic hook steps that have become a staple for groove enthusiasts.

Looking forward, Kriti is set to dazzle in the crime thriller Do Patti with Kajol, promising to continue her streak of compelling performances. Each role she takes on not only showcases her evolving craft but also her ability to enchant audiences with her dynamic screen presence. With boundless energy and unwavering passion, Kriti's future in cinema looks brighter than ever. As she continues to take on diverse and challenging roles, audiences can look forward to even more compelling performances from this talented actress.





Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greets Kajal Chaudhary and welcomes her to the channel office, seen here with Aditi Nagar, Anu Shridhar, Preeti Negi, Sakshi Mishra, Poonima Mishra, Pooja Yadav, Palak Sharma, Aayushi Shekhawat and Kavin Rao



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra warmly welcomed by Bharat24 team, seen here are (L-R) Anu Shridhar, Pratham Soni, Shikha Thakur, Amit Ojha, Amit Mittal, Syed Umar, Poonima Mishra, Shashikesh Ranjan and Shaan

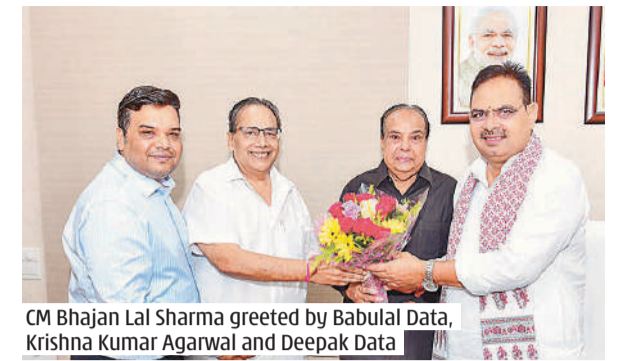


Saurabh Sharma welcomes Kajal Chaudhary and Divyanshi Sain

MEMORABLE MOMENTS!

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra reached the Bharat24 channel office at Noida on Friday afternoon for the much awaited The JC Show on the Union Budget titled, 'Budget 2024 ka, Adhaarshila 2047 Ki', he was accorded a warm welcome by the News Director Syed Umar and Bharat24 team members. Winner of the Bihar Miss Universe 2024 Kajal Chaudhary along with First Runner-up Divyanshi Sain were also given a gracious welcome as they visited the channel office on Friday. Dr Chandra welcomed Kajal to the Channel and congratulated her on her winning the crown.

GREETINGS!



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma greeted by Babulal Data, Krishna Kumar Agarwal and Deepak Data

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma was greeted by MOPA President Babulal Data along with General Secretary Krishna Kumar Agarwal and spokesperson Deepak Data during the courtesy visit to his residence on Friday. The delegation presented a memorandum highlighting the government's revenue loss due to Mandi Tax. The Chief Minister took the issue seriously and instructed a senior officer to address the matter promptly. The memorandum outlining the concerns has been attached.

'Country-men Pledge to Soldiers'



*We shall always be by your side
We shall always hold you high
We shall have you in our hearts & behold you in our eyes
You are the real heroes who soldier the frontiers and shoulder the countrymen too
You provide us safe havens
You are the heart & soul of the nation...
Salute the soldiers....we owe it to you!!*

Col Amitabh Sharma
PRO Defence Jaipur/Rajasthan

EVENTS!



Unique Builders' newly launched residential plots in Jagatpura are receiving an overwhelming response. Since bookings opened on Saturday, the prime location on Mahal Road has attracted numerous site visits. The project offers customers the flexibility to build their dream homes while enjoying premium amenities rarely seen in plotting projects. Features include a gated community, clubhouse, covered swimming pool, fitness studio, cafe, kids play area, party hall, and modern security. Director Vibhishkek Singh expressed excitement over the positive response and highlighted Jaipur's rapid real estate growth. Unique Builders plans to introduce more projects this year, benefiting from the prime 100-foot road location.



AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) is set to apply for a universal banking license following board approval. A Committee of Directors, led by HR Khan, will oversee the application process.



In the June quarter of FY25, AU SFB reported a 30% year-on-year

increase in profit to Rs 503 crore and a 54% rise in net interest income to Rs 1921 crore. The bank's net interest margin improved to 6% while pre-provisioning operating profit grew by 81%. Despite a challenging economic environment, AU SFB's performance highlighted strong business growth and progress under its AU@2027 strategy.

Doctors Music Premier League

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The three-day Doctors Music Premier League, presented by SBI, commenced with Dr Sanjeev Gupta, the organizing manager leading the event at Rajasthan International Centre on Friday. The event was graced by the presence of Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, as chief guest who inaugurated the event with a lamp-lighting ceremony. This unique event showcases the melodious voices of the doctors who mesmerized the audience.

The competition features various rounds: solo, single, and duet, following pre-liminary rounds held earlier. Five singers from each age group—25-40, 41-54, and 55 plus—were selected to perform on Saturday. Eight hospitals are participating, divided into



Pawan Arora lights inaugural lamp. Also seen are MG Vyas, Hemant Bhatt, Dr Harish Bhardwaj and others

teams A and B, vying for the final round on July 28. During the event chief guest Pawan Arora expressed his admiration, saying, "Doctors are a profession I deeply respect. They are God's authorised agents." The winners of the DMPL will have the opportunity to showcase their talent on the OTT platform

merge, they form a harmonious tune." An innovative fund was launched, and plans for a cricket match were announced. The event aims to celebrate the healing art of music among doctors, blending their professional skills with artistic expression and promises a memorable experience for all involved.



Pawan Arora with Dr Archana Sharma, Dr Anil Verma, Dr Rohan Bhatiya, Dr Prashant Sharma, MG Vyas, Dr Mukesh Dixit, Dr Sanjay Pawah, Angan Medinova, Dr Harish Bhardwaj & Dr Sanjeev Gupta

IN THE CITY!



(L-R) RM Singhi, RK Kaundal, Arvind Mittal, Rajeev Chaudhary and Harish Sharma

The MES Builders Association of India (Jodhpur Branch) organised a protest day at 11:00 AM at the Chief Engineer's office and the Commander Works Engineer Air Force in Jodhpur on Friday. The protest addressed several demands, including immediate relief for pending cases, the release of 50% performance security, and an increase in tender limits for 'E' category contractors. They also called for a review of maintenance contracts, resolution of delays in tender acceptance, and implementation of policy directives. The association presented a detailed memorandum outlining these concerns.



Arvind Pareek, Manoj Sogani & Dashrath Singh Rathore

Manoj Sogani has been re-elected as Chairman of the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI), Rajasthan Chapter, for the fifth consecutive term recently. The election, saw Sogani win by a significant margin. With nearly 40 years of industry experience, Sogani's expertise is widely recognized. Dashrath Singh Rathore was elected unopposed as Secretary, and Arvind Parikh as Treasurer, both bringing substantial experience to their roles.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



(L-R) Dr MK Mathur, Dr Deependra Mehta, Dr Lalit Narayan, Dr Mehta and Dr Prasanna Lenka

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), creators of the renowned Jaipur Foot, has signed an MoU with Kolkata's National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD). This agreement will facilitate training for NILD personnel and students in the rehabilitation of disabled individuals. The MoU, signed by Dr Lalit Narayan of NILD and Dr Deependra Mehta of BMVSS, includes collaboration on training, research, and the distribution of assistive devices. The partnership aims to enhance the design and fabrication of Jaipur Foot prostheses and improve overall rehabilitation efforts.



(L-R) Rhythm, Harsh Gupta, Shakina Zaidi, Astha Bhardwaj, Cariappa & Divyanshi

Orchids The International School launched Season 2 on Friday of "Go Cosmo - Your Ticket to Space." India's first Astronomy Fair, at its Nevta Campus in Jaipur for three days. The event featured interactive activities like Alien Encounter, Planetary Ponder, and Comet Crafting, aiming to ignite students' passion for astronomy through experiential learning. Following its success in multiple cities, this edition continues to inspire the next generation of space enthusiasts with hands-on educational experiences.

Miss Universe Odisha Set to Crown!



The 1st edition of Miss Universe India is set to take place from July 26-28 at Hotel Hindustan International in Bhubaneswar. This event will crown a beauty queen to represent Odisha at Miss Universe India 2024. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra will attend as the chief guest. Organised by the Glamanand group under the guidance of Director Nikhil Anand, and guided by State Director Sushree Sangeeta, the pageant features 22 finalists undergoing expert-led grooming sessions. The grand finale promises a spectacular showcase as Sushree Sangeeta crowns the inaugural Miss Universe Odisha Queen.



Sushree Sangeeta, State Director Miss Universe Odisha