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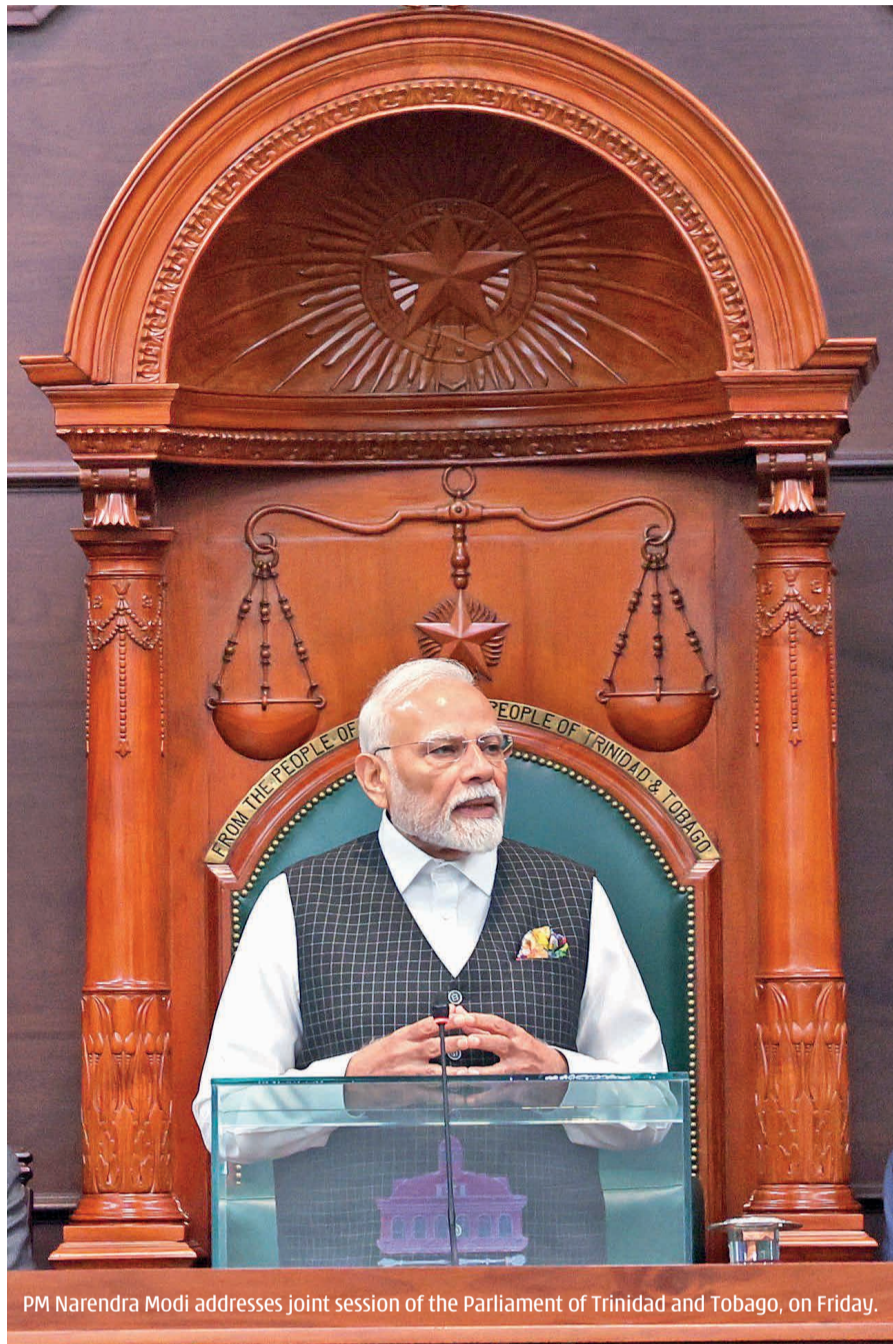
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Respect for women is deeply rooted in the Indian culture, says Modi in T&T Parliament

Honouring Indian tradition, T&T PM Kamla dons sarees during key meets with Modi

From Patna Street in Trinidad and Tobago, PM Narendra Modi's subtle Bihar poll push

## CARIBBEAN SHORES ECO WITH MODI'S DESI VIBES!



PM Narendra Modi addresses joint session of the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago, on Friday.



PM Narendra Modi exchanges greetings with PM of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar during joint Parliament session.

**First India Bureau**  
Port of Spain (T&T)

PM Narendra Modi on Friday addressed Joint Assembly of the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago, emphasizing India's commitment to the Global South and articulating a vision for a more equitable world order.

During his address, he said, "We see our development as responsibility towards others," he stated, reaffirming India's dedication to contributing meaningfully to glob-

al community. He reaffirmed India's commitment to partnering with countries of Global South to build a just, inclusive, and the equitable global framework. Most of the ancestors from Bhojpuri-speaking districts in Bihar and UP came as indentured labourers from colonial India and settled in T&T. While it is not known if the PM travelled to community event venue via T&T's famous Patna Street, PM Modi made it point to mention it during his address. P7

### TOP QUOTES

Your Parliament also has some members whose forefathers came from the Indian state of Bihar, this is our natural connection

I am humbled to be the first Prime Minister of India to be able to speak in this iconic Red House of Trinidad and Tobago

Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards will be given to the sixth generation of the Indian diaspora in Trinidad and Tobago

I must say that Indians are among most passionate friends of the West Indies cricket team. We cheer for them with all our hearts

A first for any foreign leader! Modi receives highest honour of T&T

PM Modi was conferred with 'The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago' – the country's highest civilian honour. Modi was bestowed the award in recognition of his global leadership, deep engagement with Indian diaspora, and his humanitarian efforts during Covid. "I accept it on behalf of 140 crore Indians. This honour symbolises the eternal friendship between our 2 countries. At every step, one can witness cultural connect between our nations. I'm very honoured that this is 1st time this honour has been conferred upon foreign leader," Modi said. This is 25th int'l honour bestowed upon PM Modi.



PM Narendra Modi being conferred with the country's highest civilian honour by President Christine Carla Kangaloo during a ceremony at President's House, in Trinidad & Tobago, on Friday.

### IN BRIEF



Sub Lieutenant Aastha Poonia becomes the first woman to be streamed into the fighter stream of Naval Aviation on Friday.

### Al Bengaluru-Delhi flight pilot collapses just before takeoff

**Bengaluru:** An Air India pilot collapsed in cockpit just before he was to operate the airline's flight from Bengaluru to Delhi on Friday. AI 2414, was delayed due to the medical emergency, following which another pilot was rescheduled to operate the plane.



### No deals on deadline, Goyal on India-US FTA

**New Delhi:** India is in no hurry to finalise any major trade deal on the basis of a deadline, but will agree on a decision if it is a win-win for both parties, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said. This comes as India-US are at final stages of interim trade deal.

### Hooliganism in name of Marathi will not be tolerated: Fadnavis

**Mumbai:** Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis said Marathi should be respected, but beating anyone will not be tolerated. He said that an FIR was registered after Mira Road incident. We will not spare anyone who does hooliganism in name of language & will take strict action.

### 'ONE BORDER, THREE ADVERSARIES'

## China helped Pak during Op Sindoor: Army Deputy Chief

China used India-Pak conflict as 'live lab', used strategy of killing by 'borrowed knife', he added

**First India Bureau**  
New Delhi

China used Pakistan to cause pain to India and it was providing all possible support to its all-weather ally during 4-day conflict between Indian and Pakistani militaries in May, Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Rahul R Singh said on Friday.

During an event he said China also used the India-Pakistan conflict like a "live lab" available to test various weapon systems. Lt Gen. Singh also highlighted China's ancient



Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Rahul R Singh speaks during a conference on the 'New Age Military Technologies: Industry Capabilities & Way Forward' organised by FICCI, in Delhi, Friday.

**Pak was the front face. We had China providing all possible support. And there was no surprise because, if you look at the statistics in the last five years, 81% of the military hardware that Pak is getting is all Chinese.**

**LT. GEN RAHUL R SINGH, DEPUTY CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF**

military strategy of "36 stratagems" and killing the adversary with a "borrowed knife" to buttress the point that Beijing extended all possible support to Pakistan to harm

India. India was dealing with 3 adversaries, he said, suggesting that besides Pak and China, Turkey was also playing a key role to supply military hardware to Islamabad.

### Court junks Hindu side's plea to declare Shahi Idgah 'disputed'

**First India Bureau**  
Mathura

In a significant development in the ongoing legal battle over the Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi and Shahi Idgah mosque in Mathura, the Allahabad High Court has dismissed a petition filed by the Hindu side seeking to declare the Shahi Masjid as a disputed structure.

The petition, Application A-44, had sought to officially designate the Shahi Idgah mosque as a "disputed structure" in court records and further proceedings. The petition, filed by Advocate Mahendra Pratap Singh, representing the Hindu side, was part of a larger case concerning alleged encroachment of land near temple complex by Shahi Idgah mosque.

### DGP Rajeev Sharma calls on Guv Bagade



Director General of Police (DGP) Rajeev Kumar Sharma paid a courtesy call on Governor Haribhau Bagade at the Raj Bhavan on Friday. This was DGP Sharma's first courtesy meeting with the Governor after assuming office. IPS Rajeev Kumar Sharma took charge as Rajasthan DGP in Jaipur on Thursday.

### Dalai Lama succession row

Govt does not speak on matters of religion: India

**First India Bureau**  
New Delhi

Amid the recent row over Dalai Lama's succession plan the government on Friday said that India does not take a position on matters concerning religious belief or practice. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that we have seen reports relating to the statement made by His Holiness the Dalai Lama about the continuation of the Dalai Lama institution. Reiterating India's constitutional commitment, he added, "Govt has always upheld freedom of religion for all in India and will continue to do so. P7

### CM VIRTUALLY JOINS 12TH BHARAT GAURAV AWARD CEREMONY HELD IN LONDON

## Rajasthan has made remarkable progress globally: CM Sharma

**First India Bureau**  
Jaipur/London

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said that the visionary and effective foreign policy of PM Modi has given India a new identity on the global stage. His skilled diplomacy and leadership have positioned India among the most powerful and respected countries in the world. He added that the invaluable talents of the nation have introduced the world to



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma addresses Bharat Gaurav Award held at House of Commons in UK Parliament, virtually from CMR, in Jaipur, late on Thursday. Also seen here are Suresh Mishra & other awardees.

India's strength and vast potential. CM addressed the 12th Bharat Gaurav Award ceremony held at

House of Commons in the UK Parliament, organised by Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha, virtually

from the CMR late on Thursday night, as per London time. During the ceremony, 25 individuals

from India and abroad honoured with Bharat Gaurav Award He said that this event is not only a celebration of Indian talent but also a symbol of the strong and cordial relations between India and the UK. CM said our state, globally known for its rich culture, hospitality, and glorious history, is scripting a new chapter of development through Rising Rajasthan. Investment proposals worth ₹35 lakh crore created immense opportunities for employment in state.

### CM Sharma, Bhupender Yadav felicitate young beneficiaries



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma and Union Minister Bhupender Yadav hand over scooty keys to young beneficiaries during Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Sambal Fortnight in Aslimpur village of Khairthal-Tijara, Friday. P8

## Bhajan Lal govt advances Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision for public welfare

Yogesh Sharma  
Jaipur

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has launched the "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada", reinforcing the BJP's commitment to inclusive development rooted in the philosophy of Antyodaya, the upliftment of the last person in the queue. The campaign, which will run until July 9, is being actively supported and monitored by BJP workers across the state.

The concept of Antyodaya, described as the "voice of the conscience" of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, was first implemented in Rajasthan by former CM Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. Later, former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee expanded its reach at the national level. Today, PM Modi's government continues to follow this philosophy as a central pillar of its poverty alleviation strategy, a vision now being carried forward vigorously by the Bhajan Lal-led Rajasthan government.

Party leaders highlighted that Pandit Deendayal envisioned a governance model where every policy would first consider its impact on the poorest. "Every decision must benefit the person standing at the end of the line," he used to say.



(Above) Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma hands over an NFSA certificate to a beneficiary during a camp under Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada at Girudi village of Kotputli-Behror district on Friday. (Left) Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma presents a cheque to a beneficiary during the camp.

### IMPACT STORIES FROM THE GROUND

**1** Notable examples of the campaign's effectiveness include the resolution of a 30-year-old land dispute between Jagdish of Dhanora and residents of Patoli in Dholpur's Bari area. Under the Pakhwada, the matter was finally resolved through mutual agreement.

**2** Similarly, in Alakhpura Bogan village of Sikar, longstanding electricity connection issues were resolved under the campaign.

**3** The initiative is not merely administrative—it is deeply philosophical, and rooted in integrated and inclusive development. From Shekhawat's initial vision to Bhajan Lal Sharma's present implementation, the BJP continues to push for the delivery of welfare at the grassroots level.

### CENTRALIZED MONITORING AND WIDE PARTICIPATION

The BJP's state headquarters is closely monitoring the implementation of the Pakhwada. District and Mandal-level committees have been instructed to participate actively. Several departments have reported significant achievements during the campaign:

**21,962** land boundary dispute cases resolved

**53,438** name transfer cases addressed

**10,471** partition agreements processed

**11,141** path-related cases settled

### BROADER GOALS OF THE CAMPAIGN

The Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada aims to address multiple facets of poverty alleviation:

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT:** Offering vocational training to rural and urban poor for better employment opportunities.

**SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION:** Supporting SHGs, training centers, and street vendors.

**LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT:** Ensuring access to markets, credit, and social security.

**SHELTER FOR THE URBAN HOMELESS:** Creating dignified living spaces for homeless populations.

**CORE OBJECTIVE:** To significantly reduce poverty across both rural and urban sectors, particularly among vulnerable groups.

### OTHER KEYPOINTS

#### RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

● Received 61,442 applications to connect beneficiaries with welfare schemes

#### PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT

● Issued 61,957 ownership certificates under the Swamitva Yojana

#### ENERGY DEPARTMENT

● Repaired and replaced 17,274 sagging electricity lines

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPT

● Issued 18,810 tap water connections

● Cleaned 6,472 water tanks

#### FOREST DEPARTMENT

● Distributed 8,256,718 saplings for afforestation

#### FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

● Resolved 66,895 applications under the National Food Security Act (NFSA)

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

● Issued 4,418 UDID (Unique Disability ID) cards

● Registered 33,753 beneficiaries under the PMVVY scheme

#### ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

● Administered 865,596 vaccinations for diseases like lumpy skin, hemorrhagic septicemia, and foot-and-mouth disease

#### HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

● Repaired and distributed 4,836 scooters to students

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

● Verified social security pensions of 79,981 pensioners



### Passengers experience moments of anxiety after Indigo flight faces technical fault

Passengers on board an Indigo flight from Hyderabad to Jaipur experienced moments of anxiety when the aircraft faced a technical fault shortly after take-off. The flight, numbered 6E 815, departed Hyderabad at 6:32 am but developed a technical issue soon after. As a result, the aircraft circled within Hyderabad airspace for 44 minutes. After significant efforts, the pilot managed a safe emergency landing at Hyderabad airport at 7:12 am. The technical issue was resolved, and the flight took off again for Jaipur at around 9:31 am.

### Why no decision on new BJP nat'l Prez?

Has a final decision still not been made regarding the appointment of the new BJP national president? Just three days ago, sources indicated that Bhupendra Yadav's name had been finalised for the role. However, there now appears to be a communication gap, as discussions are reportedly still ongoing about the possibility of appointing a woman as the next national president.

### Urban local bodies slowed plantation?

This time, urban local bodies in Rajasthan seem to be lagging behind in tree plantation efforts. Between 1st April and 3rd July 2025, more than 50 lakh saplings have been planted across the state. Under this, around 30 lakh have been planted by MNREGA, nearly 3 lakh by the Forest Department, about 1.5 lakh by the Watershed Department, and approximately 1.25 lakh by the Horticulture Department.

### Coal supply for Chhabra Power Plant caught up in the complications of a joint venture

The Ministry of Coal has refused to provide coal to RVUNL from the allocated mines in Chhattisgarh. The objection arises because of the joint venture between the Power Production Corporation and NTPC, where administrative powers have been handed over to NTPC. With the formation of the new company, the management and control of the plant will change, making it ineligible to receive coal from those mines, as the allocation was permitted only to the Production Corporation. As a result, scrutiny of the joint venture rules has now begun to enable discussions with the Centre.

## Fake woman SI held in Sikar; probe on

**CRIME ROUNDUP**  
Satyanarayan Sharma  
Jaipur

Shastri Nagar police finally arrested fake woman SI Mona Bugalia from Sikar late on Thursday. An FIR was registered against accused Mona alias Monica, Mooli Devi in September 2023. Mona undertook SI training in RPA.

The accused was trained with the SI batch number 48 in RPA. However, when her fraud was exposed, she fled and lived in a rented accommodation in Sikar. Police are interrogating the accused.

### JAIPUR: NEWBORN GIRL FOUND IN BUSHES IN VISHWAKARMA AREA



Jaipur: In a distressing incident, a newborn baby girl was found abandoned in the bushes in the Vishwakarma police station area of Jaipur. The infant was discovered by local residents, who immediately informed the police. As per officials, the baby was wrapped in cloth when found and appeared to be only a few hours old. She was immediately shifted to Kanwatia Hospital for medical care. Hospital authorities are now monitoring her condition. The police probing the case.

### WOMAN ALLEGES RAPE BY HOTEL MANAGER

Bikaner: A woman has filed a complaint against a hotel manager in Bikaner accusing him of raping her. As per victim, the manager, in an inebriated condition, knocked on her room's door and when she opened, he intimidated her & raped her.

### ASSAILANTS KILL MAN IN JAISALMER

Jaisalmer: A man was killed allegedly by unidentified assailants while he was asleep and his body was dumped in a water tank here, police said on Friday. The incident took place in Mohangarh area. Bhajan Lal was sleeping on a cot when unidentified assailants killed him.

### ACB NABS AAO OF CMHO OFFICE WITH ₹ 1.50 LAKH BRIBE, CMHO UNDER SCANNER

Udaipur: Jaipur ACB conducted a major operation in Udaipur, targeting Ashish Damor, an AAO at the CMHO office, in a bribery case on Friday. Damor was caught accepting a bribe of ₹1.5 lakh. The ACB's action has raised suspicions about the role of CMHO Ashok Aditya in the alleged demand for a bribe to cancel a hospital's license. ASP Bhupendra Choudhary oversaw the operation, acting on directives from DIGs Rahul Kotoki and Rajesh Singh, and acting DG Smita Shrivastava.

'We need smart electricity system, not smart meters'

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee Secretary Giriraj Khandelwal has called the state government's plan to replace old electricity meters with smart meters a betrayal of electricity consumers.

He alleged that government is ignoring the interests of the common people and is instead working as a tool to benefit a few selected companies, raising serious questions over the transparency of this entire project. He reminded since 1995-1996, Rajasthan has already spent thousands of crores replacing meters multiple times, & now, again, consumers are being forced to accept smart meters.

## Widespread showers across State, Pokhran records 128 mm of rain

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Pokhran in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district recorded 128 mm of rain in a day under the influence of the southwest monsoon, even as a few areas in the state continued to reel under intense heat.

Widespread rainfall was observed across the state in a 24-hour period till Friday morning, with heavy to very heavy showers reported in parts of western Rajasthan, the weather department said. Besides Pokhran, which recorded the highest rainfall, many other places also received moderate to heavy rains. Meanwhile, a few districts also continued to experience intense heat.



Commuters on the Jagatpura Goner Road during a heavy rain, in Jaipur on Friday. **MUKESH KIRADOO**

### MAJOR WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

- In the coming days, rainfall activity is likely to continue in Kota, Ajmer, Jaipur, Bharatpur, and Udaipur divisions, with chances of heavy to very heavy rainfall in some places.
- The water level of the Bisalpur dam has risen to 313.59 RL metres. The dam is currently filled to 67% of its total capacity.
- In Jaipur (Greater Municipal Area), warning boards being placed at waterlogging spots to prevent accidents during monsoon; repeated incidents of vehicles getting stuck.
- In Ajmer JLN Hospital, ceiling plaster collapsed in the prisoner ward of the city's biggest hospital.
- In Sawai Madhopur (Khandar, Nayapur Road), deep 6-foot roadside pit formed due to soil erosion from heavy rain; high risk for commuters, especially at night.

## Close shave for patients as plaster falls in hospital

CS Dave  
Pokhran

The first spell of monsoon rains has exposed the poor arrangements at Seth Vitthaladas Government Sub-District Hospital, the largest hospital in the Pokhran sub-division.

A major incident occurred when the plaster from the ceiling of the male ward collapsed, causing panic in the hospital. The loud noise attracted a large crowd of people. Fortunately, a patient narrowly escaped injury. Barely 12 hours after the incident, on Friday afternoon, a similar incident occurred in the female ward when plaster from the ceiling suddenly collapsed, again causing chaos and panic in hospital.



Debris on the floor at the Pokhran hospital on Friday.

## CEO NAVEEN MAHAJAN TO BOOTH LEVEL OFFICERS 'Ensure accuracy of electoral rolls'

Dr Rituraj Sharma  
Jaipur

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Naveen Mahajan emphasized the pivotal role of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in ensuring the accuracy of the electoral rolls and the transparency of the election process. Addressing a state-wide video conference on Friday from the Secretariat, Mahajan stated that BLOs are the most critical link in the field-level election machinery, and their ap-



Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Naveen Mahajan during a state-wide video conference meeting with Booth Level Officers on Friday. The meeting was focused on polling station rationalisation, voter list revision, and BLO appointments.

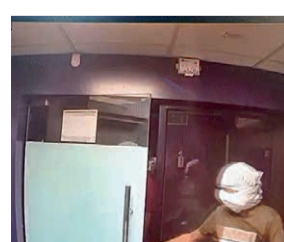
pointment should prioritize efficiency, commitment, and strong local voter engagement. The meeting, which focused on polling station rationalisation, voter list revision, and BLO appointments, saw participation from electoral

officials across all districts. Mahajan instructed that the rationalisation of polling stations must be carried out keeping voter convenience at the forefront. He stressed that the process should ensure easy access, basic facilities, and an appropriate voter-to-station distance ratio at every polling centre. He also directed that political parties must be facilitated to appoint booth-level agents at all polling stations to strengthen the democratic process and enhance accountability.

## Miscreants uproot ATM, flee with ₹18 lakh in Raj

PTI  
Sikar

Unidentified miscreants uprooted an ATM containing around Rs 18 lakh and fled after assaulting the security guard here, police said on Friday. The incident took place around 2.19 am on Chomu Road in the Ajeetgarh police station area, they said. According to Station House Officer Mukesh Kumar, around 6 masked assailants overpowered the security guard deployed at the ATM kiosk located near Narolia Bhanwani shops. The guard



A miscreant is seen entering the ATM in the Chomu Road in Sikar on Friday.

was gagged, and his hands and feet were tied. When he resisted, the accused thrashed him with iron rods, the officer said. Efforts are underway to identify and apprehend the accused, police added.

**Delay in online services** Lease deeds top list of overdue services

# Large number of cases pending in Local bodies

Abhishek Shrivastava  
Jaipur

Many urban local bodies in Rajasthan are facing a large number of pending cases related to public services, even though these services are available online. This has caused long delays for citizens seeking help. In a recent meeting, Ravi Jain, the new Secretary of the Local Self-Government Department, reviewed the work of these bodies. The findings showed serious issues with delays. Out of 4,05,534 cases received by July 1, around 74,424 cases—nearly half—are still pending past their deadline.

The biggest delay is in issuing lease deeds, with 59,000 cases overdue. Other delayed services include one-time lease certificates, name transfers, building plan approvals, fire NOCs, their renewals and trade licenses. Despite set timelines, these cases are unresolved which is causing trouble for the public. The review highlighted the poor performance of many local bodies.



## NEARLY 75,000 CASES PENDING BEYOND DEADLINE

TYPE OF SERVICES	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	PENDING BEYOND DEADLINE
Lease Deeds	1,62,682 applications	59,803 (36.76%)
Reconstitution & Subdivision	9,028 applications	2,632 (29.15%)
One-Time Lease Certificates	213 applications	105 (49.29%)
Building Plan Approvals	58,223 applications	4,443 (7.63%)
Street Vendor Registration	1,992 applications	528 (26.55%)
Trade Licenses	10,219 applications	358 (3.50%)
Fire NOC Issuance	25,986 applications	855 (3.29%)
Name Transfers	1,12,481 applications	5,128 (4.55%)
Sewer Connections	3,756 applications	386 (10.29%)

## DGP appears in HC in 2 petitions of missing kids



DGP Rajeev Sharma coming out after appearing in HC in Jaipur on Friday. ADG Malini Agarwal also seen here. **MUKESH KIRADOO**

Kamal Kant Sharma  
Jaipur

DGP Rajeev Sharma appeared before the High Court in connection with 2 habeas corpus petitions involving a missing five-year-old boy & a 40-year-old man. Summoned earlier by orders dated May 22 and 28, the DGP faced a division bench led by Justice Avneesh Jhingani, which voiced concern over the increasing cases of missing persons, espe-

cially minors.

The court criticised police inaction and inadequate responses, stating that citizens often approach the judiciary only after enduring distress. In response, DGP Sharma assured the court that Rajasthan Police will enhance investigations using modern techniques, including artificial intelligence and polygraph tests, to strengthen the recovery process in missing persons cases.

## Strong oppn vital for democracy, says BJP state president Rathore

BJP chief Madan Rathore welcomed in Jaipur after birthday

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The BJP state media department organised a grand welcome for BJP State President and Rajya Sabha MP Madan Rathore at the Constitution Club in Jaipur, marking his first visit to the city after his birthday. The event was led by BJP State Media Department Convenor Pramod Vashistha, along with party spokespersons, panellists, and media team members.

Rathore expressed heartfelt gratitude for the birthday wishes, stating they empower him to carry out his responsibilities with greater strength. He emphasised that the blessings of seniors and



Madan Rathore interacts with party workers after cutting the cake at Constitution Club in Jaipur on Friday. Pramod Vashistha, Jitendra Gothwal and others are also seen here. **NAIM KHAN**

well-wishers enhance one's ability to perform in public life.

In response to media queries, Rathore criticised former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for questioning constitutional institutions like the Election Commission. He asserted that Gehlot, having served as a democratically elect-

**Stock market listed companies on radar of ED**

## ED raids expose investor scam in Jaipur & Kota; ₹80 lakh cash seized

Vimal Kothari  
Jaipur

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday carried out raids in Jaipur and Kota under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against two stock market-listed companies — Debock Industries Limited and Naturo India Bull Limited. The crackdown follows allegations of misappropriation of investors' funds worth crores of rupees. Mukesh Manveer Singh, director of Debock Industries, and Gaurav Jain and Jyoti Chaudhary, promoters of



ED teams during search at the residence and office of Mukesh Manveer Singh of Debock Industries at Lohia Colony, in Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur.

Naturo India Bull, are under scrutiny. SEBI has also taken action against Debock Industries, which operates in the agricultural equipment, mining, and hospitality sectors. Naturo India, involved in

FMCG health and herbal products, is also accused of financial irregularities. In a major update, ED officials reportedly seized Rs 80 lakh in cash during the raids and are verifying ownership and details

of around eight luxury vehicles linked to the accused. Multiple properties, including those in Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur, have been searched as part of the probe into investor fraud.

## Four Non-SCS officers set to join IAS from Raj; interviews on July 23-24

Dr Rituraj Sharma  
Jaipur

The promotion process of Non-State Civil Services (Non-SCS) officers to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in Rajasthan has picked up pace, with four officers expected to be selected soon. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has scheduled interviews on July 23 and 24, 2025, for 20 short-



listed candidates across various departments such as Accounts, Agriculture, Medical, PHED, PWD, IT, and Transport.

The scrutiny committee, led by former IAS officer Veenu Gupta, fi-

nalised the list. A selection committee comprising two Joint Secretary-level IAS officers from the Centre and Rajasthan Chief Secretary Sudhanshu Pant will conduct the evaluation.

Based on these interviews, four officers will be promoted to the IAS under the 2022 vacancy year. Following their selection, an official notification will be issued by the Commission.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Green signal to fill 3,415 posts of IA as Raj HC removes stay

**Jaipur:** The Rajasthan High Court has lifted the stay on the Information Assistant Recruitment 2023. The High Court has granted permission to complete the recruitment process. The order was issued by a single bench of Justice Sudesh Bansal. While removing the stay on the recruitment, the High Court observed that the court cannot act as an expert on the subject. With this, appointments for 3,415 posts can now take place. Earlier, the High Court had imposed a stay on the recruitment in 2024. The orders were issued while dismissing the petitions filed by Babita Bai Bairwa and others.

### JDC Anandhi proposes lease deeds on art paper after FIN report

**Jaipur:** JDC Anandhi has responded positively to public sentiment and a First India News report by proposing an enhancement to the automated registration of lease deeds. In a meeting attended by Inspector General of Registration Sharad Mehra, she suggested that registered lease deeds should be provided as printed copies, preferably on thick art paper, to boost public trust and engagement with the system. The idea aligns with a First India News report aired on 26th June, which recommended improving the presentation of lease documents.



## Nine Raj parties among RUPPs facing removal by Election Commission

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

In a major step to enhance transparency and accountability in the electoral process, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has initiated the delisting of 345 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) for non-compliance with regulatory norms.

Of these, nine parties are from Rajasthan. Led by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi, the initiative targets parties that have not contested elections since 2019 and lack verifiable office addresses. The move is part of a nationwide clean-up drive



by the ECI to ensure only active and legitimate political entities remain on the register. Currently, over 2,800 RUPPs are registered in India, but many have failed to fulfil basic legal & administrative requirements. The Commission emphasised that final delisting decisions will be made after due process. This action aims to strengthen the credibility of the electoral system by removing dormant or fictitious political organisations.

## RCDF TRAINING CAMP IN GUJARAT

# Raj Dairy Min urges greater female participation

First India Bureau  
Palanpur (Gujarat)

A three-day women's training camp was inaugurated on Friday at Banas Dairy in Palanpur, Gujarat, jointly organised by the Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF) and the National Commission for Women. Dignitaries including Gujarat Assembly Speaker Shankarlal Chaudhary, Rajasthan Dairy Minister Joram Kumawat, and NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rathkar attended the event.



Joram Kumawat and Shankar Chaudhary with Vijaya Rathkar, Shruti Bhardwaj and officials of RCDF and Banas Dairy during the training camp at Palanpur Gujarat on Friday.

Kumawat highlighted that secretaries from 48 women dairy cooperative societies across four Rajasthan districts—Jaipur, Sikar, Bharatpur, and Tonk—will undergo training. He emphasised

fostering healthy competition among dairy cooperatives and called for active engagement with villagers and farmers.

The Minister underscored the dairy sector's role in empowering

women and urged for greater female participation. He also encouraged unions to adopt innovative models and reward outstanding contributors to enhance the sector's impact on farmers.

## RCDF UNVEILS SPECIAL SUPPORT PLAN FOR FOUR MILK UNIONS

To counter growing milk networks from other states, RCDF has introduced a special policy for milk unions in Udaipur, Banswara, Barmer, and Raniwara. Milk producers will receive an extra Rs 2 per litre bonus alongside the Rs 5 Sambal Yojana subsidy. Additional benefits include health and accident insurance, with 90% premium borne by RCDF and unions, and Rs 21,000 assistance for the marriage of a registered farmer's daughter. **Dinesh Kasana**

## Devnani lauds Chaturmas as symbol of self-discipline, cultural harmony

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani paid tribute to the spiritual essence of Jain saints during the Chaturmas commencement ceremony at Navkar Bhavan, Tilak Nagar. Organised by Shri Sadhumargi Shant Kranti Jain Sangh, the event marked the arrival of 30 monks and nuns under the guidance of Acharya Pravar 1008 Param Pujya Shri Vijayaraj Ji. Devnani described Chaturmas as a time for self-discipline, inner reflection, and spiritual



Vasudev Devnani with people of Jain community on Friday.

growth, calling it a symbol of cultural strength and harmony. The monks will reside in Tilak Nagar for four months, conducting spiritual discourses, meditative practices, and promoting dharma. Devnani praised the in-

spirational value of the Acharya's teachings and highlighted importance of such observances in reinforcing moral values and compassion in society. The ceremony began with the Navkar Mantra and traditional invocations.



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# A COMING OF AGE AT EDGBASTON

SHUBMAN GILL'S DOUBLE CENTURY AND THE MAKING OF A GENERATION CRICKETER



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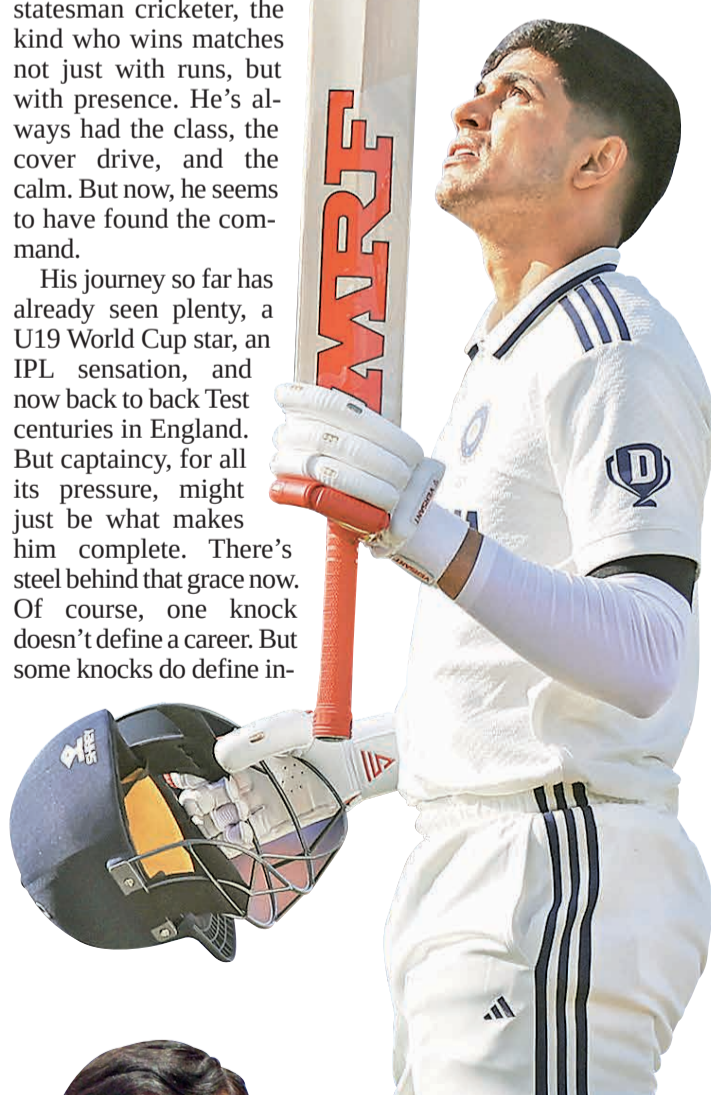
He lost", he said. It takes a certain maturity and leadership clarity to make that admission. And it takes a different kind of genius to back those words with the bat. What followed at Edgbaston was sublime. Gill's double hundred wasn't just about runs, it was about resilience, and responsibility. But beyond the aesthetics was a deeper message: India's new skipper wasn't going to let criticism define him. He batted with assurance, absorbed pressure, rotated strike with calm, and accelerated when needed. More than once, his partnership-building reminded one of the seasoned Kohli-Pujara days but with a millennial upgrade. The fans at Edgbaston, an energetic mix of travelling Indian supporters and desi families from the UK, knew they were witnessing something special. During the tea break, I wandered down towards the fan zone and met a 13-year-old boy, who plays cricket in Ireland. Clutching an Indian flag and beaming ear to ear, he said something that stayed with me, "I love Virat Kohli, always have. But today... something changed. I think Shubman Gill's taken that place in my heart. I'm going to tell everyone that I was there when Gill scored his double cen-

ture at Edgbaston." That's the thing about moments like these. They linger. Not just in scorecards or highlights packages, but in memories and emotions. And often, in retrospect, they become turning points. For Shubman Gill, this may well be the start of something bigger. The transition from a promising prodigy to a statesman cricketer, the kind who wins matches not just with runs, but with presence. He's always had the class, the cover drive, and the calm. But now, he seems to have found the command. His journey so far has already seen plenty, a U19 World Cup star, an IPL sensation, and now back to back Test centuries in England. But captaincy, for all its pressure, might just be what makes him complete. There's steel behind that grace now. Of course, one knock doesn't define a career. But some knocks do define in-

tent, and Gill's double ton was that kind of knock. It's early days in his leadership career, but the signs are promising. He's not chasing the spotlight but owning the shadows and letting his bat be the torch.

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**THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL**



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## IN-DEPTH

### BRICS SUMMIT IN BRAZIL EXPECTED TO SUCCEED WHERE SCO FAILED

**T**he Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit revealed the limitations of multilateral forums when national interests override shared concerns. The Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 innocent Indians lost their lives, deserved a strong and united condemnation. Yet, due to the complicity of China and Pakistan, the SCO final document failed to include any meaningful reference to the attack or the broader threat of cross-border terrorism. India's decision to withhold its endorsement of the final communiqué was entirely justified. By choosing silence over solidarity, the SCO has undermined its credibility in the fight against terrorism. India has consistently called for collective global action against terror networks.

All eyes now turn to the BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro on July 6-7. The hope is that BRICS leaders, many of whom have been victims of terror themselves, will not shy away from calling out terrorism in all its forms — including the horrific Pahalgam attack — with the clarity and resolve that the SCO sadly lacked.

### TROUBLE FOR CONG IN KARNATAKA



**T**rouble seems to be simmering within the Congress camp in Karnataka, barely a year after the party's thumping victory in the 2023 Assembly elections. While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar have publicly denied any rift, the signs of internal discontent are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore. The recent meetings of senior Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala with disgruntled MLAs lend credence to the perception that all is not well within the ruling dispensation.

The central leadership's intervention, through Surjewala, is clearly aimed at damage control. Yet, it also indirectly confirms that dissension exists. Reports indicate that some legislators are unhappy with Siddaramaiah's style of functioning and the perceived marginalisation of certain communities and regions. Others are said to be uneasy about the slow pace of implementation of key guarantees and the growing perception that the government is slipping on governance.

This unrest has emerged at a particularly sensitive time. With the Lok Sabha elections delivering a mixed bag for the Congress in Karnataka, the party needs unity more than ever to consolidate its position in the state. Any public display of factionalism may cost it dearly in the long run, particularly when the BJP is re-strategising after its setbacks.

The Congress will find it difficult to address the grievances of its legislators, ensure equitable distribution of power, and reinforce internal communication. Shivakumar, an ambitious leader, has waited too long for the CM's posts and can't be expected to for another four years. To control dissidence and retain Karnataka as a stronghold the Congress has a few options.



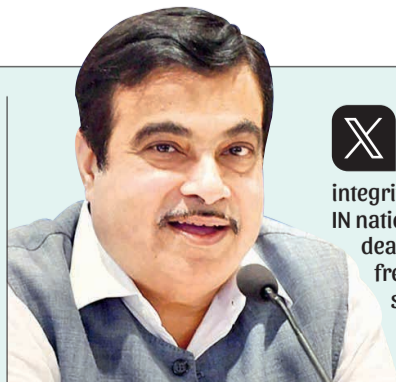
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## TOP TWEETS



**X** I offer my heartfelt salutations to Swami Vivekananda, the great spiritual guru and inspiration for the youth, who established Indian culture on the global stage, on the occasion of his nirvana day. Swami Vivekananda, who made the world aware of the grandeur and greatness of Indian culture, considered the power of youth as the foundation of nation-building.

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda



**X** Pingali Venkayya Ji, who designed the national flag "Tricolor," a symbol of India's integrity and pride, worked to unite the IN nation in a thread of unity. On the death anniversary of such a great freedom fighter, I offer humble salutations.

Nitin Gadkari @nitin\_gadkari

## SPIRITUAL SPEAK

All that we are is the result of what we have thought: it is founded on our thoughts and made up of our thoughts.

**BUDDHA**

# 'NDA campus right place for Bajirao's memorial'

Amit Shah unveils statue in Pune

Agencies  
Pune

The National Defence Academy (NDA) campus in Pune the most appropriate location for Maratha empire warrior Peshwa Bajirao's memorial, Union minister Amit Shah said on Friday.

"NDA is the most appropriate place for his memorial as it is the academy where military leadership is being trained," Shah said, while unveiling Peshwa Bajirao's equestrian statue at the NDA campus.

"Had the battle for independence started by Shivaji Maharaj and taken forward by the Peshwas for 100 years not been fought, India's basic structure would have ceased to exist," Shah said.

"In his life of 40 years, Peshwa Bajirao wrote an immortal history which no other person could write," Shah said.

**Shah to lay foundation stone of Tribhuvan Sahkari University**

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will perform 'Bhoomi Pujan' and lay the foundation stone of the country's first national-level cooperative university, Tribhuvan Sahkari University (TSU) at Anand in Gujarat on July 5.

Amit Shah will also



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy CMs Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar unveils a statue of Peshwa Bajirao, in Pune on Friday.

participate in tree plantation under the campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" which has become a mass movement on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, instilling a sense of responsibility for environmental protection and cultural values.

Apart from this, Shah will also unveil an educational module prepared by the NCERT to familiarize school students with the principles of cooperation and the impact of the cooperative movement in India.

It will set up subject-specific schools at its campus and in other states and create a national network.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated during the unveiling of a statue of Peshwa Bajirao, in Pune on Friday.

# No official confirmation on PM's visit to Manipur: Chief Secretary

PTI  
Imphal

Manipur Chief Secretary PK Singh on Friday said no official communication about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's possible visit has been received.

Singh's comments came in response to a query about reports suggesting that Modi may visit the ethnic strife-hit state later this month.

"We are not aware of any such plans. Expectation is there, but nothing has come as of now," Singh told reporters on

## 'PLANS TO SHUT RELIEF CAMPS BY DECEMBER, RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED IN 3 PHASES'

Manipur Chief Secretary PK Singh on Friday said the state government is planning to shut down all relief camps by December, with the resettlement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to be carried out in three phases. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event here, Singh said coordinated discussions had taken place with the Centre and the Ministry of Home Affairs, resulting in a phased plan for the return and rehabilitation of displaced persons. "We've had a good round of discussions with the Centre."



the sidelines of a programme here. Modi is currently on a five-nation tour from July 2 to July 9. Some media reports claimed that two meet-

ings were held separately by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Governor Ajay Bhalla, and that security forces have been told about a

possible visit by the PM. The Monsoon Session of Parliament is also scheduled to begin from July 21 and continue until August 12.

# CJI BR Gavai assures 'complete transparency' in collegium system

PTI  
Mumbai

Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai on Friday assured to infuse "complete transparency" in the collegium system of appointment of judges, wherein merit will never be compromised and all sections of society will get representation.

The CJI, who was sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India last month, was speaking at the Bombay High Court in an event organised by the Bombay Bar Association to honour his elevation to the highest judicial position in the country.

CJI Gavai said since his predecessor Justice Sanjeev Khanna was the CJI, the collegium has



Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai.

tried to infuse more transparency in matters of appointments.

He added that SC Justice Dipankar Datta previously at an event in Nagpur last week spoke about interference in the working of the collegium.

"I assure everyone, we will adopt a procedure of complete transparency. Merit will never be com-

promised. We will have representatives from all sections of society. Names of all recommended will be followed up," the CJI said.

He further said that when his name was recommended in 2019 for elevation to the Supreme Court, one judge in the collegium was not in favour of the same.

# 'Government must allow Parl discussion on India-China ties'

PTI  
New Delhi

The Congress on Friday said the Narendra Modi government must agree to a discussion on India-China relations in Parliament so that a consensus can be built for a collective response to the geopolitical and economic challenges that the neighbouring country poses.

Congress general secretary, Jairam Ramesh said Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Rahul R Singh has publicly confirmed what has been talked about ever since Operation Sindoor was halted abruptly at the intervention of US President Donald Trump.

## Congress workers' convention



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge with Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during a party workers' convention, in Hyderabad on Friday. Kharge also unveiled the statue of former CM of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh (undivided) K Rosaiah on the occasion of the latter's 92nd birth anniversary.

# HC dismisses petition challenging Fadnavis's 2024 assembly poll win

Agencies  
Mumbai

In a relief to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court on Friday dismissed a petition challenging his victory in the 2024 assembly elections from the Nagpur South West seat.

A bench of Justice Pravin Patil dismissed the petition filed by Congress' Prafulla Vinodrao Gudadhe against Fadnavis's assembly poll victory claiming procedural lapses and corrupt practices earlier this year.

Gudadhe in the petition sought the high court to declare the poll result as null and void saying several mandatory provisions were not



Maha CM Devendra Fadnavis

In the 2024, Maharashtra elections, Prafulla Vinodrao Gudadhe lost to Fadnavis in the Nagpur South-West constituency by 39,710 votes.

Gudadhe in the petition sought the high court to declare the poll result as null and void saying several mandatory provisions were not

followed.

Gudadhe's advocate Pavan Dahat said the bench dismissed the petition on a technical ground that the petitioner was not physically present at the time of filing of the petition.

He said they are already in the process of filing an appeal in the Supreme Court against the HC order.

Along with Gudadhe's election petition, the high court on Friday also dismissed four other petitions challenging the election of BJP MLA Mohan Mate, Sudhir Mungantiwar, Deora Bhongle and Kiritkumar Bhangadia.

## COMPLETES 4 YEARS AS CHIEF MINISTER

# Dhami now longest-serving BJP CM of U'khand

Vinod Kumar  
Dehradun

Pushkar Singh Dhami has become the longest-serving Chief Minister from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Uttarakhand. Today marks the completion of four years since he first assumed office.

He took the oath as CM on July 4, 2021. Following BJP's victory in the 2022 state elections, he was once again cho-



Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami speaks during an event to mark the completion of his four years in office, in Haridwar.

sen as Chief Minister. Across both tenures combined, Dhami has now completed four continuous years in office.

Except for Narayan Dutt Tiwari, no other Chief Minister in Uttarakhand has had such a long term.

Since the state's formation, only Congress's ND Tiwari (2002-2007) completed a full five-year term as CM. After him, no CM from either Congress or BJP has lasted five full years in office.

Historically, no BJP Chief Minister in Uttarakhand has completed a continuous four-year tenure. Due to political instability, the central

leadership had to change CMs frequently.

Pushkar Singh Dhami stands out as the only BJP CM to have remained in office for four consecutive years. However, he is still one year away from setting a new record.

If he completes five continuous years, it will become a record in BJP-governed Uttarakhand.

Despite losing from Khatima in the 2022 Assembly election, the BJP central leadership re-

posed faith in Dhami. In March 2022, he was appointed as the CM of Uttarakhand.

Since then, he has emerged as the BJP's most trusted face in the state.

Dhami has also gained national attention for key decisions — including the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code, strict anti-cheating laws for exams, and anti-conversion legislation — all widely discussed across the country.

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Dated: 26/06/2025

To:  
Principal Secretary (Forest and Environment),  
Department of Forest and Wildlife Government of Rajasthan,  
Venki Path, Near Secretariat, Jaipur-302005 (Rajasthan)  
Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 0.1449 ha of forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in favour of M/s HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD. for Sriganaganar Territorial Division in GANGANAGAR Forest Division, District (RAJASTHAN) - reg. Sir/Madam,

I am to refer to the online proposal No. FPI/RJ/PetrolPump/523384/2025 dated 10/02/2025 on the abovementioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980.

After careful consideration and approval of the proposal by the Central Government under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the proposal for non-forestry use of 0.1449 ha of forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in favour of M/s HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD. for Sriganaganar Territorial Division in Forest Division District GANGANAGAR (RAJASTHAN) subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. General Conditions:  
S.No.1 Conditions- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.  
S.No.2 Conditions-The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topsheet of 1:50,000 scale.  
S.No.3 Conditions- The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.  
S.No.4 Conditions-The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2009, 24.04.2008 and 08.05.2009 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.  
S.No.5 Conditions-At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the Conditions-dilution amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.  
S.No.6 Conditions- The funds received from the user agency under the project, except the funds realized for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in the Savings Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned.  
S.No.7 Conditions- The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.  
S.No.8 Conditions- The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground by the project cost, involving four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.  
S.No.9 Conditions- The User Agency, if required, will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures in the area of the diverted forest land in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of this nature may be submitted along with the compliance report.  
S.No.10 Conditions- No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.  
S.No.11 Conditions- The User Agency shall provide fuelers preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.  
S.No.12 Conditions- The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.  
S.No.13 Conditions- The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.  
S.No.14 Conditions- The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be under any circumstances transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.  
S.No.15 Conditions- No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.  
S.No.16 Conditions- The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forestland to be diverted in accordance with the guidelines issued by the MoEF.  
S.No.17 Conditions- The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State FPI/RJ/PetrolPump/523384/2025 Page 2 of 4S. No Conditions  
S.No.18 Conditions- The State Government shall monitor the compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year.  
S.No.19 Conditions- Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.  
S.No.20 Conditions- The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.  
S.No.21 Conditions- Grant of working permission to the extent proposal may be considered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions as contained in the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 28.08.2015.  
S.No.22 Conditions- No tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project.  
S.No.23 Conditions- Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 0.25 degraded forest land (100 plants), Survey No. 01, Village- CHAK 1 SRPM, Range- Suratgarh, Tehsil- Suratgarh, District- Singanagar of Rajasthan at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and mono-culture of any species may be avoided.  
S.No.24 Conditions- Greenery shall be maintained around the boundary and between the inlet and exit of the fuel pump by the User Agency.

3. Specific Conditions After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of all the above conditions from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. The User Agency shall take up the work as per the guidelines in force and after ensuring that all necessary clearances for the entire stretch are in place. Working permission, if any issued, shall be intimated to RO, Gandhinagar. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard. Further, it may also be noted that this In-principle/Stage-I approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this In-principle approval shall be revoked after two (02) years.

Copy To: Chief Executive Officer, National CAMPA, MoEF&CC, Indira Park, Varanasi, Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003 (Email-ndhcc-mef@gov.in)  
2. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira Park, Varanasi, Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.  
3. The AFOFC & Nodal Officer, State Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan Aranya Bhawan, Jaipur.  
4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sriganaganar, Rajasthan.  
5. The concerned User Agency.  
6. Guard File.

Your faithfully (Shrawan Kumar Verma) Regional Officer/Head of Department (Regional Office, Gandhinagar MoEF&CC, Govt of India)

MONSOON RAVAGES: MET ISSUES 'RED' ALERT FOR SUNDAY

# 43 dead in Himachal Pradesh in two weeks, 37 still missing



Relief &amp; rescue operation underway after flash floods at Thunag, in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh.



A damaged vehicle in the aftermath of cloudbursts and flash floods, at Seraj valley in Mandi.

PTI

Shimla

Forty-three people have been killed and at least 37 are missing in Himachal Pradesh due to cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides since the onset of monsoon last month, officials said on Friday.

The Met office has issued a "red" alert in 10 of the 12 districts in the hill state for Sunday. The "red" alert is for very heavy to extremely heavy rains at isolated places in Kangra, Sirmaur and Mandi districts and heavy to very heavy showers at isolated places over Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Chamba, Solan, Shimla and Kullu districts.

Monsoon hit Himachal Pradesh on June 20 and

## KEDARNATH YATRA RESUMES; PILGRIMS GUIDED SAFELY UNDER NDRF SUPERVISION

Due to continuous rainfall in Uttarakhand over the past several days, the Char Dham Yatra has been severely affected, especially the Kedarnath route. Pilgrims are facing multiple hardships, and NDRF personnel have emerged as saviors, assisting children, elderly, and women with dedication. The Kedarnath Yatra has now resumed. After clearing debris and boulders near Sonprayag shuttle parking, the route was reopened. However, heavy debris near Chaudi Gadhera, one kilometer from Gaurikund, had caused disruption. NDRF teams are actively helping pilgrims across difficult stretches under monitoring.

has caused damage worth Rs 500 crore so far. Of the 43 victims, 14 were killed in cloudbursts and eight in flash floods. One person died due to a landslide, while seven people drowned.

Interacting with report-

ers here, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu pegged the losses at about Rs 700 crore as he said details are pouring in.

Sukhu announced that Rs 5,000 per month would be given as house rent to the families lodged

## 2 ASSAM RIVERS BREACH MARK, WARNING LEVEL CROSSED AT SITES

The flood situation in Assam has turned grim, with the Dhansiri (South) river in Golaghat district and the Dikhow river in Sivasagar district flowing above the danger mark, according to the Central Water Commission's (CWC) daily flood bulletin issued on Friday. These are the only two locations in India currently under the 'severe flood' category, indicating that though the water levels have crossed the danger mark, they remain below the historical highest flood level. According to the CWC report, there are 14 sites across the country, including the two in the 'severe flood' category, where the water level is currently above the warning level and 12 in the 'above normal' category are spread across Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

in relief camps as their houses were damaged. He further said torrential rains and road accidents have claimed 69 lives so far, with 110 people injured and 37 missing. The chief minister said he would soon visit the af-

ected areas again.

Sukhu said he has apprised Union Home Minister Amit Shah of the extensive damage and the latter has promised full support and said a central team would visit the state to assess the situation.

## LG: Over 20k pilgrims visit Amarnath shrine in 2 days

PTI

Jammu

Over 20,000 pilgrims have had darshan of the naturally formed ice 'Shivling' in the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas during the first two days of the pilgrimage, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday.

The LG said there is an atmosphere of celebration and enthusiasm across the entire Union Territory for the annual Amarnath Yatra.

"Till now, according to the information, over 20,000 devotees of Baba have had darshan," Sinha told reporters after inaugurating the Yatri Niwas Complex at the Baltal base camp in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

"Baba's devotees are coming here from various corners of the country, and the people of J-K are welcoming them with open hearts. The J-K government and the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) have improved the facilities for the yatri," he added.

Sinha said some yatri, who have registration for future dates, have arrived ahead of schedule.

"I request them to wait patiently. No one will be asked to leave, but priority will be given to those who have registrations for July 4 or 5," he said.



People during the annual pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath, at Baltal, in Ganderbal district of J&amp;K on Friday.

## 6,400 PILGRIMS LEAVE JAMMU BASE CAMP

The third batch of over 6,400 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu in two separate convoys on Friday to join the annual Amarnath pilgrimage in the Kashmir Himalayas, officials said. The third batch of 6,411 pilgrims — 4,723 men, 1,071 women, 37 children, and 580 sadhus and sadhis — left in 291 vehicles, they said. The batch left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in two groups for Baltal and Pahalgam at 3.15 am and 4 am, escorted by CRPF. 3,622 pilgrims took the 48-kilometre traditional Pahalgam route in 138 vehicles.

## PILGRIM DIES AFTER FALLING UNCONSCIOUS

A pilgrim from Uttar Pradesh died after falling unconscious at Sheshnag base camp of the annual Amarnath Yatra, officials on Friday said. The pilgrim, identified as Dileep Srivastav, a resident of Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri, fell unconscious at Sheshnag base camp on the second day of the 38-day pilgrimage, the officials said. Srivastav was immediately shifted to Sheshnag base camp hospital where he passed away, they said.

The Yatri Niwas will accommodate 800 pilgrims and also includes a registration and security block. "Providing safe and adequate ac-

commodation for all devotees is our top priority," the LG said.

He also interacted with service providers and devotees at the base camp.

## Ensure quick resolution of public grievances: Yogi to PCS trainees



A group of 45 trainee PCS officers from the 2022-23 batch paid a courtesy visit to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at his official residence in Lucknow. On this occasion, Director General of Uttar Pradesh Academy of Administration and Management, IAS Venkateshwarlu, and Additional Director, IAS Sunil Chaudhary, were also present.

First India Bureau  
Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday called on Provincial Civil Services' (PCS)

trainee officers to ensure quick resolution of public grievances and to be sensitive towards the poor and weaker sections of society.

The chief minister told

the trainees that becoming an essential part of the administration of a large state like Uttar Pradesh presents significant challenges, which will enhance their personalities.

## Thousands of students will be affected: SC refuses plea against NEET-UG '25

PTI

New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain a petition challenging the NEET-UG 2025 results due to an alleged error in one of the questions.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and R Mahadevan said it had dismissed a similar petition two days ago and it can't deal with individual examinations.

"We have dismissed identical matters. We agree there might be multiple correct answers. But we cannot interfere in an exam which is given by lakhs of candidates. It's not an individual's case. Thousands of students will be affected," the bench said.



The top court was hearing a petition filed by a candidate seeks correction of the alleged mistake and revision of results. The plea also sought a stay on the counselling process.

The National Eligibility cum Entrance test (NEET) is a nationwide entrance

## DELHI HC REJECTS JACQUELINE'S CLAIM

The Delhi High Court in its order rejected Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez's argument that the ED adopted a "pick and choose" policy and did not proceed against other similarly-placed actors in a money laundering case. Fernandez was referring to television celebrities Nikki Tamboli, Chahat Khanna and Sophia Singh. Justice Anish Dayal dismissed her plea for quashing an FIR against her in a Rs 200 crore money laundering case also involving alleged conman Suresh Chandrasekhar. The actor argued that the probe agency did not proceed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

exam conducted by the National Testing Agency.

It said both the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the Medical Counciling Committee (MCC) had failed to "rectify demonstrably incorrect answers in the provisional as well as the final answer key, despite

the submission of well-founded objections supported by authoritative academic material, thereby resulting in a gross miscarriage of justice and an unconstitutional deprivation of marks that critically impact merit and career prospects of the petitioner".

## Rupee rises 15 paise to close at 85.40 against dollar

PTI

Mumbai

The rupee appreciated 15 paise to close at 85.40 against the US dollar on Friday, tracking a decline in the American currency in the overseas market and a weak tone in crude oil prices.

Forex traders said Asian currencies, including the rupee, gained ground on renewed hopes of trade deals with the US.

US President Donald Trump announced a trade agreement with Vietnam, and that injected a dose of optimism that perhaps more such agreements could be in the pipeline before the crucial July 9 deadline, according to forex traders.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 85.44 against the American currency and touched an intra-day high of 85.30 and a low of 85.50 during the session.

The local unit finally settled at 85.40, up 15 paise from its previous closing price.

On Thursday, the rupee pared initial losses and edged up 7 paise to close at 85.55 against the dollar.

"We expect the rupee to gain on falling US dollar and weak tone in crude oil. However, uncertainty over trade tariffs may cap sharp gains," Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said.

## HAJ 2025 FOR INDIAN PILGRIMS

# Best ever conducted, claims Rijiju

PTI

New Delhi

The organisation of Haj 2025 for Indian pilgrims was the best ever that has been conducted, Minister of Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju said on Friday and highlighted that fatality rate for Indians during the pilgrimage went down drastically with 64 deaths this year as compared to more than 200 in 2024.

After a Haj review meeting, Rijiju said the Haj application for 2026



Minister of Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju.

will be initiated within a month. He also said that it is the desire of every Muslim to perform Haj once in life and to fulfill this, the Narendra Modi government is working

with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. "So, I would like to request all the applicants to fill up the forms and apply within the time frame. We have to follow

the timelines set by the government of Saudi Arabia. We have to follow all the stringent conditions and stipulations," he said.

"So the success of 2025 Haj is because of the concerted efforts of officials of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Home Affairs. The organisation of Haj 2025 for Indian pilgrims was the best ever that has been conducted," he said.

## 144 yrs of Darjeeling Railway



An artist makes a painting of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, also known as Toy Train, to mark the 144th anniversary of its establishment, at Sukna railway station, on the outskirts of Siliguri of West Bengal on Friday.

# The Indian diaspora is our pride: PM Modi

PM MODI HAILS INDIAN COMMUNITY'S JOURNEY DURING VISIT TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PM MODI CALLS HIS PRIME MINISTER KAMLA PERSAD-BISSESSAR AS 'DAUGHTER OF BIHAR'

**Agencies**

Couva (Trinidad & Tobago)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, currently in Trinidad and Tobago as part of his five-nation diplomatic tour, lauded the Indian diaspora for their resilience and contributions. Speaking at a community event at the National Cycling Velodrome in Couva on Thursday, he said, "The journey of the Indian community in Trinidad and Tobago is one of courage. The challenges your ancestors faced could have broken even the strongest spirits, but they endured with hope and persistence."

Modi expressed that being there felt natural, saying, "We are part of one family." Trinidad and Tobago, with a population of approximately 13 lakh, has about 45 per cent of its people tracing their roots to India. He emphasized, "Our ties go far beyond geography and generations."

He also referred to Trinidad & Tobago PM Kamla Persad-Bissessar as a "daughter of Bihar," noting her ancestral links to Buxar. He said many present at the event had ancestors from Bihar, a heritage, a source of pride for India & the world.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at the crowd during Indian community event in Couva, Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday.



PM Narendra Modi with PM of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar during a community event at the National Cycling Velodrome, in Couva, Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday.

**MODI GIFTS HOLY WATER, PRAISES KAMLA PERSAD-BISSESSAR AS 'DAUGHTER OF BIHAR'**

On Thursday Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, with holy water from the Sangam and Saryu River from the Mahakumbh, along with a replica of the Ram Mandir. In his address to the Indian community in Trinidad and Tobago, Modi highlighted Bihar's rich cultural and historical significance, praised the resilience of the Indian diaspora, and referred to Persad-Bissessar as the "daughter of Bihar" due to her ancestral roots in the state. He requested her to offer water from the Saryu River and the Mahakumbh to the Ganga Dhara in the Caribbean nation. Kamla Persad-Bissessar's ancestors hailed from Buxar, Bihar, she herself visited her ancestral village, Bheulpur, in 2012. People consider her a daughter of Bihar.



**BHOJPURI CHAUTAAL ECHOES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI**



Port of Spain: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was warmly welcomed upon his arrival in Trinidad and Tobago with a traditional Bhojpuri Chautaal performance. During his first official visit to the Caribbean nation, he also engaged with members of the Indian community, praising their significant contributions to the country's growth. In a post on X, Modi expressed his joy, saying, "A cultural connect like no other! Very happy to have witnessed a Bhojpuri Chautaal performance in Port of Spain. The bond between Trinidad & Tobago and India, especially regions of eastern UP and Bihar, is remarkable." Sharing a video of the performance, he wrote, "Bhojpuri Chautaal echoes in Trinidad & Tobago!" Modi also highlighted the achievements of the Indian diaspora, noting their success.

**PM MODI RELISHES FOOD ON SOHARI LEAF**



PM Narendra Modi was served food on a Sohari leaf, which he described as of "great cultural significance", during the dinner hosted by his Trinidad and Tobago counterpart Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Post dinner, Modi posted on X, "The dinner hosted by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar had food served on a Sohari leaf, which is of great cultural significance to the people of Trinidad & Tobago, especially those with Indian roots."

## Russia launches largest drone attack on Kyiv

**Agencies**

Kyiv

Russia launched the largest drone attack of the war on Kyiv, killing one person, injuring at least 23, and damaging buildings across the city. The assault came hours after U.S. President Donald Trump spoke with Russia's Vladimir Putin, officials reported on Friday. Air raid sirens, the buzzing of kamikaze drones, and loud explosions echoed through the night as Russia deployed 539 drones and 11 missiles, according to Ukraine's Air Force. Families sought refuge in underground metro stations as acrid smoke enveloped the city center.



Drone explosion lights Kyiv sky in Russia's missile strike, Friday.

**DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTER: WIDESPREAD USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY RUSSIA AGAINST UKRAINE**

The Hague: Dutch and German intelligence agencies have found evidence of widespread Russian use of banned chemical weapons in Ukraine, including drones dropping choking agents to force soldiers out of trenches. Dutch Defence Minister Ruben Brekkelmans called for stricter sanctions against Moscow, expressing concern over the normalization and escalation of Russia's chemical weapon use in the war.

## Global markets drop as US stocks soar ahead of Trump's tariff deadline

**Agencies**

Manila(Philippines)

Global stock markets mostly declined on Friday, even as U.S. stocks surged to new record highs ahead of President Donald Trump's July 9 tariff deadline. In early European trading, Germany's DAX dropped 0.8% to 23,730.61, while Paris' CAC 40 fell 1.1% to 7,666.91. Britain's FTSE 100 decreased 0.4% to 8,790.21. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 bounced back from early losses, rising 0.1% to 39,810.88, while South Korea's KOSPI index dropped 2% to 3,054.28. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.6% to 23,916.06, while the Shanghai Composite



index gained 0.3% to 3,472.32. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 increased by 0.1% to 8,603.00, while India's Sensex index slipped by 0.1% to 83,148.45. "Asian markets entered Friday like someone walking into a dark alley, with one eye over their shoulder — because while U.S. equities surged after a positive payroll report, the mood in Asia was much less upbeat," said Stephen Innes, managing partner at SPI Asset Management.

## Tsering opposes China on Dalai Lama succession

**Agencies**

Dharamshala

In response to China's comments on the Dalai Lama's succession, Penpa Tsering, president of the Central Tibetan Administration challenged Beijing's claim over choosing the next Tibetan spiritual leader. Regarding China's insistence on the 'Golden Urn' Tsering said, "It's for the Chinese government to decide whether a non-religious government should interfere with Tibetan religious freedom. They not only occupy our country but also impose on us, including who our spiritual leader should be."



## Israeli strikes and aid shootings kill 35



Smoke rises from Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip.

**Agencies**

Deir al-Balah (Gaza Strip)

Iranian airstrikes killed 15 Palestinians in Gaza early Friday, including eight women and a child, according to Nasser Hospital. An additional 20 people died in shootings while waiting for humanitarian aid. Two were killed near distribution points in Rafah, while 18 others were shot while awaiting aid trucks at separate locations in southern Gaza.

**IRAN RESUMES FLIGHTS AFTER 20-DAY SUSPENSION**

Tehran: Iran's Imam Khomeini International Airport received its first foreign flight after a 20-day suspension following security and diplomatic coordination. A Flydubai plane from the UAE landed Wednesday following security and diplomatic coordination. Civil Aviation spokesman Mehdi Ramezani called it a "new phase of stability" after tensions with Israel, praised calm management.

**INDIA VS ENGLAND**

## Smith's century unsettles Indian spinners

**Agencies**

Birmingham

India pacer Mohammed Siraj struck twice in two balls, but Jamie Smith shifted the momentum with a blistering century as England reached 249 for five at lunch on day three of the second Test in Birmingham on Friday (July 4, 2025).

Smith, unbeaten on 102 off 82 balls, counter-attacked fiercely after England were reduced to 84 for five. Despite his



Mohammed Siraj has his sixth wicket of the innings.

effort, England still trail India's imposing 587. Harry Brook supported him with 91\* off 127 as the pair added a brisk

partnership. Remarkably, England scored 172 runs in just 27 overs during the morning session. Siraj's double strike

came in the second over of the day, removing Joe Root (22) and Ben Stokes (0), both caught behind. However, Smith and

Brook launched a strong counterattack. Prasidh Krishna was brought on for the short-ball strategy with six leg-side fielders, but Smith punished him—smashing 23 runs in one over, including four boundaries and a six. Krishna's next over also went for 11, ending the session with figures of 8-0-61-0. Smith attacked aggressively, unsettling Jadeja and Sundar. He smashed multiple boundaries and reached his second Test century in style, off 80 balls, before lunch.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY  
A united team can beat any obstacle.  
Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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CM BHAJAN LAL INSPECTS PT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA SAMBAL PAKHWADA

## BENEFITS REACHING ALL THROUGH SAMBAL PAKHWADA: CM SHARMA

• The State government is fulfilling every promise made to the people • CM Sharma also plants saplings under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and 'Hariyalo Rajasthan' to raise environmental awareness

Ashvini Yadav and Aishwary Pradhan  
Khairthal/ Tijara & Kotputli/Behror

Chief Minister Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, addressing a public meeting in Asleempur village of Khairthal-Tijara under the 'Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada,' said the State government is fulfilling every promise.

CM Sharma reviewed the camp, distributed PMAY cheques and scooties, and planted saplings under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and 'Hariyalo Rajasthan' drives. He said the Rs 5,432 crore Chambal Water Project will benefit 172 villages, while Rs 2,500 crore worth of works are transforming Khairthal-Tijara. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav highlighted key approvals including the Ruparel River project, Polytechnic & girls' colleges, hostels, a 102-hectare Nagar Van, and sports infra in Bhiwadi.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma hands over a certificate to a beneficiary during the 'Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Sambal Pakhwada' in Asleempur village of Khairthal-Tijara, Alwar, on Friday. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, MoS Sanjay Sharma, Tijara MLA Baba Balaknath and others were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma hands over a cheque to a beneficiary of 'Mukhyamantri Mangla Pashu Bima Yojana' during the 'Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Sambal Pakhwada' in Girudi village of Kotputli-Behror district on Friday. Several local leaders were also present.

### MASS MARRIAGES PROMOTE POSITIVE SOCIETAL CHANGE, SAYS CM SHARMA



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Friday addressed a mass wedding ceremony at the State Women's Home, Sanganeer, stating that under PM Modi's leadership, both central and state govts are committed to women's empowerment and inclusive development. He said mass weddings are offering dignity, support, and new hope to disadvantaged daughters. After over 1,900 applications, 11 eligible grooms were selected transparently to marry women from the home. He presented cheques of Rs21,000 each under the CM Kanyadaan Yojana.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma pays floral tributes to Swami Vivekananda on his 123rd death anniversary at CMR.

## Congress still strong in tribal belt: SS Randhawa



AICC Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa holds a bow & arrow symbolising power during the 'Congress Karyakarta Sammelan' in Dungarpur on Friday. PCC Chief GS Dotasra, Lop Tika Ram Jully, State Co-incharge Ritvik Makwana & local leaders including Ganesh Ghogra, Arjun S Baniya, Ghanshyam Mahar, Surendra Baniya, Vallabhram Patidar, Dinesh Khodnia & Shankar Yadav were present.

First India Bureau  
Dungarpur

The Congress party held a major workers' convention in Dungarpur on Sunday to strengthen its tribal outreach in southern Rajasthan. AICC Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, PCC Chief GS Dotasra, and Lop Tika Ram Jully led the event at Vagad Gandhi Vatika.

Randhawa accused BJP and BAP of misleading tribal youth and urged party workers to reconnect with them. He said, "India attained freedom because of Congress and the tribal

community. Indira Gandhi brought Pakistan to its knees." Stressing internal unity, he asserted, "Congress remains strong in tribal areas, but those who left the party won't be taken back."

Govind Singh Dotasra criticised ex-MP Tarachand Bhagora for skipping the event, saying Congress gave him everything and his anger was unwarranted.

A parallel convention in Udaipur, attended by leaders like Pawan Khera and CP Joshi, saw strong turnout, underscoring Congress's renewed tribal outreach before upcoming elections.

## Even RSS intellectuals must be laughing at BJP's claims: Gehlot

Manish Bansal  
Karauli

Former CM Ashok Gehlot unveiled statues of Jyotiba and Savitribai Phule in Baad Karoli village, Hindaun City, on Friday. Addressing the gathering, he slammed the Election Commission for its alleged bias and said it now operates under pressure. He also raised alarm over the sand mafia's growing influence in Rajasthan.

Mocking BJP's slogan comparing its 1.5 years to Congress's five, he said even RSS intellectuals wouldn't take it seriously. Gehlot praised the Phules as pioneers of social reform & education. Congress MPs, MLAs, and community leaders attended the event



Former CM Ashok Gehlot addresses during the statue unveiling of Mahatma Jyotiba & Savitribai Phule and 'Pratibha Samman Samaroh' at Barh village in Hindaun region of Karauli district.

### GAUTAM ANKHAD, GEHLOT'S SON-IN-LAW, APPOINTED BOMBAY HIGH COURT JUDGE

There is an atmosphere of joy in Ashok Gehlot's family as his son-in-law, Gautam Ashwin Ankhad, has been appointed as a judge of the Bombay High Court under the advocate quota. The warrants for his appointment were issued by Rashtrapati Bhavan following the recommendation of the Centre. Earlier, on September 24, 2024, the SC collegium had forwarded his name to the Centre. Justice Gautam Ashwin Ankhad is known for his strong legal background and expertise in commercial, contractual, and arbitration matters.



## Pilot: Delay, denial & deflection define BJP

First India Bureau  
Alwar

Former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot criticised the state government for acting on the SI recruitment exam only after 18 months and court intervention. At Thanagazi in Alwar, during the inauguration of MLA Kanti Prasad Meena's new fuel station, he accused BJP

of shielding turncoats while targeting Congress leaders.

Pilot also questioned the timing of the Election Commission's voter list revision in Bihar, calling it suspicious. He warned that demanding parental documents could lead to voter deletions and urged for a transparent, simple process to uphold democracy.



Congress leader Sachin Pilot enjoys a traditional meal during the inauguration of MLA Kanti Prasad's new venture in Alwar. Murari Lal Meena, Indraj Gurjar and others were also present.

## Fond Farewell

The IPS Association hosted a farewell dinner at the Constitution Club on Friday for 6 retired IPS officers—UR Sahoo, RP Mehrada, Hemant Priyadarshy, Shivraj Meena & Jainarayan Sher. DGP Rajeev Sharma & several senior officers attended the event.

Shivendra Parmar



Retd IPS Hemant Priyadarshy being honoured by DGP Rajeev Sharma & DG Anil Paliwal during the dinner hosted by IPS Assn at Constitution Club.



Retd IPS Ravi Prakash Mehrada being felicitated by Anil Paliwal in the presence of DGP Rajeev Sharma. Also seen here is Mehrada's wife, Harshala.



Former DGP Utkal Ranjan Sahoo being honoured by DGP Rajeev Sharma and Anil Paliwal at the Constitution Club in Jaipur.

## GEM SHOWCASE

## JAS infuses new energy in biz, tourism & jobs: Diya



Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari being felicitated during the inaugural ceremony of the 'Jewellers Association Show' in Jaipur on Friday. CK Venkatraman, Alok Sonkhya, Neeraj Lunawat, Raju Mangodiwala, Ashok Maheshwari and others were also present.

Vimal Kothari and Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

Deputy CM Diya Kumari inaugurated the prestigious 'JAS - The Premium B2B Show' in Jaipur on Friday, praising it as a celebration of Rajasthan's heritage and economic strength.

She said Jaipur's gem industry, rooted in Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II's vision, offers global recognition and employment to millions. Diya highlighted JAS's role

Jaipur's globally renowned gemstone industry reflects our rich heritage and supports millions of livelihoods. Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II's vision made it the jewellery capital of India.

DIYA KUMARI, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

in boosting trade, tourism, and MSMEs, calling it a driver of the state's \$350 billion economy goal. With over 300 exhibitors and thousands of buyers from across India, the event featured themes

like 'Connect to Source' & 'Royal d'Art.'

Diya praised MSME participation and said JAS empowers youth, artisans, and entrepreneurs while highlighting Rajasthan's pride, tradition, & tourism growth.

## Diya clears ₹81.61 crore for 20 Atal Paths across 14 Raj constituencies

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Deputy CM Diya Kumari has approved Rs 81.61 crore for the construction of 20 new Atal Pragati Paths in villages across 14 assembly constituencies of Rajasthan. These roads will span a total of 49.10 km and be built in Nokha, Luni, Khetri, Sri Dungargarh, Anupgarh, Lunkaransar, Begu, Chitorgarh, Manohar Thana,

Khanpur, Mandawa, Mer-ta, Rajsamand, and Sirohi. Each area will get one to three roads, enhancing rural connectivity and ease of transport. The initiative forms part of the state's larger push to improve infrastructure in remote regions. So far, 269 Atal Pragati Paths stretching over 700 km have been approved across Rajasthan under Diya Kumari's leadership at a total cost of Rs 574.11 crore.



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## A MOMENTOUS CELEBRATION!

Marking a milestone moment, Dr ML Swarankar, Chairperson of Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, celebrated his grand 70th birthday at Jaipur's iconic Rambagh Hotel on Thursday.

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Abhimanyu Singh Tomar, Reema Kothari & Pankaj Kothari with stunning models Jeevitesh, Siddhant, Faizan, Sonu, Arhaan, Parabjot, Love and Pradhyuman

Tuxedos & Saree Gowns Shine Under Crimson Skies

# Lunar Luxe

City First brings you exclusive glimpses from Voguestar Fashion Week, held recently in Jaipur, where fashion met fantasy under a dramatic Red Moon. The event showcased bold collections by top designers, leaving a lasting impression on the Pink City's style scene.

**B**eneath the celestial glow of a red-hued moon, Voguestar Fashion Week delivered a spectacle of grandeur, style, and artistic brilliance that left Jaipur's fashion aficionados spellbound. Held at the city's premier venue, the night marked a powerful convergence of design, drama, and diversity as two standout labels — PKIN by Pankaj Kothari and Reema Kothari, and Zeba by the innovative Parul — set the runway ablaze with bold statements in menswear and fusion couture.

Opening the night, PKIN presented a masterclass in modern menswear. Pankaj and Reema Kothari's tuxedo collection exuded elegance with rich velvets, razor-sharp cuts, and an elevated masculine aesthetic. The collection brought traditional tailoring into contemporary relevance,



**Mitali Dusad**

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worn with flair by Style Skool's charismatic male models; Arhaan, Faizaan, Ansh, Sonu, Siddhant, Parab, Pradhyuman, Jeevitesh, Parth, Junier and Love, each stride showcasing poise and personality.

Transitioning into a realm of feminine power and grace, Zeba by designer Parul reimaged the saree in breathtaking saree-gown hybrids. These creations, shimmering in shades of crimson, silver and midnight hues, perfectly echoed the dramatic lunar theme. Each ensemble blended the traditional drape with Western silhouettes, creating a couture narrative that was both nostalgic and cutting-edge. Dazzling down the run-

way were Style Skool's top female models; Sanjana, Vanessa, Santoshi, Versha, Pooja and Aishvina, each commanding attention with their elegance.

The show's immersive aesthetic was brought to life under the artistic direction of Abhimanyu Singh Tomar, who turned the runway into a visual storybook of fashion and emotion. Styling by Aishvina Singhal gave each look a crisp editorial finish, while UK International Makeup Academy worked their makeup alchemy to perfection.

Orchestrating the entire event, show organizer Kirti Chaudhary reflected on the theme: "The Red Moon symbolised boldness and emotion and tonight, our designers and models transformed that vision into reality." In a night where style met soul, Voguestar Fashion Week affirmed that under the right light, even a red moon, fashion becomes art. In every sequin, drape, and detail, the evening stood as a tribute to fearless creativity and cultural fusion, a celebration where tradition flirted with modernity under the lunar spotlight.



Top to Bottom: Pooja, Versha, Aishvina & Vanessa



**WHAT'S NEXT?**



**Punar Rath Yatra:** Jaipur is all set to witness the divine "Punar Rath Yatra" of Lord Shree Jagannath, starting from Brij Nidhi Temple with grand festivities, devotional kirtans, lamp lighting and floral showers.

When: July 5, 2025, 5:00 PM onwards  
Where: Shree Brij Nidhi Temple, Jaipur



**Exclusive Interaction with Anil Agarwal:** Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is organising an exclusive interactive session, IDEAS, IMPACT & INDUSTRY, with Anil Agarwal, Founder & Chairman of Vedanta Group.

When: July 11, 2025, 3:30 PM onwards  
Where: Jaipur



**Book Discussion:** Join the engaging book discussion on ZENITH: Mastering AI for Everyday Life and Work with author Ajay Data in conversation with Aashima Choudhary. Dive into the world of AI and its daily applications!

When: July 13, 2025, 5:00 PM  
Where: Ashok Club, Jaipur

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST!**



**Zayed Khan**  
**CANCER**  
**JULY 5**

Lucky Number : 5

Lucky Colour: Blue

There may be tremendous changes in store for you, Cancer. Connect with something futuristic and far out. There may be some roadblocks in the way. Maybe your heart is impeding your progress. You don't need another person to fill in any voids in your life. Your confidence is what you need to bolster your self-esteem.



**Deepika Ravjani**

Art Writer & Museologist  
Research Scholar at IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur

**R**ang, Roop aur Raag. Yes, this week is filled with awe, abundance and romance. Oh! the 'Saavan' month has already arrived! 'Where every colour is a melody and every soul tells a story' is the punchline of this beautiful art gallery exhibition this season. Titled as 'Rang, Roop aur Raag', in collaboration with Amoha Galleria, New Delhi, is a painting exhibition hidden at Kanota Courtyard, Hotel Narayan Niwas Palace, Jaipur.

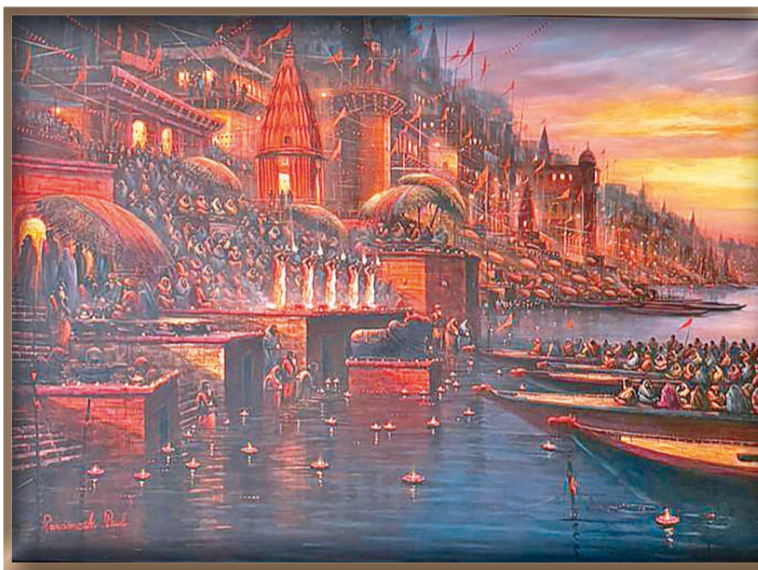
Founded by Richa Singh and Saloni Bhandari, the House of Hidden Treasures is not just an art gallery but a space to inspire and collaborate. The gallery aims to bring forth to the audience the rasa of variety, a taste of the master painters from all over India. Your search for quality artworks ends here at this Gallery. The lush green environment acts as a background for paintings of well-known artists like Rakhi Kumar, Rama Chandra B. Pokle, Ranjit Sarkar, Rawindra Das, Sanju Das, Suparna Mondal, Jaiprakash Chauhan, Samir Sarkar, Sonali Chouhan, Pintu Paul, Shekhar Kar, Satya Dheer Singh, Jiban Biswas, Ragini Sinha, Vani Chawla, Rahul Mhetre, Shekar Roy, Subrata Das, Umashankar Pathak, Debarshi Shasmal, Buddhi Thapa, Chaitali Chanda, Parmesh Paul and Partha Bhattacharjee. The Gothic-like huge window gallery exhibits the abundance of natural light, syncing with the exhibits inside.

We all know the month of Saavan symbolises a metaphor for the spiritual bond between the individual soul and the Supreme being. Symbolising refreshing rains and a deep spiritual, cultural, and seasonal significance in India, the month is associated with longing and reunion. This painting exhibition heightens the emotional and spiritual energy of the viewers, bringing 'Sringer' and 'Adhbbut rasa' together. Apty, the display starts with the horizontal painting, 'Cosmic Landscape' of Buddhi Thapa in an unconventional way on the haphazardly painted easel ideated by Hem Rana, the curator for this show. Next is the 'Banaras' by Paramesh Paul. Both resonate with the divinity and expanse of their environments, making prayers fruitful.

Saavan has been a muse for poets, painters and musicians. The painting of Ranjit Sarkar presented a celebration of colour and movement. The woman here becomes the epicentre of joy. Also, in the rendered works of Debashri Shasmal, the woman is portrayed as soaring towards the sun, recapitulating layers of

**WHAT'S HIDDEN IN THE 'HOUSE OF HIDDEN TREASURES GALLERY'?**

**Monsoon Meets Masterpieces**



A glimpse of visitors admiring the exquisite artworks at the exhibition

history, slowly overlapping with mythological figures around her. Chaitali Chanda's and Vani Chawla's living beings are talking to each other. In fact, the huge window of the gallery also becomes a canvas for their artworks, merging so well. Rahul Mhetre and Pintu Paul remind us of gentle love and coordination in mature couples. Whereas Ramchandra B. Pokale depicts the innocence in childhood and the amalgamation of nature with childlike curiosity. The innocent and naïve figures of

village folk are celebrated in the vivacious everyday social commentary by Sanju Das. On one side, we see the ethereal mythological theme of Radha Krishna in Subrata Das's paintings and on the other, Partha Bhattacharjee's Shakti that encompasses the imbuing powers as if shouting loud, 'I am Enough'. Indeed, all the master painters are well accomplished, none less! Irrespective of the theme, all the artworks remind us to cherish enduring love and prayers through nature.

Designed to inspire, this gallery blends contemporary charm with the heritage space. Be it an art exhibition or a pop-up showcase, the space transforms to fit your imagination, offering fluid layouts, thoughtful curation, and bespoke support to display your hidden treasures. Here, your creative vision doesn't just take shape—it comes alive in unforgettable ways. A true destination for connection, inspiration, and collaboration, just as envisioned by its founders.



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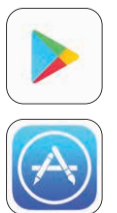


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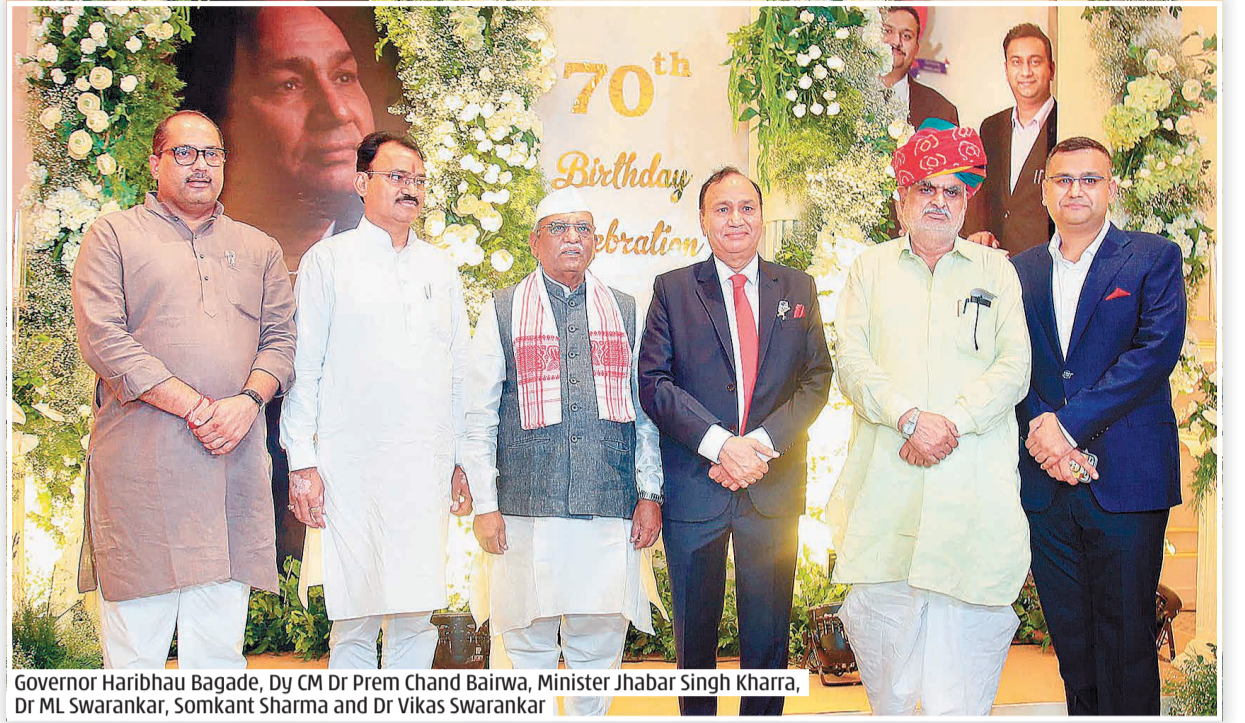
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SUNIL SHARMA



Governor Haribhau Bagade and Dr ML Swarankar cut the inaugural cake. Also seen are Dy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, Navyashree Swarankar, Vaidehi Swarnkar, Gauri Swarnkar and Jayashree Swarankar



Governor Haribhau Bagade, Dy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, Dr ML Swarankar, Somkant Sharma and Dr Vikas Swarankar

**GRAND CELEBRATION MARKS DR ML SWARANKAR'S 70TH BIRTHDAY**

# A Remarkable Milestone

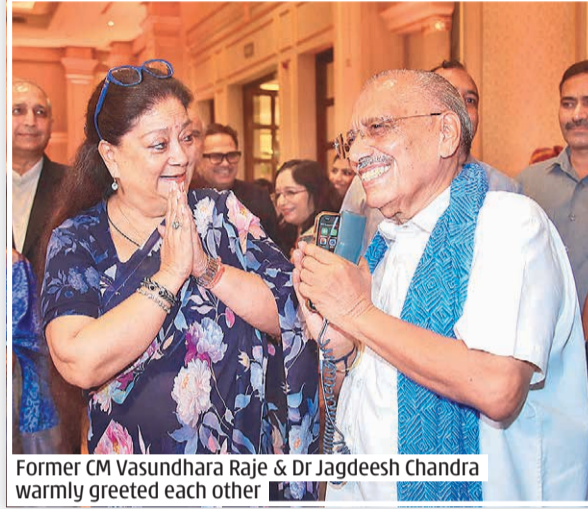
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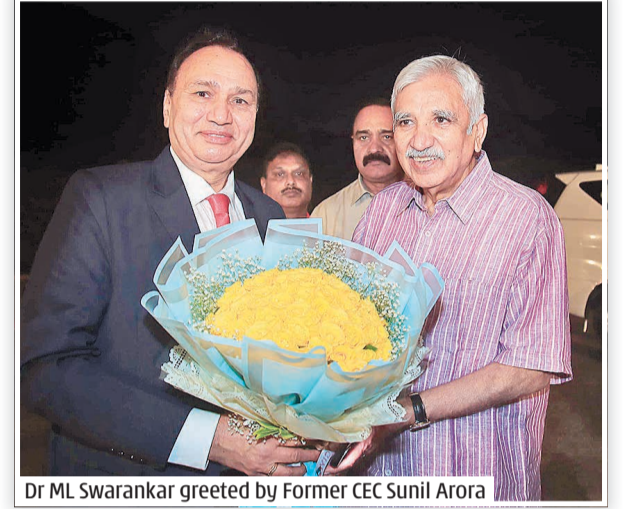
**M**arking a milestone moment, Dr ML Swarankar, Chairperson of Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, celebrated his grand 70th birthday at Jaipur's iconic Rambagh Hotel on Thursday. The evening turned into a gathering of the city's most

influential personalities, with Former CM Vasundhara Raje, Governor Haribhau Bagade, Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, Cabinet Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, Former CEC Sunil Arora, Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra and other dignitaries in attendance. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra also graced the occasion and extended his heartfelt wishes to Dr

Swarankar, adding a memorable touch to the celebration. Over 12 IAS-IPS officers and more than 100 officials joined the celebration, reflecting Dr Swarankar's far-reaching influence across political, medical, and administrative spheres. The event beautifully honoured his enduring contributions to society and the healthcare sector. City First brings you some more glimpses of the event!



Former CM Vasundhara Raje & Dr Jagdeesh Chandra warmly greeted each other



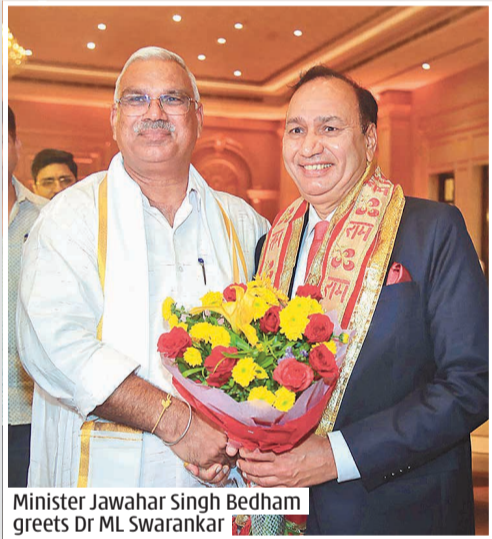
Dr ML Swarankar greeted by Former CEC Sunil Arora



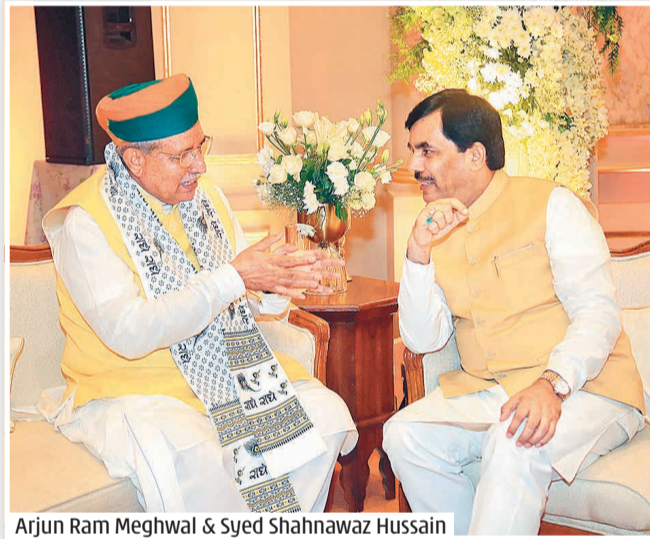
Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Sunil Arora, Rajendra Rathore, Anil Lodha and LP Pant



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph exchange warm greetings



Minister Jawahar Singh Bedham greets Dr ML Swarankar



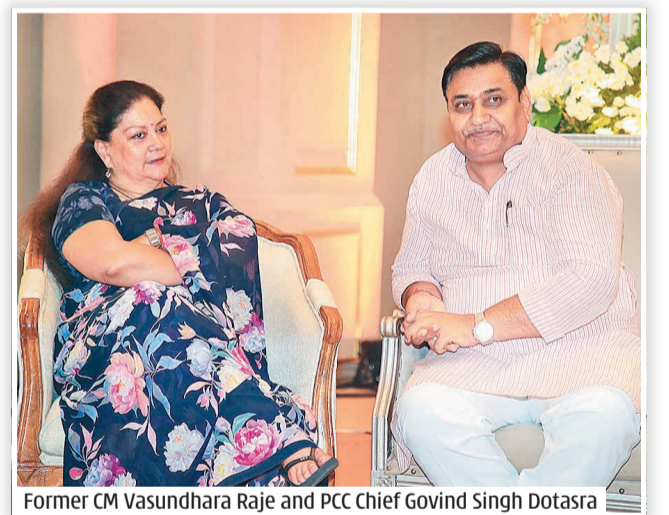
Arjun Ram Meghwal & Syed Shahnawaz Hussain



Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Dr ML Swarankar, Meena Swarankar, Harman Swarankar and guests



A delightful moment as Dr ML Swarankar received a slice of cake from Minister Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. Also seen is Guv Haribhau Bagade



Former CM Vasundhara Raje and PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra



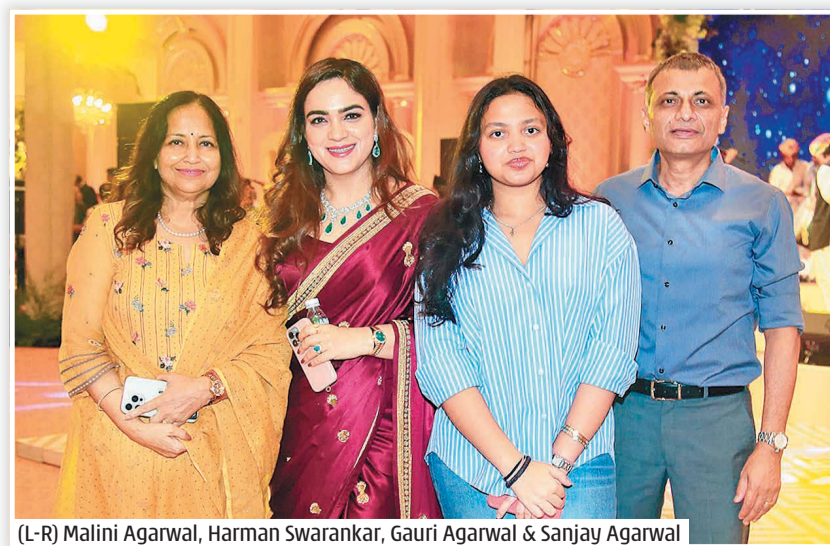
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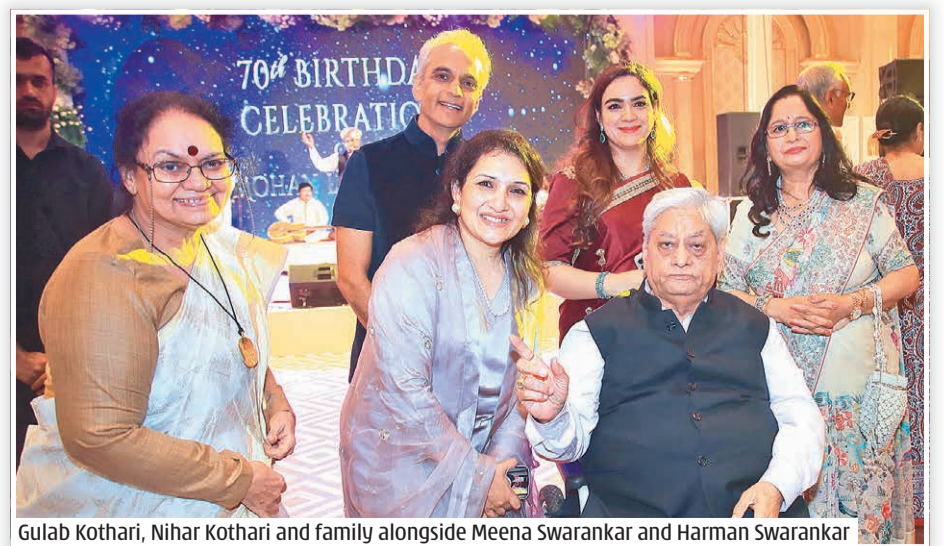
Dr Sandeep Bakshi & Dr ML Swarankar



Himanshi Gehlot, Vaibhav Gehlot & Kashwini Gehlot



(L-R) Malini Agarwal, Harman Swarankar, Gauri Agarwal & Sanjay Agarwal



Gulab Kothari, Nihar Kothari and family alongside Meena Swarankar and Harman Swarankar



# A SLICE OF INDIA!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Dr Mahesh Sharma warmly greeted by Poornima Mishra. Also seen are Syed Umar and Aditi Nagar



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra relishes the king of fruits at the JC Mango Fest 2025

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**T**he JC Mango Fest 2025, hosted at Bharat 24 headquarters, was a grand celebration of India's diverse mango varieties on Thursday. Chief Guest Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the event, praising it as a unique initiative promoting agricultural innovation and cultural pride.

Former Union Minister Dr Mahesh Sharma commended Bharat24's leadership and the vision of Dr Jagdeesh Chandra. Poornima Mishra warmly welcomed Dr Chandra and Dr Sharma, along with Syed Umar, News Director Bharat24

and Aditi Nagar, Political Editor, Bharat24. A delightful moment was captured as Dr Jagdeesh Chandra indulged in the king of fruits, relishing a slice of juicy mango at the JC Mango Fest 2025. With a gleam of satisfaction and childlike joy, the picture beautifully reflects his appreciation for India's most loved summer delicacy.

A sweet frame that resonated with the essence of the event, it was evident that even amidst dignitaries and grandeur, Dr Chandra couldn't miss enjoying the simple pleasure of the season. The festival showcased mangoes from across India, including Alphonso, Dussehri, Sindhuri and Neelam, creating a vibrant display that blended tradition and taste.

## HEARTFELT TRIBUTE PAID!



Rajasthan Trade Union Centre (RCU), the state branch of AICTU, organised several programs to mark the 28th death anniversary of late Comrade Mohan Poonia, the people's leader of the labour movement, on Friday. A labour rally was led by General Secretary Com Gopikishan from Balapeer Circle, followed by a tribute ceremony. Speakers highlighted Comrade Poonia's lifelong dedication to the rights of the poor and labourers. Floral tributes were offered by his daughter Vibha Poonia and social worker Dr LP Dhoka. The event was coordinated by Savita Jain with active participation from Asha Huda, Com Masram Choudhary, Com Awasthi Singh, Dilip Singh, Com Ramnath Peena and other labour leaders. The ceremony concluded with a two-minute silence.

# GRAND EXHIBITION



Shikha Bawri, Upasna Baja, Sneha Kabra, Sujata Daga, Vimla Somani, Jyoti Jain, Pallavi Patni, Prachi Agarwal, Rashi Gadia, Pooja Daddha, Radhika Agarwal, Mala Khetan, Vasundhara Kabra, Radha Maheshwari & Monica Arya

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**T**he much-awaited Shubham Lifestyle and Rakhi Exhibition was grandly inaugurated at Birla Auditorium on Friday, filling the city with a festive vibe. Organised by Shubham Society, the two-day exhibition showcased over 119 stalls featuring lifestyle, fashion, jewellery, kids' collections, festive wear, menswear and home décor.

Celebrating its 40th edition, the exhibition was inaugurated by Shubham Society's founder, Mala Khetan, Brinda Rungta, and Saroj Goyal, along with President Prachi Agrawal and Secretary Rashi



Gadia. The event was further graced by Working Committee members Monica Arya, Pallavi Patni, Sujata Daga, Vimla Somani, Shashi Kedia, Abhilasha Poddar, Radha Maheshwari, Jyoti Jain, Vasundhara Kabra, Radhika Agarwal, Shikha Bawri, Pooja Daddha, Upasana Bajaj, Sneha Kabra, and

Savita Pansari. Chairperson Prachi Agrawal emphasised Shubham Society's continued dedication to women's empowerment and social initiatives like Shubham Seva and Shubham Green, aiming for widespread community impact.

## TEN-DAY MODELLING WORKSHOP



Jaipur Models Academy, Sodala, organised a ten-day professional modelling workshop to guide aspiring models. Groomer Ruby Khan provided students with runway walking, posing techniques, diet plans, and fitness tips essential for the fashion industry. Celebrity makeup artist Megha Khandelwal shared valuable advice on self-makeup and skincare, especially for humid weather. The workshop aimed to update modelling profiles and prepare youth for diverse modelling careers, including fashion, catalogue, glamour, and fitness modelling, opening new opportunities in Jaipur's booming industry.

## FESTIVE CELEBRATION



The five-day Guru Purnima Mahotsav will be celebrated at Dakshinmukhi Balaji Temple, Hathoj Dham, Jaipur, under the guidance of MLA Balmukund Acharya today. The festival will begin with a grand mango tableau and Ashok Vatika Shringar Darshan. Highlights include Akhand Ramayan Paath, Rudrabhishek by 51 yajamans, Narsingh Leela, Sundarkand Paath on 108 seats, and Varaha Leela. On Guru Purnima, July 10, Vyas Puja, Kanthi Diksha, and Prasadi (public fest) will be performed, promoting cultural and environmental values.

## SPIRITUAL SOJOURN!



Rajasthan's Minister of State for Home Jawahar Singh Bedham, visited Prem Mandir, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur and offered prayers to Lord Shri Radha-Krishna, Lord Shiva and Lord Hanuman on Friday. Managed by retired IAS officer Shiv Kumar Agarwal, who has been active in religious and social service for years. The temple is a symbol of faith, service, and dedication. Agarwal briefed the Minister about the temple's history, development, and community services. The Minister circumambulated the temple complex and reviewed the progress of the Khatushyam temple under construction. Amit Sharma from Surat and many devotees were also present. The temple family warmly welcomed Minister Bedham and honoured him with a memento. The visit created a spiritually uplifting atmosphere for all present. **—More in City First Tomorrow**

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Jaipur-based architect and Design Architects founder, Ritu Singh, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Council of Architects (COA) in the recently held Mumbai elections. The COA is the statutory body regulating architecture and architectural education in India.

Singh, an active member of the Council for five years, expressed her gratitude, calling it a privilege and responsibility. She looks forward to contributing towards strengthening architectural practice and education nationwide.

## ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE



The WICC Rajasthan Architecture Council organised the event 'Virasat aur Vichar' in Jaipur, focusing on reinterpreting heritage through architecture on Friday. Key speakers included Dr Architect Reena Surana and Dr Architect Kalpana Pandit. President Rekha Nemani, Vice President Ritu Khandelwal, NEC members Shamini Shankar and Shalini Gehlot, along with senior architects like Kavita Jain, Preethi Aggarwal, and Geetanjali Kasliwal graced the event. Sponsored by Rang Decorative Surfaces, the program highlighted women's leadership in architecture.

## Leadership Team Announced



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**T**he Laghu Udyog Bharati Jaipur Central Unit successfully conducted its first monthly meeting, where the newly restructured team was officially introduced by State President Mahendra Mishra recently. Bhairaj Sharma was appointed as President, Suchita Agrawal as Secretary, with Vikas Agrawal and Amit Goyal as Vice Presidents.

Parul Bhargava took charge as Joint Secretary, Vivek Joshi as Treasurer, and Shravan Kumar as Establishment Head. Other key appointments included Rohit Jain (Family Bonding Head), Kailash Jhalana (Semi-

nar Head), Chetan Saini (IT Head), Rajkumar Vedh (Media In-charge), and Yogesh (Foundation Day Coordinator). Rohit provided valuable insights on MSME loan schemes and the ZED initiative. The meeting was introduced by Suchita Agrawal and coordinated by Parul Bhargava.

## THE PREMIUM B2B SHOW



The prestigious JAS: The Premium B2B Show commenced at Novotel Jaipur Convention Centre, on Friday. Inaugurated by Dy CM Diya Kumari and Titan's MD CK Venkataraman, the event drew over 5,500 visitors and top jewellers nationwide. Esteemed dignitaries like Pramod Derewala and Yogendra Garg graced the show. Organising Committee members, including Alok Sonkhiya and Ashok Maheshwari, welcomed guests. A landmark MOU with the Indian-Thai Chamber of Commerce marked the day's success. **—VIMAL KOTHARI**



## AWARENESS DRIVE

A Gender Sensitivity Awareness Program was successfully conducted at the 1 Raj Air Squadron NCC Camp in Fagi on Wednesday. RUWA President Dr Shashi Lata Puri, Vice President Dr Bina Agarwal, Flight Lieutenant Prof Prerna Puri, and Dr Priya addressed cadets on gender equality, women empowerment, and creating a safe environment. Camp Commanding Officer Group Captain Somnath Mitra and Flight Commander DS Chauhan praised the initiative. ANO Flight Lieutenant Neelam Sharma extended heartfelt gratitude to all participants.



## WELLNESS LAUNCH

A press conference was organised on Friday where Dy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa and MP Manju Sharma inaugurated Kairali Ayurvedic Group's first authentic Kerala Ayurveda wellness centre at Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur. Dr Bairwa appreciated the initiative as a valuable step for promoting Ayurveda in Rajasthan. Abhishek K Ramesh, Executive Director of Kairali Ayurvedic Group, highlighted Jaipur's role as a growing wellness destination in India's Ayurveda tourism economy. **—MUKESH KIRADOO**