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IN BRIEF



2-year imprisonment for Mukhtar's son in hate speech case
Lucknow: Abbas Ansari, the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) MLA from Uttar Pradesh's Mau Sadar Assembly constituency and son of controversial former MLA Mukhtar Ansari, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a 2022 hate speech case by a special court here on Saturday.

LPG price slashed: Commercial cylinders now cheaper by ₹24
New Delhi: The oil marketing companies have revised prices of commercial LPG gas cylinders. The rate of 19 kg commercial LPG gas cylinder has been reduced by ₹24, effective June 1. The revised price of cylinder in Delhi is ₹1,723.50 and Jaipur ₹1,751.50.



Valmik Thapar, India's 'tiger man', dies at 73
New Delhi: Valmik Thapar, a prominent Indian wildlife conservationist and author, passed away at 73 after battling cancer on Saturday. Known for his dedication to tiger conservation, he authored over 30 books and served on wildlife. P5

After huddle, 23 Manipur BJP MLAs 'resolve' to form govt
Imphal: Twenty-three BJP MLAs of Manipur held a meeting after which they issued a statement saying that they "resolved to put aside personal ambitions" in the "larger interest" of working towards the formation of a popular government in the state.

Colombia U-turns on deaths in Pak after Tharoor's objections
New Delhi: Shashi Tharoor, who is leading the all-party delegation said that Colombia has reversed its earlier stance on the India-Pakistan conflict - a position that had earlier drawn criticism for expressing condolences for "Pakistanis" following Indian airstrikes.

OP SINDOOR A 'NARI SHAKTI' SYMBOL AS 'BRAVE DAUGHTERS OF BSF' SHOWED VALOUR: PM MODI



PM Narendra Modi waves the National Flag as Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai C Patel looks on, during the event in Bhopal.

First India Bureau
Bhopal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in a "Mahila Sashaktikaran Maha Sammelan" in Bhopal on the 300th birth anniversary of legendary queen Ahilyabai Holkar on Saturday. He also virtually inaugurated Super Priority Corridor of Indore Metro, Datia and Satna airports and laid the foundation stone of developmental projects. Modi also transferred first instalment of 1,271 new Atal Gram Seva Sadan (Panchayat Bhanwan), built at ₹483 crore.



PM Narendra Modi releases 'Commemorative Coin' in honour of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar's 300th birth anniversary during 'Mahila Sashaktikaran Maha Sammelan', in Bhopal, Saturday. Governor Mangubhai C Patel, CM Mohan Yadav, Jagdish Devda, Rajendra Shukla, VD Sharma and others also present here.

While applauding women personnel for contribution during Operation Sindoor, PM Modi stated, "Operation Sindoor has also become a symbol of 'Nari Shakti'. We

all know how significant the role of the BSF was in this operation. BSF's daughters were holding front lines from Jammu to Punjab, Rajasthan, and the Gujarat border. They

gave a strong reply to cross-border firing. From Command and Control Centre to destroying enemy posts, brave daughters of the BSF displayed exceptional valour." PM

Today, a large number of our daughters are becoming doctors, engineers, scientists. In all of our major space missions, our mothers & sisters are working as scientists. In Chandrayaan-3 mission, over 100 women scientists and engineers were there. NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

Modi also said that govt is making efforts so that our women lead the way in modern tech. Through NaMo Drone Didi, confidence & income of rural women are rising. P5

JP NADDA'S EVENTFUL SATURDAY IN THE PINK CITY

Nadda hails Modi-Sharma's double-engine sarkar in Raj



BJP National President JP Nadda and CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with (L-R) Gajendra Singh Khimsar, Madan Dilawar, Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Diya Kumari, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Madan Rathore, Bhagirath Choudhary and Sudhansh Pant, during a programme on the occasion of 300th birth anniversary of 'Punyashloka' Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, at the RIC, in Jaipur, on Saturday. NAIM KHAN

Yogesh Sharma, Aishwary Pradhan and Vinod Singh Chouhan
Jaipur

BJP National President and Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said that Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar is remembered as a social reformer who restored culture and heritage. She dedicated her life to the upliftment of women.

Nadda said that today, under leadership of PM Modi, the country is progressing towards women's empowerment and women's leadership development. Under Women Power Act, 33% reservation has been provided for women in Lok Sabha & legislative assemblies.



JP Nadda, Bhajan Lal Sharma, Madan Rathore & Gajendra Singh Shekhawat take part in 'Tiranga Yatra', in Jaipur on Saturday.

Nadda was addressing Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar 300th birth anniversary women empowerment conference held at RIC on Saturday. Nadda said the state government under PM Modi and CM Bhajan Lal Sharma is engaged in public service day and night, adding,

PM has defined politics in terms of accountability and responsibility. Nadda also chaired Medical and Health Department meeting. During the meeting, key achievements were highlighted, including notable declines in maternal, infant and neonatal mortality rates. P8

AHILYABAI PROMOTED SOCIAL REFORMS: CM BHAJAN LAL SHARMA

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said in his address that in the 18th century, Devi Ahilyabai became a symbol of women's power through her courage and intelligence. She promoted women's education, religion, and social reforms. The Chief Minister added that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the nation is witnessing an unprecedented revival of Sanatan culture. With his determination, grand and divine forms have been given to key pilgrimage sites like the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, Mahakal Mahalok in Ujjain, and the Kedarnath and Badrinath temples.

We 'rectified' tactics: CDS reveals Op Sindoor losses

First India Bureau
Singapore

CDS General Anil Chauhan on Saturday pointed out that disinformation was a significant challenge in Operation Sindoor. India's military confirmed for the first time that it lost an unspecified number of fighter jets in clashes with Pakistan, while saying 4-day conflict never came close to the point of nuclear war. "What is important is that, not the jet being down, but why they were being down," CDS Anil Chauhan, said to media on Saturday, while attending the Shangri-La



CDS Gen Anil Chauhan with Netherlands Chief of Defence Onno Eichelsheim, during the 22nd Shangri-La Dialogue, in Singapore, on Saturday.

Dialogue in Singapore. He called Pak's claims that it shot down 6 Indian warplanes "absolutely incorrect," though declined to specify how many jets India lost. "The good part is that we are

Around 15% of Armed Forces' resources were allocated to combating fake news, misleading narratives. We chose to be measured, not reactive, as wrong info could distort public perception during the high-stakes operations. ANIL CHAUHAN, CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

able to understand tactical mistake which we made, remedy it, rectify it, and then implement it again after two days and flew all our jets again, targeting at long range,' CDS Chauhan added.



THAILAND'S OPAL CROWNED MISS WORLD 2025

Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri was crowned Miss World 2025 at the 72nd edition of the Miss World pageant at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana on Saturday. India's Nandini Gupta failed to secure a spot in the coveted Top 8 in the Miss World 2025 pageant.

FIRST INDIA NEWS PRESENTS "INNOVATION AND FUTURE PLANNING IN THE MINES AND MINERALS SECTOR CONCLAVE - 2025"

Dignitaries hail transformative innovations in mining sector

Maresh Sharma
Jaipur

THE MINING DEPARTMENT HAS PERFORMED COMMENDABLY UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF CHIEF MINISTER BHAJAN LAL SHARMA, SAYS PAWAN ARORA



Pawan Arora delivers welcome speech during the 'Innovation and Future Planning in the Mines and Minerals Sector Conclave - 2025' at Hotel Holiday Inn, in Jaipur, on Saturday. SANTOSH SHARMA

First India News organised 'Innovation and Future Planning in the Mines and Minerals Sector Conclave - 2025', at Hotel Holiday Inn in Jaipur on Saturday. Welcoming the guests, First India News CEO and Managing Editor Pawan Arora highlighted that since the implementation of new mining policy, department has performed commendably under the direct supervision of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. Cooperative and Civil Aviation Minister Gautam Dak said State Government is seri-

ously working on cooperative mining model. The event saw participation from key government functionaries including, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Avinash Gehlot, MoS for Industries KK Vishnoi, PCCF-HoFF Arijit Banerjee, Director of Geology Harish Mistry, and Director of Mines Deepak Tanwar. P8, 11

Joint director of animal husbandry dept caught red-handed accepting ₹25,000 bribe

Animal husbandry official in ACB net



The accused, Dr Deepak Agrawal in ACB custody on Saturday.

Navin Sharma
Sikar

Acting on the directions of the ACB Headquarters, the Special Unit-II of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Jaipur, today arrested Dr Deepak Agrawal, Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Sikar, red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 25,000 from a complainant. Director General of Police, Anti-

Corruption Bureau, Dr Raviprakash Meharda, stated that the Special Unit-II of the ACB in Jaipur had received a complaint alleging that the supervisory officer was demanding a monthly bribe and additional money to facilitate a transfer to a desired location. The bribe was reportedly being demanded by the accused, Dr Deepak Agrawal.

Under the supervision

Interrogation of the accused is underway, and further legal action is in progress. A case has been registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act

of Anil Kayal, Deputy Inspector General of Police (Range-IV), Anti-Corruption Bureau, Jaipur, and under the

leadership of Mahaveer Prasad, Additional Superintendent of Police, Special Unit-II, ACB, Jaipur, the complaint was verified. Following verification, a trap was laid, and Dr Deepak Agrawal, Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Sikar, was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe of Rs 25,000. Further investigation into the matter will be carried out by the ACB.

Ganesh Ghoghra to be chairman of Cong's tribal wing

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Ganesh Ghoghra was appointed as chairman of Rajasthan Adivasi Congress Department. Senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has congratulated Ganesh



Ghoghra on being appointed as the Chairman of the Rajasthan Adivasi Congress Department. In his message, Gehlot said, "I am confident that you will take the Congress Party's policies and ideology concerning tribal welfare to every section of society."

State sees light rain, more thunderstorms ahead

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Parts of Rajasthan were sprayed with light to medium rain, while Kishanganj of Baran district was splashed with 21 mm of precipitation — the highest —, authorities said on Saturday. In the 24 hours till 8.30 am today, Ajmer Tehsil recorded 17 mm rainfall, Dungargarh of Bikaner with 11 mm, and Peepu of Tonk and Sujanagarh of Churu, which received 100 mm each.

Several places in the state recorded rainfall ranging from 1 to 9 mm. On Friday, the highest maximum temperature in the state was recorded in Jaisalmer at 43.6 degrees. No heat wave/high night temperature was reported anywhere in the state. The lowest temperature



in the state was recorded at 22.1 degrees in Sirohi.

Starting 2 June, a new western disturbance is expected to become active. This system is likely to bring widespread thunderstorm activity

across several parts of the state between 2 and 4 June, especially during the afternoon and evening hours.

The forecast includes gusty winds with speeds of 50–60 km/h, accompa-

nied by lightning and brief spells of rain.

Looking ahead, maximum temperatures across parts of the state may once again touch 45°C over the next three to four days.

TINA DABI CHECKS PREPARATIONS AHEAD OF MONSOON

Barmer: District Collector Tina Dabi took to the streets along with senior officials to oversee ongoing drain cleaning work under the Navo Barmer Abhiyan, a campaign launched ahead of the monsoon at 3am on Saturday. The operation is being conducted with deployment of two IAS officers, three RAS officers, and a total of 18 officials. Each team is being supported by 30 personnel from the Barmer Municipal Council. The cleanliness drive is currently underway at multiple locations including Ahimsa Circle, Railway Station, Agriculture Market, Collectorate, and Mallinath Circle, among others. Tina Dabi, Chhaya Singh, Ravi Kumar, Rajendra Singh were all present on the ground.

Nadda hails CM Sharma for dedicated service

JP Nadda openly praised Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, describing him as a dedicated soldier of ideology who is working tirelessly day and night in the service of Rajasthan. He said people have seen other governments too and are aware of how they functioned and what their mindset was. He remarked that the true value of light is only understood when one has witnessed the devastation of darkness.

Ajmer milk union's protest postponed

In Ajmer, the protest proposed by the Milk Producers' Union from 2 June has been postponed until 20 July. The decision came after assurances from Minister Zoraram Kumawat and the administrator of RCDF Jaipur. During discussions with RCDF Jaipur, a commitment was made to clear pending payments. The government sought time to settle the dues from November–December 2024.

BJP faces internal rift in Sardarshahar, no-confidence motion filed against chairman

A crisis has emerged over the post of Sardarshahar Municipality Chairman. According to sources, a former BJP MLA is said to have orchestrated a plan to remove the BJP's own chairman, aligning with Congress and taking nearly 15 councillors from his faction along to join hands with the opposition. As a result, all 45 councillors submitted a no-confidence motion against the chairman to the collector. This isn't the first attempt—previous efforts to unseat the chairman were made two or three times earlier.

HC vacation bench active from June 2-27 for urgent matters

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Jodhpur

The Rajasthan High Court observed its summer vacation from 2 June to 29 June 2025, during which essential cases continued to be heard. To ensure this, a summer bench was constituted for both the principal seat in Jodhpur and the Jaipur bench.

In Jodhpur, single-judge benches presided over hearings throughout June, with Justice Sandeep Shah hearing cases from 2 to 6 June, Justice Sunil Beniwal from 9 to 13 June, Justice Dr. Chandraprakash Shrimali from 16 to 20 June, and Justice Chandrasekhar Sharma from 23 to 27 June.



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HEARING HELD IN AJMER DARGAH TEMPLE ROW

The hearing in the Hindu temple case related to Ajmer Dargah was held on Saturday in the Ajmer court. The case, filed by Vishnu Gupta, National President of the Hindu Sena, had faced delays as the previous two hearings could not take place due to various reasons. Strict security arrangements were made at the court, including the deployment of armed personnel and additional police forces. In the earlier hearing, the court had asked the petitioner for a response regarding an application filed on 7 November. The petitioner submitted the reply, and arguments on the matter proceeded during today's hearing. The court fixed 19 July for the next hearing in the case.



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Pratapgarh/ Bhilwara/ Jalore

In a string of coordinated actions against illegal narcotics trade across the state, police teams in Pratapgarh, Bhilwara and Jalore districts have made significant seizures of banned substances, arresting multiple accused.

In Pratapgarh, a father-son duo used an ambulance to transport doda choora. On 19 May, Dhariyawad's Dhamotar police intercepted the ambulance during a routine highway blockade and recovered 25.34 kilograms of doda choora. Two men, Kudratullah from Baglia and Kamlesh Meena from Baro-



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tha, were arrested on spot.

In a separate case in Bhilwara's Banera area, local police along with the District Special Team (DST) seized a large quantity of doda post.

Meanwhile, in Jalore's Sayla town, police under "Operation Sampoliya" executed a major operation against synthetic

EXCISE POLICE BUST EIGHT ILLICIT LIQUOR HUBS, DESTROY AROUND 6,000 LITRES OF WASH

The Excise Police destroyed 6,000 litres of fermented wash during a crackdown on illicit liquor production. Eight active distillation units and various equipment used for making country liquor were also dismantled. The operation was carried out through raids in areas including Kilachpuri, Pedyawali Dhani, Aandhi, Devgaon, Achalpur, Sambhariya, Sitarampura, Bagariya, Narayan Baba ki Dhani, and along the Dhund River. The action caused panic among illegal liquor operators.

2 MORE HELD IN JAIPUR JAIL ESCAPE CASE

The Lal Kothi police arrested a woman and a youth in connection with the case of prisoners escaping from hospital custody. The incident involved prisoners who had been brought from Jaipur jail to the hospital on the pretext of treatment and managed to flee. The police have now arrested a total of 20 accused in the case so far, continuing their investigation into how the escape was planned.

MAHESH JOSHI'S BAIL HEARING DEFERRED

The special court for Enforcement Directorate matters has postponed the hearing on Cong leader Mahesh Joshi's bail plea which was earlier scheduled for Saturday. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will now present its arguments next week. The case pertains to an alleged scam of around Rs 900 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The matter will now be heard in court next week.

EFFORTS PAYING OFF

Sariska sees surge in long-billed vultures



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In Sariska Tiger Reserve, there have been frequent sightings of the Long-billed Vulture (Indian Vulture) recently. At one time, these vultures were on the verge of extinction, but the government took unprecedented steps to protect them by banning the drug Diclofenac in time. This photo, taken on 31 May 2025 and released today by Sariska's Chief Conservator

As the mother and chick step forward on the golden sands, they carry with them a glimpse of the desert's hopeful future

of Forests, Sangram Singh, shows a healthy number of vultures perched on a single tree. It clearly demonstrates the positive results of the conservation efforts, with the vulture population steadily increasing in Sariska's favourable natural environment.

GIB MOTHER AND CHICK SPOTTED IN JAISALMER

For the first time, a mother and chick pair of the Great Indian Bustard (Godawan) was sighted in Jaisalmer. The rare and emotional moment was captured on camera by a team from the Rajasthan Forest Department, marking a significant milestone in the ongoing conservation efforts in the State. The Great Indian Bustard, one of India's most critically endangered and protected bird species, has fewer than 150 individuals remaining across country.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

In a scathing judgment delivered on 27 May 2025, the Rajasthan High Court has come down heavily on the functioning of revenue courts, citing "judicial impropriety" and a gross disregard for established legal procedure. The order came in the case of Umakant Sharma vs Om Prakash Sharma & Others (CW-840/2025), heard by Justice Anoop Kumar Dhand of the Jaipur Bench.

The case pertained to a civil dispute involving partition and permanent injunction, originally filed by Om Prakash Sharma. The Sub-Divisional Officer of Mahwa had astonishingly passed a decree in the matter without framing issues or recording any evidence—two of the most basic requirements of a fair trial under the Civil Procedure Code (CPC). HC expressed deep concern over the SDO's handling of the matter.

What further alarmed the court was that the

Revenue Appellate Authority and the Board of Revenue also failed to rectify the lapse, instead upholding the flawed decree without raising any red flags. Court flagged lack of legal training among RAS officers.

Taking the matter further, the High Court ordered the establishment of an Administrative Judicial Academy that would be responsible for the legal training of RAS officers. The court made it clear that training must be mandatory for all officers in revenue courts.

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Emergency drills

Readiness to handle complex security threats

Op Shield: Raj conducts statewide mock drills & blackout exercises

 First India Bureau
Jaipur

Large-scale security mock drills and blackout exercises were conducted on Saturday across Rajasthan under Operation Shield, as directed by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the state government. These exercises tested emergency preparedness and inter-agency coordination.

In Jaipur, a blackout drill near the Military Station on Khatipura Road saw residents switch off lights following siren alerts. The drill, led by Additional Police Commissioner Kunwar Rastradeep and monitored by Collector Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, included coordinated actions by police, fire, medical, SDRF, and ATS teams.

In Jodhpur, a bomb threat near Airport Road prompted immediate action by civil and police authorities. Nagaur simulated a drone attack in Gogelav, deploying disaster relief teams. Rajasmand Police Lines conducted an airstrike drill simulating mass casualties, while Sri Gangaganagar held an air attack



MUKESH KIRADDO



Responding to a blackout drill, residents in Khatipura area switched off lights following sirens. SANTOSH SHARMA



Civil defence mock drill held in Jaipur's Khatipura under 'Operation Shield', Rajasthan's statewide emergency preparedness and response initiative.

exercise near the military cantonment.

Karauli simulated a bomb attack at a government college, testing civil defence response. A major drill at the Heavy Water Plant in Rawatbhata, Chittorgarh, simulated a drone attack and gas leak, involving SDRF and ERT teams. Rawatbhata, home to nuclear installations, was placed on high alert.

LUTHRA DETAILS PAK DRONE THREAT, SUCCESSFUL COUNTERMEASURES

→ Bikaner: The BSF DIG for Bikaner sector, Ajay Luthra, revealed that after Operation Sindoor, Pakistan increased drone activity along the border, aiming to gather intelligence on Indian military movements. Most drones were made in China and Turkey and targeted areas like Jaisalmer and Bikaner. The BSF swiftly alerted the Army and Air Force,



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enabling timely countermeasures. During heightened tensions from 7 to 11 May, the BSF remained fully vigilant, closely monitoring every move and maintaining operational readiness. Luthra, in a press conference, emphasised that the BSF not only secured the border but also provided crucial intelligence inputs to the defence forces. These coordinated efforts successfully thwarted Pakistan's surveillance attempts and demonstrated BSF's preparedness and coordination with the Indian Army and the Air Force.

London visit: Pilot praises army for action on terror



Pilot attended India Week 2025, London; held discussion, praised armed forces for their exceptional work.

 First India Bureau
Jaipur

Sachin Pilot is currently visiting London and spoke at an event organised by a prominent media institute on Saturday. He stated that following the Pulwama attack, the Congress party gave its full support to the government's efforts to combat terrorism. Pilot emphasised that the Congress party remains

fully committed to the complete eradication of terrorism from the country. He also praised the armed forces for their exceptional and commendable work in destroying terrorist hideouts in Pakistan. Pilot has been in the UK for the past 3 days, actively participating in the India Week programme held in London. He is expected to stay in the city for a few more days.

Bomb threats at Jpr hotels; ministers evacuated

 First India Bureau
Jaipur

Two high-end hotels in Jaipur were evacuated on Saturday after receiving bomb threats via email. Three Rajasthan ministers—Jawahar Singh Bedham, K K Vishnoi, and Gautam Dak—were attending an event at the Holiday Inn when the threat was received. Bedham ordered immediate evacuation, and all ministers left safely. Bomb and dog squads thoroughly searched the hotel, finding no explosives. Shortly after, the Raffles Hotel on Delhi Road received a similar threat, prompting evacuation



Immediate evacuation at Holiday Inn, Jaipur.

and a security sweep by ATS and bomb squads. Additionally, a bomb threat email was reported at Jaipur Family Court on Friday. A case has been filed at Jyoti Nagar police station, with investigations ongoing involving cyber experts.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS MARCH 2026

Rajasthan fast-tracks Jaipur Metro Phase-II, tender by end of 2025

 Abhishek Shrivastava
Jaipur

→ The Rajasthan government is fast-tracking preparations for Jaipur Metro Phase-II, aiming to issue tenders by year-end and begin construction by March 2026. The 42.8 km corridor from Prahladpura Ring Road to Todi Mod will cost ₹ 12,260 crore. Of this, 60% will be funded through external loans, with ADB and AIIB already giving in-principle approval. The DPR has been submitted for central approval, and tender documents are being pre-



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pared. A Detailed Design Consultant (DDC) and General Consultant (GC) will be appointed to oversee design and execution. The Rajasthan Metro Rail Corporation will manage the project, exe-

cuting up to 30% under retroactive financing provisions. Construction is expected to take a little more than 4 years. The Metro is targeted for operational launch by September 2031.

NHAI TO BUILD PILLARS FOR JAIPUR METRO PHASE 2

→ In a key advancement for Jaipur Metro Phase 2, the corridor will be constructed above NHAI flyovers at Neendad Mod, Todi Mod on Sikar Road, and Beelwa on Tonk Road. This joint initiative between Jaipur Metro and NHAI includes specially designed piers to support the metro structure. Spanning 42.8 km from Prahladpura Ring Road to Todi Mod, the integrated project aims to improve connectivity and reduce traffic congestion across the city.

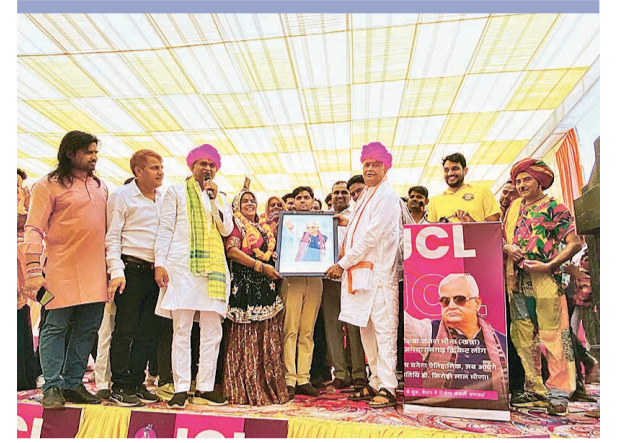
Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena's decoy operation

13 factories sealed in Raj fertiliser scam crackdown

 Shubham Jain
Arain (Ajmer)

Acting on the directives of Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, a major crackdown was launched against illegal fertiliser operations in Ajmer's Arain region. Over 22,500 sacks of fertilisers, including DAP and other variants, were seized during a raid on an unlicensed factory in Chausla village, led by Agriculture Department Assistant Director Ramniwas with police support. The factory was producing and packaging fertilisers illegally, and samples have been sent for quality testing. Another facility, Shambhu Bio Fertilisers, is also under investigation. Dr. Meena has ordered strict action to protect farmers from fake products.

A decoy operation has led to the sealing of 13 factories so far, with two FIRs filed and more expected. A statewide campaign is being planned. In Bharatpur, panic has spread among traders amid reports of fake products being shifted secretly, allegedly with insider involvement. The administration has vowed no leniency for offenders.



Kirodi Lal Meena and local MLA Mahendra Pal Meena inaugurated Jamwaramgarh Cricket League 2025 on Saturday.

KIRODI MEENA INAUGURATES JAMWARAMGARH CRICKET LEAGUE, REWARDS SPORTING HEROES

→ Jamwa Ramgarh/Jaipur: State Agriculture Minister Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena and local MLA Mahendra Pal Meena inaugurated the "Jamwaramgarh Cricket League 2025" on Saturday in Langadiyabas village. During the event, Dr. Meena announced a one-month salary reward each for cricketer Sushila Meena and Paralympic gold medalist Vikram Meena, in recognition of their sporting achievements. He also advised village Sarpanch Vimla Meena to join the Ramgarh Dam volunteer campaign. Dr. Meena pointed out that although Sarpanch Vimla Meena is a staunch Congress supporter, both he and the MLA still chose to attend the programme. He added that it is now expected of the Sarpanch to also contribute to the government's voluntary campaign by participating in the cleaning efforts at Ramgarh Dam. The inaugural ceremony was also addressed by local MLA Mahendra Pal Meena and Sarpanch Vimla Meena. Cricketer Sushila Meena and Paralympic gold medalist Vikram Meena were among the key attractions of the event, drawing enthusiastic support from the attending youth and players. The opening match of the tournament was played between the teams of Meenawala and Natata. Batting first, Natata posted a total of 121 runs in 10 overs. In response, Meenawala managed to score 95 runs in the allotted 10 overs, handing Natata a 27-run victory. Tournament organiser Rajesh Khanna informed that the winning team will be awarded a cash prize of Rs1 lakh, while the runner-up will receive Rs 50,000. In addition, several individual player awards have also been planned. Deepak Gagrani

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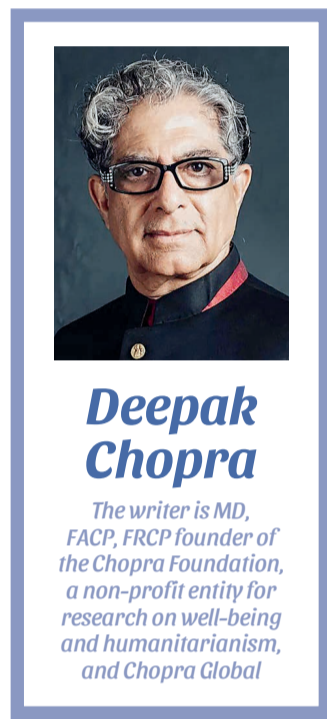
THE PATH TO UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

When the term “unconditional love” became current, it marked a change in how we view love itself. A mother loves her newborn child without reservation, and romantic love, in its first stages of infatuation, can make the beloved seem perfect. But it was new to believe that love without reservation, completely forgiving and accepting, could exist between two people in everyday life - in other words, a spiritual dimension has to be involved. This means that to love yourself unconditionally must come from a higher level. Looking in the mirror, all of us see too many flaws and remember too many past wounds and failings to love ourselves unconditionally.

There is a path to unconditional love, as with any spiritual aspiration. On this path, there is a beginning, middle, and end. Let me describe them a little to give you an idea of how the path unfolds.

Beginning: You see yourself as wanting and needing love, usually more than you are receiving. You feel insecure about being lovable, but your ego is there to boost you (or not). You love others for the most part according to how much they love you or appeal to your sense of romance, sexuality, and compatibility. Relationships involve a constant negotiation between what you want and what your partner wants. Words that apply to love include the following: passion, attachment, dependency, merging, romance, mutual need, liking, and compatibility.

MIDDLE: When you aspire to a higher kind of love, ego and neediness begin to count for much less. You feel



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that love can be a healing force that binds everyone. You can love someone else without needing anything from them. Such love begins to be less personal and attached. Your awareness expands, and you feel less insecure. Love becomes more mature and peaceful. Relationships involve mutual appreciation; there are fewer conflicts between two defensive personalities. The words that apply to love include the following: idealistic, calm, unselfish, giving, empathic, forgiving, and accepting.

END: When all limitations are left behind, love becomes unconditional. You feel that it emerges from a spiritual source inside yourself. This is more than a feeling; you've tapped into a universal aspect of Being. No longer do you have a personal stake in the people you love. Pure compassion is possible now and a sense of belonging to the hu-

man family. Relationships involve no struggle or contending needs and wants. Love becomes a self-sufficient state of fulfillment. The words that apply to love include the following: blissful, transcendent, saintly, luminous, ecstatic, and boundless.

As you can see, the term “unconditional” isn't being used lightly. It's about a process that reaches an exalted goal, while at the same time there are glimpses of bliss and joy along the way. As with all spiritual aspirations when they are real, unconditional love is natural. It can be felt in a baby's innocence or the sight of a sublime sunset. What's challenging is to hold on to these passing moments, to turn them into a permanent state. Yet every step on the journey is worthwhile, just as any aspect of healing is always worthwhile.

Looking at the beginning, middle, and end of the path to unconditional love, you don't need to judge where you belong. All of us have felt at least a few instances where we were perfectly loved and completely lovable. For most people, these times go back to childhood or a first romance. How, then, do we regain such a state? By walking the path that lies ahead. The world's spiritual traditions have provided many road maps, but here I'll offer a few common elements without religious overlay.

THE PATH INVOLVES

- Making contact with your inner self.
- Honestly facing your inner obstacles and resistance.
- Dealing with old wounds.
- Forgiving your past.
- Accepting where you are right now.

- Forming relationships where you feel loved and appreciated.
- Practicing the kind of love you aspire to receive.

1 MAKING CONTACT WITH INNER SELF

This implies paying more attention to self-care. Through meditation, self-reflection, or contemplation, and the experience of quiet at least a few minutes every day, you make contact with your inner world. You learn to appreciate and enjoy it.

2 HONESTLY FACING INNER OBSTACLES

Most people don't like to face their weaknesses and flaws because they judge against them. But you are only human, and you will find that your sense of insecurity and anxiety represents feelings from the past that can be healed. In fact, they want to be released if you give them a chance. The first step in healing is to look inside and let the process of releasing begin. Healing can proceed along many avenues, from therapy and support groups to energy work, massage, mind-body programs, and various Eastern medical approaches.

3 DEALING WITH OLD WOUNDS

One could also call this advanced healing. As old residues of negative emotions are released, you find that you are stuck with resentments, hurts, and scars that must be dealt with. Beneath the scar, such wounds feel very fresh. It takes help from someone else who understands the situation to go into these dark places - it could be a close friend, mentor, confidante, priest, or therapist. No one can do this work alone. I feel, but I'm not underlining any sense of danger or fear. The work can be done safely, without anxiety, and once you start, there's a tremendous sense of exhilaration, even triumph in the process. Just find someone who has walked the path successfully & sympathizes with you.

4 FORGIVING YOUR PAST

You shouldn't jump too quickly into forgiveness. It's all too easy to pretend to yourself that you forgive old hurts and abusive treatment, when in fact what you are eager for is to escape the pain. The absence of pain, achieved through healing, gives you the right foundation for deep, lasting forgiveness.

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ADDICTION TO OPIOID

Treatment underdosing can lead to fentanyl overdosing explains a physician



Imagine a patient named Rosa tells you she wakes up night after night in a drenching sweat after having very realistic dreams of smoking fentanyl.

The dreams seem crazy to her and Rosa found herself musing throughout the day about the rewarding rush of fentanyl, which seemed ever more appealing.

Rosa asks you, her doctor, for a higher dose of buprenorphine. You consider her request carefully. Your clinic follows Food and Drug Administration prescribing guideline that has changed very little in over 20 years. It recommends her current prescription - 16 milligrams - as the “target” dose. You are aware of the prevailing view among medical providers that most patients don't need a dose higher than that.

But after many visits, you feel that you know Rosa well. You believe in her sincerity. She is a responsible 25-year-old with a full-time job who never misses appointments. You reluctantly agree and raise her daily dose by one additional 8-milligram pill, totaling 24 milligrams.

At her next visit, Rosa tells you that the higher dose solved her daytime fentanyl craving, but the nightmares have continued. She would like to try an even higher dose.

How should you respond? The FDA guideline clearly states there is no evidence to support any benefit above her new dose. You begin to doubt Rosa's sincerity and your own judgment.

Source: theconversation.com

FINDING RIGHT DOSE

● The challenge of finding the right treatment dose became more acute for clinicians and patients as fentanyl swept across the country starting in 2013. Fentanyl now dominates the unregulated opioid supply. Fifty times stronger than heroin, fentanyl overwhelms the ability of low doses of buprenorphine to counter its effects.

● Buprenorphine - also known by the brand name Suboxone, which contains a mix of buprenorphine and naloxone - is an opioid medication with the quirk of both activating the brain's opioid receptors and partially blocking them. It provides just enough opioid effects to prevent withdrawal symptoms and craving while also blocking the reward of euphoria.

HARM OF LOW DOSES

● This hypothetical scenario has played out countless times in the U.S. since 2002, when buprenorphine was first approved as a treatment for opioid use disorder. As a family physician specializing in addiction medicine, I have frequently encountered patients who still experience withdrawal symptoms at the “target dose” and even at the suggested maximum dose of 24 milligrams.

● People like Rosa, plagued by uncontrolled fentanyl craving - either awake or in dreams - are at high risk of leaving treatment and returning to addiction. Yet from 2019 to 2020, only 2% of buprenorphine prescriptions were written for over 24 milligrams.

CAN YOU UPLOAD A HUMAN MIND INTO A COMPUTER?

NEUROSCIENTIST PONDERES WHAT'S POSSIBLE

The concept, cool yet maybe a little creepy, is known as mind uploading. Think of it as a way to create a copy of your brain, a transmission of your mind and consciousness into a computer. There you would live digitally, perhaps forever. You'd have an awareness of yourself, you'd retain your memories and still feel like you. But you wouldn't have a body.

Within that simulated environment, you could do anything you do in real life - eating, driving a car, playing sports. You

could also do things impossible in the real world, like walking through walls, flying like a bird or traveling to other planets. The only limit is what science can realistically simulate.

Doable? Theoretically, mind uploading should be possible. Still, you may wonder how it could happen. After all, researchers have barely begun to understand the brain.

Yet science has a track record of turning theoretical possibilities into reality. Just because a concept seems terribly, unimaginably difficult doesn't



mean it's impossible. Consider that science took humankind to the Moon, sequenced the human genome and eradicated smallpox. Those things too were once considered unlikely.

As a brain scientist who studies perception, I fully ex-

pect mind uploading to one day be a reality. But as of today, we're nowhere close.

LIVING IN A LAPTOP

The brain is often regarded as the most complex object in the known universe. Replicating

2045? 2145? OR LATER?

● Knowing how the brain computes things might provide a shortcut. That would let researchers simulate only the essential parts of the brain, and not all biological idiosyncrasies.

● However, this approach requires that scientists figure out how the brain creates thoughts - how collections of thousands to millions of neurons come together to perform the computations that make the human mind come alive. It's hard to express how very far we are from this.

● Here's another way: Replace the 86 billion real neurons with artificial ones, one at a time.

That approach would make mind uploading much easier. Right now, though, scientists can't replace even a single real neuron with an artificial one.

● But keep in mind the pace of technology is accelerating exponentially. It's reasonable to expect spectacular improvements in computing power and artificial intelligence in the coming decades.

● One other thing is certain: Mind uploading will certainly have no problem finding funding. Many billionaires appear glad to part with lots of their money for a shot at living forever.

all that complexity will be extraordinarily difficult.

One requirement: The uploaded brain needs the same inputs it always had. In other words, the external world must be available to it. Even cloistered inside a computer, you

would still need a simulation of your senses, a reproduction of the ability to see, hear, smell, touch, feel - as well as move, blink, detect your heart rate, set your circadian rhythm and do thousands of other things.

Source: theconversation.com

PM Narendra Modi said terrorists brought their doom by challenging 'nari shakti' **Ab goli ka jawab gole se milega: PM warns Pak again; hails 'Op Sindoor'**

'Significant progress' made towards Mahila Samridhi plan: Gupta

Agencies
Bhopal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again issued a warning to Pakistan, declaring that any act of aggression would be met with an even greater response. "Ab goli ka jawab gole se milega (now we will respond to bullets with shells)", he asserted on Saturday.

He described 'Operation Sindoor' as a symbol of India's indomitable spirit, a testament to the nation's courage and commitment to defending its sovereignty.

Speaking at the 'Women Empowerment Maha Sammelan' in Bhopal, held to mark the 300th birth anniversary of Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, he reflected upon the heroic legacy of the revered ruler.

PM Modi reiterated that terrorists had dared to challenge the strength of Indian women, a move that led to their downfall, along with those who supported them.

He emphasised that 'Sindoor' has long stood as an emblem of feminine power in Indian tradition, signifying strength, devotion, and sacred duty.

Citing an example



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to legendary queen Ahilyabai Holkar on her 300th birth anniversary at 'Mahila Sashaktikaran Maha Sammelan' in Bhopal on Saturday.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits an exhibition during a programme organised to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Ahilyabai Holkar, in Bhopal on Saturday.

Those who seek to threaten India's sovereignty will find no refuge, as the forces of justice will strike at the very heart of hostility, eliminating not only the perpetrators but also those who enable and support them.

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

from Hindu mythology, PM Modi said, even in the lore of Lord Hanuman, his devotion to Lord Rama is intertwined with the symbolism of 'Sindoor', marking a bond of faith and unwavering commitment.

Referring to the recent acts of terror in Pahalgam, PM Modi said that

they were not just an attack on innocent lives but an assault on India's cultural fabric and unity.

He pointed out that the aggressors had sought to fracture the spirit of the people and dared to challenge the indomitable force of women's strength, a mistake that proved to be their downfall.



A metro train runs on the newly inaugurated 6-km-long Super Priority Corridor of Indore Metro, in Indore on Saturday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the metro corridor.



Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and actor Anupam Kher during an event titled '100 Din Sewa Ke', marking 100 days of the Delhi government, in New Delhi on Saturday.

Agencies
New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Delhi government has made "significant progress" on its plan to provide Rs 2,500 in monthly financial aid to women under the Mahila Samridhi Yojana, chief minister Rekha Gupta said on Friday.

Gupta said her government is preparing a comprehensive, "fool-proof" policy to ensure poor women receive sustained support. While reiterating that the scheme will target economically disadvantaged women, Gupta did not disclose the specific eligibility criteria.

"We have held meetings and are working on a detailed framework," she said. "The BJP had promised during the elections that poor women would receive Rs 2,500 every month, and we are committed to delivering that."

GUPTA LISTS POLICY PUSH ON COMPLETING 100 DAYS OF GOVT

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said her dispensation was all about honest governance, public welfare, and structural reforms, as she accused the previous government of civic neglect, on Saturday, marking 100 days of her coming to power. Gupta emphasised that her administration laid focus on policy formulation than making "false promises."

The Mahila Samridhi Yojana was one of the BJP's marquee promises during the 2025 Delhi assembly elections, pitched as a key welfare initiative to empower women and provide them with financial stability. The pledge resonated strongly in the party's campaign, helping the BJP secure crucial support across working-class neighbourhoods and informal settlements in Delhi.

DEFAMATION CASE

Court rejects Rahul's petition on Savarkar

PTI
Pune



Rahul Gandhi

A court in Pune on Saturday rejected Rahul Gandhi's application seeking details of the maternal lineage of Satyaki Savarkar, the grand-nephew of VD Savarkar, over his defamation complaint filed against the Congress leader for his alleged objectionable remarks against the Hindutva ideology.

Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Amol Shinde dismissed the application, observing that the case pertains to an alleged defamatory speech made by Gandhi in London and not to the family tree of late Himani Ashok Savarkar, the mother of Satyaki Savarkar.

Himani Savarkar was

the daughter of Gopal Vinayak Godse, the younger brother of Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse.

Gandhi, through his counsel Milind Pawar, had submitted that while the complainant had provided details of his paternal ancestry while filing the complaint, his maternal lineage had not been disclosed. The defence argued that this information was crucial for the hearing.

MASSIVE DEVOTEE TURNOUT MARKS CHAR DHAM YATRA

Over 1.6 mn pilgrims visit sacred shrines within weeks of opening



OVER 6,50,000 PILGRIMS VISIT KEDARNATH IN JUST 30 DAYS

In a profound expression of faith and spirituality, the Char Dham Yatra 2025 has seen an overwhelming response from devotees across India and abroad. Since the pilgrimage began, over 1.6 million devotees have embarked on this sacred journey to the revered Char Dham sites—Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath—as well as Hemkund Sahib.

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Char Dham Yatra holds immense religious importance in Hinduism, believed to cleanse sins and pave the path to salvation. This pilgrimage is considered one of the most sacred journeys for a Hindu devotee.

ABOUT SHRINES

- **YAMUNOTRI** – Source of the Yamuna River and home to Goddess Yamuna.
- **GANGOTRI** – Source of the Ganges River, worshipping Goddess Ganga.
- **KEDARNATH** – One of the 12 Jyotirlingas, dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- **BADRINATH** – A sacred shrine of Lord Vishnu in his Badrinath form.

This traditional route symbolizes the cosmic cycle and spiritual progression.

A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND DEVOTION

With the echoes of Vedic chants, the scent of incense, and breathtaking Himalayan views, the Char Dham Yatra continues to inspire millions to reconnect with their spiritual roots, offering not just a pilgrimage but a life-altering journey into the heart of devotion.

'J&K should be friendship bridge between India and Pakistan'

PTI
Srinagar

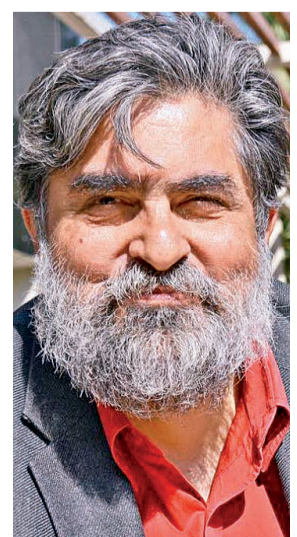
People's Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti said on Saturday that Jammu and Kashmir should be a bridge of friendship between India and Pakistan, and not a theatre of war.

Mufti said Jammu and Kashmir has always borne the brunt of war and violence, likening the region to "grass trampled under the feet of two fighting elephants".

"The PDP will continue to raise its voice for peace and channel the sentiments of people. We must end the spectre of war so that people can plan their lives and revive the economy," Mufti added.

AFTER BATTLING CANCER

India's 'tiger man' Valmik Thapar no more



Valmik Thapar

PTI
New Delhi

Valmik Thapar, India's renowned conservationist and widely known as the country's 'Tiger Man', passed away at the age of 73 on Saturday morning at his Kautilya Marg residence in Delhi. He had been battling cancer.

Thapar, a towering figure in India's conserva-

tion landscape, dedicated over four decades of his life to wildlife preservation, with a special focus on tigers. He was a vocal advocate for stronger anti-poaching laws and the preservation of natural tiger habitats, often pushing for the demarcation of exclusive zones free from human

interference. Thapar served on over 150 government panels and task forces, including the National Board for Wildlife led by the prime minister. In 2005, he was appointed to the UPA government's Tiger Task Force after the alarming disappearance of tigers from the Sariska Tiger Reserve.

Thapar's father, Romesh Thapar, was a well-known journalist. His aunt is historian Romila Thapar, and his cousin, journalist Karan Thapar.



New UP DGP takes charge



Rajiv Krishna (left) officially took over as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Uttar Pradesh, succeeding Prashant Kumar (right) in Lucknow on Saturday.

TORRENTIAL RAINS SWELL NETHRAVATHI RIVER

Officials said the situation is being closely monitored, and more areas may be impacted if rainfall persists and water levels continue to rise



National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel and others move through a waterlogged road aboard a rescue boat to distribute relief material to affected people at an area inundated with rainwater after heavy rainfall, in Guwahati, Assam, Saturday.

Agencies

Mangaluru (Karnataka)

Continuous rainfall in Dakshina Kannada district has led to an increase in the water level of the Nethravathi River, prompting precautionary evacuations of people from low-lying areas of Bantwal taluk, officials said on Saturday.

This morning, the river was flowing at 7.6 metre, close to the danger mark of 8.5 metre, they said.

Authorities reported water entering houses in Aladkapadpu, located in the 24th ward of the Panemangalore Municipality. Revenue officials, along with ward member Siddiq Guddeyangandi and local volunteers, assisted in relocating affected families to safer areas.

Officials said the situation is being closely monitored, and more areas may be impacted if rainfall persists and water levels continue to rise.

Guddeyangandi told PTI that more areas might come under the floodline and volunteers are monitoring the rise on an hourly basis.



DELHI WEATHER: IMD ISSUES ORANGE ALERT, NATIONAL CAPITAL RECORDS WETTEST MAY

Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 34.8 degrees Celsius on Saturday morning, marking one of the warmer days of the season. However, despite the high morning temperature, this May has been unusual in many ways, including below-normal daytime temperatures, unprecedented frequent rains, and the absence of any heatwave conditions. In terms of rainfall, May 2025 has been historic for Delhi, with the capital receiving 188.9 mm of rainfall, the highest-ever rainfall recorded in the month of May. This is over 202 per cent more than the normal monthly average of 62.6 mm. In contrast, May 2024 saw just 0.4 mm of rain, which was 99 per cent below average.

9 DEAD IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH AS TORRENTIAL RAINS CAUSE SEVERE DAMAGE

At least nine people lost their lives in Arunachal Pradesh over the past two days as relentless rainfall triggered landslides and flash floods across the hilly state, officials confirmed on Saturday. In a tragic incident late Friday night, a landslide swept a vehicle carrying seven members of two families off National Highway 13 in East Kameng district. The vehicle was travelling from Bana to Seppa when it was pushed into a deep gorge by a landslide along the Bana-Seppa stretch.



RAMBAN HIT BY HAILSTORM, RAIN SOAKS SRINAGAR

Heavy rainfall and hailstorm lashed Jammu & Kashmir's Ramban district on Saturday, causing disruptions in the region. Meanwhile, parts of Srinagar city witnessed moderate to heavy rain, affecting daily activities. However, tourists in Srinagar welcomed the rain. Meanwhile, hailstorms and heavy rainfall battered Jammu & Kashmir's Ramban district. The IMD forecast widespread light to moderate rain and thunderstorms across the Kashmir Division on Friday, with a warning for isolated heavy rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds reaching speeds of 40-50 kmph.

LANDSLIDES KILL 5 IN ASSAM AMID MONSOON RAIN

Assam is witnessing devastating flood like situation after incessant rains since Thursday brought life to a standstill in the northeastern state. Floodwater engulfed several regions amid India Meteorological Department's red alert warning for the third consecutive day. As per the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), as many as 5 individuals are reported to have died in rain related incident. Massive landslides recently occurred in Kamrup (Metro) district, triggered by torrential rain, and a total of 3 districts and 5 Revenue Circles have been affected by Urban Flood, PTI reported citing official release. Over 10 thousand people living in Kamrup, Kamrup (Metro) and Cachar districts of Assam have been severely affected. According to the official bulletin released on Saturday, all five deaths have been reported from the Kamrup Metropolitan district.

Constitution kept India united in crisis: CJI Gavai

PTI

Prayagraj

The Constitution has ensured that whenever the country has faced a crisis, it has remained united and strong, Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai said on Saturday.

The CJI was addressing a function after the inauguration of advocate chambers and multi-level parking at the Allahabad High Court here.

"Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar had replied that the Constitution is neither wholly federal nor wholly unitary. But one thing I can tell you is that we have given a Constitution which will keep India united and strong both in times of peace and war," CJI Gavai said.

"Today we see what is the condition of our neighbouring countries. And India is making a journey towards development after independence. Whenever there has been a crisis in the country, it has remained united and strong. The credit for this should be given to the Constitution," he said.



Chief Justice of India B R Gavai, Arjun Ram Meghwal, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath & others during the inauguration of advocate chambers and multi-level parking at the Allahabad High Court, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, Saturday.

₹1700 CRORE APPROVED FOR INTEGRATED COURT COMPLEXES IN 7 UP DISTRICTS: YOGI

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Saturday attended the inauguration event of the new advocate chamber and parking building at the Allahabad High Court. Speaking at the event, CM Yogi Adityanath highlighted the state government's efforts to strengthen judicial infrastructure, stating, "When we (BJP) came to power, 10 districts didn't have their courts... We wanted the parking facilities and lawyers' chambers to be included in an integrated court complex in the court infrastructure. We have already received approval and allocated Rs 1700 crore for 7 districts..."

When the Constitution was being made & its final draft was presented before the Constituent Assembly, at that time some people used to say that the Constitution is too federal while some used to say that it is too unitary. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar had replied that the Constitution is neither wholly federal nor wholly unitary. B R GAVAI, CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

In the 75-year journey of the Constitution coming into effect, the legislature, the executive and

the judiciary have contributed a lot in bringing social and economic equality, he said.

Active Covid cases in India rise to 3,395

PTI

New Delhi

The number of active Covid-19 cases in India touched the 3,000-mark, with the tally at 3,395 and four deaths were reported in the past 24 hours. According to the Health Ministry data, four deaths - one each in Delhi, Kerala, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh - were reported in the country in the past 24 hours.



As per the data, Kerala has 1,336 active cases, Maharashtra 467, Delhi 375, Gujarat 265, Karnataka 234, West Bengal 205, Tamil Nadu 185 and Uttar Pradesh 117.

Five killed in road accident in UP's Hardoi

PTI

Hardoi (Uttar Pradesh)

A road accident in Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi claimed the lives of five people and left six others critically injured when a speeding Ertiga car carrying wedding guests lost control and fell into a ditch.

The victims were returning to Patyanim village in Pali police station area after attending a wedding in Kusuma village. The groom, Neeraj, had just gotten married when the accident struck on the way back.

According to officials, the car was speeding and overturned after the driver lost control at a sharp turn on the Alamnagar road. The vehicle was carrying 11 people, including Jitendra, his son Siddharth, Ramu, Akash, and Johri — all residents of Patyanim. All five were declared dead shortly after being rushed to the Shahabad Community Health Centre.

FI TOON

Children in private schools are gaining more weight than those in government schools: AIIMS

So why private... say pri weight school



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STOCK MARKET ANALYSIS

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE THE ECONOMY



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The much-anticipated figures for India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) have now been released. Despite several adverse conditions, the Indian economy has registered an overall growth rate of 6.5% for the financial year 2024-25, with the March quarter witnessing a growth rate of 7.4%. According to economic analysts, the current circumstances are quite favourable for the Indian stock market to gain momentum — conditions that could make June a historically significant month. India moving closer to overtaking Japan as the

world's fourth-largest economy, positive developments on US tariff concerns, a good monsoon, falling crude oil prices, and continued growth in GST revenue collection are among the factors indicating that the markets may see a 2-3% rise in June. Investors are therefore advised to focus on companies with strong fundamentals.

In the past week, which ended on Friday, the BSE index showed a slight weekly decline of 270.07 points (0.33%), closing at 81,451.01 points, while the NSE Nifty saw a dip of 102.45 points (0.41%), ending at 24,750.70 points. How-



ever, this dip had little effect on the mid-cap and small-cap indices, both of which ended the week in the green — a signal of potential market uptrend. Last week, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) maintained a buying stance throughout the

week but ended up selling off their positions on Friday, resulting in a net negative stance. FIIs recorded net sales worth ₹418.36 crore during the week, whereas Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) supported the market with net purchases

amounting to ₹33,144.78 crore. In May, FIIs bought shares worth ₹11,773.25 crore, while DIIs purchased stocks worth ₹67,642.78 crore.

In the bullion market, gold and silver prices witnessed a downward trend this week due to subdued demand. In the Jaipur market, gold prices fell by ₹800 per 10 grams, dropping from ₹99,800 to ₹98,000, while silver fell by ₹2,000 per kilogram, from ₹1,01,500 to ₹99,500. Volatility in bullion prices has kept buyer interest relatively low.

Regarding the market outlook, stock traders anticipate selective stocks to perform well in the

coming days. However, they recommend that investors seek advice from professional advisors when selecting stocks. In the current scenario, shares of public sector banks such as PNB, Canara Bank, Union Bank, and Bank of Maharashtra, as well as companies like Zomato, Inox Wind, Apollo Micro Systems, CDSL, Suzlon Energy, Tata Elxsi, and NBCC, are considered relatively safe investment options. Nevertheless, in the event of a market downturn, these stocks may also face declines.

Following recent recovery in the stock market, the IPO space has

also regained some activity. However, a lull in the grey market is affecting the enthusiasm among applicants. This week, there are no IPOs scheduled on the main board, while two companies are trying their luck on the SME platform. IPO investors are advised to carefully review the premium demanded by the companies, their financial health, and the purpose of the IPO. Meanwhile, five companies have submitted their Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) or revised DRHP with SEBI this week.

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WHY IS SHASHI THAROOR UPSET WITH HIS OWN PARTY?

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, who has led a key parliamentary delegation abroad to present India's stance on terrorism, has recently visited the US, Panama, Guyana, Brazil, and Colombia. Before departing on this foreign tour, Tharoor hosted a "Mango and Chaat" party at his New Delhi residence for a few Malayali journalists. At this informal gathering, he reportedly opened up about his real grievances—not with Rahul Gandhi per se, but with KC Venugopal, one of Rahul's closest aides. According to one journalist, Tharoor believes that Rahul maintains a uniformly distant, carefree attitude with most party leaders, but his real conflict lies with Venugopal, who acts like the party's "functional

head" and allegedly treats Tharoor as a "persona non grata." Despite having a strong support base in Kerala, Tharoor senses that the party intends to sideline him in the upcoming state assembly elections. Though he is the sitting MP from Thiruvananthapuram, even his own party MLAs avoid meeting him. At 69, Tharoor is weighing his options—if the BJP offers him a Rajya Sabha seat and a Union Cabinet position, he could serve until he turns 75 and then retire abroad where his sons and sisters are already settled. His 94-year-old mother still lives in India, but if the BJP positions him as a CM face in Kerala, he might throw his full weight behind the party in his home state. He also knows how tough it was to win Thiruvananthapuram this time—if the BJP fields Rajeev Chandrasekhar again, Tharoor could well clear the path for his victory.

WHAT MINISTRY WILL THAROOR GET?

Recently, "saffron-tinged," Tharoor's ideological shift may be open to political debate, but the BJP's top brass is reportedly thrilled with his performance. Under his leadership, the parliamentary delegation has effectively presented India's narrative on terrorism to the media and civil society in several nations. Tharoor also seems focused on the political future in Kerala. On 3 May, he took a veiled dig at the Kerala government on X, criticising its ₹10 crore aid to Turkey and connecting it to Wayanad, Priyanka Gandhi's constituency. Initially, Tharoor was being considered for the HRD Ministry, but this reportedly didn't sit well with the RSS, which prefers to keep this portfolio under close ideological control. Now, two ministries are under consideration for him: External Affairs and Commerce.

WHY DID SUPRIYA DELAY HER FOREIGN TOUR?

CP MP Supriya Sule was scheduled to be part of the same foreign parliamentary delegation, but delayed her departure by two days. She was summoned, along with her father Sharad Pawar, for a meeting with the BJP's top leadership. During this meeting, BJP leaders emphasised the need for a "larger unity in national interest," essentially urging a reconciliation between Uncle Ajit Pawar and nephew Sharad Pawar. Ajit Pawar has reportedly already agreed to this reunification. However, he wants Supriya to shift her focus to national politics. BJP has apparently offered her a ministerial berth at the Centre, possibly the Ministry for Women and Child Development. But Supriya has other ideas as she is said to have expressed interest in being considered for the Chief Minister's post in Maharashtra instead.

WHY DOES TDP CHIEF CHANDRABABU NAIDU WANT ₹500 NOTES WITHDRAWN?

During a major three-day TDP meeting in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh, attended by over 5 lakh party workers, TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu suggested that the Union government should withdraw ₹500 notes and replace them with digital currency to curb corruption. He even asked party workers to raise their hands in support of this idea. Naidu was part of the Centre's committee during demonetisation, tasked with planning for a cashless economy. This meeting was historic, it marked the first time in TDP's 43-year history that such a session was held in Kadapa.

AND FINALLY...

Pappu Yadav has become the biggest conundrum for Congress in the Bihar elections—Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi neither want to fully embrace him nor alienate him. The entire Lalu Yadav family, including Tejashwi, opposes Pappu's inclusion, but Congress leadership feels compelled to offer him something respectable. There's speculation that Congress has privately proposed allowing Pappu to field candidates on three to four seats in the Seemanchal region on the Congress symbol. But if talks fall through, Pappu Yadav is prepared to field his own candidates across Seemanchal, potentially hurting both Congress and RJD while giving BJP-JDU an electoral advantage.

Cong took paper leak seriously: July

Wajahat Akhtar
Tonk

Leader of Opposition Tika Ram Jully made sharp remarks regarding the SI recruitment exam and the functioning of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) on Saturday. He said that while in opposition, the

BJP frequently talked about dissolving the RPSC, but after coming to power, it has not even appointed its members.

Jully criticised the government's indecision over the Sub-Inspector recruitment, stating that no concrete decision has been made so far. He alleged that the BJP came to power

by spreading false narratives around paper leaks, yet today, similar incidents are occurring in BJP-ruled states like Delhi and Madhya Pradesh.

He also said that the previous Congress government had taken the issue of paper leaks seriously & introduced strict laws to curb malpractices.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY OBSERVED AT BMCHRC

Guv calls for tobacco-free Raj

First India Bureau

Jaipur

Governor Haribhau Bagade has called for a campaign to make Rajasthan tobacco-free. He said that quitting tobacco products requires self-restraint and a strong mind. He emphasised the need to create an environment where people are encouraged to stop using tobacco and make them aware of its harmful effects.

He said that only by actively discouraging tobacco users meaningful results can be achieved.

"If someone continues to consume tobacco, they should be lovingly counselled and informed about its harmful consequences. This is the path towards a tobacco-free Rajasthan", he said.

The Governor also described the tradition of spraying cotton-like fluff



Governor Haribhau Bagade addressing a programme organised on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day at Bhagwan Mahaveer Cancer Hospital and Research Institute in Jaipur on Saturday. Also seen are (L-R) Hospital Managing Trustee Vimal Chand Surana, Hospital Senior Vice President and Cancer Care Chairperson Anila Kothari and Hospital Executive Director and Retired Major General SC Pareek.

during weddings and celebrations as harmful to health. He pointed out that, "Although tobacco pouches carry warnings and images indicating that consumption causes cancer, people still use them. This is an act of wilful ignorance", the Governor said during the event on Saturday.

50 CIGARETTE PACKETS SEIZED IN CRACKDOWN

In a major action under the COTPA Act, the Medical Department carried out a raid led by CMHO Jaipur I, Dr Ravi Shekhawat. Food safety officers inspected a grocery shop located at the Mansarovar Metro Station, where they seized 50 cigarette packets and 10 cigar packs. Officials were also directed to ensure strict compliance with COTPA regulations. The action was conducted in the presence of Food Safety Officers Vinod Sharma, Naresh Kumar, and Vishal Mittal.

NO TOBACCO DAY WITH AWARENESS INITIATIVES

Jaipur: The National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, observed World No Tobacco Day with a series of awareness programmes, including a webinar, national e-poster competition, and various other activities organised in collaboration with the WHO SEARO team. NIA Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Sharma emphasised the institute's commitment to strengthening de-addiction awareness in society and highlighted ongoing research initiatives in the field of addiction management. Prof. Anita Sharma, Head of the Agad Tantra Department and In-charge of the De-addiction Centre, also addressed the event, sharing that patients struggling with addiction are being treated through pure Ayurvedic methods. She added that over 1,500 patients have been successfully treated so far.

RCA announces new selection committees

Naresh Sharma

Jaipur

The RCA has announced its new selection committees ahead of the upcoming domestic season. The announcement was made by Adhoc Committee Convener Jaydeep Bihani, who formed these committees to oversee player selections for various age groups and categories.

Ranji cricketer Vilas Joshi has been reappointed as the chairman of the senior selection panel. Anoop Dave has been named chairman of the junior selection committee. Anoop Dave has been named chairman of the junior selection panel.

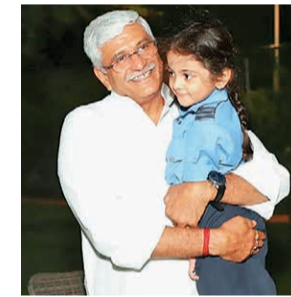
Beyond Politics: Shekhawat hosts little visitor at his Delhi residence

First India Bureau

New Delhi/Jodhpur

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has developed a special fondness for little Hridaya Purohit. The minister spent quality time with Hridaya and her family at his Delhi residence. He was seen affectionately holding the child in his arms, engaging warmly in conversation.

Hridaya, who visited with her parents, Arvind Purohit & Dr. Nupur Purohit, received love and attention from the entire Shekhawat family. The minister's wife, Naonand Kanwar, along with their 2 daughters, also spent time



Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat & Hridaya Purohit.

with the young girl.

Moved by this, he shared a heartfelt post on social media, writing, "My heart is fondly attached to this little one. Thank you, Hridaya, for filling our hearts with joy!". Hridaya had earlier gained attention in Jodhpur during Tiranga Yatra.

MINISTER VISITS HOSP TO MEET ROLSABARS

Jaipur. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Saturday visited SMS Hospital to meet Bhagwan Singh Rolsabsar, who is undergoing treatment in the hospital's medical ICU. Rolsabsar is the patron of Shri Kshatriya Yuvak Sangh.

Vikas Sharma

Hridaya had earlier gained attention in Jodhpur during the Tiranga Yatra, where she appeared as 'little Vyomika Singh' and recited the Shiv Tandav Stotra on stage, earning widespread appreciation and public spotlight.

Jodhpur to house 1st Vande Bharat coach depot

First India Bureau

Jodhpur

Jodhpur is set to host Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat coach maintenance depot, a state-of-the-art facility being constructed near Bhagat Ki Kothri railway station at a cost of ₹167 crore. The ambitious project, which is targeted for completion by the end of 2025, will be capable of maintaining up to three trains. As per DRM Anurag Tripathi, the depot will mark a new milestone in the upkeep of Vande Bharat trains and enhance the prominence of North Western Railway at the national level.

Big changes ahead in Raj Bureaucracy: IAS officers to be reshuffled in upcoming list, IPS transfer list also ready

Rajendra Chhabra

Jaipur

Prolonged wait for the IAS transfer list is expected to end soon, according to reliable sources. It is likely that the upcoming week will bring this positive development. Sources suggest that the government has decided to carry out a major reshuffle within the administration, aiming to enhance efficiency and streamline the entire administrative machinery.

Sources indicate that the list includes the names of approximately 60 IAS officers, ranging from ACS to secretaries, HODs and collectors. Notably, over a dozen collectors are expected to be changed from their current field positions.

Although this list was overdue. But now it has become necessary to release it immediately because just this week, a vacuum of half a dozen IAS officers has been created. Three IAS-Bhanu Prakash Yeturu, Ashutosh A.T Pednekar and Bhagwati Prasad Kalal have been called to Delhi on deputation. While 3 IAS officers-

Mahesh Sharma, Urmila Rajoria and Sushma Arora have retired. DOP has already given additional charge to 24 IAS. This situation has reached a saturation point. Now giving an additional charge of half a dozen IAS will be impractical and inappropriate.

In this context, there is cause for action to issue the transfer list immediately. 3 IAS officers currently on APO (Awaiting Posting Order) are required to be given work.

The key positions for which additional charges have been assigned include the Chairman of the Pollution Control Board, ACS Energy, DG-OTS, Secretary and Commissioner of Panchayati Raj, Commissioner- BIP, Commissioner - Commercial Taxes, DG - Stamp & Registration, Secretary of Devasthan and Commissioner- Tourism. New IAS appointments are expected for all of these posts. The Energy and Medical sectors are being strengthened.

Anand Kumar's tenure in the Home Department has extended significantly and a change in this position now seems likely. With the departure of

Transfer list of IPS officers also ready; Anand Srivastava to be assigned new roles

Experts indicate that the transfer list of IPS officers is also prepared. Anand Srivastava is expected to be assigned a new responsibility at the DG level. This shift will likely necessitate further changes in the Police Headquarters. The upcoming transfer list is set to include the new responsibilities for the 2011 batch IPS officers who have been promoted from SP to DIG. Additionally, three IPS officers currently on APO will be assigned postings and new SP will be appointed in Junjhunu. There are also discussions about transfer of SPs of several districts.

Responsibilities of 3 officers retired on Friday have been handed over to 3 other IAS officers

The Department of Personnel (DoP) issued orders late on Saturday evening, once again assigning additional charges. The responsibilities of the three officers who retired on Friday have been handed over to three other IAS officers. The charge of Urmila Rajoria, Secretary of Administrative Reforms, has been given to Rajan Vishal, who is currently serving as Secretary, Agriculture. The charge of Mahesh Chand Sharma, who was Divisional Commissioner, Ajmer, and Administrator, Board of Secondary Education, has been assigned to Hemant Gera, Chairman of the Revenue Board. The charge of Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, has been assigned to Ram Niwas Mehta, who is currently Secretary, RPSC. The charge of Sushma Arora, Managing Director of RTDC (Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation), has been given to Anupma Jorwal, who is serving as Project Director of SMSA (Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan).

Bhanu Prakash Yeturu, the position of Higher and Technical Education Secretary has become vacant. There is growing speculation that the entire education team could undergo a reshuffle in the upcoming transfer list.

Kuldeep Ranka, Kunjilal Meena, Joga Ram, Naveen Jain, and Rohit Gupta may be assigned new responsibilities.

Sources suggest that it is highly likely that ACS Akhil Arora will retain the command of the finance

department. However, there is a possibility of a completely new team of IAS officers being appointed under him. Three key positions—Commissioner -Commercial Taxes, DG - Stamps and Registration and Joint Secretary of Expenditure—are vacant.

It is true that the DOP is currently facing a shortage of senior-level officers in the IAS cadre. The reduction of one ACS, due to Alok's long leave, has added to the challenge. Moreover, in the one and a half years since the government took office, eight IAS officers have been deputed to Delhi.

In such circumstances, ensuring proper and effective placement of officers is no easy task.

However, given that the transfer list is going to be released is the result of marathon homework, it can be expected that any existing gaps or deficiencies will be addressed. Significant effort has gone into preparing the list at both the Chief Secretary (and Chief Minister's Office levels, suggesting that the reshuffle will be well-considered.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Curiosity drives lifelong learning.
Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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JP Nadda highlights holistic healthcare push under Modi

Yogesh Sharma, Aishwary Pradhan & Vinod S Chouhan
Jaipur

BJP National President and Union Health Minister JP Nadda addressed the 300th birth anniversary conference of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar at RIC on Saturday. He highlighted that under PM Modi's leadership, a holistic health policy has been introduced. Screening for major diseases like cancer and diabetes now begins at age 30. Around 1.77 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been set up. Under PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infra Mission, Rs 64,000 crore has been allocated, including Rs 3,000 crore for Rajasthan. Nationwide, 23 AIIMS are functioning and Rajasthan has added 23 new medical colleges. Union Ministers Gajendra Shekhawat, Bhagirath Chaudhary, Dy CMs Diya & Bairwa, along with other officials, attended the event. Earlier, Nadda and CM Bhajan Lal Sharma paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda at MNIT and planted saplings.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma felicitating Union Min JP Nadda during the event at RIC in Jaipur on Saturday. Union Min Gajendra Shekhawat, Dy CM Diya Kumari, & Madan Rathore are also seen. **NAIM KHAN**

LOANS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, SCOOTERS MARK MAJOR PUSH FOR GIRLS

At the women empowerment event, 1,800 women received loans under the Lakhpati Didi scheme. Rs 11 crore was transferred to 32,755 girls under Lado Protsahan Yojana. Over 17,000 girls got Rs 5 crore under the ST Pre-Matric scheme, and 20,000 girls were reimbursed Rs 10 crore in fees under Balika Durasth Education. Awards totalling Rs 3.4 crore were given to 6,489 girls through the Gargi and Balika Shiksha schemes. Two tribal hostels and five Kasturba Gandhi Girls' Schools were launched. 2,000 girls received scooters under the Kalibai Bhil scheme. Women-focused health initiatives, including Garbh Ki Pathshala and Swasth Nari Chetna Abhiyan, were launched. In the first phase, 4,125 facilities across 10 districts began gestational diabetes screening. A digital coffee table book on tobacco control was released.



5,000 VILLAGES TO GO POVERTY-FREE

CM Sharma said state govt is committed to uplifting 4 key groups: poor, youth, farmers, and women. Under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Poverty-Free Village Scheme, 5,000 villages will be developed with uplifting of the BPL families.

APPOINTMENTS ON 67K+ POSTS IN RAJ

CM announced that over 67,000 appointments have been made, with recruitment underway for 187K more. The govt targets 1 million jobs across sectors. Over 65K youth have found employment through job fairs, & 300K have got the skill training.

7.8 LAKH LAKHPATI DIDIS IN THE STATE

CM said 1.4 million women have been trained under Lakhpati Didi scheme, creating 780,000 earning women. Under the Lado Yojana, Rs 1.5 lakh bonds are given to families of 230,000 girls.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with JP Nadda and (L-R) Alka Gurjar, Diya Kumari, Radha Mohan Das Agrawal, Madan Rathore, Vasundhara Rajee, PC Bairwa, and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during the Ahilyabai Holkar Jayanti Celebration in EP, Jaipur on Saturday. **NAIM KHAN**

Grand celebrations held in Jaipur to mark Ahilyabai Holkar Jayanti

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Jaipur celebrated Ahilyabai Holkar Jayanti in grand fashion at the EP venue with the presence of BJP National President JP Nadda, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Deputy CM Diya Kumari and other leaders. A special play on Ahilyabai's life was staged, and a 'Tiranga Yatra' from Jawahar Circle to the venue featured Nadda and top leaders in an open chariot.

Nadda praised CM Sharma and BJP state

NADDA REVIEWS RAJASTHAN'S HEALTH PROGRESS

Jaipur: Union Health Minister JP Nadda chaired a review meeting of Health Department at the CMR in Jaipur, joined by CM Bhajan Lal Sharma and senior officials. The meeting highlighted declining maternal and infant mortality rates, improved immunisation coverage, and progress under PM-ABHIM, including new healthcare infra. Digital health platforms like e-Sanjeevani and U-WIN were reviewed, alongside effective fund use under the 15th Finance Commission. Emphasis was placed on inter-state data portability and strengthening the MAA Yojana.

president Madan Rathore and lauded PM Modi for empowering women. On national security, he cited the Balakot airstrike,

warning Pakistan over terrorism, and asserted, "This is Modi ji's India—we don't complain, we respond."



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma & Union Health Minister JP Nadda paid a courtesy visit to Governor Haribhau Bagade at Raj Bhavan in Jaipur on Saturday.



JP Nadda with Mannat Arora, Jaipur Div Co-incharge of BJYM during his Jpr visit on Saturday.

INNOVATION AND FUTURE PLANNING IN THE MINES AND MINERALS SECTOR CONCLAVE - 2025

FIRST INDIA NEWS ACTS AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND GOVT: ARORA

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Jaipur

First India News organised 'Innovation and Future Planning in the Mines and Minerals Sector Conclave - 2025' at the Hotel Holiday Inn, Jaipur on Saturday. Addressing the gathering, First India News CEO and Managing Editor Pawan Arora praised the Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's involvement in expediting the Barmer refinery project, expressing optimism that it would be completed within the next six months. Once operational, the crude oil output is expected to enhance Rajasthan's economic standing significantly. Speaking about First India News' broader social role, Pawan Arora said the channel acts as a bridge between the people and the government. Arora further added that we are taking forward Dr Jagdeesh Chandra's vision of 'Khabar Hi Jeevan Hai'. He emphasised that the platform highlights public concerns while also effectively communicating the government's welfare schemes to the masses. He didn't shy



Minister Jawahar Singh Bedham addressing the 'Innovation and Future Planning in the Mines and Minerals Sector Conclave - 2025' at Hotel Holiday Inn, in Jaipur, on Saturday. Pawan Arora with (L-R) Harish Mistry, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Avinash Gehlot, KK Vishnoi, Gautam Kumar Dak, and Deepak Tanwar are also seen here on the stage. **SANTOSH SHARMA**

away from highlighting the pressing issues in the sector, including illegal mining operations across various regions. He acknowledged that the Chief Minister has shown a serious commitment towards curbing illegal mining and has reiterated this resolve in several meetings. He also called attention to challenges related to environmental balance and the often cumbersome clearance process required for mining projects. Arora suggested that Rajasthan's vast mineral resources should not only be extracted but also processed within the state to enable value addition and boost exports. He commended the mining department, especially Principal Secretary T Ravikanth and other officials, for setting an ambitious revenue target of Rs 12,900 crore this year, a sharp rise



Pawan Arora greets Min Avinash Gehlot at the conclave in Jaipur on Saturday. Jinendra Shekhawat also seen.



Pawan Arora welcoming the Raj Ministers (L-R) Jawahar Singh Bedham, Gautam Kumar Dak, and KK Vishnoi.

from last year's Rs 7,000-8,000 crore. He further underlined that positive outcomes have also stemmed from innovations such as the introduction of e-auctions, which have helped eliminate corruption in block allocation. Among the distinguished attendees were First India News Editor Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Vice President of

Marketing Vishal Mathur, Political Editor Yogesh Sharma, and other senior editorial staff. The event was anchored by senior anchor and Associate Editor Shweta Mishra Awasthi, while Associate Editor Nirmal Tiwari concluded the event with a vote of thanks. Several mining entrepreneurs and association representatives were also present at the event.

FIN shows ethical responsibility amid bomb threat e-mail

During the conclave, the hotel received an email threat warning of a bomb scare. Demonstrating ethical responsibility, CEO Pawan Arora interrupted Minister Jawahar Singh Bedham's address to inform him about the threat and requested that the event be halted. The minister confirmed the receipt of the threat and ordered the evacuation of the hall until a security check was completed.

Notable officials and representatives attended FIN's Conclave on Mining

The event was attended by several notable officials and representatives from the mining and forest departments, including: Shrikrishna Sharma, OSD (Mines), Ajay Sharma, Director of Petroleum, Mahesh Mathur, Additional Director (Mines), Ashu Choudhary, Joint Secretary (Mines), Ranveer Singh, MD, Rajasthan State Gas Limited, including, Lalit Mohan Soni, NS Shaktawat, JK Gurbakshani, Mahesh Sharma, Abhishek Choudhary, Naveen Sharma, Om Prakash Sharma, Lalit Bachhara, Pratap Singh Meena, Shyam Kapdi, Ranasen Gupta, Mahendra Bohra, and Jitendra Sankhla.



Mining Sector Emerging as a Revenue Leader. While mining is often perceived as a sector that generates negative headlines, it remains one of the highest revenue-generating depts for the state.

JAWAHAR SINGH BEDHAM, MOS HOME



The new mining policy will yield many positive results. Such events allow policymakers to gather ground-level inputs, helping the government to implement its policies more effectively.

AVINASH GEHLOT, SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT MIN



CM Sharma regularly discusses mining-related issues and challenges with officials and is firmly committed to eliminating corruption from the sector.

KK VISHNOI, INDUSTRIES MIN



THE NATIONAL GAVIAL SANCTUARY, PALIGHAT

Birdwatcher's Paradise



Hemant Singh

Director, Department of Information and Public Relations

If you are planning to visit Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve, don't forget to have an unforgettable experience of river safari at the National Gavial (Gharial) Sanctuary, Palighat. On July 20, 1983, Sanctuary was notified as National Gavial Sanctuary for protecting, propagating and developing the species of Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) and Crocodiles (*Crocodylus palustris*) and other wildlife and its environment. It lies in Palighat village at the bank of the Chambal river, just 35 kms away from the Sawai Madhopur.

It is home to not only endangered Gavials, Skimmers, Marsh Crocodiles (Muggers), eight species of Turtles, Indian Striped Hyenas, Jungle cats, Golden Jackals, Indian Wolves, Foxes, but various other species also.

According to faunal Survey of Rajasthan, 2022, the Sanctuary has 75% of world population of Gavial. Here about 976 Gavials are found. Gavial which is endangered fish-eating crocodile family reptile living along with mighty marsh crocodiles within the Streams of Chambal river is originally belongs to Indian subcontinent.

This Semi-aquatic reptile, which is a sign of clear water stream, according to Hindu mythology, is the vahana (Vehicle/Mount) of Goddess Ganga. In the holy Bhagavat Gita too the importance of river and Gavial is also mentioned.

पवनरू पवतामसि रामः शस्त्रमृतामहम ।
अधोर्णा मकरश्चासि स्रोतसासि जाहन्वी ॥

GHARIAL (GAVIALIS GANGETICUS) – REPRODUCTIVE AND LIFE HISTORY OVERVIEW

- **Egg Laying Season:** Late dry season, typically between

- **March and April.**
- **Nest Construction:** Females dig pitcher-shaped holes in steep, sandy riverbanks, usually at night.
- **Clutch Size:** Ranges from 12 to 100 eggs, with an average of 28 to 60 eggs.
- **Egg Size:** Approximately 8.6 cm in length and 5.5 cm in width, weighing between 100 to 160 grams.
- **Incubation Period:** Temperature-dependent, ranging from 53 to 94 days. Warmer temperatures generally lead to shorter incubation periods. In National Gavial Sanctuary Palighat Hatchlings come out during the last week of May till 15th of June.
- **Hatchling Development Hatchling Size:** At birth, hatchlings measure about 32.5 to 39.2 cm in length and weigh between 75 to 130 grams.
- **Parental Care:** Females guard the nest and protect hatchlings for several weeks. Males may carry hatchlings on their backs but do not actively protect them.

SEXUAL MATURITY

- **Females:** Reach sexual maturity at approximately 3 meters in length, around 10 years of age.
- **Males:** Reach sexual maturity at about 3.5 meters in length, around 13 to 18 years of age.

LIFE SPAN

- **Wild:** Wild Gharials can live up to 60 years.
- **Captivity:** In captivity, they have been known to live up to 29 years.

CONSERVATION STATUS

- **IUCN Red List:** Critically Endangered
- A birdwatcher's Paradise, the Sanctuary currently boasts of having more than 316 species of resident and migratory birds including large nesting colonies of the Indian Skimmers, Flamingos, Storks, Ibis, Ruddy Shelduck, River Tern, The

Greater Thick-knee, Lapwings, Black headed gull, Bar Headed geese etc. are widely seen.

As per Deputy Conservator of forest Dr Ramanand Bhakar's administrative point of view, the whole sanctuary is administered by one Deputy Forest Conservator, one Assistant Forest Conservator, one Range Forest officer, one Forester and Forest guards. This Sanctuary is closed only during the monsoon season from 1st July to 30th September every year.

It provides employment to local boat operators, for River Safari 47 registered boats operators operated through a roaster system. Tourists may choose any boat based on their preference. Boating is available both online and offline. There are two shifts per day and in each shift 270 seats are available.

FACILITIES

Department boasts of providing facilities such as canteen, RO drinking water, retiring room, clean toilets, parks for leisure and rests.

The boat ride on the calm waters of the Chambal, combined with the dramatic landscape and close-up views of the abundant wildlife are the highlights of the river safari. Really apart from Tiger Safari, River Safari is a unique experience, unlike anything on the Indian wildlife circuit.

TICKET'S PRICE

For Indian Tourist Rs. 748/-
For Foreign Tourist Rs. 1153/-
Indian Student Rs. 658/-

REVENUE BOOST

- Tourists Visited During the last Financial year 2024-25 total 23067 tourists visited this Gavial Sanctuary out of which 19574 are Indians, 735 are foreigners and 2758 are students.
- Total Revenue earned by government from this sanctuary is about ₹ 1,79,65,639.



RANDOM RAMBLINGS- X

A SEAT AT THE HIGH TABLE



Anirban Mukhopadhyaya

Retd. IAS officer

The Deputy Secretary, (DS), gathered up his papers and followed his seniors out of the room in Kota Collectorate where the CM, (Chief Minister), had just concluded a district review. He could barely suppress his elation. Why, the CM, while walking past, had kindly nodded in his direction and asked him to accompany the headquarters party back to Jaipur in the State aircraft, high recognition and honour indeed. His senior Secretary, following the CM, smiled as he passed the young man. "Welcome to the High Table," he said. His cup of joy was indeed running over.

It was all he could do not to preen and look disdainfully at other fellow mortals as the DS filed into the small aircraft that served as the State plane. He was, as seniority dictated, the last of those who clambered on using the short stairs leading into the fuselage. The propellers were already a hazy whirl and their deep humming filled the air. This is where the dream run received a nasty jolt.

All the six seats in the aircraft were taken, the occupants being the CM, a Cabinet Minister and the Chief and other Secretaries. Worse still, there was no option of making a discreet exit for not only was his travel bag in the hold but the stairs had already been removed and the cabin door shut by the airport staff. He could only stand there looking foolish and discomfited.

The pilot passed down the aisle making polite conversation with the seated dignitaries and finally, after what seemed an eternity, reached him standing near the fuselage door. He grinned at the DS, a neighbour in the government colony where both had their modest residences and pointed back over his shoulder with his thumb. "You can put the flap down and sit there," he said.

Peering over the pilot's broad shoulder, the DS saw his assigned "seat", the open WC at the rear of the aircraft cabin, right opposite the entry door to the fuselage! "It has a seat belt," the pilot cheerfully explained as he slipped the door locks of the fuselage door into place. "You're quite safe, partner," he pronounced, and that, as they say, was that.

The DS spent what seemed an interminable period atop his hard seat, the back flap covering the WC, trying to look as inconspicuous as possible. That wasn't difficult; the whole tribe of dignitaries in the padded and luxurious front seats seemed to be totally oblivious of his existence. Finally, with a jolt, the plane landed at Jaipur, the State capital.

The DS was the first out of the aircraft even while the dignitaries were gathering their belongings for a stately exit. He hurried towards the special State terminal but his ordeal was not yet over. He would have to wait for his bag to be delivered, and, you've guessed it, this would happen only after the bags of the dignitaries had been duly unloaded and delivered. As the DS hurried down the terminal towards the door, clutching his bag, he caught the eye of his senior Secretary ambling toward the exit with his carry-on.

The senior Secretary seemed to have a sad and knowing smile on his face as he caught the expression of remonstrance on his deputy's face.

"Well, you got your seat at the High Table," he said, and after a pause, "so what if it was the toilet seat. You'll move up in time."



FIRST INDIA NEWS DRIVES MINING INNOVATION FORWARD

Charting Rajasthan's Mining Future



Pawan Arora addressing the audience

In a significant move to shape the future of Rajasthan's mineral wealth, First India News organised the 'Innovation and Future Planning in the Mines and Minerals Sector Conclave - 2025' at Hotel Holiday Inn, Jaipur, on Saturday. Pawan Arora, CEO & Managing Editor highlighted CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's dynamic leadership and the anticipated completion of the Barmer refinery. Chief Guest Gautam Dak, Cooperative and Civil Aviation Minister appreciated the channel's commitment to public dialogue. Arora addressed key concerns like illegal mining, and environmental clearances, and stressed the need for in-state mineral processing. He applauded the department's revenue target of ₹12,900 crore and hailed innovations like e-auctions. The event saw participation from key ministers, top officials, industry experts and First India's senior editorial team. City First brings you some more glimpses of the event!



Pawan Arora and Jawahar Singh Bedham caught in a candid moment

SANTOSH SHARMA & MUKESH KIRADOO



Pawan Arora in conversation with Gautam Dak



Pawan Arora with Gautam Dak, KK Vishnoi, Jawahar Singh Bedham, Avinash Gehlot, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Vishal Mathur, Aishwary Pradhan, Yogesh Sharma, Nirmal Tiwari, Lalit Soni, Suraj Soni, Naveen Sharma, Omprakash Saraswat & Jagat Singh



Jawahar Singh Bedham addressing the audience



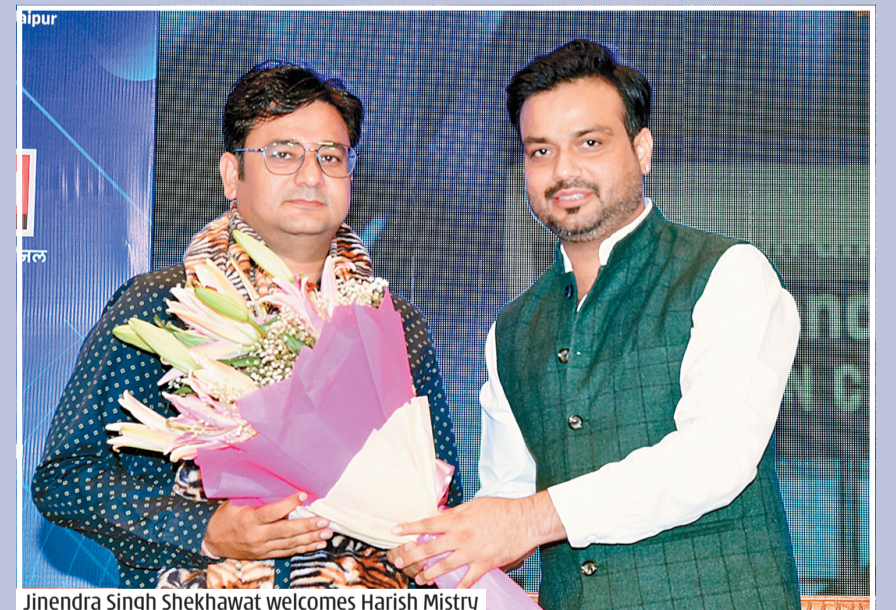
Shweta Mishra Awasthi hosted the ceremony gracefully



Pawan Arora with (L-R) Abhishek Shrivastava, Nirmal Tiwari, Ashu Choudhary, Aishwary Pradhan, Siraj Soni & Vishal Mathur



Pawan Arora with Nirmal Tiwari, Jassu Meena, Naveen Sharma and others



Jinendra Singh Shekhawat welcomes Harish Mistry



Nirmal Tiwari greets Deepak Tanwar



Nirmal Tiwari welcomes Arijit Banerjee



Pawan Arora, KK Vishnoi & Gautam Dak share lighter moment



FIRST LOOK OF JAIPUR COUTURE SHOW SEASON 13 UNVEILED

Glamour Guard



Gaurav Gaur with Sakshi Gupta, Manoj Malani, Gaurav, Deepak Gupta, Deepak Nahar, Laxman Singh Sisodia, Neha Meena, Radhika Sain, Siya Jain & Isha Kohli



Neha Meena, Isha Kohli, Siya Jain & Radhika Sain



Siya Jain & Neha Meena

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The grand First Look Launch of Jaipur Couture Show – Season 13 was held on Saturday at Wunderbar, Jaipur. Presented by Bharat 24: Vision of New India, and First India News, the press conference marked the beginning of Rajasthan's most stable fashion festival.

A spectacular tribute to the Indian Armed Forces will take centre stage at the upcoming Jaipur Couture Show 2025 – Season 13, scheduled from July 11 to 13 at Alankara Hotels & Resorts, Mansarovar. The first look of the show was

unveiled where designers, models, and event supporters gathered for the grand preview.

This season, the show will open with a special segment honouring the bravery of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and commemorate the success of Operation Sindoor. A dedicated Sindoor Collection will be showcased as a symbol of gratitude to the nation's protectors.

Founder and Director of Jaipur Couture Show & EMR Gaurav Gaur announced that wedding and bridal themes will remain a major highlight across the three-day event, alongside other fashion-forward themes.

The event was graced by Deepak Nahar, Manoj Malani

of Alankara Hotel & Resort; Laxman Singh Sisodia, and Gaurav (Wunderbar). The event will open with a mesmerizing classical dance performance by Pooja Sharma.

The show promises added glamour with Bollywood celebrities Riva Arora (Uri: The Surgical Strike) and from film Gunjan Saxena set to dazzle as showstoppers. Celebrated designer Gaurav Gupta will showcase his signature Ardhanari Collection, with models Siya Jain and Isha Kohli walking the ramp. Renowned designer Sakshi Gupta from the label CholisJaipur will present a unique bridal saree collection, with models Radhika Sain and Neha Meena gracing the runway.



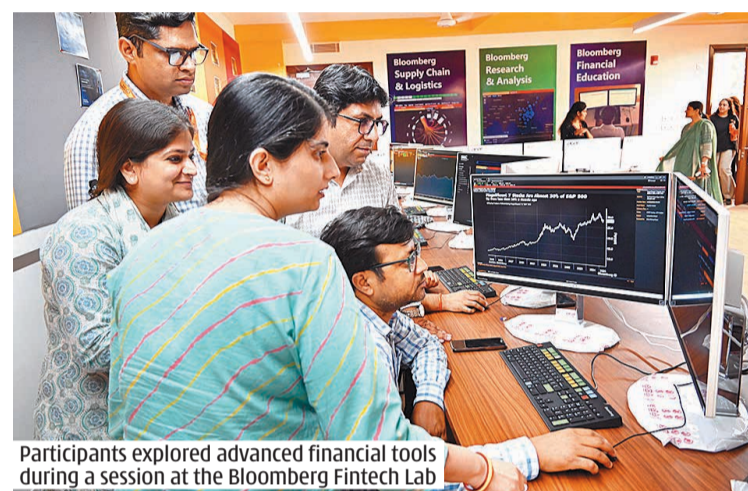
Faculty members and researchers engaged in collaborative work at the Bloomberg Lab

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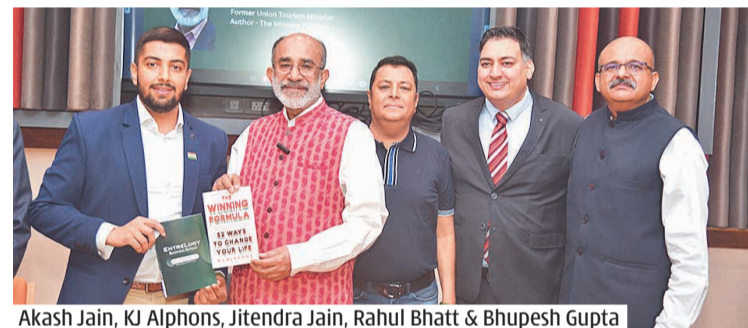
The Bloomberg Fintech Lab at Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) has rapidly emerged as a game-changer in financial education, empowering over 200 students and faculty with Bloomberg certifications within just one month of launch. As Rajasthan's first

such facility, the lab provides access to advanced financial tools and data analytics, fostering interdisciplinary research across management, economics, engineering, and journalism. University leaders highlighted plans to launch the Bloomberg Finance Research Analyst program and praised the lab's role in enhancing classroom learning through real-time market insights.



Participants explored advanced financial tools during a session at the Bloomberg Fintech Lab

SUCCESS BLUEPRINT!



Akash Jain, KJ Alphonso, Jitendra Jain, Rahul Bhatt & Bhupesh Gupta

Former Union Minister KJ Alphonso inspired youth while discussing his book 'The Winning Formula', emphasising perseverance over shortcuts on Saturday. Despite humble beginnings and scoring just 42% in school, he topped civil services and became an MLA, MP, Union Minister, and a Time Magazine Global Leader. Praising Enterology Business School, he called it a visionary step for startup-driven education. Founder Akansh Jain stressed job creation over job-seeking, aligning with PM Modi's vision. Chief Strategic Officer Bhupesh Gupta said Alphonso's story left students newly motivated and future-focused.

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FACE OF THE YEAR JAS-25



Jewellers Association Jaipur has engaged renowned actress Shazahn Padamsee as the "Face of the Year" for a full year. She will also grace the Jewellery Eminence Award Night at JAS-25, set to begin July 4 at Novotel Jaipur Convention Centre in collaboration with First India News. The show will feature 200 jewellery companies, 350 booths, and over 650 invited jewellers, including 150 NRIs. It will be inaugurated by Titan CEO CK Venkataraman. JAS-25 is supported by Grizzly Mining and AU Bank, with Ashok Maheshwari as Convener and Neeraj Lunawat as Secretary.

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CRICKET CAMARADERIE



The open night cricket competition a Veer Teja Cricket Stadium Jaipur will feature exciting friendly matches on Sunday, June 1, between teams of police personnel, journalists, administrative officers, and public representatives.



Sitaram Sharma presented prize money to a lucky spectator during the event

Organiser Rakesh Sharma stated that the matches have been arranged to reflect the growing enthusiasm among locals and sports lovers across the state. Coordinator Anil Sharma informed that the semi-finals will also be held on Sunday, followed by the grand final on Monday, June 2. Spectators catching one-handed boundary catches will win ₹500 cash prizes.



The Indian Institute of Event Management (IEMR) marked Event Managers Day at its Vaishali Nagar campus, celebrating the creativity and contributions of event professionals on Saturday. The event featured panel discussions, workshops, and performances. Director Mukesh Mishra emphasized sustainability, stating, "Sustainable events are a responsibility." IEMR reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing innovative, socially, and environmentally conscious event managers, aiming to inspire excellence and responsible practices in the evolving events industry.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY



The National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, marked World No Tobacco Day with a series of awareness initiatives themed "Unmasking the Appeal" on Saturday. Organised by the Agad Tantra Department, activities included webinars, a national e-poster competition, and de-addiction awareness drives. WHO SEARO's Dr Zakariya Chouhan addressed participants. Vice Chancellor Prof Sanjeev Sharma urged the public to avoid tobacco and embrace Ayurveda. Over 1500 patients have been treated at NIA's De-addiction Center using Ayurvedic therapies.

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Chairman of Gau Mahakumbh 2025 Dr Lal Singh and Chief Advisor Dr PM Bhardwaj recently met Dr KL Jain, President of Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, to share details about the grand event of Gau Mahakumbh which is scheduled for the first week of September. With over 350 stalls and an expected footfall of 5 lakh people, the event will showcase cow-based products and offer expert sessions on cow protection, breeding, and entrepreneurship. Dr Jain praised the initiative and assured full support from RCCEI. Officials Dinesh Kanungo and Yogesh Narayan Mathur also attended.



The Sangeet Ashram Institute's two-day festival concluded with a classical Kathak dance evening featuring young artists performing Jaipur Gharana style. Under guru Sanjeev Kumawat's direction, Nivika Pareek, Abhigna Sharma, and Inaya Agarwal opened with Ganesh Vandana compositions. Other performers, including Pari Batta and Riddham Jaiswal, impressed with intricate footwork in Jhaptal and Teen Taal. Live accompaniment was provided by Sanjeev Kumawat, Vatsal Anupam, and Harish Nagauri. Secretary Amit Anupam thanked all attendees.



Naad Society presented the improvisational play 'Race of Life' at Net Theatre under Rangmandal Yojana on Saturday. Without prior scripting, senior actors portrayed the challenges of everyday life, highlighting personal struggles. Artists included Manoj Swami, Gulshan Kumar Chaudhary, Jeevitesh Sharma, and Renu Sanadhya. Lighting was done by Ankit Sharma Nonu, with backstage support from the team.



On the 48th birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap, the tribute song 'Maharana Pratap Sa' was launched by Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of the erstwhile royal family of Mewar, at the City Palace on Saturday. Filmed on Piyush Devraj Rana, the song honours Pratap's valour and was shot at Jaipur's Mandota Fort. Directed by Dharmendra K Roy, the song features music by Devraj Sharma and Kumar Deepak, with choreography by DC David and production by Piyush Mehta.

SANTOSH SHARMA