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2 HURRIYAT GROUPS 'CUT TIES WITH SEPARATISM', SAYS SHAH
After 2 constituents of Hurriyat Conference announced their decision to sever ties, UHM Amit Shah hailed Modi govt's "unifying policies" for the development.



DISHA SALIAN CASE: FIR AGAINST THACKERAY, RHEA AND OTHERS
An FIR has been filed against Aadiya Thackeray, Rhea Chakraborty, Dino Morea, Suraj Pancholi and others in Disha Salian's death case.



LOK SABHA PASSES FINANCE BILL 2025 WITH 35 AMENDMENTS
LS passed Finance Bill 2025 Tuesday, incorporating 35 amendments. Union FinMin Nirmala Sitharaman outlined major changes while discussing bill.



SONU SOOD'S WIFE SONALI, HER NEPHEW, INJURED IN ACCIDENT
Bollywood actor Sonu Sood's wife, Sonali and her nephew sustained injuries in a major accident on the Mumbai-Nagpur highway Tuesday.

'Saugat-e-Modi'

BJP launches a special drive, aiming to distribute festive kits to 32 lakh underprivileged individuals from Muslim, Sikh & Christian communities

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The BJP launched a nationwide outreach programme on Tuesday for economically weaker Muslim families ahead of Eid, a move seen as an effort to garner support from the community in the run-up to the Bihar Assembly polls scheduled for later this year.

The 'Saugat-e-Modi' campaign is expected to benefit 32 lakh underprivileged Muslims across the nation, who would receive special kits to celebrate Eid. It kicked off from Nizamuddin in southeast Delhi under the guidance of BJP National President JP Nadda. Along with food items, the kits include clothes, vermiculture, dates, dry fruits and sugar. Women's kits will contain fabric for suits, while men's kits will include kurta-pyjamas. The



cost of each kit will be around ₹500 to ₹600.

BJP Minority Morcha national president Jamal Siddiqui, who rolled out the initiative, said similar kits will be distributed among economically weaker members of other minority communities during their festivals under the 'Saugat-e-Modi' programme next month. As many as 32,000

Minority Morcha workers will contact 32,000 mosques and deliver these special kits to the beneficiaries as part of the campaign.

"We have set a target that each of our karyakartas should reach out to at least 100 people with Saugat-e-Modi kits under programme, greeting Eid Mubarak on behalf of Modi," Siddiqui said.

PM MODI TO VISIT CHHATTISGARH ON MAR 30

PM Modi will visit Chhattisgarh on March 30. During his visit, he will launch development projects worth over ₹1,000 cr, including initiatives in Railways, NTPC, H&K, and more, and will address a rally in Bilaspur.

EPFO to enable PF withdrawals via UPI-ATM by June: Top official



First India Bureau
New Delhi

In a groundbreaking development, EPFO is set to introduce a revolutionary new system for PF withdrawals through UPI.

Speaking to a news agency, Sumita Dawra, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, revealed that PF members will soon be able to withdraw funds through UPI and ATM by the end of May or June this year. Dawra said by May-end or June, members will experience a transformative change in accessing their provident funds. They will be able to view their PF account balance directly on UPI, instantly withdraw up to ₹1 lakh through an automated system, choose their preferred bank account for transfers.

Delhi CM Gupta presents ₹1 lakh cr 'historic budget'

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday presented ₹1 lakh crore FY26 Budget with 10 focus areas, including the Yamuna cleaning, economic empowerment of women, infrastructure, water, and connectivity, asserting that it is a roadmap for making the national capital self-reliant.

In her 138-minute speech, Gupta, who also holds the Finance portfolio, called maiden Budget of the BJP-led Delhi government "historic", emphasising that the era of "corruption and inefficiency" was over.

"This is not an ordinary Budget, this Budget is the first step to develop Delhi which was ruined in the past 10 years. Delhi went down in every aspect of development in the past decade. The previous government ruined the economic health of the national capital like termite," said CM and Finance Minister Gupta.



Delhi CM and Finance Minister Rekha Gupta holds Budget papers ahead of presentation of Budget 2025-26, at Assembly, Tuesday.

YOU MADE SHEESH MAHAL, WE WILL BUILD HOUSES FOR POOR: CM REKHA GUPTA'S JIBE AT KEJRIWAL

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta took aim at ex-CM Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP while presenting budget and said there is a lot of difference between us, you made promises, we will fulfil them. You abused other states' govts, we will work together. "You made the 'Sheesh Mahal', we will build houses for the poor. You installed good toilets worth lakhs, we will make toilets for poor," CM said.

RAJASTHAN DIWAS PROGRAMME SERIES STATE-LEVEL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BARMER

Respect for women is the first step towards the development of society and state: CM Sharma

Shivprakash Purohit and Ashok Shera
Barmer

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said that the history of our country and state is filled with valor and sacrifice. Great women like Kalibai Bhil, Rani Padmini, Mirabai, Panna Dhai, and Amrita Devi have set unparalleled examples through their strength, capability, and determination.

Sharma was addressing the women's conference held at Adarsh Stadium in Barmer as part of the Rajasthan Diwas celebrations on Tuesday. He stated that honouring our glorious Sanatan culture, Rajasthan Diwas is being



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with Diya Kumari, Joram Kumawat and KK Vishnoi, inaugurates women's conference held at Adarsh Stadium in Barmer, as part of the Rajasthan Diwas celebrations on Tuesday.

celebrated this year based on the Indian Panchang date, Nav Samvat Chaitra Shukla Pratipada (March 30), instead of the English calendar. He said respecting women is the first step toward the development of society and

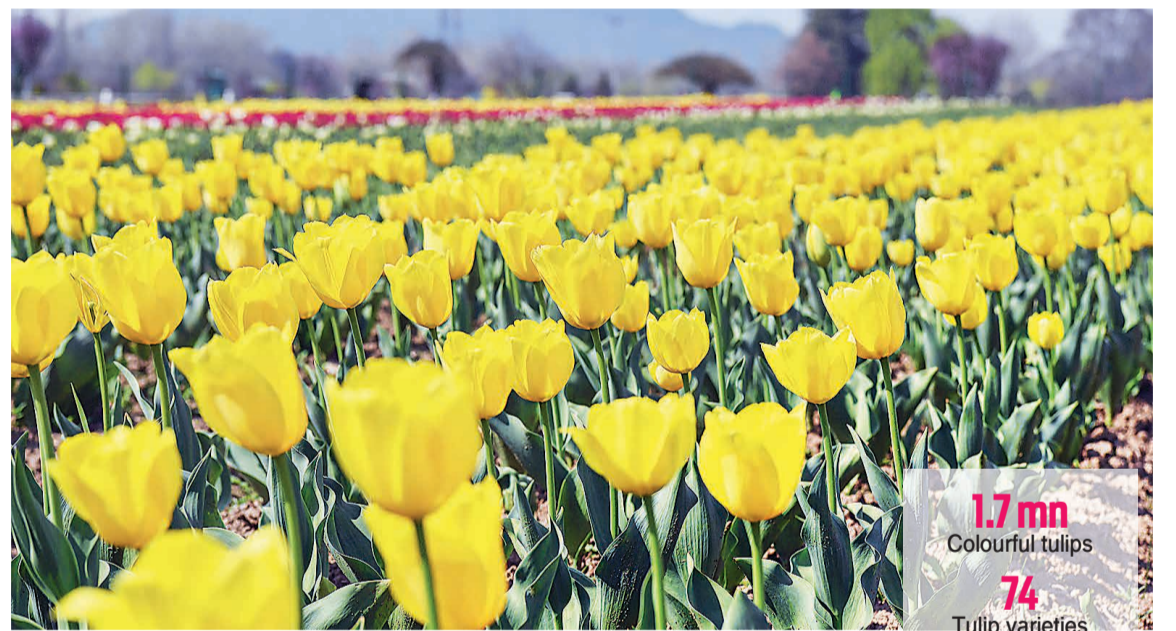
state, which is why 1st event of Rajasthan Diwas celebrations is dedicated to women's power.

Deputy CM Diya Kumari said Modi believes that nation and the state cannot progress without women's upliftment. **P8**

BOOST FOR WOMEN: CM'S MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

CM issued directions to increase quantity of milk in take-home rations for severely malnourished children from 15 grams to 25 grams. He transferred over ₹100 crore as livelihood enhancement funds to women's groups and distributed induction cooktops to 5,000 women. CM handed over selection letters to 164 students under the Swami Vivekananda Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Under Gargi Award, Girl Child Promotion Scheme, CM Hamari Betiyan Scheme, ₹13.16 crore was transferred to 31,790 girls. CM also inaugurated study facilities in libraries of 36 women's colleges across various districts.

VALLEY'S FLORAL GLORY!



1.7 mn
Colourful tulips
74
Tulip varieties

Get ready to witness nature's vibrant masterpiece! The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, nestled between the serene Dal Lake and majestic Zabarwan Hills, Asia's largest of its kind, opens today in Srinagar. Marking the start of Kashmir's tourism season, this stunning garden will be open to the public for just 20 days. Join Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for the grand ribbon-cutting ceremony and immerse yourself in a breathtaking sea of colours! **ANI**

50,000
Tulip bulbs imported from Netherlands
4.65 lakh
Visitors were recorded in 2024

IN BRIEF

SC committee begins probe, visits Justice Varma's residence

New Delhi: The three-member in-house committee constituted by



Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna to probe the allegations surrounding recovery of cash pile from the residence of Justice Yashwant Varma began its probe on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Allahabad High Court Bar Association has declared an indefinite strike to protest the SC Collegium's decision to transfer Delhi High Court Justice Yashwant Varma back to his parent court.

India and China hold diplomatic talks in Beijing, says MEA

New Delhi: India and China during the 33rd meeting on Tuesday exchanged views on "early resumption" of cross-border cooperation and exchanges, including on trans-border rivers and Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra, the MEA said.

Top commander with ₹25L bounty among 3 Naxalites killed

Dantewada: Three Naxalites, including a top commander with a bounty of Rs 25 lakh, were killed in an operation by security forces in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district on Tuesday, a police official said.

FIRST INDIA NEWS PRESENTS CHURU KE RATNA SEASON-2

Under PM Modi's leadership, persons with disabilities are receiving equal opportunities in sports: Jhajharia

Mahesh Sharma and Sanjay Prajapat
Sardarshahar (Churu)

First India News, a leading channel known for staying at the forefront of news, played a pivotal role in social causes as it hosted second season of "Churu Ke Ratna" at the Golden Star Resort on Tuesday in Sardarshahar, Churu district. The event honoured individuals from the district who had



Devendra Jhajharia, Abhishek Surana, Rajkaran Choudhary, Abhinav Maharshi, Nilofar Gauri, Dayanand Ruyal, Lakshmi Narayan Pujari, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat and Vishal Mathur honouring Karan Singh during "Churu Ke Ratna" Season-2 at the Golden Star Resort in Sardarshahar, Churu district, on Tuesday.

made remarkable contributions in various fields. The event was graced by chief guest Abhishek Surana, District Collector, Churu, who congratulated the awardees and emphasized that with such honors come greater responsibilities. Among the other distinguished guests was Padma Bhushan awardee and sports legend Devendra Jhajharia, who praised the opportunities being provided to people with

disabilities in the field of sports under the leadership of PM Modi. Jhajharia emphasized that in this changing new India, people with disabilities are now receiving opportunities to prove themselves in every field. Jhajharia also recalled the time when he was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2022, mentioning that First India News was the first media channel to contact him for an interview. **P8**

Nation's growth, based on the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'

GUV BAGADE URGES YOUTH FOR GROWTH, INNOVATION, PROGRESS

First India Bureau
Kota

On Tuesday, Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade, at the convocation ceremony at Rajasthan Technical University, emphasized in his speech the need for collective efforts to drive the nation's growth, based on the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas." He stressed the importance of India achieving excellence in all sectors by 2047. Governor Bagade urged the youth to take on the responsibility of leading the country to-



Governor Haribhau Bagade, at the convocation ceremony at Rajasthan Technical University. GUV Bagade also commended India's leadership in science & technology, noting the impact of the new National Education Policy



wards greater progress, aiming for a developed India. He highlighted the significance of technological advancements such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learn-

ing, Internet of Things, and Robotics in shaping the current era. According to the Governor, the youth must use their knowledge not only to secure employment but

also to foster innovation, entrepreneurship. Bagade also commended India's leadership in science & technology, noting the transformative impact of the new Na-

tional Education Policy that he said, focuses on holistic development, aiming to enhance intellectual capacities, with its benefits expected to unfold gradually.

Corrupt officials face heat in ACB raids across Raj



Choru Lal



Abhishek Sharma



Shailendra Singh

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Dholpur arrested two clerks from the Social Welfare Department for accepting a ₹1,500 bribe. The clerks, Abhishek Sharma and Shailendra Singh, had demanded ₹2,000 from a differently-abled person for scooter-related documents. A diary found in their office contained ₹7,500 in cash. The clerks will be presented in court after questioning. In Chittorgarh, ACB arrested forest guard Pushpa as part of a larger anti-corruption crackdown. At the District Forest Officer's office, two officials were caught accepting ₹78,000 and a ₹1.2 lakh cheque. Several other assistant forest guards were implicated. In Tonk, Vijendra Kumar Meena, a senior assistant, was arrested for accepting a ₹1,000 bribe. Lastly, in Bikaner, the ACB arrested Choru Lal, a clerk, for demanding ₹20,000 to process a suspended employee's salary. ACB led these operations.

2 ARRESTED IN FOREST GUARD PAPER LEAK

Jaipur's Special Operations Group (SOG) arrested two individuals in connection with the forest guard paper leak case. The accused, Kanwar, a Station Master in Gujarat, and Likmaram, a Traffic Police Constable in Barmer, were taken into custody. Timo Kumari, previously arrested, was found to be married to Likmaram. Authorities are now interrogating the arrested individuals to gather more details about the leak.

ACCUSED PAKISTANI SPY ARRESTED

Security agencies in Jaisalmer arrested 40-year-old Pathan Khan, a suspected Pakistani spy, from the Mohangarh Nari area. Khan, a Jaisalmer resident, is accused of sending sensitive Indian intelligence to Pakistan. Working with Mohangarh police, agencies detained Khan from the Zero RD area. Khan has relatives in Pakistan, visited in 2019, and allegedly sent army area photos and videos to operatives.

JPR CONSTABLE ARRESTED FOR ABUSING POLICE COMMISSIONER AND SEVEN OTHERS IN VIDEO

A police constable was arrested for allegedly verbally abusing the Jaipur police commissioner, other officers, and a private individual in a video posted on social media on March 20. The accused, Surendra Singh, was arrested on Monday after a complaint from Harji Khateek, the individual reportedly abused in the video. Surendra Singh, posted in the police line, was suspended.

CBN SEIZES 1.010 KG OPIUM IN PRATAPGARH

Pratapgarh: In a crackdown on adrug smuggling case, Central Narcotics Bureau (CBN) officers in Pratapgarh seized 1.010 kg of illegal opium from a Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation bus on Monday. One individual was arrested. Acting on a tip-off, the CBN stopped the bus, arresting the man carrying the opium. The operation was led by Naresh Bundel, Deputy Narcotics Commissioner, Kota.

DEPARTMENT CATCHES VEHICLE WITH BOVINE

A truck with 26 cattle, 10 of which were dead, was caught by a transport inspector in Dausa. Inspector Sandeep Meena chased the truck for kilometres before finally stopping it. The RTO investigation team had stopped the truck on the apprehension of expiry of its permit but the truck driver sped away. The team finally intercepted the truck at the dairy. The case has been registered at the Kotwali police station.

Data Engineers Global blacklisted over breaching exam confidentiality

First India Bureau
Jaipur

In a significant development, action has been taken against Data Engineers Global Limited for a breach of confidentiality concerning the B.Sc. Nursing exam papers. Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) Vice Chancellor, Professor Pramod Yewale, swiftly intervened after the investigation concluded. The agency, Data Engineers Global Limited, has been blacklisted for its role in the incident. Additionally, ₹5 lakh, spent on re-conducting the exams due to the



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breach, will be deducted from the agency's pending bills as a penalty. Dr. Kamal Soni, the exam supervisor, has also been issued a warning letter for his involvement in the matter. The breach was first exposed by First India on January 27, when it was revealed that the exam papers for the B.Sc.

Nursing course had been compromised. As a result, the exams for several subjects such as First Semester Applied Anatomy and Applied Physiology, Second Semester Applied Biochemistry and Applied Nutrition & Dietetics, and Third Semester Applied Microbiology and Infection Control were annulled.

SHRC takes action on ICU issues at SMS hospital

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The newly established Surgical ICU at SMS Hospital is facing critical issues, including malfunctioning ventilators and a severe shortage of staff. In response to these concerns, the State Human Rights Commission has taken suo-motu cognizance, considering the situation highly alarming. The commission's action follows media reports that brought attention to these deficiencies. Commission Chairman Justice GR Mulchandani has directed the concerned authorities to urgently address the issues



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in the New Surgical Ward. The commission has emphasized the need to ensure proper medical facilities for patients in the ward. Notices have been sent to the Principal of SMS Hospital, the Medical and Administrative Superintendent of SMS Medical College, and the District Collector of Jaipur, asking for a factual report on this during the hearing set for April 28, 2025.

₹2.5 cr for restoration work of Ramgarh dam

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Water Resources Department has issued orders to begin the restoration work on Ramgarh dam this week. The work will be done at a cost of around Rs 2.5 crore.

The work includes construction of a

1500-metre tar road and safety wall on the dam's embankment. Besides, stairs will be constructed for the tourists where they can sit and the stairs in the submerged area will be restored. The control room cum guest house will be improved and the dam's dome will be beautified.

Shankaracharya Sadanand Saraswati honored at Narsi Kulariya's event

Laxman Raghav
Bikaner

Dwarka Peethadheeshwar Shankaracharya Sadanand Saraswati received a grand welcome at the residence of industrialist and social worker Narsi Kulariya in Silwa Moolwas, Nokha. The event, marking the arrival of Saint Swami Shri Dularam Kulariya in Phalsa, featured a spiritual discourse at Narsi Vila. Shankaracharya emphasized the importance of rulers with strong religious values. Narsi Kulariya expressed deep faith in Sanatan Dharma and urged em-



Janak, Jagdish, Narsi Kulriya, Shankaracharya Sadanand Saraswati, Poonam Kulriya at Narsi Villa.

bracing karma yoga. He praised PM Narendra Modi for national progress, transforming Rajasthan into a furniture hub. Kulariya is actively involved in public welfare, including contributions to Ram Temple, hospi-

tals, schools. The event was attended by spiritual leaders and notable figures such as RSS leader Tekchand Bardiya and former MLA Bihari Lal. Resident Editor Laxman Raghav also engaged with the Kulariya family.

Coaching students die by suicide in Jodhpur & Kota

First India Bureau
Jodhpur/Kota

In a tragic incident, a student named Rohit Bhati was found dead in the Diksha Classes hostel in Jodhpur's Sector 17E. Police discovered a suicide note stating, "Sorry...forgive me...!!!! Cheenu (his pet name)." The cause of the suicide will be determined after the postmortem and analysis of the mobile phone's Call Detail Record, according to Chaupasni Housing Board police station in-charge Ishwar Pareek.

This incident comes amid growing concerns over rising suicide cases



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in Jodhpur, with fears that the city might face a situation similar to Kota, where another coaching student, Harshraj Shankar from Bihar, recently died by suicide while preparing for NEET. The Jawahar Nagar police station in Kota has informed Shankar's family, and his body is now taken to mortuary.

Army jawan shoots self in Jodhpur, dies

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

An Army jawan committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest with his service rifle in Jodhpur. The incident happened in the Army area under Karvad police station area on the afternoon of March 23. Karwad police registered a case on the report of Subedar Mohiraja that Naik Rakesh Kumar Mandal committed suicide.



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FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND AI AT HZL

AI-powered safety system at Hindustan Zinc

First India Bureau
Udaipur

Hindustan Zinc Limited India's largest and the world's second-largest integrated zinc producer, has rolled out Detect AI, an advanced AI-powered camera surveillance system across its operations. This innovative technology aims to enhance workplace safety, operational efficiency, and compliance monitoring. By integrating AI, Hindustan Zinc is eliminating manual interventions



HZL introduced AI-powered cam surveillance system.

and optimizing operations.

The AI-powered system uses computer vision and machine learning to

monitor industrial safety, detecting non-compliance such as improper protective gear, unauthorized access, and

work-at-height violations. Through predictive analytics, the system triggers real-time alerts, providing data-driven in-

sights and improving overall safety.

Incorporating AI, machine learning, IoT, and augmented reality, Hindustan Zinc has significantly enhanced operational efficiency by 20-30%, reducing manual intervention by nearly 50%. CEO Arun Misra emphasized the company's commitment to technological excellence, automation, and sustainable growth, positioning it at top of industry innovation and manufacturing excellence across its mining sites in Rajasthan.

HZL's new Detect AI, an advanced AI-powered camera surveillance system across its operations. This technology aims to enhance workplace safety, operational efficiency, and compliance monitoring

Mines Dept seizes 14 vehicles involved in illegal mining in Bassi

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Jaipur team of the Mines Department, in an action against illegal mining on Tuesday, seized 14 vehicles and machinery, including three excavator machines, a dumper, two compressors and eight tractor trolleys in Hardi Hardayanpura, Dayarampur of Bassi. Under the direction of Superintendent Mining Engineer NS Shaktiwat and Superintendent Mining Engineer Vigilance Pratap Meena, the Mines De-



Mines Department, took action against illegal mining.

partment team has seized about 65 vehicles and machinery since March 1 besides collecting a fine amount of more than Rs 25 lakh 79,000. Mining Engineer Jaipur Shyam Kapri said that the team

of Mines Executive Arun Kumar, Zaid Ali, Vishram Meena, Sonu Awasthi and Sudhir Kumar, Rajkumar along with Border Home Guard carried out this campaign using private vehicles.

Rajasthan Assembly budget session concludes

Out of 9.8k questions, 95% addressed in Budget session

Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

A total of 9,800 questions were raised by MLAs during the Budget session of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, with 95 percent of them being answered. The session ended yesterday. Of the total questions, 4,480 were starred, 5,302 unstarred and 18 short notice questions. A total of 516 starred questions were listed for discussion, of which 288 were asked orally and answers were given.

Similarly, 576 unstarred questions were also listed and responded to. The members of the house had submitted 8,088 questions in the last session. Of them, 3,810 were starred and 4,278 unstarred. A total



of 420 starred questions were listed, with 268 asked orally and answered.

Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani said that a total of 231 adjournment motions were received under Rule 50. Out of these, 71 motions were given the opportunity to be discussed in the House, and 63 legislators

Devnani said that under Procedure Rule 295, a total of 337 special mention proposals were received. 293 special mention notices were either read in the House or considered as read

expressed their views. He informed the House that in the previous session, a total of 194 adjournment motions were received under Procedure Rule 50, out of which 54 motions were allowed for discussion in the House. Additionally, 40 special mention notices lapsed due to the absence of legislators in the House.

'One Nation, One Election' will boost development, says Bansal

First India Bureau
Jaipur

BJP National Secretary Sunil Bansal has expressed strong support for the concept of 'One Nation, One Election,' stating that the proposal is a step toward reducing the financial burden of conducting multiple elections. Speaking at a youth and student interaction program at the Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sansthan here, Bansal said that holding elections simultaneously for both the Lok Sabha and state assemblies would reduce costs by around 30 percent.

Bansal, state convener of BJP Committee for One Nation One Election, explained that the idea behind 'One Nation, One Election' is to ease the financial strain that arises from the current system, where elections often incur expenses running into lakhs of crores.



Sunil Bansal speaking during the event in Jaipur on Tuesday.



Madan Rathore speaking during the event on Tuesday.

Rajasthan BJP President Madan Rathore said that 'One Nation, One Election' would contribute to the country's development.

Meanwhile, Bansal highlighted the positive implications of this move, such as reduced political interference and increased focus on development.

Officials face HC wrath for ignoring order for three years

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Rajasthan High Court has summoned senior officials, including IAS officer Bhawani Singh Detha, former Commissioner of College Education Suchi Tyagi, and Joint Director RC Meena, for failing to comply with a court order for nearly three years.

The case arose after Dr. DC Dudi filed a contempt petition, highlighting the officials' prolonged inaction in implementing the court's directives. A single bench of Justice Umashankar Vyas issued an order instructing the officials to appear before the court on March 28 and submit an apology. The summons underscores firm stance on ensuring compliance with judicial decisions, signaling that administrative delays will not be tolerated.

State hospitals directed to get summer upgrades and prepare for heatwave



Gajendra Singh Khimvsar, Gayatri Rathore with other officials during the meeting on Tuesday.

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khimvsar on Tuesday stressed the need for robust arrangements at medical institutions across the state in anticipation of the upcoming summer season.

Speaking at a high-level meeting, Khimvsar instructed officials to ensure that all districts are adequately prepared to handle the heat, with sufficient provisions for medical tests, medications and treatment from sub-centers to district hospitals and medical colleges.

"The availability of medicines and treatment facilities must be ensured from sub-centers to district hospitals to district hospitals," Khimvsar said.

Khimvsar expressed concern about the lack of awareness in rural areas regarding cancer and instructed the department to expand cancer screening programs

Khimvsar also called for the adequate provision of water coolers, air conditioning units and fans in all hospitals.

He instructed officials to coordinate with transport and other departments to identify accident-prone areas and ensure the availability of ambulances. The Minister said that under the MAA scheme, both public and private hospitals should ensure ease of access to treatment.

T-84 undergoes treatment; fluid samples sent for testing

First India Bureau
Sawai Madhopur

A major update is coming in from Ranthambore regarding tigress T-84, Arrowhead. She was tranquilized today due to a boil on the right side of her abdomen. After tranquilization, fluid was extracted from the boil and sent for testing to IVRI Bareilly.

This is not the first time Arrowhead has undergone such a procedure. Last year, on February 23, she was also tranquilized, during which an X-ray of her hip joint was conducted. At that time, it was initially confirmed that she had a bone tumor. However, as her condition deteriorated, it became necessary to tranquilize her again, nearly 13 months later.

Arrowhead's three sub-adult cubs are now about 23 months old and have started hunting independently, ensuring their survival even without their mother. The procedure was carried out in the presence of FD Anoop KR and DCF Dr. Ramanand Bhakar. A team of senior veterinary doctors treated Arrowhead.

Temperature Rising



With the advent of summer season in Rajasthan, tourists at Jantar Mantar in Jaipur can be seen shielding themselves from heat.



NAIM KHAN

BSF successfully sends back Pak woman from Binjor post

First India Bureau
Sri Ganganagar

A major development has been reported from Anupgarh, where a Pakistani woman, identified as Hamaira, has been sent back to Pakistan.

Hamaira had crossed the India-Pakistan border a few days ago and entered Indian territory. After following the necessary procedures, the Border Security Force

The 23rd Battalion, carried out the operation at 2:25 PM. Local police officials were also present to ensure a smooth handover

(BSF) successfully pushed her back across the border from the Binjor post in Anupgarh.

At precisely 2:25 PM (Indian time), the woman was officially repatriated.

The operation was carried out by the 23rd Battalion of the BSF, under the supervision of Assistant Commandant Deependra Raman.

Local police officials were also present at the site, including Station House Officer (SHO) Ishwar Jangid, along with constables Bajrang, Mukesh Soni, and Raj Bala. Their coordinated efforts ensured a smooth handover of the woman back to Pakistan.

HC summons JDA Secy over 10-B scheme case

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Jaipur High Court has summoned the Secretary of the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) in connection with a case related to commercial activities in the 10-B Scheme on Gopalpura Bypass.

The court has directed the official to appear in person and submit an affidavit within two weeks. A division bench com-

prising Justice Indrajit Singh and Justice Pramil Kumar Mathur issued the order while hearing a contempt petition filed by the 10-B Vikas Samiti.

During the hearing, JDA representatives, including advocates Amit Kudi and Dharmaram Inaniya, presented their arguments. However, the court emphasized the need for strict adherence to zoning regulations and sought an explanation from JDA.

Military experts discuss next-gen warfare at special seminar in Hisar

First India Bureau
Hisar

A 'Technology Absorption Seminar' was held by Sapta Shakti Command at Hisar Military Station on 25 Mar 2025 to foster an in-depth understanding of cutting-edge technologies and their integration into future warfare strategies.

This seminar brought together top defence experts and leaders to discuss emerging technologies such as AI, cyber warfare and next-generation communication networks.

Lieutenant General



Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh during the event on Tuesday.

Manjinder Singh, Army Commander, Sapta Shakti Command was the chief guest of the event. In his address he highlighted the

importance of exponential technological growth redefining the nature of conflict & challenging traditional concepts.

MSME REPORT

Rajasthan sees record investment growth

PTI
Jaipur

Rajasthan has attracted new investment proposals worth Rs 2.86 lakh crore in 2023-24 against Rs 1.59 lakh crore a year ago, according to a report by the MSME Export Promotion Council.

The report "Investment, Development and Growth in Progressive Rajasthan 2020-21 to 2023-24" was released by MSME EPC chairman D S Rawat.



Raj witnessed investment surge in 2023-24, attracting ₹2.86 lakh cr, up from ₹1.59 lakh cr the previous year. The industry sector grew by 12.43%, contributing 28.21% to the state's GSDP

In 2023-24, investment projects worth Rs 51,780 crore were completed against the projects worth Rs 41,015 crore finished in 2022-23, Rawat said.

He underlined the need to bring in efficiency for completion of the ongoing projects.

"The study has stressed the need for setting up a high-powered committee

to review each project and remove all hurdles within a stipulated time framework. This is necessary to avoid escalation in the cost of the projects," a release by

MSME EPC said.

The industry sector witnessed a growth of 12.43 per cent in 2023-24 and contributed 28.21 per cent in the state's gross value added (GSDP).

Engineering goods, gems and jewellery, metal, textiles and handicrafts are the top five export items that account for more than 65 per cent of exports from Rajasthan. "Infrastructure in the state is extremely conducive for creating a hub for manufacture of shipping containers," the report said.

OF CLASSY SATIRES & 'COMICAL' GIMMICK



Robin Roy

The writer is Senior Journalist and former Managing Editor, First India

TROUBLE FOR COMEDIANS

Tanmay Bhat, co-founder of AIB, landed in trouble in 2016 after a Snapchat video surfaced where he mimicked legends like APJ Abdul Kalam, Sachin Tendulkar, and Lata Mangeshkar using face filters. In 2021, Vir Das triggered a political firestorm with his "Two Indias" monologue at Washington's Kennedy Centre. While some praised his candid take, others accused him of tarnishing the country's image abroad

However, it may be noted that the Supreme Court, after its tongue-lashing of Allahbadia, asked if the government had any plan to regulate "obscene" content on YouTube and other social media platforms, failing which it would step in. "But we make it clear that we want something done," the top court said. "Something has to be done, and we will do it. We are not going to leave it like that." In the latest development, Kunal was summoned by Mumbai Police asking him to appear before the investigating officer on Tuesday, March 25 by 11 am

Khar Police sent a summons to the comedian's house, but it has been reported that he is not in Mumbai. The summons came after Kamra issued a statement refusing to apologise and said he wouldn't bow down to the mob trying to threaten him. On Monday, MIDC registered an FIR against Kamra for his defamatory remarks against Shinde during a show, Naya Bharat. He was booked under various Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) actions, including 353(1)(b) (statements conducing to public mischief) and 356(2) (defamation), an official from MIDC police station said

Comedians and cartoonists ATTENTION!!! Beware of your script and art for there's constant brush with people in power. How much comic element is acceptable and how much is not, is the million-dollar question. Who's going to fix the line... is the question... and knowing where to stop lest you hurt someone's sentiment(s) is also "vital". Art and political regimes have always had a clash and this reminds us of great satirical work either on stage or on celluloid. What was "known" to be a children's movie, Hirak Rajar Deshe in 1980 was an intelligently satirised indictment of the Emergency regime.

In the classy film from Satyajit Ray's collection, anyone with a dissenting voice was brainwashed by the King's scientist following which they would simply repeat the rhetorics drilled into their "minds". Also, it was shown how the dictator feared that his subjects once educated would turn into rebels and hence he clamps down on educational institutions which promoted the tradition of questioning people in authority. The "fascist regime" in the film was finally overthrown by Goopy and Bagha... which left many wondering whether the idea of this combo was inspired by the Cuban revolution which depicted the heroics of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara!!!

Those who have seen the film still remember the "dictator's" famous line... "Era joto beshi pore, toto beshi jaane, toto kom maane." Which means... "The more they learn, the more they know, the less they obey." In the beginning of 2000, Winkle Twinkle, a play directed by Debesh Chattopadhyay, revolved around the clash between a father and a son in the world of politics. Sabyasachi Sen, a political prisoner who disappeared without a trace in 1976, returns in 2002 to find a world vastly different from what he had left behind. The play explores the ideological conflict between the father, a revolutionary, and his son Indra, who is now a supporter of a party with diametrically opposite views. This father-son combo set against a turbulent political backdrop forms the peg of the story.

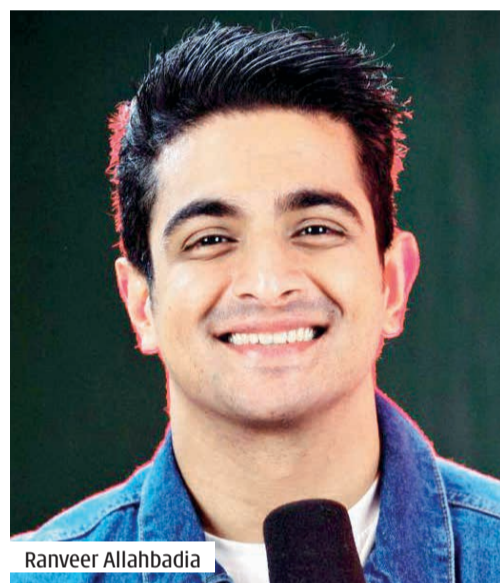
Bengal's theatre against oppression has always been a bustling scene. To name a few like Utpal Dutta's "Dushwapner Nagari" in the 1970s to "Fandi-



Kunal Kamra



Munawar Faruqui



Ranveer Allahbadia



Samay Raina



Tanmay Bhat

gram", a satire on the post-Nandigram violence and "Poshu Khamar", based on George Orwell's "Animal Farm" were talk of the town for decades together. If the Soviet Union had banned the book, "Poshu Khamar" was denied permission to be staged in West Bengal's Hooghly district.

On May 16, 1974 Congress supporters had stopped the Utpal Dutta's production "Dushwapner Nagari, a satire on West Bengal under the Congress regime of Siddhartha Shankar Ray. Also, Utpal Dutta was jailed in 1965 for several months because the then West Bengal government feared that his play, "Kallol" based on the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946 would trigger anti-government protests. Between the Fifties and

Seventies... the depiction of several resistances found their way into the world of arts like films, music, literature and theatre and this led to a new genre of work showing poverty, hunger and the exploitative class.

Make no mistake... what we discussed or mentioned above is considered to be classy satire... here's a look at some of controversies involving Indian comedians of late. Kunal Kamra again found himself in a soup after a performance where he tweaked a popular Hindi song and angered Eknath Shinde... obviously, the jab didn't go well with members of Shinde faction, who retaliated by vandalizing the centre where the show happened. An FIR was filed against Kamra, with political leaders, including

CM Devendra Fadnavis, demanding an apology. The incident reignited discussions on whether satire has limits.

Comedian Samay Raina was in deep trouble after an episode of his show "India's Got Latent" went viral for all the wrong reasons. Guest Ranveer Allahbadia posed an obscene question involving a contestant's parents, triggering outrage. The issue even escalated to Parliament. Munawar Faruqui's brush with controversy started way back in 2021 when he was arrested in Indore over allegations of making offensive jokes about Hindu deities... though later claims suggest the jokes weren't even made. This reignited freedom of speech debates.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IN-DEPTH

A thoughtful outreach by government on Eid

The government's decision to distribute "Saugat-e-Modi" gifts to 32 lakh underprivileged Muslims on the occasion of Eid is a significant gesture of inclusivity. At a time when political narratives often highlight divisions, such outreach initiatives help in fostering a sense of belonging among minority communities. The move signals an attempt to connect with Muslim citizens beyond electoral compulsions, reinforcing the government's commitment to Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

However, while such gestures are welcome, they must be complemented by sustained efforts toward education, employment, and social uplift for marginalised Muslims. The Muslim community must not see such measures as mere political optics but as part of the government's broader commitment to inclusive governance.

Critics may view this as a strategic move ahead of elections, but in a diverse democracy, every effort to bridge divides should be encouraged. If this initiative translates into long-term policy benefits for minorities, it could mark a positive shift in the government's approach to community engagement.

KUNAL KAMRA IN TROUBLE AGAIN



Stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra's remark calling former Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde a "traitor" for breaking away from Shiv Sena has triggered an outsized reaction. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) swiftly sent a demolition squad to demolish a part of the hotel where the video was shot and a police case followed. What was meant as a joke was more of a political barb, whether in good taste or not, has once again reignited the debate on freedom of expression and the thin line between humour and offence. With Uddhav Thackeray defending him and Kangana Ranaut attacking him, Kamra can be justifiably accused of political bias.

Kamra, known for his sharp political satire, has often faced the wrath of the establishment. However, the swiftness of the response—where civic action and legal measures appear weaponised against a comedian—raises serious concerns about the outrage. India, as a democracy, has long prided itself on its robust tradition of humor and dissent. Yet, when political figures react punitively to criticism, it creates an environment of fear and self-censorship.

This is not the first time humorists have found themselves in trouble for their work. The broader question is: who gets to decide what is offensive and what is fair critique? If humor and political commentary continue to invite legal repercussions, humorists will have to leave politicians alone.

Freedom of expression cannot be conditional on who is at the receiving end of the joke. Democracies thrive on the ability to laugh at power. If jokes become punishable, it is not just comedians who lose—society does.



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TOP TWEETS



X Birthday wishes to Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav Ji. He has undertaken numerous initiatives to improve the lives of the people of MP. May he be blessed with a long and healthy life in service of the people.

Narendra Modi @narendramodi



X Incredible Milestone @ONDC_Official! This is what empowerment looks like. From small businesses to the end consumer, the Modi government's technological intervention is rewriting the digital commerce landscape. My heartiest congratulations to all stakeholders involved in this endeavour, which puts Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business at the center stage!

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

BIBLE

100-day intensified drive lays strong foundation to fight TB: PM

Agencies
New Delhi

The 100-day intensified TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan has laid a strong foundation for a tuberculosis-free India, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister's Office said this, in a post shared on X, citing a media article by Union Health Minister JP Nadda.

"India's fight against TB is witnessing remarkable progress. The Union Health Minister JP Nadda shares key insights on the recently concluded 100-day Intensified TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan which

has set a strong foundation for a TB-free India – a must-read."

The 100-day campaign, launched by the Health Ministry on December 7 concluded on March 24.

The campaign targeted selected 455 high-priority districts across 33 States/UTs with an aim to accelerate TB case detection, reduce mortality, and prevent new cases.

"The campaign reached every corner of the country, screening 12.97 crore people belonging to vulnerable populations," Nadda said, in the article.

He added that the in-

Launched on December 7, the drive ended on March 24 and covered 455 high-priority districts in 33 states and union territories. The drive aimed to speed up TB case detection, decrease death, and halt new infections

tensified campaign enabled "the notification of 7.19 lakh TB patients, out of which 2.85 lakh cases were asymptomatic".

To support the 100-day TB-mukt Bharat Abhiyaan more than 13.46 lakh nikshay shivirs were held. Besides over 30,000 elected representatives, corporate partners, and ordinary citi-

zens also joined the campaign, Nadda said.

Moreover, "screening and testing of more than 4.17 lakhs vulnerable population were undertaken in congregate settings like prisons, mines, tea gardens, construction sites and workplaces," the Union Minister said.

Citing Jan Bhagidari, he said that "more than

21,000 TB awareness activities were held on festivals during the campaign duration involving faith-based leaders and community influencers".

"In just 100 days, 1,05,181 new Ni-kshay Mitras were enrolled," where individuals and organisations provided nutritional support to TB-affected families.

Calling the campaign "just the beginning", Nadda said the country will "scale up these efforts nationwide" to ensure that all citizens get equal "access to modern diagnostics, quality treatment, and unwavering community support".



PM Office on Tuesday posted on X about India's fight against tuberculosis.

PM-CARE fund more transparent than UPA's PM relief fund: Shah

Kerala Assembly passes Private University Bill

PTI

New Delhi

Home Minister Amit Shah in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress party's management of the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, alleging a lack of accountability and transparency during the previous UPA regime.

During his reply to the debate on the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024, the minister said while the Prime Minister's Relief Fund was created during the UPA era, the PM-CARE Fund was established during the National Democratic Alli-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Tuesday.

ance (NDA) government. "Under the Congress regime, only one family had control over the prime minister's relief fund. The Congress party president used to be the

member of the prime minister relief fund. What reply you will give to the people of this country?" Shah said.

The minister alleged that under the UPA, the

Rajiv Gandhi Foundation received funds from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Even Public sector undertakings (PSUs) were funding the foundation, he added.

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AMIT SHAH, UNION HOME MINISTER

"There was no transparency during their time. There was no committee to look into the utilisation of funds," he said.

In contrast, the minister said the PM-CARE

Fund's management includes the top five ministers, including the Finance and Defence Ministers as trustees.

A committee of five secretaries reviews and approves its expenditure. The funds of the PM-CARE were used for critical COVID-19 infrastructure like ventilators and vaccination.

No political party president is involved in the fund's management, he said.

"People will decide who has more accountability," the minister said, challenging the Congress party to explain its previous fund management practices.

PTI

Thiruvananthapuram

In a major policy shift that paves the way for setting up of private universities in the state, the Kerala Assembly on Tuesday passed the Kerala State Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2025, also marking a break from the CPI(M)-led government's long-standing opposition to the privatisation of education.

The bill was passed by voice vote following detailed discussions on Monday and Tuesday.

Higher Education Minister R Bindu moved the motion to pass the bill after a brief discussion on proposed amendments and suggestions.

Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan stated that the UDF was not opposing the bill in principle but urged the government to conduct a thorough study and scrutiny before implementing it.

He suggested giving preference to credible corporate education agencies that have been operating in the state for decades when establishing private universities.

He pointed out that many unaided colleges in the state are already facing closure threats, and there has been a significant decline in student enrollment for major courses in both aided and government colleges.

"The public universities in the state are al-



ODISHA ASSEMBLY SUSPENDS 12 CONG MLAs FOR 7 DAYS

Odisha Assembly Speaker Surama Padhy on Tuesday suspended 12 of the state's total 14 Congress MLAs, including Legislature Party leader Ramchandra Kadam, for seven days for alleged indiscipline and "disrespect to the chair". Congress MLAs have been protesting since the beginning of the second phase of the Budget session on March 7 over the issue of rising crime against women and children.

ready experiencing a shortage of students. With the arrival of private universities, those who would have studied in our state-run institutions may opt for private institutions instead," Satheesan said.

He emphasised the need to examine whether the introduction of private universities would threaten the existence of public universities and their affiliated colleges.

Fire breaks out at warehouse in Palghar; engulfs grains



PTI
Palghar

A fire broke out in the warehouse of the Tribal Development Corporation in Maharashtra's Palghar district, destroying a large stock of foodgrains stored on the premises on Tuesday, an official said.

There were no reports of injuries in the blaze that erupted in the early hours of the day, he said.

Water tankers and local fire engines were pressed into service to fight the fire, said Vivekanand Kadam, chief of the disaster management cell of the Palghar district.

He said the blaze was doused in two hours.

The official said around 100 tonnes of the food grains procured from local farmers were destroyed in the fire, the cause of which is yet to be ascertained.

Parliament passes Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024

Bill seeks to specify roles of organisations

PTI
New Delhi

Parliament on Tuesday passed the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024 to strengthen the efficient working of the national and state disaster management authorities.

The government also stressed that the legislation will help states in handling all disasters in a better way.

The Rajya Sabha cleared the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024 to amend the Disaster Management Act of 2005 by a



View of the Rajya Sabha during the Budget session on Tuesday.

voice vote. Several amendments moved by Opposition members were negated by the House. The government said states faced difficul-

ties in implementing the Disaster Management Act of 2005. The proposed amendments are based on the difficulties flagged by states and

REGULATION: LOK SABHA CLEARS BILL TO REPLACE 100 YEARS OLD BOILER ACT

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed a bill to provide for the regulation of boilers, safety of life and property of persons from the danger of explosions of steam-boilers and uniformity in registration. The Boilers Bill, 2024, seeks to repeal the century-old Boilers Act, 1923. The bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha in December last year. Now it will be sent for assent of the President of India. The bill, which has provisions to ensure the safety of persons working inside a boiler and promoting ease of doing business, was cleared in the Lower House by a voice vote.

suggestions given by them.

The Bill seeks to specify the roles and responsibilities of various organisations involved in

disaster management.

The discussion also saw a significant focus on the government's response to the disaster in Wayanad.

AFTER A DECADE

Kerala Tourism gets new theme song

First India Bureau
Thiruvananthapuram

Aiming at exploring new regions and firming up the state's tourism popularity, Kerala Tourism today brought out a new theme song for the tourism sector after a decade.

Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas along with Corporation Mayor Smt Arya Rajendran and five MLAs representing various constituencies released the theme song at a function, presided



over by the Mayor, here.

MLAs Shri VK Prashanth (Vattiyorkavu), Shri K M Sachin Dev (Balussery), Shri KU Jenish Kumar (Konni), Shri Najeeb Kanthapuram (Perinthalmanna) and Shri M Vijin (Kalliasseri) attended. The theme song video encapsulates as many as 100 visuals of Kerala's heritage, arts, culture and picturesque landscape from North to South. Apart from Kerala Tourism's novel initiatives like

Meeting with floor leaders



Vice President Jagdeep Thakkar during a meeting with floor leaders of various political parties in Rajya Sabha at Parliament House, in New Delhi.

Automated weather stations to strengthen avalanche alerts

PTI

New Delhi

Avalanches are a recurring natural phenomenon in high-altitude areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh and the government is aware of the significant risks they pose to human lives and property, Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said automated weather stations and doppler radars have been installed in vulnerable regions to improve forecasting capabilities.

He said that the Defence Geoinformatics Research Establishment (DGRE) has installed 72 snow meteorological observatories and 45 automated weather stations



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(AWS) are operational, 100 (AWS) are under testing and 203 (AWS) are under installation.

The data is regularly received from snow ob-

servatories at 3 hour intervals and at 1 hour interval from AWS at DGRE. This output and the expert opinion is used to draw avalanche

forecast for different areas at least 24 hour in advance, Rai said in a written reply to a question.

He said the govern-

India enhances early warning systems for avalanche-prone zones

The minister said the govt effectively deploys technologies for improved early warning and forecasting of avalanches in the hazardous zones. Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) is a national level agency for avalanche forecasting & is involved in the daily Operational Avalanche Forecasting for Defence users, he said. Rai said the DGRE, Chandigarh under the DRDO is also the nodal agency for studying and developing avalanche mitigation technologies. IMD supplies weather updates to enhance situational awareness, he said.

ment is aware of the hazard of avalanches in the Himalayan regions, which poses significant risks to human lives and property.

EPS-Shah meeting signals revival of BJP-AIADMK ties



AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami and other senior party leaders meeting Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah in Delhi on Tuesday.

Agencies
Chennai

AIADMK general secretary and Tamil Nadu's former CM Edappadi K Palaniswami reached Union home minister Amit Shah's residence in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Palaniswami's visit to Shah's house comes at a time when rumours are rife that ex-allies may come together to fight as-

sembly polls next year. In September 2023, the AIADMK made a decisive break as it severed ties with the BJP, ending an alliance that had been riddled with tension. AIADMK leaders were reportedly frustrated with the BJP's growing ambitions in Tamil Nadu and its leaders' controversial remarks about Dravidian icons like Periyar. The AIADMK had

first aligned with the BJP during its low period following supremo J Jayalithaa's demise in 2016, and the party's split.

Following the DMK's sweep of the 2019 Lok Sabha and 2021 Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, Palaniswami had pulled away from the BJP and eventually parted ways in September 2023.

The rationality behind the salary hike of MPs



First India Bureau
New Delhi

A recent notification from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, dated March 24, 2024, announced a 24% increase in the salaries, allowances, and pensions of Members of Parliament (MPs) and former MPs. Effective from April 1, 2023, the monthly salary of MPs has been revised from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.24 lakh.

This adjustment has sparked public misconceptions, but the mechanism behind these revisions ensures a structured and transparent process.

In 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that MPs should not determine their own salaries.

He advocated for either a pay commission-like body or a system linked to salary hikes of specific posts and ranks. Consequently, the Finance Act of 2018

amended the Salaries, Allowances, and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, linking MPs' salaries to the Cost Inflation Index (CII) under the Income Tax Act of 1961.

This mechanism replaced ad hoc parliamentary approvals with automatic adjustments every five years based on inflation. Introduced in 2018, the base salary of Rs 1 lakh per month, along with a constituency allowance of Rs 70,000, daily allowances, and other benefits like free housing, travel, and utilities, ensured fair and systematic revisions.

The current 24% salary increase over seven years averages to an annual hike of approximately 3.1%.

This structured adjustment, tied to inflation, reflects a prudent, depoliticized approach, ensuring financial accountability while addressing changing economic conditions.

INDIA bloc student wing protests at Jantar Mantar

Agencies
New Delhi

Student organizations affiliated with INDIA bloc parties staged a protest against the NEP 2020, paper leaks, the UGC draft rules and growing privatization of education at Jantar Mantar here on Monday. The protest was led by Congress-led student wing, National Students' Union of India

(NSUI)-led INDIA.

During the demonstration, the members of the several student organisations shouted slogans while holding aloft placards, against the ruling dispensation.

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and several other MPs from the Opposition parties also participated in the protest.

Addressing the stu-

dents, Gandhi warned against Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) control over education and urged them to fight for academic freedom.

"The BJP-RSS want to control education to suppress independent thinking. Students must resist their agenda, unite and take this movement nationwide. This is a fight for India's future," he said.



Members of Indian Youth Congress stage a protest over the issue of unemployment, at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Airport Loader held for theft of 75 smartphones

PTI
New Delhi

The Delhi Police has arrested a ground handling employee for allegedly stealing a shipment of high-end smartphones worth lakhs of rupees, an official said on Tuesday.

The accused has been identified as 28-year-old Monu alias Nikhil Kumar and 36 of the stolen mobile phones have been recovered so far, said the official. The case came to light when Sanjay Yadav, head of sales and marketing at cargo services, lodged an e-FIR on February 6. According to the complainant, the company had dispatched a



The accused in police custody in Delhi on Tuesday.

shipment of four PVC boxes containing 280 branded smartphones from their Noida Phase II warehouse to a store in Indore on January 27.

I will not apologise, don't fear this mob, says comedian Kamra

PTI
New Delhi

Stand up comedian Kunal Kamra on Monday said he will not apologise for his controversial remarks he made about Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during a show.

In a statement on X, Kamra, 36, said, "I will not apologise. What I said is exactly what Mr. Ajit Pawar (1st deputy CM) said about Eknath Shinde (2nd Deputy CM). I don't fear this mob & I will not be hiding under my bed, waiting for this to die down."

Kamra's stand up show has kicked up a ma-



Kunal Kamra seeks more time from cops

Comedian Kunal Kamra, who is at the centre of a political firestorm after posting a satirical song on Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde, has sought a week's time to appear before the Mumbai Police in connection with the case filed against him.

the Habitat Comedy Club in Khar, where his alleged "gaddar" (traitor) jibe at Shinde was filmed, as well as a hotel in whose premises the club is located. The Mumbai Police arrested 12 members of the Shinde Sena for vandalising The Habitat.

On Sunday night, Shiv Sena members damaged

Central govt employees may get up to ₹19k monthly pay hike

Agencies
Mumbai

The salaries of Central government employees may increase by Rs 14,000 to Rs 19,000 per month after the implementation of the 8th Pay Commission report, according to a report by Goldman Sachs on Tuesday. The global financial services firm stated that around 50 lakh Central government employees and 65 lakh pensioners are expected to benefit from the pay revision.

The commission is likely to be formed in April, with its recommendations expected to be implemented in 2026 or 2027. Goldman Sachs conducted an analysis to estimate the salary hike.

Currently, central govt employees earn a median monthly salary of Rs 1 lakh before tax. Based on different budget allocations, the firm projected possible salary increases.



STRENGTHEN MARITIME TIES WITH AIKEYME 2025

India boosts naval cooperation with Africa

Agencies
New Delhi

To consolidate the Navy's stature as the 'preferred security partner' and 'first responder' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), India will conduct its first major naval exercise, AIKEYME (Africa-India key maritime engagement), with 10 African nations next month. This initiative is part of India's ongoing military outreach to the continent, where China has made significant strategic in-



roads.

The inaugural edition of AIKEYME will be hosted by the Indian Navy and the Tanzania People's

Defence Force (TPDF) and is scheduled to take place off Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in mid-April 2025. The exercise will be

AIKEYME (Africa-India key maritime engagement) will be formally inaugurated by India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

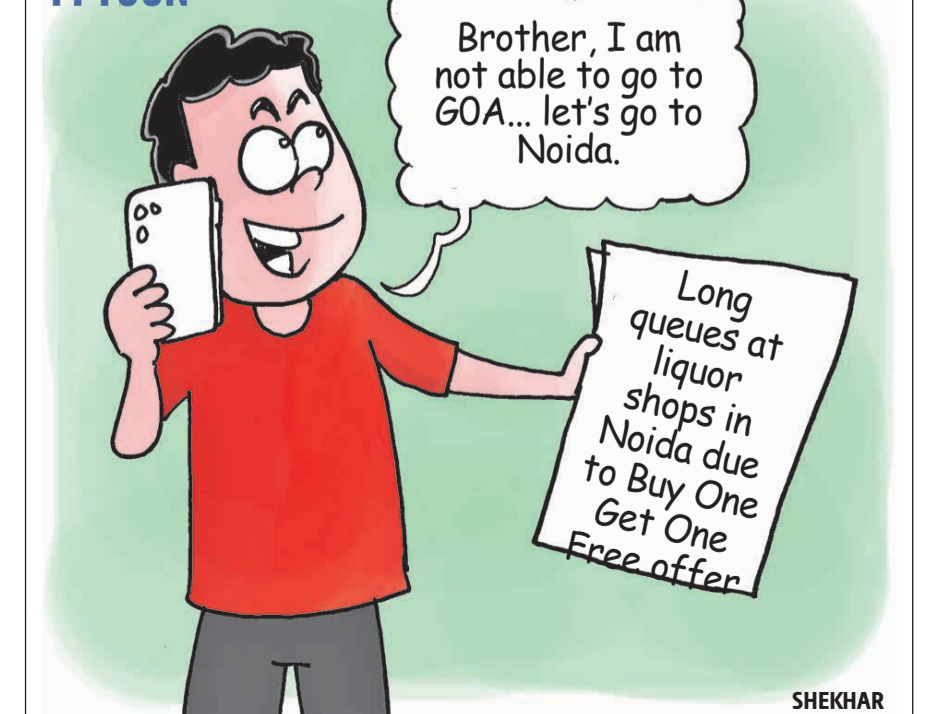
formally inaugurated by India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Spanning 6 days, the exercise will see participation from India, Tanzania, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, and South Africa.

Additionally, India will launch another first-of-its-kind initiative, Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar, under which a joint crew of Indian sailors and 44 personnel from nine partner countries will man the offshore patrol vessel INS Sunayna. The vessel will be deployed to the south-western IOR from 15 April to 8 May.

The two major initiatives are designed to deepen India's strategic and security ties with African countries, marking a new phase in the Indo-African relationship.

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SHEKHAR



MATCH TODAY

KKR vs RR

7:30 pm IST, Barsapara, Guwahati

PUNJAB KINGS BEAT GUJARAT TITANS BY 11 RUNS IN AN INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH IN AHMEDABAD

PBKS beat GT after defending record total

First India Bureau
Ahmedabad

Punjab Kings (PBKS) beat Gujarat Titans in Match 5 of IPL 2025 at the Narendra Modi Stadium. The visitors successfully defended 243/5, now their highest first-innings total in IPL history. Their defense defied substantial knocks from Sai Sudharshan, Jos Buttler, and Sherfane Rutherford.

GT's Sai Kishore took three wickets, while Shreyas Iyer, Shashank Singh, and Priyansh Arya shone for PBKS.

Priyansh Arya came out all guns blazing after GT elected to field. Despite losing his opening partner early, he slammed a 23-ball 47.

PBKS skipper Iyer led from the front thereafter. However, PBKS lost quick wickets in the form of Omarzai Azmatullah and Glenn Maxwell.

Shashank Singh's 16-ball 40*, which included a final over blitz, led PBKS to 243/5.



Punjab Kings' bowler Glenn Maxwell celebrates with teammates after the wicket of Gujarat Titans' batter Shubman Gill during the IPL match between Gujarat Titans and Punjab Kings, at Narendra Modi Stadium, in Ahmedabad, Tuesday.



Gujarat Titans' bowler Sai Kishore celebrates with captain Shubman Gill after the wicket of Punjab Kings' batter Glenn Maxwell during the IPL match, in Ahmedabad, Tuesday.



Punjab Kings' batter Shashank Singh plays a shot during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match between Gujarat Titans and Punjab Kings, at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.

Kolkata & Rajasthan eye batting, bowling overhaul to bounce back

PTI
Guwahati

Outmuscled in their previous matches, title-holders Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals will eye a quick course correction in ever aspect when they face each other in an IPL match here on Wednesday.

The Knight Riders were beaten by seven wickets by Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the tournament-opener while the Royals were given a 44-run drubbing by Sunrisers Hyderabad.

The common theme in those defeats was how the seemingly powerful batting and bowling units of KKR and RR failed to fire. While the Rajasthan outfit might offer the excuse of playing on a Hyderabad shirtfront for the malfunction of their bowling unit, the Kolkata side do



Rajasthan Royals' players Dhruv Jurel and Riyan Parag during a training session ahead of the IPL match between Rajasthan Royals and Kolkata Knight Riders, at ACA Stadium, in Guwahati, Tuesday.

not have any such cover.

Apart from Sunil Narine, none of the KKR bowlers were able to contain free-flowing RCB batters, and in that the demystification of mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy might just worry them a bit.

Even on an Eden Gardens pitch that had some grip, Chakravarthy was given a towwelling by Phil Salt and Virat Kohli.

The KKR camp now hopes that the spinner will find his stride on a Guwahati pitch that generally has some bite.

RCA honours players and journalists; CM gives event a miss

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The RCA Felicitation Ceremony was held at Hotel Marriott on Tuesday which was attended by Deputy CM Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa and Cooperative Minister Gautam Dak. Members of the RCA Adhoc Committee were present at the event.

Lifetime achievement awards are set to be presented to former administrators and senior sports journalists. Among the recipients were Kamal Morarka, Ashok Ohri, Rajendra Singh Rathore, Rakesh Agarwal, and Sundar Lal Mathuriya, who are being honoured for their contributions to the field of sports administration and journalism.



Deputy CM Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa and Cooperative Minister Gautam Dak and members of the RCA Adhoc Committee during the RCA Felicitation Ceremony held at Hotel Marriott on Tuesday.

The event also includes the felicitation of the best cricketers across various age categories. The prestigious Hanu-

mant Singh Award for senior men and women cricketers has been awarded to Mahipal Lomror as the best senior

male player and Suman Meena as the best senior female player.

The RCA felicitation ceremony turned out to be a flop show as neither the CM nor the Sports Minister attended the event, despite RCA distributing invitation cards with their names. The only prominent leaders who showed up were Deputy CM Dr. Premchand Bairwa and Minister Gautam Dak. The absence of the Sports Minister from a sports-related event further dampened the program's impact. Even Ad-hoc Committee member Dhananjay Khimsar chose to stay away from the event. RCA spent an estimated 25 to 30 lakh rupees on the ceremony.

Must vacate J&K territory: India slams Pakistan's repeated references at UN

Agencies
Washington

India on Tuesday hit back at Pakistan for once again bringing up the Jammu and Kashmir issue during a United Nations debate on peacekeeping reforms and asked the neighbouring country to vacate parts of the region it has "occupied illegally".

Addressing the UN Security Council, India's Permanent Representative, Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish, dismissed Pakistan's repeated reference to Jammu and Kashmir as 'unwarranted' and firmly reiterated that the region "was, is, and will always remain an integral part of India". "India is compelled to note that the delegate of



Parvathaneni Harish

Pakistan has yet again resorted to unwarranted remarks on the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Such repeated references neither validate their illegal claims nor justify their state-sponsored cross-border terrorism," Harish said.

The Indian envoy reaffirmed the country's long-standing position on the matter, asserting that "Jammu and Kashmir was, is and will always be an integral part of India".



Fake fitness certificates to vehicles on rise

The Transport Department has initiated action against fitness centers exploiting the system by issuing vehicle fitness certificates without inspection. In Churu's Ganganagar, the Shri Force Fitness Center is reported to have issued over 50 fitness certificates for vehicles in a single day, without the vehicles being brought to the center. Similarly, in Jodhpur, the Royal Fitness Center is also issuing certificates without the vehicles being physically inspected. The misuse of fitness certificates has been contributing to an increase in road accidents.

BJP to operate from new office near Vidyashram School

The search for a new office for the Jaipur city BJP has finally concluded with the discovery of a new building across from the Dainik Bhaskar headquarters. The new office, which will house the BJP's city operations, is located near Vidyashram School. The theme of the office will reflect the party's national ideology, with the space being painted in saffron. Previously, the city office had operated from the residence of Raghav Sharma during his tenure as the president. New city president Amit Goyal is expected to inaugurate the office during the upcoming Navratri festival.

CM Bhajan Lal hailed for helping street vendors

In an unexpected moment during his visit to Barmer, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, along with Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari and Minister K.K. Vishnoi, stopped by a roadside sugarcane juice vendor. The CM noticed the juice cart while passing by and decided to make a stop. He interacted with the local vendor and paid for the juice through digital payment, setting an example of using modern payment methods. The moment was marked by the CM's appreciation for local vendors and his willingness to engage with the public.

Planting trees with 'Green IPL' initiative

In an exciting initiative called 'Green IPL,' the Rajasthan Forest Department has announced a plan to plant trees in Jaipur based on the number of runs scored during IPL matches. The announcement was made by Neeraj K. Pawan, Secretary of the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, during a one-day national seminar on "Development Goals: A Collective Responsibility." The seminar was organized by the Rajasthan Forestry and Wildlife Training Institute.



BRINGING GLOBAL EDUCATION TO INDIA

NIMS: Rajasthan sets stage for AI & Robotics Revolution

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A historic moment in the field of education and technological development of India, the dedicated Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Cybernetics at NIMS University will be inaugurated on 1st April 2025.

The Institute is a part of the MoU between the Government of Rajasthan and NIMS University under the Rising Rajasthan initiative. The inauguration ceremony will be at-



NIMS University, Rajasthan is organising NIMS AI CON 2025 AI Conference on April 1-3, 2025. The conference being organised in collaboration with the Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics, and Cybernetics (CIIRC), Czech Technical University, Prague.

tended by national and international scientists, industry stalwarts, officials, AI professionals and academicians. The Institute is aiming

to make Rajasthan a hub of digital innovation and artificial intelligence (AI). The Institute is also setting up state-of-the-art laboratories for the first time in

Rajasthan, which includes the Computing and AI Chip Lab of N-Video, Robotics Lab of KUKA (Germany), Automation Lab of Siemens Germany, Drone Technology Lab of Captics - Canada, along with 15 state-of-the-art laboratories, which will have over 500 high-performance computers.

It will be the only Institute to have Siemens Healthineers Germany, Dell Computers, and Microsoft, there will be centers of excellence from SAP, HP, Intel, and Amazon.

RECOGNISED AS INDO-PACIFIC EUROPEAN HUB FOR DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP (INPACE)

This institute has been recognized as Indo Pacific European Hub for Digital Partnership (INPACE), which will strengthen digital cooperation between India and Europe. It will accelerate cutting-edge research and development in the field of AI, robotics and cyber security in collaboration with the European Union (EU) and other global organizations. It is worth noting that this recognition was received last year in the presence of the PM of the Czech Republic of Europe. The Government of India, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi is promoting revolutionary initiatives like Digital India, Make in India, and Artificial Intelligence Mission. This new institute of NIMS University will help in making all these national initiatives globally competitive. The Government of Rajasthan is also running various schemes to promote modern technologies, digital innovation and the startup ecosystem. The inauguration of this institute will establish Rajasthan as the hub of technological revolution. More than 50 world-renowned AI scientists will be present at this prestigious inaugural ceremony.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Avoid those who belittle your ambitions. Small minds will always do so, while great minds inspire you to reach for greatness.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



Jauhar Smriti Sansthan Shradhanjali Samaroh, Chittorgarh

CM: Rana Sanga embodies freedom, valour & sacrifice

- Chittorgarh Fort is a symbol of national integrity & Sanatan culture, says CM Sharma
- The Chittorgarh Museum is being upgraded, and the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit is taking shape. A Rs 100 crore Tribal Tourist Circuit is also being developed, CM adds

Krishan Murari
Chittorgarh

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma emphasised the invaluable lessons from the sacrifices of brave warriors, stating that nothing is more significant than freedom and respect. He highlighted Chittorgarh as a land of power, devotion, and sacrifice, where history is carved in stone and valour burns in every pebble. Addressing the Mahila Sammelan in Barmer, the CM highlighted key women-centric initiatives under PM Modi's leadership.

He emphasized 33% reservation in legislatures, strict laws against triple talaq, & welfare schemes. He announced Rs 7.50 cr for 30,000 beneficiaries, Rs 450 LPG cylinders, and low-interest loans for Lakhpati Didis. 5,000 scooters were distributed, Solar Didi training was launched, new childcare & nutrition programs were introduced.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma hands over the 'Bhakt Shiromani Meera Puraskar' to a young girl during the 'Shradhanjali Samaroh' organised by the Johar Smriti Sansthan in Chittorgarh on Tuesday. Dr Manju Baghmar, Shrichand Kriplani, SS Rathore, Chandrabhan Singh Aakya & others were present.

CELEBRATE RAJASTHAN DAY WITH PRIDE: CM

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma urged non-resident Rajasthanis to celebrate Rajasthan Day (March 30) with enthusiasm in India and abroad. Interacting with Rajasthan entrepreneurs on Tuesday, he highlighted the shift to the Panchang calendar. He encouraged global participation & announced special aartis in temples under the Devasthan Dept as part of weeklong celebrations.

'WOMEN'S WELFARE PRIORITISED UNDER PM MODI'

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Diya Kumari inspects NH-25, orders speed-up

First India Bureau
Balotra



Diya Kumari inspects the under-construction Pachpadra-Bagundi section of National Highway-25 in Balotra district on Tuesday.

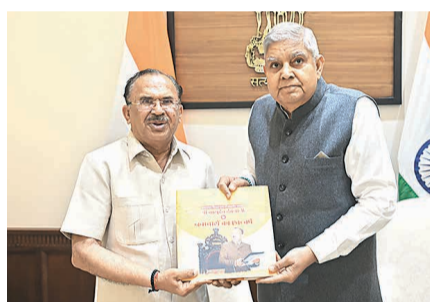
Gehlot calls for caste census, social security

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Former CM Ashok Gehlot stressed the need for a caste-based census to ensure justice for poor and middle-class families, citing the lack of concrete socio-economic data in policy-making. He highlighted global models where aid is data-driven, reducing election-driven freebies. Advocating a nationwide social security framework, he recalled Rajasthan's Minimum Income Guarantee Act, stressing that bridging wealth gaps requires a data-driven approach over populist promises.

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari on Tuesday expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace of work on the under-construction section of National Highway-25. She directed officials to issue notices to the contractor, Superintending Engineer, and Executive Engineer of the NH Circle in Jodhpur for the delay. Inspecting the Pachpadra-Bagundi stretch, she asked the Chief Engineer-NH to submit a detailed report within 15 days. The 22 km stretch, started in 2022, was initially set for completion by December 2024 but was extended to March 2025. However, only 60% of the work is complete. The Deputy Chief Minister instructed the concerned officials to ensure timely completion with full quality adherence.

Courtesy Meeting



Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar being presented a copy of the book titled, 'One Year of Innovations by Speaker Vasudev Devnani in Rajasthan Assembly,' based on innovations introduced in Rajasthan Assembly over the past year, during a courtesy visit to the V-P at the Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday.



LS Speaker Om Birla being greeted by Vasudev Devnani with a bouquet at the Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday. The two leaders discussed topics related to the parliamentary system and democratic values during the meeting.

HEARTFELT TRIBUTES



Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani pays tributes to late Kadam Singh Yadav, father of Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, at Jamalpur village & offers his condolences to Yadav on his loss. Sanjay Sharma & Avinash Gehlot were also present.

In Remembrance



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma offers floral tributes to late Arvind Singh Mewar, a member of the erstwhile royal family of Udaipur, at Shambhu Niwas in City Palace, Udaipur, on Tuesday. Also seen here are Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, Haritraj Singh Mewar and others. Expressing deep sorrow over Arvind Singh Mewar's demise, CM Sharma consoled the bereaved family. Minister Babulal Kharadi, MLA Shrichand Kriplani, and other public representatives and officials accompanied the CM during his visit.

First India News rightly honoured the deserving, says Churu Collector Surana

Mahesh Sharma and Sanjay Prajapat
Churu

First India First India News hosted the second season of 'Churu Ke Ratna' on Tuesday at Golden Star Resort in Sardarshahar, Churu district. The event honoured individuals who made remarkable contributions across various fields.

District Collector Abhishek Surana, the chief guest, acknowledged that First India News had rightly chosen to honour deserving individuals. He highlighted Churu's cultural heritage, its literary and artistic contributions, and the importance of preserving this legacy. He expressed gratitude to First India for organising the event in Sardarshahar and praised the channel's extensive reach across news platforms. Surana also lauded the channel for bridging the gap between the public and administration with its positive news coverage.

Senior Editor of First India News, Jinedra Singh Shekhawat, in his welcome address, noted Churu's recognition in spiritual, political, and sports domains. He welcomed para-Olympian Devendra Jhajharia, whose presence added prestige to the event. Shekhawat commended the vision of the channel's CEO & Managing Editor, Pawan Arora, for his diverse and youth-focused approach across



Abhishek Surana addresses the esteemed gathering during the 'Churu Ke Ratna Season 2' organised by the First India News at Golden Star Resort in Sardarshahar on Tuesday. Also seen here are Vandana Arya, Dayanand Ruyal, Vishal Mathur, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Devendra Jhajharia, Lakshmi Narayan Pujari, Abhinash Maharshi, Rajkaran Choudhary and Nilofar Gouri.



Dayanand Ruyal being felicitated during the event. Also seen here are Vishal Mathur, Vandana Arya, Jinendra S Shekhawat, Devendra Jhajharia, Lakshmi Narayan Pujari, Abhinash Maharshi, Abhishek Surana, Nilofar Gouri & Rajkaran Choudhary.



Abhishek Surana and Devendra Jhajharia felicitate Ashok Anurag during the programme. Also seen here are Jinedra Singh Shekhawat, Lakshmi Narayan Pujari and Abhinash Maharshi.



television, print, and OTT platforms. He also acknowledged the visionary leadership of First India Group CMD, Jagdeesh Chandra. Shawls and mementos were presented to the distinguished guests by Shekhawat and Vice President of Marketing, Vishal Mathur. A total of

24 individuals excelling in art, sports, and social service were honoured. Former MLA Abhinash Maharshi credited First India's success to Jagdeesh Chandra's leadership and praised Pawan Arora's management style. District Head Vandana Arya said the event would inspire excellence, while Sardarshahar Municipal Council President Rajkaran Choudhary emphasised his role in public awareness. Sujangarh Municipal Council President Nilofar Gouri praised the initiative for



Abhishek Surana & Nilofar Gouri felicitate Hansraj Siddh during the award ceremony. Also seen are Vishal Mathur, Dayanand Ruyal, Vandana Arya, Jinendra S Shekhawat, Devendra Jhajharia, Lakshmi Narayan Pujari, Abhinash Maharshi & Rajkaran Choudhary.

motivating social contributions. The event also featured addresses by Salasar Balaji's Purji Lakshminarayan Pujari and

social worker Brijmohan Saraf. The channel honoured institutions and individuals who contributed to the event's success with mementos.

Villages and wards boundaries being altered illegally: Dotasra

Dinesh Dangi
Jaipur

PCC President Govind Singh Dotasra on Tuesday accused the state government of illegally altering village and ward boundaries for political gain. He alleged a BJP-led committee was arbitrarily conducting delimitation, pressuring officials. He claimed Muslim-majority wards were being reduced and accused the RSS of involvement.

Vowing to fight legally, he planned to approach the State Election Commission and Governor. He criticized the delay in Bharatpur's Zila Pramukh election and announced Congress restructuring. On the paper leak case, he demanded strict action, questioning why only politicians faced scrutiny while officials were spared.



GS Dotasra addresses a press conference at PCC Headquarters in Jaipur on Tuesday. Swarmin Chaturvedi & others were present.

CONGRESS MISUSED POWER WHILE FORMING MUNICIPAL BODIES AND PANCHAYATS: RATHORE

Jaipur: BJP State President Madan Rathore accused the previous Congress govt of misusing power by forming municipal bodies and panchayats unfairly. He highlighted unequal ward representation, with voter counts ranging from 500 to 3,000 in wards and 400 to 7,000 in panchayats, calling it an injustice to the public. On 'One Nation, One Election,' Rathore urged Congress State President Dotasra to study the concept, emphasizing that India originally followed simultaneous elections. He blamed Congress for misusing Article 356, leading to fragmented elections. Rathore backed PM Modi's election reforms, panchayat reorganization, and voter-based delimitation. He discussed BJP's organizational expansion. Leaders Sunil Bhargav and Pramod Vashistha attended.





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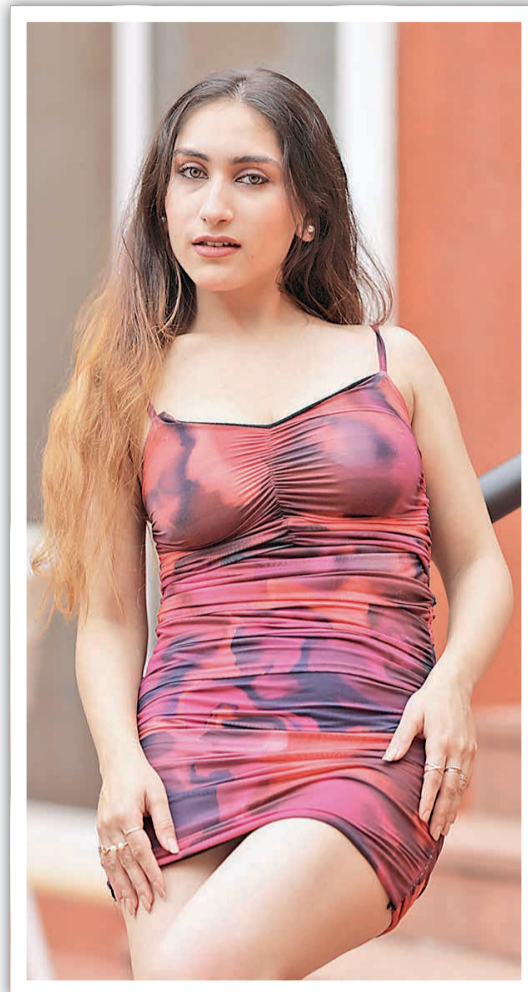
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Hillside Elegance!

Anushka Gupta, Elite Miss Rajasthan 2024 finalist and Miss Confident, is carving her path in the fashion world. City First unveils her enchanting Mussoorie shoot that shows a mesmerizing blend of elegance and nature, showcasing her versatility!



Bhavika Khunteta

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Anushka Gupta, a finalist of Elite Miss Rajasthan 2024, is making waves in the fashion industry with her unwavering passion and commitment. From a young age, she was captivated by the glamour of fashion and beauty pageants, which eventually led her to Elite Miss Rajasthan, where she secured a spot among the Top 15 finalists and earned the prestigious title of Miss Confident 2024. Winning the title brought both recognition and responsibility, pushing her to inspire and influence others while staying true to her work ethic. Even before the pageant, she worked as a model and content creator, but after her victory, her career skyrocketed. She is now a sought-after face in the industry, constantly engaged in shoots, events, and travels. Anushka credits Gaurav Gaur, the Founder & Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, for believing in her potential and providing a platform that transformed her career.

Among her many ventures, her recent shoot in Mussoorie holds a special place in her heart. Anushka



has always been drawn to hill stations, and Mussoorie, with its breathtaking landscapes and serene atmosphere, felt like a dream come true. The town's British-era charm, lush green mountains, and crisp, cool air provided the perfect backdrop for her shoot. Despite the challenges of shooting in chilly weather and strong winds, she embraced the experience wholeheartedly, capturing stunning visuals near rocky terrains, winding highways, and misty peaks. For Anushka, Mussoorie's timeless elegance and classic beauty reflect her own style and persona, making the shoot all the more meaningful. With several exciting fashion campaigns in the pipeline, she is poised for greater success. As she continues to evolve, Anushka remains committed to self-growth, inspiring others, and leaving an indelible mark in the fashion industry.



WHAT'S NEXT?



Rajat Chauhan Live: Rajat Chauhan, a stand-up comedian known for his sharp wit and storytelling, delivers relatable humour with observational, self-deprecating, and satirical twists, captivating audiences in Pan India.

When: March 29, 7:00 PM
Where: Carolina Lounge, Jaipur



Toxic relationship: Abhishek Sharma's stand-up hilariously explores love, heartbreak, and dating chaos. With sharp wit and relatable stories, it's the funniest therapy session—perfect for singles, couples, or the utterly confused!

When: March 30, 7:30 PM
Where: Jaipur Comedy Club, Jaipur



And - Shand Standup Show By Kailash Singh: It is a comedy show where Kailash humorously shares random, relatable life moments. From childhood to family antics, delivers laughter with occasional strong language.

When: March 29, 7:30 PM
Where: Jaipur Comedy Club, Jaipur

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JOINT TRAINING OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS



Education Reform



Pradeep Kumar Borar

Retired IAS, Ex. Secretary, Rajasthan Staff Selection Board

Education is the foundation of any society, and strengthening this foundation requires well-trained teachers. Recently, Sudha Murthy emphasized the necessity of teacher training in the Rajya Sabha and suggested linking it with the examination system. This proposal could be a revolutionary step towards making teacher training more serious, but it is also true that it will be a challenging decision, as a large section of teachers may resist such changes.

Today, teacher training has become a mere formality, lacking depth and scope for improvement. However, if it is integrated with the examination system, teachers will take the process more seriously, ultimately benefiting the entire education system. The key question here is: Even after training and examinations, can we change the mindset of teachers? Will this system instil a sense of dedication toward teaching? Implementing such an idea will not be easy, as it requires not only financial resources but also the assurance that the training is effective and practical.

However, one critical aspect is often overlooked in this discussion—the training of parents. Without involving parents in the education system, any attempt at educational reform would be incomplete. Parents are the first teachers of children, and if they are provided with proper training, they can contribute

significantly to their children's education and development, thereby improving the entire education system.

Traditionally, parents have been seen as the primary guides for their children. They not only teach moral values but also serve as the pillars of early education. Unfortunately, in the current education system, the role of parents is not given much importance. This is especially true in government schools, where parents remain largely disconnected from the process. In contrast, private schools tend to involve parents more actively, whereas government school parents are often disengaged.

If parents are trained, it can lead to a silent revolution in education. With proper guidance, parents can assist their children in academics and play a crucial role in their mental and social development.

One successful example of parental involvement in education can be seen in Rajasthan. The Samudayik Bal Sabha (Community Children's Assembly) was an innovative initiative launched in the Jhunjhunu district in 1996-97 and later expanded across Rajasthan in 1999. The unique aspect of this program was that children, parents, and teachers came together every new moon (Amavasya) at a public venue in the village to conduct these assemblies. This initiative had numerous direct and indirect benefits, leading to improved parental engagement and enhanced education quality.

The success of this model lies in making parents active participants in the education system. They started understanding their role in their children's learning alongside teachers. Education is not solely the responsibility of teachers; parents must also guide their

children at home.

This is an initiative that requires no additional cost but effectively integrates parents—the child's first teachers—into the existing education system.

If we genuinely want to improve education, we must not limit ourselves to training teachers alone; parents must also be equally trained. Parents are the first teachers, while school teachers come second. If the first teacher is educated and aware, it will not only transform one child but also lead to systemic improvement in education.

Initiatives like Rajasthan's Samudayik Bal Sabha show that this is achievable. Now, it is up to the Ministry of Education and policymakers to implement effective policies in this direction. With the right guidance, parents can shape their child's future and contribute to an educated and self-reliant society.



WHY IS PARENT TRAINING NECESSARY?

- **Reinforcement of School Learning-** Parents can reinforce what is taught in school, strengthening their child's understanding.
- **Managing Digital Distractions-** In today's digital era, mobile phones and the internet impact education. Trained parents can guide children in using digital resources effectively.
- **Supporting Teachers and Schools-** When parents understand the challenges teachers face, they can actively contribute to improving school quality and overall education standards.

Incorporating parental training into the education system requires political will. The Ministry of Education must consider this matter seriously and prioritize it. The long-term impact of this initiative will be invaluable, far exceeding any financial investment.

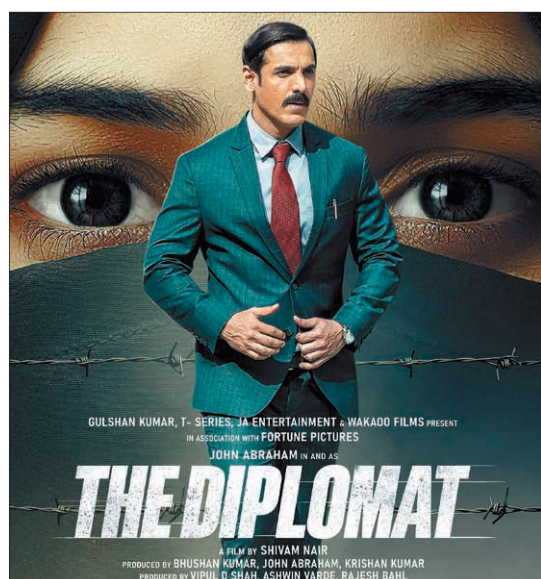


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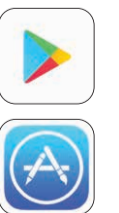
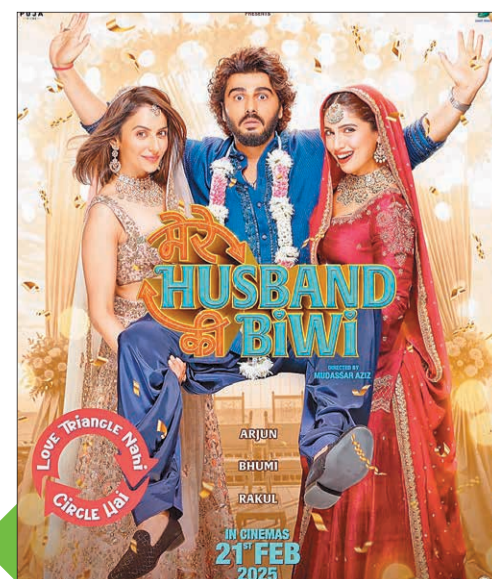


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EVENTS!



To promote fitness and obesity awareness, Rajasthan Central University organised Cyclothon 2025 on Sunday. The event, conducted by the Department of Sports Biology and Psychology in collaboration with PEFI and SAI's Fit India, saw 300 enthusiastic participants cycle 8 km on campus. Vice Chancellor Prof Anand Bhalariao flagged off the event, emphasizing cycling's role in maintaining a healthy mind and body. A selfie point added excitement and nutritious refreshments were distributed. The university pledged to continue such health initiatives.



(L-R) Dharani, Biswajit, Bushra, Basith, Rashmi, Swati, Arif, Subhani, Afaque, Khalid Khan, Azam, Urfee, Partha & Surya

Odisha's IPO Milestone

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Paradeep Parivahan Limited has now become the first company from Odisha to be listed on BSE SME.

The IPO of Paradeep Parivahan is receiving a good response from investors.

The shares of Paradeep Parivahan Limited were listed on March 24, while the IPO opened on March 17. The company aims to raise ₹45 crore by selling 45.78 lakh new shares. The company plans to use this money for its day-to-day operations and general needs.

The Chairman and Managing Director of the company, Dr. Khalid Khan, is excited about the IPO. In a

special discussion on this occasion, Dr Khalid Khan, Chairman and Managing Director of PPL, said, "The company's journey began in 2000, and it's true that hard work paves the way to success. This is our first step, where we have transitioned from a private limited to a limited company. Our only thought behind this was to be among the people of India and with them. Today, the BSE SME platform has given us that opportunity, and we are proud to say that we are the first logistics company from Odisha to achieve this listing. This will make it easier for us to chart the path we want to take in the future, and we aim to live up to the trust that our supporters, investors, and the public have placed in us."



Khalid Khan, Chairman and Managing Director, Paradeep Parivahan Ltd



Bushra Khan addressing the audience

Paradeep Parivahan was established in 2000. It operates at Odisha's Paradeep Port and provides services such as ship handling, cargo handling, stevedoring, and dredging.

The IPO launch of Paradeep Parivahan was at-

tended by Radha Kartivasan, Head of Listing at BSE, and Raunak Javeri of Share India Capital Services.

Bushra Khan, a family promoter of Paradeep Parivahan, appeared excited about the response the IPO is receiving from investors.

In a discussion, she said, "We are happy about this historic moment today, and I am delighted to share that I have grown with this company. Today, thanks to our hard work and the support of our team, we have reached this milestone."



The AVGC - Rajasthan Talent Showcase (ARTS), powered by TOSS Jaipur, will be held on March 27-28, at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, as part of IT Day Rajasthan 2025. Organised by the Department of IT & Communication Rajasthan in collaboration with iStart and AISA, the event will recognize Rajasthan's creative excellence in Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR).

Featuring renowned filmmakers, storytellers, panel discussions, cultural performances, and film screenings, ARTS 2025 aims to showcase and elevate Rajasthan's growing AVGC industry.



Glamour Event 2025 showcased talent and emotions at a resort in Amer on Sunday, presented by Aagaz The Amazing Rangmanch Group. The event beautifully depicted the love between mother and son through singing and drama. The fashion show had three rounds, with Manan Asudani and Rajeshwari Bhatara as showstoppers. Dr Bulbul Nayak, the organizer, emphasized providing a platform for hidden talent. Winners included Khushboo Asudani, Manvendra Singh and Vanika Nebhnani. Chief guest Pinky Yadav awarded trophies and certificates, encouraging participants.



Bhawana, Himmat Singh, Papon, Bhupendra, RK Vyas and Manisha

Jaipur recently witnessed a magical musical evening at SKET College as singer Papon enthralled over 10,000 fans. The event, organised by Big FM and supported by JHW, highlighted music's power to spread joy. JHW Founder Himmat Singh emphasized mental well-being, calling music "the best therapy." Co-founders Bhupendra Singh and RK Vyas hailed the event's success. JHW also distributed free OPD cards, introducing its revolutionary healthcare plan aimed at making medical consultations affordable for all.

GOLDEN VICTORY!



The Rajasthan team delivered an outstanding performance at the 2nd Junior & Senior National Pickleball Tournament in Indore on March 22-23, 2025, winning 26 medals—11 gold, 7 silver, and 8 bronze. Chairman of Rajasthan State Sports Council Neeraj K Pawan, Pickleball Federation of India President Karan Singh, Rajasthan State Pickleball Association Chairman Ashwani Wadhwa and Secretary Ripudaman Singh congratulated the medalists, praising their dedication and hard work. Winners included Aditya Chandrawat (U-14 & U-16 Gold), Nehal Kachhawa (U-19 Gold), and Ripudaman Singh (35+ Gold). Rajasthan emerged as the overall champion, marking a historic achievement in the sport.

TRENDS & TRIUMPHS!

For the first time in Rajasthan, FBS Jaipur organised the Rising Trends Show & Showcase at Rose Amer, Civil Lines, with 200 elite couples in attendance. Founder Megha Gupta curated the show to highlight global trends. Shweta Tatwala emphasized the importance of physical experiences, while Dr Nakul Somani called it a unique platform for business trends. Sandeep Jain provided financial insights. Managed by Divine Eyes and Awpem, the event featured 20 entrepreneurs, including Namrata Mia Bajaj, Dr Tanvi Thapar, Diksha Jainani, Surbhi Gupta,



Ankit Jain, Ashwini Jain, Muskan Soni, Sandeep Jain, Shweta Tatiwala, Dr Nakul Somani & Megha Gupta



Dr Tanvi Thaper, Dr Shamit Thaper & Dr Sanjana Thaper

Kashish Moolrajani & Jiya Moolrajani

Kashish Moolrajani, Muskaan Soni, Jyoti Power, Neha Khatri, Kirti Jain and Rashi Agarwal. A musical high tea, MG and Volvo car displays, and villa stay prizes from The Mystic Castle added to the grandeur. Muskan Soni, Kirti Jain and Jyoti Pawar were crowned FBS Rising Fempreneurs.

RAJASTHANI CINEMA HONOURS ARTISTS IN STAR-STudded AWARDS CEREMONY

Celebrating Cultural Icons!

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The city witnessed a spectacular celebration of regional cinema and cultural artistry during the Rajasthani Cinema Mahotsav Season-3 Award Ceremony on Tuesday. Organized jointly by the Tourism, Art and Culture Department, Jawahar Kala Kendra, and Rajasthani Cinema Development Association, the event recognized outstanding contributions across multiple domains of entertainment.

Chief guests District Collector Jitendra Kumar Soni and Neha Giri presided over a star-studded awards ceremony that recognized outstanding contributions across multiple domains. Shrawan Sagar clinched the Mahipal Memorial Outstanding Hero Award, while Neha Shri was honoured as the Best Heroine.

While addressing the audience collector Jitendra Soni said, "Not speaking your regional language is like hiding your mother tongue," Soni passionately de-



Vipin Tiwari, Neha Shree, Sangeeta Chaudhary, Neha Giri, Mohammad Husain, Ahmad Hussain, Meena Soni, Usha Jain, Aditi Singh, Ruchi Khandelwal, Pari Sharma, Seema Mishra, Parveen Mirza & Usha Shree



Dr Shivdan Singh Jolawas felicitated by Jitendra Soni & KC Maloo



Deepak Meena and fellow artists enthralled the audience with their performance

clared, emphasizing the importance of preserving linguistic heritage. He urged artists and audiences to embrace their cultural roots, stating that regional language should become a "language of behaviour and work." The event honoured 25 artists

across categories including lifetime achievement, music, cinema, and folk arts. The audience was also entertained by Deepak Meena, a famous Rajasthani comedian also known by the name of 'Panya Saipat.' Notable recipients included Mohan Singh Kaviya for lifetime achievement, Raj Jangid for outstanding film production, and Seema Mishra for outstanding folk singing. The ceremony finally concluded with performances of Pad Dangal, leaving audiences inspired by the rich tapestry of Rajasthani art and culture.

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IN THE CITY!

The six-day Sanskrit Technology Training Program at Central Sanskrit University, Jaipur Campus, concluded successfully on Tuesday. Organised by the Faculty



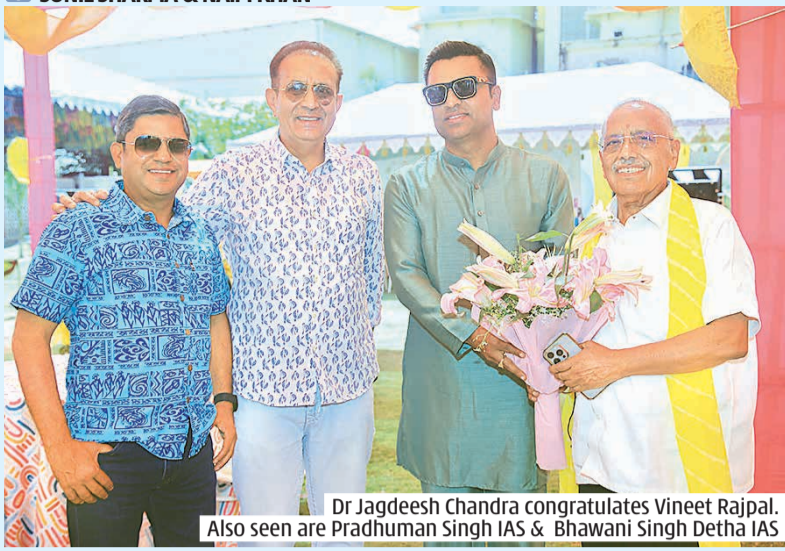
Development Center, the program featured Dr Srinivas Jammaladaka as the chief guest and was presided over by Prof YS Ramesh. With around 65 participants, including professors, researchers, and students, the workshop covered AI tools, online learning, gamification and Sanskrit applications. Experts trained attendees in tools like Vyoma, Filmora and ChatGPT. The event was coordinated by Dr Monika Boulla and concluded with a presentation by Om Sharma.

The Akhil Kshatriya Mahasabha Trust (Regd.) Women's Unit, Jaipur, hosted the grand Gangaaur Festival 2025, celebrating Rajasthan's rich traditions, folk arts, and spirituality while promoting women's empowerment and girl education. Organised under State President Anita Chauhan, the event featured Rajasthani folk singer Meenakshi Rathore and spiritual leader Nirmal Kanwar Brahmakumari. Various competitions, including Miss Gangaaur and Best Group Dance, were held. The event concluded with a cultural pledge, emphasizing tradition and women's progress.



MUKESH KIRADOO

SUNIL SHARMA & NAIM KHAN



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulates Vineet Rajpal. Also seen are Pradhuman Singh IAS & Bhawani Singh Detha IAS



Pawan Arora with VK Singh



Pawan Arora in conversation with Dinesh MN



The newlyweds Vineet & Priya



Pawan Arora with L-R Niraj K Pawan, Mahaveer Kharadi & Bunty

ROYAL UNION

The grand wedding celebration of Vineet Rajpal, son of Sangeeta and Mukesh Rajpal with Priya, daughter of Ganga Devi and Ishwar Ram Bishnoi, took place on Monday at Rajsthal Resort in Jaipur. The wedding was a spectacular affair, attended by esteemed dignitaries, family, and friends. The pre-wedding lunch ceremony was graced by Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who reached out to extend his heartfelt blessings to the newlyweds. Pawan Arora, CEO & Managing Editor of First India News, also marked his presence and congratulated Vineet and the Rajpal family on this joyous occasion. Notable attendees included ACB DG Dr Ravi Prakash Meherda, RTDC MD Sushma Arora, IAS Niraj K Pawan, IAS Arvind Poswal, ADG Dinesh MN, ADG ATS SOG VK Singh, IAS Bhawani Singh Detha, IAS Pradyuman Singh, IAS Vishnu Charan Malik, Mamta Barheth, Rahul Barheth, Avinash Joshi, Mahaveer Kharadi & Bunty. The event was a memorable gathering filled with love, laughter, and heartfelt wishes for the couple's new journey.

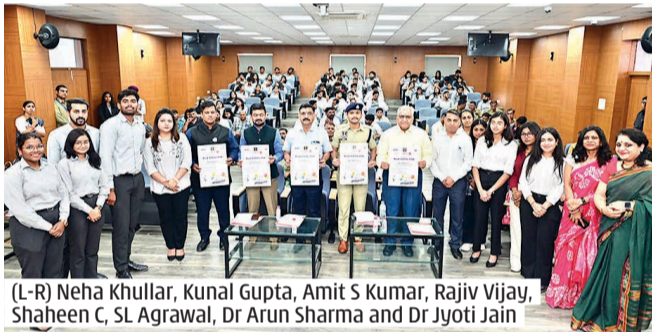


Pawan Arora with L-R Mamta Barheth, Rahul Barheth & Avinash Joshi

Trained to Save



Shaheen C addressing the audience



(L-R) Neha Khullar, Kunal Gupta, Amit S Kumar, Rajiv Vijay, Shaheen C, SL Agrawal, Dr Arun Sharma and Dr Jyoti Jain



Captivated audience

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Muskaan Foundation for Road Safety, in collaboration with Netradyne, conducted a specialized Road Safety and Trauma Response Training at JECRC University on Tuesday.

The program aimed to equip transport drivers and attendants with crucial safety and technological skills to reduce accidents caused by human and technical errors. DCP (Traffic) Shaheen C IPS was the Chief Guest. Over 80 drivers from JECRC University, Swami Keshwanand Institute of Technology, and

Vivekananda Global University participated. The training covered defensive driving, emergency response, first aid and legal provisions under the Motor Vehicles Act. Sessions were led by Lalitendra Verma (Muskaan Foundation), Dr Arun Sharma (Rungta Hospital) and Dr Aksha Bhargava (MGUMST). Sup-

ported by Netradyne, the initiative is part of a nationwide project promoting technology-driven safety training across India, ensuring safer commutes for students. Neha Khullar, SL Agrawal, Rajiv Vijay, Amith S Kumar, Shantanu Bhasin, Dr Ruchika Tiwari, students and teachers were also present during the event.

HERITAGE TALKS!



Sudhir Gupta, Ashok Rahi, Vinod, Teena, Deepa, Abhishek, Sapna, Ranoo, Sudhir Kasliwal, Sudhir Mathur, Meeta, Vidya, Nirmala, Rajula, Sarita & Alka

The "JIG" members held a meeting on "Jaipur City: My Pride," discussing the city's rich heritage, culture, and cuisine. Jaipur, founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, boasts landmarks like Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal, Jal Mahal, and Jaigarh Fort. Its cuisine features dal baati churma, gatte ki sabzi, ghevar, and MI Road's famous lassi. Vinod Bhardwaj and Sudhir Kasliwal shared nostalgic Jaipur stories, while Alka Batra announced JIG Season - 3 with Dr Vidya Jain. Among the attendees Alka Batra, Ashok Rahi, Abhishek Mishra, Deepa Mathur, Dr Meeta Singh, Dr Nirmala Sewani, Sapna Mahesh, Dr Sarita Singh, Sudhir Gupta, Sudhir Kasliwal, Sudhir Mathur, Dr Tina Sahni, Dr Vidya Jain, Vinod Bhardwaj, Ranu Srivastava, and Rajula Luna. The event, hosted by Dr Vidya Jain, concluded with gratitude from Alka Batra.

TENNIS BATTLE!



The 3rd edition of the ML Mehta Memorial Invitational Inter-Club Tennis Tournament will take place from March 27-29, at Jai Club, Jaipur. Organised by the ML Mehta Foundation and Jai Club, this edition marks the first time it is exclusively for registered club members across Rajasthan. 12 clubs will compete, featuring doctors, bureaucrats, government officers, and professionals. Jai Club Secretary Manoj Dasot, Sports Secretary Sanjay Ajmera, and Foundation Trustee Ajay Mehta are leading the event, honouring the legacy of ML Mehta, former Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.

PATRIOTIC FAGOTSAV!



Shri Jain Shwetambar Sangh, Jawahar Nagar's youth and women's wing organised Fagotsav 2025 at Mahaveer Udhyan, dedicated to patriotism on Martyrs' Day. With a theme-based tambola and interactive games. The cultural evening featured a fancy dress competition, judged by Vartika Jain and Sameer, where children dressed as national heroes. Bal Sabil and Prem Mandir kids gave a patriotic performance, and the women's wing staged a play on Bhagat Singh. Honouring dedicated members, Sharad Mehta and Neelam Mehta expressed gratitude. The event concluded with a lucky draw and prize distribution.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Malviya Nagar MLA Kalicharan Saraf laid the foundation stone for a new sewer line from Pradhan Marg to Salasar Kachori Wale, undertaken by Greater Municipal Corporation at a cost of ₹2 crore recently. The existing 200 mm line will be replaced with a 2200-meter-long, 450 mm and 600 mm sewer line. Each of the 26 wards will see ₹50 lakh worth of development. Several dignitaries, including Suman Sharma and Brahma Kumar Saini, attended the event.



At the Success Talks in Bikaner, renowned activist Dr Kriti Bharti, pioneer of child marriage annulment, shared her journey from victim to global changemaker. She urged for women's empowerment over mere worship and inspired youth to fight adversity. Dr Bharti has annulled 52 child marriages and prevented 2,100+ more. Over 50,000 people oath to not engage in child marriage. The event also featured Padma Shri Gulabo Sapera, Laxmi Agarwal and Dr Tanushree Mukherjee, with Sanjay Purohit hosting and Rohit Sharma extending gratitude.



The PHDCCI Rajasthan Tourism Samman-2025 (RTS) was recently held at Tathastu Heritage Resort, Udaipur. Chief Guest BP Kalal, IAS, Managing Director, RSMML, felicitated winners alongside Salil Bhandari; Former National President, PHDCCI, Jitendra Singh Rathore; Co-Chair, PHDCCI, ML Lunawath; President, UCCL, Mukesh Madhwani; Convener, Udaipur, PHDCCI-Rajasthan and Naveen Seth; Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI. The jury, chaired by Dr Lalit K Panwar, Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, honoured 20 winners and awarded Udaipur 'Destination of the Year-2025'. The event, moderated by RK Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter, concluded with networking and a cocktail dinner attended by 150+ tourism stakeholders. Tathastu Heritage Resort, the venue partner, was also felicitated.



The Creare Marathon Run for Hope in Jaipur saw 500 children (ages 2-17) running from Jharkhand Mahadev Temple to Vaishali Mall of Jaipur. Organised by the Creare Foundation, the event rewarded participants with medals, certificates, T-shirts, and refreshments. Kids also showcased karate, hula hoop and martial arts. Director Kuldeep thanked Decathlon Ajmer Road, Little Pixies, Mayur School, and other supporters. A thrilling carnival with Q&A and gifts added to the excitement. Young participants eagerly expressed their wish to return next year, humorously saying, "We don't want to grow up again!"

The grand finale of the JJPL 2025 Under-Arm Cricket Tournament, organised by the Jain International Trade Organization (JITO) Jaipur Chapter, was held at SJ Public School. Chairperson Saloni Jain shared that 38 teams participated, aiming to enhance JITO's outreach and strengthen community ties through sports. The event saw the presence of JITO Apex Director Nitin Jain, JITO Sports Director Jinendra Kumar Munot, and other dignitaries. Exciting matches and live food stalls added to the festive atmosphere. Winners included Power Heaters (Below 40), Scorpio by Basra (Above 40), and The Game Changer (Women's). The tournament successfully blended sportsmanship and entertainment, leaving a lasting impact.



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