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DEEPLY CONCERNING, SAYS EAM ON TEMPLE ATTACK IN CANADA
Reacting to an attack by alleged Khalistani extremists on Hindu temple in Canada, EAM S Jaishankar called incident "deeply concerning". P7



ECI APPOINTS SANJAY KUMAR AS NEW DGP OF MAHARASHTRA
Ahead of Assembly polls, ECI has appointed Sanjay Kumar Verma, 1990-batch IPS cadre, as the new DGP of Maharashtra on Tuesday.



SHARAD PAWAR, 83, HINTS AT RETIREMENT AHEAD OF POLLS
Sharad Pawar hinted at retirement on Tuesday, saying he would not contest any future polls, would work towards mentoring the younger generation.



APOLOGISE AT TEMPLE OR PAY ₹5 CR: ANOTHER THREAT TO SALMAN
Mumbai Police gets 2nd death threat message in week for Salman Khan asking him to apologise at temple or pay ₹5 crore, if he wants to stay alive.



Who will become the next POTUS?

244 million Americans to pick between Trump and Harris

Avinash Kalla
Washington

The 2024 US Presidential race has been marked by dramatic twists: 2 assassination attempts, a surprising candidate switch, intense political rhetoric, and mounting concerns over the future of democracy. With Election Day now upon the nation, uncertainty looms over the outcome and the timeline for results, as anxiety grips the 244 million eligible voters. Over 82 million Americans

“My mother, Dr Shyamala Gopalan Harris, came to the United States from India at 19. She taught me and my sister, Maya, about courage and determination. It is thanks to her that I am ready to lead USA forward. —KAMALA HARRIS

“I shouldn't have left White House. I mean, honestly, because...we did so well. If I win, the American People will be the rulers of this country again. I assure that under my leadership, the country would become bigger, better, bolder, richer, safer, and stronger than ever before. —DONALD TRUMP

have already cast their ballots, and polls indicate the contest is one of the closest in modern history. Voters are now faced

with a stark choice between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris in a high-stakes race. Harris, aiming to become the first

female president, promises bipartisan cooperation, while Trump seeks sweeping reforms, including major tariffs and large-scale deportations. Both candidates need 270 electoral votes to claim victory, verification process expected to take days, the outcome remains uncertain. As world's largest economy stands at a crossroads, globe watches intently to see who will emerge as next POTUS, with far-reaching implications for domestic, int'l politics. P7



Commissioners Holyn Robinson, Margie Robson and others take oath before polls, at Hynes Charter School, New Orleans, Tuesday.

WHEN WILL THE ELECTED PRESIDENT BEGIN TERM?

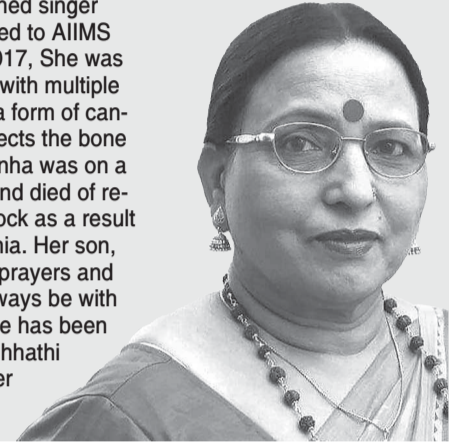
The new US Congress to meet on January 6, 2025, to count the electoral college votes and confirm the new President. The elected President will begin their term after the office being inaugurated on January 20, 2025, on the grounds of the US Capitol complex.

SHARDA SINHA - 1952 TO 2024

PADMA BHUSHAN RECIPIENT, FOLK SINGER PASSES AWAY

Popular folk singer and Padma Bhushan awardee, Sharda Sinha, died at 72 due to complications arising out of cancer on Tuesday. The renowned singer was admitted to AIIMS Delhi. In 2017, She was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of cancer that affects the bone marrow. Sinha was on a ventilator and died of refractory shock as a result of septicemia. Her son, said "Your prayers and love will always be with mother. She has been called by Chhathi Maiya to her side." P5

PM Narendra Modi condoles the demise of folk singer Sharda Sinha



Terrorist killed and 2 security personnel injured in Bandipora

First India Bureau
Bandipora

An unidentified terrorist was killed while two security personnel were injured in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday,

police officials said. A police official said security forces launched a cordon-and-search operation in the Chhonthpathri forest area of Bandipora based on information about the presence of ultras there.

IN BRIEF

Sansad Winter Session to begin from Nov 25

New Delhi: Winter Session of Parliament will commence on November 25 and will conclude on December 20. Major discussions will cover 'One Nation, One Election' and the Waqf bill, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju confirmed the schedule on Tuesday.



Under-construction bullet train bridge collapses in Guj, 3 die

Anand: Three of the four workers trapped in the collapse of an under-construction structure for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project near Vasad in Anand district on Tuesday have died. One person was rescued and is receiving treatment at a hospital. The collapse took place near Mahi River when a temporary structure of steel and concrete block being used for foundation work gave way at the construction site. This is 2nd fatal accident at the bullet train project site in recent months.

IPL auction to be held in Jeddah on Nov 24-25

New Delhi: Over 1574 players have registered for the upcoming IPL 2025 Player Auction, which will be held on November 24 and 25 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, the BCCI announced on Tuesday. Of this, 1,165 cricketers are from India, 409 overseas players are in the mix.

ACB files FIR against ex-min Mahesh Joshi, 22 others in JJM scam

Navin Sharma
Jaipur



The ACB has filed an FIR in a major corruption case involving scam of ₹979.45 crore in the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Rajasthan naming former PHED Minister Mahesh Joshi and 22 others, including top officials from the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). They are accused of fraudulent practices in securing tenders. The accused include Chief Engineer RK Meena, Additional Chief Engineer RC Meena, and several other PHED officials, along with contractors Padamchand Jain and Mahesh Mittal, and associates of Joshi.

The ACB's investigation, based on inquiries with Executive Engineer Mayaram Saini, revealed that contractors forged certificates from Ircon International Limited to secure tenders. These fake documents were submitted to PHED officials, who, despite knowing the certificates were fraudulent, continued to approve payments and process tenders for unqualified firms. P8

21,000 mines to shut down on November 8

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Over 21,000 mines will be closed due to delays in obtaining No Objection Certificates (NOCs) on November 8, caused by absence of a state-level environmental committee. Of 22,000 NOCs applications submitted, only 900 have been approved. Between Jan 2016 & Dec 2018, 24,000 Environment Clearances (EC) were issued, but the NGT mandated that mines must now seek ECs from state committees by Nov 7, 2024. P8

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Owing to the tireless efforts and initiative of CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, ₹658.12 crore has been sanctioned for issuing 181 work orders in 507 villages of 46 Panchayat Samitis of 23 districts to speed up work of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State. This will benefit 1.12 lakh households in these districts by providing domestic water connections. CM Sharma said on Tuesday that Jal Jee-

TOP COURT'S 7:2 VERDICT MARKS A LANDMARK SHIFT IN CITIZENS' PROPERTY RIGHTS SC overturns 1978 ruling, strikes down State's power to seize private properties

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The SC ruled that not all private properties can be considered "material resources of community" for equitable redistribution under Article 39(b) of Constitution. In a 7:2 judgment, the Court clarified State is not obligated to redistribute private properties for common good. The majority opinion, delivered by CJI DY Chandrachud and other justices, disagreed with the 1978 Karnataka case, where Justice Iyer had considered private property as a community resource. Justices BV Nagarathna partially concurred, Dhulia dissented.



A 9-judge bench of the SC led by CJI DY Chandrachud with (L-R) Justices Satish Chandra Sharma, Manoj Misra, Sudhanshu Dhulia, Hrishikesh Roy, BV Nagarathna, JB Pardiwala, Rajesh Bindal and Augustine George Masih, hear the challenge to March 22 ruling of the Allahabad High Court on UP Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004 which held the Act was unconstitutional, in Delhi, Tuesday.



SC SETS ASIDE ACQUITTING SHANTI DHARIWAL IN SINGLE LEASE MATTER

In a major setback for former minister Shanti Dhariwal in the much-discussed 'Single Lease Deed' case in Rajasthan, which was heard in Supreme Court on Tuesday, court dismissed previous decision by Rajasthan High Court and directed a fresh review of case. This ruling marks significant success for Bhajan Lal govt in State. Following order, Supreme Court directed the Rajasthan High Court to re-hear the case, with instructions for the State govt to assist HC in the proceedings. Additionally, the SC also heard a Special Leave Petition filed by Ashok Pathak in connection with the case.

UP MADARSA ACT: SC UPHOLDS VALIDITY

The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the constitutional validity of the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act 2004, except for its provisions allowing the Board to award higher degrees like Fazil and Kamil. A 3-judge bench of SC led by CJI DY Chandrachud set aside the March 22 ruling of Allahabad HC which held Act was unconstitutional. P5

CM SHARMA SAYS, 'JJM IS AN AMBITIOUS SCHEME OF CENTRE'

₹658.12 crore sanctioned for JJM in 23 districts



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma

van Mission Yojana is an ambitious scheme of the Centre. "But the previous government did not take this scheme seriously, due to which the work could not be completed in the stipulated time period. Now the state government is determined to

provide tap water to every house. ₹658.12 crore has been sanctioned to speed up the scheme," he said. Water Works Minister Kanhaiya Lal said that 137 work orders of ₹520.28 crore will be issued for 413 villages of 33 Panchayat Samitis of Ajmer, Balotra, Baran, Bharatpur, Chittorgarh, Deeg, Dholpur, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jaisalmer, Jhalawar, Jodhpur, Karauli, Kekri, Pali, Sawai Madhopur,

Sirohi, Sri Ganganagar and Udaipur. The minister added that due to the Model Code of Conduct being in effect in Alwar, Dungarpur, Jhunjhunu and Salumber of the state, work orders will be issued in these districts after the MCC is lifted. It is noteworthy that under the Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme, 46.31 lakh (48 percent) houses in the state have been benefited by establishing domestic water connection. P8

India submits bid to host 2036 Olympics

First India Bureau
New Delhi

India took a significant step toward potentially hosting 2036 Olympic & Paralympic Games. On October 1, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) officially submitted Letter of Intent to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Future Host Commission, sources told on Tuesday. "PM Modi's vision of hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in India in 2036 has formally taken significant step forward," sources added further.



E-RICKSHAW SURGE CREATES TRAFFIC CHAOS

The recent festivities in Jaipur have led to an increase in number of e-rickshaws operating in the Walled City, resulting in traffic congestion. The surge in e-rickshaw activity has not only disrupted the flow of vehicles but also posed challenges for residents.



E-rickshaws operating in the Walled City, resulting in severe traffic congestion on Tuesday afternoon. In a recent JDA meeting, New zones were marked for e-rickshaws and they were to be given colour codes also. **SANTOSH SHARMA**



Police lodge 32 FIRs for phones stolen during Dosanjh's concert in Jaipur



First India Bureau
Jaipur

Thirty-two FIRs were registered in connection to cases of stolen mobile phones during singer Diljit Dosanjh's concert in Jaipur, police said on Tuesday.

Station House Officer (SHO) Nandlal said the victims filed FIRs at Sanganer Sadar Police Station on Sunday and Monday. "The mobile phones are being tracked," he added.

Some fans even made a video and requested the singer to help them. Dosanjh's show, part of the 'Dil-Luminati India Tour 2024,' was held at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC) in Sitapura on Sunday.

Sanganer Sadar Police Station CI Nandlal Chaudhary reported a large crowd at Diljit's event, which allowed miscreants to commit thefts amidst the commotion. Many attendees lost their mobile phones due to the pushing and shoving. Complaints have been filed by those who submitted documents for their lost devices. Documentation for 32 phones has been forwarded to the DCP office, where tracing efforts will soon begin. Once these phones are turned on, the perpetrators are likely to be apprehended.



Diljit Dosanjh's Dilluminati concert was held on November 3 at Jaipur Exhibition Convention Centre.

SCHOOL HEADMASTER HELD FOR HARASSING FEMALE STUDENTS

Barmer: A govt school headmaster in Barmer district was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly harassing female students and pressuring them into "inappropriate" relationships, police said. The accused promised the students favourable treatment in exams and sports in exchange for "illicit" behaviour, they said. An audio clip purportedly capturing a conversation between the headmaster and a student surfaced, prompting his arrest.

PAKISTANI MAN DETAINED NEAR SHRIKARANPUR BORDER

Sri Ganganagar: Indian security agencies detained a Pakistani national near the border area of Shrikanpur, raising security concerns about his intent. The individual, identified as Rashid, was intercepted after crossing into Indian territory, but has so far provided unsatisfactory answers. Despite prolonged questioning, Rashid, who identified his brother as Nima, has failed to explain his reasons for entering India.

GRAVEL MAFIA ATTACKS POLICE IN DHOLPUR; TWO ARRESTED IN RETALIATORY ACTION

Dholpur: Gravel mafia opened fire at Angai police in Dholpur's Sarmathura and also pelted stones and freed one of their accomplices from police custody. In retaliation, police fired two rounds in self-defence and arrested two gravel mafias. A tractor trolley loaded with illegal gravel from Chamal has also been seized. Police acted on a tip-off in the forests of Dhaundh. A case has been registered against the accused who attacked under serious sections, including obstruction in government work. Police personnel, including station-in-charge Ramavatar Meena were present. The station-in-charge said that a case has been registered against the accused who opened fire on the police.

TEACHER STABBED TO DEATH AFTER ALTERCATION AT EATERY

Kota: A 26-year-old govt school teacher was stabbed to death following an altercation at an eatery near the Ambedkar Circle in Bundi, police said on Tuesday. The deceased, identified as Manish Kumar Meena from Sintha village in Bundi district, worked as a teacher at a government school in Namana village for the past two years. He was set to get married in January next year, police said.

CONSTABLE HELD FOR ₹10K BRIBE IN PALI; HEALTH CLERK IN ACB NET FOR ₹5K BRIBERY

Pali/Jodhpur: In a campaign against corruption, Pali ACB arrested constable Kanaram Meena of Kot Solankiyana outpost of Khinwara police station area while taking a bribe of Rs 10,000. The constable had demanded 20,000 from the complainant for not taking any action. The accused had already taken Rs 5,000. In another incident, the ACB in Jodhpur arrested a clerk in the Health Department Joint Director's Office for taking a bribe of Rs 5,000. Narendra Bharti demanded the bribe amount in exchange for making the bill of vehicle on contract.

ACB probes JDA for bias in Jaipur construction case

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The (ACB) has opened an investigation into alleged partiality within the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) after a complaint from local resident Kishanlal Gupta. Gupta's grievance concerns what he claims is unfair treatment by JDA's enforcement branch regarding illegal construction issues in Sanjay Colony's Dwarkapuri area.

Gupta initially reported unauthorized construction on plot 39-A, prompting the JDA to conduct an inspection. This inspection confirmed a violation, identifying illegal building in the "setback area" of the 100-square-yard plot. Following this, an enforcement guard was deployed to the site.

Two killed, dozens injured in separate accidents across Raj

First India Bureau
Jaisalmer/Udaipur/Jodhpur

In a series of tragic road accidents across Rajasthan, two people lost their lives and dozens sustained injuries, including women and children.

The first incident occurred on the Pokaran-Jaisalmer road near Chandhan village late at night, where a head-on collision between an Innova and another car led over a dozen people injured. Ten critically injured individuals were later referred to Jodhpur for further treatment.

In another crash on the Udaipur highway near Bhavya Palace Hotel, Harish Sharma, an (AEN)



Mangled remains of the car at Udaipur highway near Bhavya Palace Hotel on Tuesday.

with the electricity department in Sirohi, tragically lost his life. Sharma was traveling alone from Sirohi to Kota when his car collided with another vehicle. Five tourists from Gujarat in the second car sustained injuries, with two women report-

edly in critical condition. A third accident occurred on the Luni-Jodhpur highway near Bhandu Kala, involving a collision between a car and a trailer. This incident resulted in one fatality and left seven others seriously injured.

Medical seat expansion order stayed by HC

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The division bench of the High Court, on the petition of the National Medical Commission (NMC), stayed the order of the single bench on Monday. A division bench of Justice S Chandrashekar and Justice Rekha Borana has imposed a stay.

The commission had challenged the order of a single bench of the Rajasthan High Court. The single bench of Justice Dinesh Mehta had given an order to increase medical seats of Tirupati Balaji Education Trust from 150 to 250. The appeal of NMC was accepted and the order of the single bench was stayed.

Info Panel fines officials ₹50L for RTI Act violations

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Rajasthan Information Commission has taken a strong stance against non-compliance with the (RTI) Act, levying fines totaling Rs 50 lakh on officers who failed to respond to information requests. This year alone, 375 officials have ignored RTI requests, contributing to a significant backlog of complaints. Complaints have nearly doubled, rising from 1,014 in 2022 to 1,940 in 2023. Under the RTI Act, officers may be fined up to Rs 25k for providing incorrect information or failing to respond.

MLA Balmukund Acharya flags off 2 buses of senior citizens to Ayodhya

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Hawa Mahal MLA Balmukund Acharya on Tuesday flagged off two buses of senior citizens for the darshan of Ram temple in Ayodhya as per his pledge made while contacting people in his constituency during the assembly election campaign. He said that it is his pledge to get all the senior citizens of the entire Hawa Mahal constituency to have darshan of Ram temple in Ayodhya. In the first phase,



Balmukund Acharya flagged off 2 buses of senior citizens for the darshan of Ram temple in Ayodhya on Tuesday. Also seen is Kusum Yadav & others.

Shri Balaji Jan Kalyan Trust Hathoj Dham sent passengers to Ayodhya.

Patients shouldn't face pressure for implants: Mathur

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Expressing dissatisfaction over the trend of ordering consumable items and implants from patients, Director Public Health Dr Ravi Prakash Mathur has issued strict orders in this regard. He said that there is a provision for free treatment in govt hospitals and action would be taken against hospitals that don't abide by this. "Complete treatment has been provided free of cost under the CM's Ayushman Arogya package," the order mentioned.

HEALTHCARE MATTERS

Japan taps Raj to get nurses for elderly

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

Nurses from Rajasthan are becoming increasingly in demand in Japan, as both govt and private-sector nurses from the state are now eligible for employment there. In response to Japan's proposal, the Rajasthan Medical Department has started accepting applications from nurses interested in working abroad. This initiative addresses Japan's critical need for skilled nursing profes-



Representational

sionals, driven by a rapidly aging population.

To facilitate this, Japan has introduced a screening process for qualified

nurses. In a further step to strengthen healthcare ties, Japanese medical professionals are planning to establish a nursing college in Jaipur, aiming to deepen collaboration and create more skilled opportunities for healthcare profes-

sionals in both countries. Responding to Wafukai's request, CM Sharma has directed the Rajasthan Nursing Council (RNC) to compile a list of interested and eligible candidates. The RNC, in collaboration with nursing colleges across the state, will identify suitable applicants for five-year nursing contracts in Japan. Selected candidates will receive Japanese language training, and the Japanese Embassy in Delhi will assess their language proficiency and nursing skills.

Rajasthan By-Elections

With efforts of the top-brass, BJP's development agenda takes center stage in Jhunjhunu and Dausa

BJP mobilises top leaders for strong campaigns



Diya Kumari and Rajyavardhan Rathore during campaigning activities in Jhunjhunu on Tuesday.



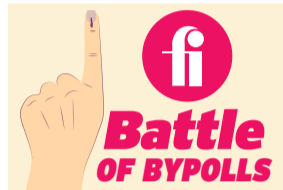
By CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa speaking with locals in Deoli-Uniara on Tuesday.

'Raj mines risk closure, 15 Lakh jobs at stake'

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Leader of Opposition Tikaram Jully in a statement on Tuesday said that 23,000 mines in Rajasthan are on the verge of closure and 15 lakh people will lose their employment. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had given a last chance in this matter till November 7. The state level environment

committee has not been formed yet and no progress has been made in the matter, Jully said. It is to be noted that the Rajasthan state government had sent a proposal to the Ministry of Environment for setting up the committee, but till now has not got approval from the Central Government. The state government will be responsible for this.



First India Bureau
Jhunjhunu/Dausa

Deputy CM Diya Kumari on Tuesday attacked the Congress, saying that the people of Jhunjhunu have received nothing but lies.

She was addressing a gathering at the Chavo Sati Mandir Hall in Bagad. Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore too addressed a public meeting in Bagad on Tuesday in support of BJP candidate Rajendra Bhambu.

Meanwhile, BJP top leaders are holding the charge of election cam-



BJP State President Madan Rathore held a public meeting in Dausa assembly constituency on Tuesday in support of BJP candidate Jagmohan Meena, Ashok Parmami and others are also seen.

paing at Deoli-Uniara assembly constituency. Dy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa reached Deoli-Uniara and was received by many leaders.

At Ramgarh assembly constituency, minister Gautam Kumar Dak, former union minister Kailash Choudhary, BJP MLA Kuldeep Dhankar had a meeting with former MLA Gyan Dev

Ahuja, as it is not easy to win Ramgarh without Ahuja.

BJP state in-charge Dr Radha Mohan Agarwal will come to Jaipur on Wednesday and is expected to go on an election tour with Madan Rathore. Madan Dilawar is in Dausa for the election campaigning of Jagmohan Meena. BJP State President Madan Rathore

held a public rally on Tuesday in support of BJP candidate Jagmohan Meena in the Dausa Assembly constituency. Addressing a gathering of all communities, Rathore said that on one side is the world's largest political party, which has worked for every section and community in society. On other, one that has promoted vote-bank politics.

MADAN DILAWAR Vs GOVIND SINGH DOTASRA ON THE MATTER OF PROMOTIONS Vs COUNSELLING!

Education Minister Madan Dilawar initially targeted Congress State President GS Dotasra, asking, "Why haven't you made a single promotion during your tenure?" In response, Dotasra retaliated against Dilawar and said, "Minister, first understand the difference between counselling and promotion before questioning." He added, "Minister ji is referring to counselling as DPCI! If you are stuck yourself in 'expedited resolution,' 'under consideration,' and 'prayer,' then what response can I give regarding your tangled web of ignorance?"



ELECTION DEPT PUTS 17 TEACHERS ON APO IN SALUMBAR FOR CAMPAIGNING FOR A PARTY

Ahead Salumbar by-election, a total of 17 teachers have been put on APO after the Election Dept received a complaint about them campaigning for a party. The teachers are on duty in primary, upper primary and higher secondary schools. The headquarters of the teachers will be Salumbar subdivision office until the investigation is over. Action will be taken against those found guilty. Maximum complaints against teachers were received from the Mewal area.

NEW BJP HEADQUARTERS COMPLETED IN 15 DISTRICTS; TO FEATURE LIBRARY FOR READING

New district headquarters buildings for the BJP have been completed in 15 districts namely, Sikar, Bikaner, Sri Ganganagar, Hanumanagar, Alwar, Bharatpur, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Rajasmand, Udaipur, Banswara, Dholpur, Jaisalmer, and Nagaur. The district HQ of BJP will feature a library infused with nationalism, Hindutva, and the ideology of the Sangh. Literature related to great personalities such will be available for reading.

Football stadium's artificial turf burnt; blame on Diwali fireworks



A big patch of artificial grass at the football ground has been gutted in fire. © SANTOSH SHARMA

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The football ground constructed at the Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium in Jaipur has been ruined, as the ground suddenly caught fire on the night of Diwali. The ground was made from artificial

green grass imported from Belgium with an investment of Rs 13 crore. The Sports Council claims that the grass was burned by fireworks on Diwali night. However, it is to be noted experts argue that artificial grass cannot be ignited by fireworks.

Recently, a national-level tournament was also held on this ground. The Sports Council had leased the ground to a private club, but now a crucial question arises about the future of the ground as who will take responsibility for restoring this football field?

256 Dholpur villages to benefit from new irrigation project

First India Bureau
Dholpur

Land will be acquired from villages in Dholpur for the project for approach roads for building diggias (water tanks). 256 villages in Dholpur district will get water for irrigation and drinking purposes. Irrigation will be done in 39,980 hectares through a sprinkler system. Chambal River water will be lifted and



supplied to villages. Water will be given to 65 villages in Dholpur tehsil, 83 in Mania, 83 in Rajakhera, and 25 in Saipau tehsil. It is to be mentioned that 20,000 square meters of land will be acquired from 17 villages and irrigation water will be available to 256 villages from October to March. Villages to receive 6.54 cusec of water, with 10% allocated for drinking purposes.

In emergency meet, Sikh community condemns Canada temple attack

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Rajasthan Sikh community president Ajaypal Singh called an emergency meeting of all the Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Sikh Samajik Jatha Bandis at Gurudwara Raja Park on Tuesday. Everyone condemned the attack on the temple in Canada by anti-social elements. Singh said that the Sikh community does not tolerate such an incident at any religious place.

Youth wing president Devendra Singh Shanti said that the Sikh community always believes in brotherhood in every religion. Former chairman Jas-



Sikh community president Ajaypal Singh and others during the emergency meeting of all the Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Sikh Samajik Jatha Bandis at Gurudwara Raja Park on Tuesday.

vir Singh said that the Sikh community believes in service, Simran, philanthropy.

On this occasion, Jasbir Singh, Bhupinder Singh Pappi, Rajendra Pal Singh Sethi, Maninder Singh Bagga, Jagjit Singh Suri, Satnam

Singh, Rajan Singh, Surendra Singh Robin, SP Singh, Harvinder Singh Bagga, Surjit Singh, Simar Jeet Singh, Harvinder Singh, Baljit Singh, Khushbinder Singh, Daljit Singh, Manmohan Singh, Vidhi Singh were present.

NEW INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL

Jaipur Airport increases intl flights

Ziauddin Khan
Jaipur

After the inauguration of the international terminal at Jaipur Airport, the airlines companies are all set to increase the flight frequency to international destinations. As per the winter schedule recently approved by aviation authorities, number of flights connecting Abu Dhabi, Muscat and Bangkok have increased substantially. Etihad Airways connecting Jaipur - Abu



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Dhabi, has announced to double up its weekly frequency in the coming days. Till now Etihad has been operating four flights (4 Dep + 4 Arriv-

al) per week to Abu Dhabi. In winter schedule Etihad has declared to operate 11 flights (11 dep + 11 Arrival) per week. Etihad has increased

weekly frequency by adding 7 more flights to this route.

Similarly Thai Air Asia and Salam Air have also increased one flight per week each to Bangkok and Muskat respectively. Earlier both airlines were operating 5 flights per week to both destinations.

Presently Jaipur international airport is connected to six international destinations that includes Kaula Lumpur, Bangkok, Muskat, Abu Dhabi, Sharjha and Dubai.

Pushkar Fair 2024



The Pushkar Fair, held annually in Pushkar, Rajasthan, is one of the world's largest and most famous cattle fairs, attracting thousands of visitors and participants from across the globe. Scheduled for November 9-15 in 2024, the fair would feature a vibrant blend of cultural festivities, including traditional music, dance, and handicraft exhibitions

NADEEM KHAN

80 additional buses announced amid Pushkar fair preps

First India Bureau
Ajmer

The Rajasthan Roadways has completed preparations for the upcoming Ajmer's world famous Pushkar Fair 2024 from November 9-15. Chief Manager Mahendra Rathore said that more than 80 additional buses will be deployed in view of the renowned cattle fair. Besides, check posts and fare lists have been prepared by the roadways across the state. For the convenience of passengers, buses may be increased further.

WHY THESE BYPOLLS ARE IMPORTANT?



Robin Roy

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Bypolls are usually not an exciting affair and usually it is an extension of the public's mood post the Lok Sabha or the Assembly elections. But the forthcoming bypolls in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Bihar and Wayanad are being watched closely and keenly by the political analysts for several reasons.

For Uttar Pradesh, following the Lok Sabha results, it is going to be a battle of political prestige for CM Yogi. The seats are spread across the state — three in Eastern UP, four in the Western part and one each in the Central and Braj regions — and are distinct demographically too. There is a Scheduled Caste-reserved seat and also in a couple of constituencies where the Muslim vote would be a crucial matter.

Besides the context and timing, the by-elections could also be significant considering the Delhi dynamics within the Safron party. BJP, it may be recalled, suffered a rude shock in Lok Sabha elections in June when its tally plunged from 62 to 33, triggering a massive unrest in the organisation. The Samajwadi Party on the other hand surprised one and all by winning 37 out of the 80 seats and riding pillion on the "trusted" old cycle of the SP, managed six seats.

For BJP it is make up time and also for Yogi... the bypolls all of a sudden mean a lot. Not just in Uttar Pradesh, the party had lost ground in Haryana and Rajasthan too during the General Elections. However, the Haryana Hurricane comeback for the BJP

Bypolls are usually not an exciting affair and usually it is an extension of the public's mood post the Lok Sabha or the Assembly elections. But the forthcoming bypolls in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Bihar and Wayanad are being watched closely and keenly by the political analysts for several reasons

was a much-needed win for the party in general, however, with that win for the party... the added pressure on Yogi has gone up several notches.

Meanwhile, in the Opposition camp, the bonhomie is all set. It may be noted that among the SP-held seats are Katehari (Ambedkar Nagar), Karhal (Mainpuri), Milkipur (Ayodhya), Kundarki (Moradabad), and Sisamau (Kanpur). The Sisamau seat was vacated following the disqualification of sitting SP MLA Irfan Solanki after his conviction in a criminal case. Katehari was vacated by SP MLA Lalji Verma, who won the Ambedkar Nagar Lok Sabha seat, while SP chief Akhilesh Yadav resigned from the Karhal seat after being elected to the Lok Sabha from Kannauj.

In Uttar Pradesh, the poll preparedness is on a war-footing and CM Yogi has formed 10 teams comprising 30 ministers to focus on each of the 10 seats. In Uttarakhand, the BJP is locked in a battle of prestige in the Kedarnath assembly byelection in Uttarakhand after losing in another important Hindu pilgrimage town, Badrinath, in the July bypolls. BJP nominee Asha Nautiyal has twice represented the seat in the Uttarakhand

assembly -- in 2002 and 2007 -- while Congress candidate Manoj Rawat, a journalist-turned-politician, won it narrowly in 2017 defeating independent candidate Kuldip Singh Rawat by more than 850 votes.

The stakes are high for both parties as the BJP looks to avenge its defeat in the byelection to Badrinath assembly seat, which the Congress managed to retain despite the safron party sweeping the Lok Sabha polls. A resurgent Congress appears determined not to leave any stone unturned to emerge triumphant in another Hindutva stronghold. The Chardham Yatra of four holy sites - Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath — is among the most popular Hindu pilgrimages in India.

The opposition narrative of the BJP "tasting defeat in Hindutva strongholds" has gained traction since it lost in Ayodhya in the Lok Sabha elections this year despite the hype around the Ram Temple. Out of the five assembly elections held in Kedarnath so far, BJP has won thrice and Congress twice. Nautiyal won it in 2002 and 2007 as a BJP candidate. Shaila Rani Rawat won it in 2012 on a Congress ticket. She contested the seat as a BJP

nominee in 2017 and lost to Congress' Manoj Rawat. However, she wrested the seat from Rawat in 2022.

The Pauri Garhwal parliamentary constituency under which the Kedarnath assembly segment falls is also held by the BJP. Shaila Rani Rawat's daughter Aishwarya Rawat was among the frontrunners for the ticket from the seat but the BJP chose to go with Nautiyal. Women voters in Kedarnath play a decisive role in successive polls as they outnumber men. It may also have been a reason why the seat was won by women candidates four times and only once by a male candidate.

The BJP candidate has been highlighting the reconstruction projects being carried out in Kedarnath by the "double-engine government" to win over voters. "Not only the people of Kedarnath constituency but devotees from all over the country and abroad have seen the reconstruction work being carried out in Kedarnath for the last ten years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"People are getting the benefits of a double-engine government. I am confident the BJP will get their blessings once again," Nautiyal said. However, former PCC president Ganesh Godiyal claims the people of Kedarnath are disappointed with the state government and will punish it again in the November 20 byelection. "The constituency has been neglected. People are disappointed. It is an opportunity for them to send a strong MLA to the state assembly who can fight for them," Godiyal said.

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IN-DEPTH

KHALISTANIS GET A FREE HAND UNDER TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT

The recent violence by Khalistani supporters at a consular camp organized in partnership with the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton marks a troubling trend. This was the third attack on Indian diplomatic services in Canada, following similar incidents in Surrey and Vancouver. Such acts, aimed at disrupting services to the Indian diaspora, raise serious questions about the Canadian government's ability—and willingness—to curb anti-India elements on its soil.

PM Justin Trudeau's government has been criticized for perceived leniency toward groups that openly promote hostility toward India. By allowing these disruptions to go unchecked, Canada risks alienating a significant segment of its own population while eroding diplomatic ties with India. These actions not only threaten Indo-Canadian ties, which are already on brink, but also undermine social cohesion within Canada by stoking communal tensions. Swift action against perpetrators is crucial to restoring public trust, ensuring that Canada remains a safe space for all communities, free from intimidation, violence.

WAQF ROW OVER LAND 'JIHAD' IN KARNATAKA



The ongoing controversy over Waqf property in Karnataka has sparked considerable debate, highlighting the complex intersection of politics, religion, and land ownership. The controversy erupted after several farmers complained that their agricultural land was marked as waqf property. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah directed officials to withdraw notices sent to farmers in this regard but the BJP has gone ahead with protests in various parts of Karnataka.

At the Centre, the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) formed to scrutinise the provisions in the Waqf

Amendment Bill 2024 has not had a smooth sailing with allegations of bias against chairperson Jagdambika Pal. The JPC's objective is to amend the Waqf Act so that waqf properties are used for the community's benefit. These properties are traditionally reserved for religious or charitable purposes in Muslim communities and are spread across the country. However, allegations of illegal occupation, misuse, and even encroachment by politically influential individuals have plagued the Waqf board for years. Muslim leaders say that the bill targets their community.

Resolving the Waqf property issue in Karnataka requires a balanced approach that considers legal, religious, and social implications until the JPC takes a decision on the significant reforms being considered to the Waqf Bill.

If the JPC operates impartially, it could foster constructive dialogue and address decades-old grievances. The government must address Opposition's misgivings with transparency in the committee's proceedings to rebuild trust. Muslims should also agree to reforms like digitization of records, legal mechanism to reclaim waqf properties under illegal occupation and stricter audit. Reforms do not necessarily mean harming a community's interests.

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BLAME GAME OF PARTIES

Dhami had attended the foundation laying ceremony of the proposed temple in Delhi but went on the back foot after the protests began, forcing the trust to finally give up the project. The BJP won all 13 Assembly seats of Garhwal except Badrinath in the 2022 assembly polls. The Congress later retained this seat in a July byelection after three-time Congress MLA Rajendra Singh resigned to join the BJP ahead of the LS polls

The ruling BJP has 47 seats and the Congress 20 seats out of 70 in the Uttarakhand Assembly. In Wayanad, the bypoll is just a matter of fact. And with the eventual win of Priyanka Gandhi, the First Family of the Gandhis would have three members in Parliament. In WB, everyone is looking whether the RG Kar incident will have an impact on bypoll. Overall, the bypoll scene is gaining huge TRP across the nation and the BJP and the INDIA Bloc especially the Samajwadi Party in UP and the Congress to an extent will grab headlines in the days to come



TOP TWEETS

My best wishes to all the countrymen on the holy occasion of Nahai-Khaii today in the great festival of Chhath. My special greetings to all the fasting people. I wish that with the blessings of Chhathi Maiya, your rituals are completed successfully.

Narendra Modi
@narendramodi



Remembering the Bard of Brahmputra, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Ji, on his Punyatithi. The maestro contributed to strengthening Bharat's unity by manifesting the greatness of our cultures and languages through his music. Bharat Ratna Dr. Hazarika Ji's legacy will continue to inspire generations of musicians.

Amit Shah
@AmitShah

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

There are three gates leading to the hell of self-destruction for the soul—lust, anger, and greed. Therefore, one should abandon all three.

BHAGAVAD GITA



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SC UPHOLDS UP MADRASA ACT BUT TERMS DEGREE PROVISION 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL'

UP MADRASA ACT KAMIL, FAZIL DEGREES

While upholding the UP Madarsa Act, the top court identified that certain provisions related to higher education degrees conflicted with the UGC Act



● BALANCE BETWEEN MINORITY RIGHTS, QUALITY EDUCATION: The Supreme Court also emphasised the importance of balancing the rights of religious and linguistic minorities to establish and manage educational institutions with the need for quality education. It acknowledged that while madrasas offer religious education, they primarily serve educational purposes and should not compromise the quality of learning.

● REGULATION OF EDUCATION STANDARDS: The ruling reinforces the state's authority to regulate education standards in madrasas, ensuring that they provide quality education alongside religious teachings.

● PROTECTION OF MINORITY RIGHTS: By upholding the Act, the court has reinforced the right of religious minorities to establish educational institutions, provided they adhere to certain educational standards aligned with secular principles.

● QUALITY EDUCATION ASSURANCE: The judgment serves as a reminder that the state has a duty to ensure that all children receive a quality education, which is a fundamental right under Article 21A of the Constitution.

'Please trust judges, deals not done with govt like this'



Dialogue between the judiciary and the executive, even if some of these exchanges are in social settings, is a routine imperative of the court's functioning, said Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, as he urged the public to "trust" judges. "The fact of the matter is, as I said, deals are never cut like this (during such interactions). So please, trust us, we are not there to cut deals," Justice Chandrachud said. The 50th Chief Justice of India was the chief guest at a media event in New Delhi. He was responding to a question on the political context of photographs of the Chief Justice of India Chandrachud praying with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 11.



CASE BACKGROUND

The Supreme Court's ruling responds to a petition challenging the Allahabad High Court's judgment delivered on March 22, which struck down the UP Madrasa Education Act on the grounds that it violated the principle of secularism. The High Court had also mandated that the Uttar Pradesh government create a scheme to integrate students from madrasas into the formal education system, reflecting concerns about the quality of education provided.

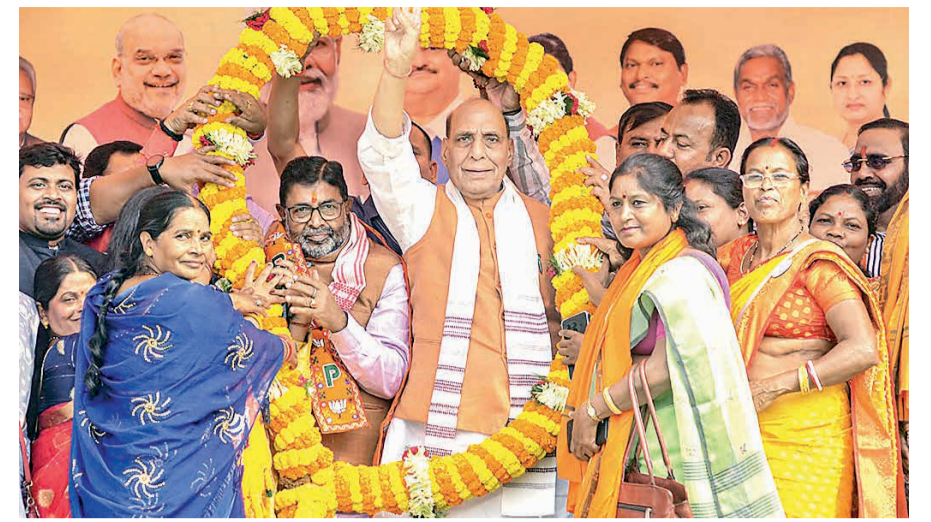
WHAT ARE MADRASAS?

Madrasas are religious educational institutions where Islamic studies and other education may be pursued by students. While the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the UP Madrasa Act, it also laid down some restrictions. As per the Supreme Court, Madrasas can provide education for Munshi and Maulvi (equivalent to 10th grade) and Alim (equivalent to 12th grade), but not for Fazil and Kamil levels, as this would be against UGC (University Grants Commission) regulations.

WHAT ARE KAMIL AND FAZIL DEGREES?

Madarasas offer different educational levels:

- **CLASSES 1-5:** Known as "Tahataniya" (primary board)
- **CLASSES 6-8:** Referred to as "Fauqaniya"
- **UP TO CLASS 10:** Includes "Munshi" and "Maulvi"
- **CLASS 12:** The level called "Alim" for students pursuing higher studies



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh being garlanded during an election campaign in support of BJP candidate from Ranchi seat, Navin Jaiswal, ahead of the Jharkhand Assembly election in Ranchi.

JMM sucks tribals blood: Singh jabs at Soren govt

PTI Ranchi

Terming the JMM-led coalition Diwali's "fused crackers", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said the BJP was a mighty rocket that would take Jharkhand to newer heights.

Addressing an election rally in Ranchi's Hatia, Singh said it was amply clear who would form government in the state after Chief Minister Hemant Soren's proposer Mandal Murmu deserted the "sinking ship" of JMM to join the BJP.

"The festival of Diwali has just concluded. The JMM, Congress and RJD are fused Diwali crackers now. BJP is a mighty rocket that alone will take Jharkhand to newer heights," he said.

Taking a dig at the state's ruling party over allegations of corruption against it, Singh said JMM meant 'Jamkar Malai Maro' (skim the cream).

He alleged that the JMM "sucks blood of tribals", and works against their interests.

BRING BJP TO POWER IN JHARKHAND: YOGI

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on Hemant Soren-led Jharkhand government, accusing it of "patronising" the mafia and urged people to vote for the BJP, which would "bulldoze" them.

JMM WRITES TO PREZ AS CHOPPER DELAYS

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) has written a letter to President Droupadi Murmu, urging her to intervene after Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's helicopter was grounded for 90 minutes due to security protocols related to PM Narendra Modi's visit.

'PEOPLE'S GOVT OR ONE PLEASING PM'

Alleging that the BJP favoured the Adani Group in setting up a power plant in Jharkhand in 2015, the Congress on Tuesday said the state polls are a contest between a government that works for the people and another that works to "please PM Modi".

CONG: BJP WANTS TO PLUNDER MINERALS

Claiming that the BJP has no intention to ensure the welfare of people in Jharkhand, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused the saffron camp of trying to grab power to "plunder" the state's coal and other mineral resources.

"I ask Hemant Soren why infiltrators are coming to Jharkhand. Why the state's tribal population shrank to 28%?"

Appealing to people to oust the present dispensation, he said, "Give BJP two terms, Jharkhand

will be in the row of developed states." "We will not only change the government in Jharkhand but also change the system," he added.

Singh claimed that by 2027, India's economy will be third in the world.

Haryana Assembly's session from Nov 13

Agencies Chandigarh

The Haryana Assembly's winter session will begin here on November 13.

It will be the first full-fledged session of the newly elected 15th state Assembly.

After the **Nayab Singh Saini** government was sworn in on October 17, the Assembly met on October 25 but the House was adjourned sine die on the same day after newly elected MLAs



were administered oath and the Speaker and Deputy Speaker were elected.

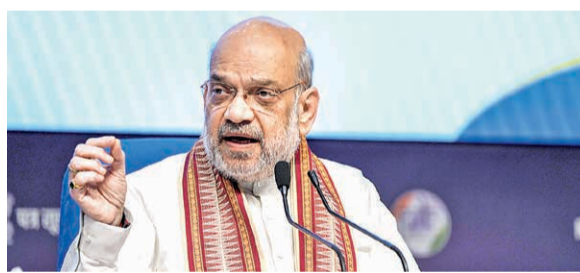
The duration of the assembly session will also be decided in the BAC meeting, Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan said.

Shah meets BJP's new entrants ahead of polls, seeks to strengthen party base

First India Bureau New Delhi

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** on Tuesday met leaders who recently joined the BJP, in the presence of party president JP Nadda and BL Santosh.

Sixteen senior leaders from Delhi including Arvinder Singh Lovely, Rajkumar Chouhan, Nasib Singh, Jai Kishan, and Amit Malik met Shah. This meeting was particularly relevant in



light of the upcoming elections in Delhi.

These leaders had joined the BJP after expressing dissatisfaction with the Congress party. Given the impending

elections, today's meeting is seen as crucial.

Delhi BJP President Virender Sachdeva was also present in this meeting. The BJP aims to strengthen the party at the

grassroots level in preparation for next year's elections, positioning itself strongly in the electoral battleground.

However, leaders who left the meeting mentioned off the record that this was a courtesy meeting with the Home Minister. Nonetheless, the BJP is working to energize its leaders, especially those who have recently transitioned from other parties to the BJP, in preparation for the elections.

'INDIA bloc will sweep all nine by-poll seats'

Agencies Ghaziabad

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday criticized the BJP-led "double-engine government" while campaigning in Ghaziabad for the upcoming by-elections.

Claiming that the government has failed the city, Yadav said, "The first engine never even reaches Ghaziabad, and the second engine barely operates from Lucknow."

Yadav also alleged that



the BJP was unsettled by its recent defeat in Ayodhya, which he claimed led them to avoid holding elections there. Yadav expressed confidence in the INDIA alliance, saying it would win all nine seats in the by-elections.

NIGHTINGALE OF BIHAR

PM Modi, Shah condole Sinha's demise

PTI New Delhi

The world of Indian folk music has lost one of its most cherished voices as Sharda Sinha, the iconic folk singer known for her timeless Bhojpuri, Maithili, and Magahi songs, passed away. Known as the "Nightingale of Bihar," Sinha's contributions to Indian folk music have left an indelible mark, bringing the traditional sounds of Bihar to both national and international stages.

She had been battling multiple myeloma since 2018 and was admitted to the Oncology Medical Department of AIIMS for nearly two weeks. Her condition deteriorated on Monday, leading to her being placed on ventilator support. In the wake of her passing, politicians and public figures alike shared heartfelt condolences.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his heartfelt condolences on social media, stating, "I am deeply saddened by the passing of re-



nowned folk singer Sharda Sinha Ji. The melodious echoes of her songs associated with the great festival of faith, Chhath, will always remain. In this moment of

grief, my condolences are with her family and fans. Om Shanti!"

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also wrote on X, "I am deeply saddened by the demise of Sharda

Sinha ji, who gave new heights to Indian music with her melodious voice for more than five decades. Sharda Sinha ji, famous as Bihar Kokila, made Maithili and Bhojpuri folk songs popular among the masses and kept mesmerizing the film world as a playback singer. The folk traditions of Purvanchal seem incomplete without her voice. My condolences are with his family in this hour of grief. May Chhathi Maiya grant a place to the departed soul at your feet. Om Shanti".

Jharkhand illegal mining scam: 20 locations raided by CBI

Cash, gold and live cartridges seized

ANI Ranchi

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted extensive searches across approximately 20 locations in three states as part of an ongoing investigation into organised illegal stone mining activities in Jharkhand.

The raids targeted locations in Jharkhand (including three sites in Ranchi, one in Gumla, and thirteen in Sahibganj), West Bengal (two



sites in Kolkata), and Bihar (one site in Patna).

In a press release by the CBI, the raids led to the recovery of over Rs. 60 lakhs in cash, more than 1 kg of gold, 1.2 kg of silver, gold ornaments, mobile phones, 61 live cartridges (9mm), property sale deeds, documents linked to investments and

shell companies, agreements papers and other incriminating documents were recovered.

The case was registered by the CBI in 2023 on November 20, under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act, SC/ST Act, and Jharkhand Mines and Minerals Concession Rules, based on a directive from the Jharkhand High Court dated August 18, 2023.

Investigation revealed that large-scale illegal mining activities in Sahibganj district allegedly caused substantial losses to the government.

ISRO's Proba-3 Sun Observation Mission In Dec, says Dr Jitendra

Addressing the Indian Space Conclave 3.0, the Union MoS Science & Technology said that almost every sector in the country is using space technology

Agencies
New Delhi

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch the European Union's Proba 3 Sun Observation Mission in December, said Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, on Tuesday.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Indian Space Conclave 3.0 in New Delhi, minister Singh said the space scientists from India will partner with those in Europe to unravel the mysteries of the Sun.

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Meanwhile, Singh said the space sector which was "kept under wraps for 60-70 years," has now been opened to the public sector with the 2023 New Space policy, leading to a significant boom in the industry.

He also listed out the ambitious goal of estab-

lishing the Indian space station Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS) by 2035, and landing the first Indian on the Moon by 2040."

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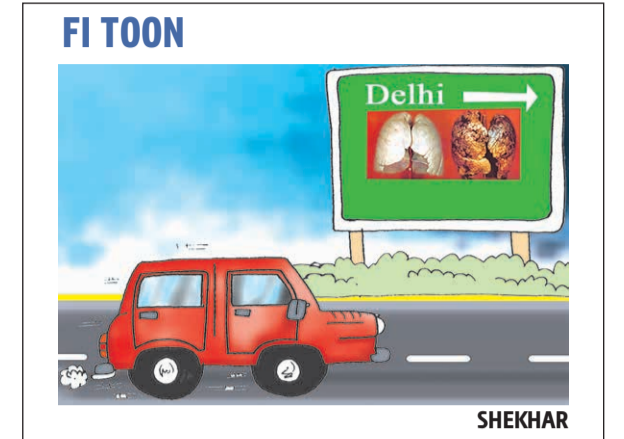
Rai: Campaign to prevent open burning from today

588 teams from different civic agencies will be deployed across Delhi: Minister

PTI
New Delhi

A campaign to discourage open burning of waste will begin in Delhi from Wednesday in view of the rising air pollution, Delhi's Environment Minister Gopal Rai said.

Addressing a press conference, Rai said 588 teams from different civic agencies, including the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), will be de-



ployed on field to report open burning incidents across the city.

"Pollution level in Delhi has reached 400, next ten days are going to be crucial. I held a meeting with 33 departments. All

departments have been instructed to stay on alert mode," Rai said.

He added that he has urged the Union Environment Minister to grant permission for artificial rain in Delhi.

Flowery challan



Traffic police issue challans with flowers to people who break traffic rules for awareness about traffic rules during traffic month, at Hazratganj crossing in Lucknow on Tuesday.

CRUCIAL READ

Three children drown in Ganga in Bihar's Bhagalpur

Three children in an age group of 12 to 16 tragically drowned in the Ganga River in Bihar's Bhagalpur district on Tuesday. The incident took place at Mohanpur Diara, within the Ekchari police station's jurisdiction. Bhagalpur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Anand Kumar said that the children had gone to the riverbank to bathe when the incident happened.

Utkhand govt to sponsor orphaned girl edu post crash

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Tuesday said the Uttarakhand government will sponsor the education of a three-year-old girl who lost her parents in the bus accident in Almora. The packed beyond capacity bus carrying passengers returning to work after Diwali fell into a deep gorge killing at least 36 of the over 60 people on board.

Two elephants' bodies recovered in Assam forests

Bodies of two wild elephants were recovered in two different places under the West Kamrup Divisional Forest area. Villagers from Pakharapara and nearby areas under the Singra Range Office in Boko found the bodies in a paddy field and later informed the state forest department. State forest team found some materials used for electrocutions from the spot.

ICJ Judge Bhandari to get 'Anuvrat' award

Gopendra Nath Bhatt
New Delhi

Judge of International Court of Justice Dalveer Bhandari will be awarded the 'Anuvrat' award for the year 2024 at a ceremony to be organized by Anuvrat Vishwa Bharati Society in Surat on November 7.

This award is given to people who have made outstanding contributions in the field of ethics and character development. Last year, this award was given to renowned industrialist Ratan Tata.

Dalveer Bhandari was presented with a memento, a letter of appreciation and a sum of Rs 1.51 lakh as a reward.

The dignitaries of the country who have been honoured so far in the se-



ries of Anuvrat Award include Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Lal Krishna Advani and Ratan Tata among others.

It is noteworthy that the Anuvrat movement, which has been active for 75 years, is doing extensive work in the fields of human unity, morality, non-violence etc. and for goodwill. This movement started by Acharya Tulsi has established its special identity even in the United Nations.

J&K better with Vajpayee's approach: Omar

Agencies
New Delhi

Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee "always tried to improve the situation in Jammu and Kashmir" and the Union Territory would not have been in the current situation if the Centre adopted his approach today, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Monday.

"When Vajpayee went to Pakistan in 1999 on the maiden Delhi-Lahore bus, he visited Minar-e-Pakistan which 'was not easy to do', Omar said during obituary references in the J&K Assembly.



Houses of those providing shelter to terrorists will be razed: Sinha

Agencies
New Delhi

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha warned on Tuesday that the houses of those providing shelter to terrorists would be razed to the ground as he asked people to stand up against the perpetrators of terror.

He also said if security forces, the Union Territory administration and people come together, then terrorism could be eliminated from the region in a year.

"I have directed the forces not to harm any innocent but the culprits will not be spared. If anyone provides shelter to terrorists, then his house will be razed to the ground. There will be no



compromise on it," the LG said at a function in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

He said some people make statements that atrocities are being committed on those providing shelter to terrorists in the valley.

"However, this is not an atrocity, but a demand for justice and such justice will continue," he added.

It is the people here who are doing it on the neighbours' directions. It is not just the job of the security forces and the administration but the people to identify such people

MANOJ SINHA,
JAMMU AND KASHMIR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Jay Shah visits Ayodhya with Diwali offerings

First India Bureau
Ayodhya

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son, BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, visited Ayodhya with offerings for Diwali. After performing worship, he presented pooja materials to Ram Lalla.

The pooja items included an eight-metal Hanuman bell, perfumes, and a conch shell. Additionally, a clock featuring the 12 names of Lord Shri Ram, as mentioned in the Skanda Purana, was also part of the offerings. These items were presented to Ram Lalla by the Jay Bhole Group from Gujarat.



PREZ MURMU LAYS DOWN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

'Judiciary must abandon colonial practices'

PTI
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said equal justice and getting rid of redundant colonial practices should be the guiding principles for the country's judiciary.

Addressing an event, Murmu said she shares the views of those who admire the contribution of the "court as the conscience-keeper of Independent India", adding the apex court has developed a jurisprudence that



President Droupadi Murmu and Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

is rooted in Indian ethos and realities. She said the members of the Constituent Assembly would have thought about the events of the decades be-

hind them just as "we are looking back at the last 75 years of our judicial history".

"The experience of suffering imperial arro-

gance, like those caused by the bitter opposition to the Ilbert Bill and the passage of the Rowlatt Act, would have hurt their sensibility," the President said.

They conceived the judiciary of Independent India as an arm of the social revolution which would uphold the ideal of equality, she said.

"Equal justice and getting rid of the now-redundant colonial practices should be the guiding principles for our judiciary. While continuing with the useful aspects of

the pre-independence jurisprudence, we should remove the legacy overburden," Murmu said while releasing three publications of the Supreme Court of India.

She said the book titled 'Justice for the Nation', captures the high points of the Supreme Court's 75-year journey.

"It also describes the impact of the Supreme Court on various aspects of the lives of the people. Our justice delivery system must strengthen our onward march as a just and fair society.

Manipur: Country-made rockets, mortars found

PTI
New Delhi

The Indian Army, in a joint operation, recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition from the violence-hit Churachandpur district of Manipur, officials said on Tuesday.

Acting upon intelligence inputs, the joint team, comprising the Army, Manipur Police and the Central Reserve Police Force, searched the Thanjing Ridge area and found a range of country-made weapons, including two eight-foot rockets, two seven-foot



rockets, two large mortars (referred to locally as 'pompri'), one medium-sized mortar and a supply of ammunition.

The latest recovery comes days after Manipur Police arrested eight members of the banned outfit United Liberation Front of Manipur (Pambei) and seized arms and ammunition from their possession in Thoubal district.

Trump or Harris: Who will be better for India?

The elected President will begin their term in office after being inaugurated on Monday, January 20, 2025, on the grounds of the US Capitol complex

First India Bureau
Washington/New Delhi

A presidential campaign marked by upheaval and rancor approached its finale on Election Day as Americans decided whether to send Donald Trump back to the

White House or elevate Kamala Harris to the Oval Office.

The outcome of the election could significantly affect India's economic landscape. With escalating geopolitical tensions and shifts in regional leadership, the

stakes are high for India, which is navigating complex relationships in South Asia, the Indo-Pacific, & other markets.

So, Kamala Harris or Donald Trump — who would be better, as US President, for India? Let's try and figure this out.

The US presidential elections' outcome could impact India's economy significantly. Harris may favour multilateral trade and immigration policies benefiting India's IT sector, while Trump might focus on protectionism and traditional energy. Both candidates offer different advantages in the defence and healthcare sectors, requiring India to adapt strategically

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Harris plans to push for renewable energy incentives, aligning with India's goals of reducing dependency on fossil fuels. Trump's focus on traditional energy sources could lower global crude prices, benefiting India as an import-dependent nation. The differences in energy policies highlight contrasting visions for future sustainability. That said, Trump has Tesla CEO Elon Musk in his corner. Should Trump win, this could influence his policy decisions on the clean energy front, while also paving the way for Tesla's entry into the Indian market.

THE NEED FOR A BALANCED ASSESSMENT FOR BOTH NATION

With the election outcome poised to influence key sectors, India must assess and adapt to potential US policy shifts without viewing either candidate as categorically favourable or unfavourable, the report states. It adds that the implications of a Trump or Harris presidency will resonate across trade, immigration, energy, defence, and healthcare, making it imperative for India to navigate these changes strategically.

THE TRADE POLICIES

The report suggests that the election results will shape critical areas such as trade, immigration, energy, and defence. Harris is expected to continue the Biden administration's multilateral approach, with an emphasis on regional collaborations and trade agreements. In contrast, Trump may revive aggressive trade tactics, including heavy tariffs and a focus on protectionism, potentially disrupting global trade dynamics. India's trade interests could be better supported under Harris' administration, which has seen a 9.2% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in bilateral trade. Conversely, Trump's presidency could open opportunities for India to replace Chinese imports in the US market, despite the risk of trade disruptions.

THE DEFENCE TIES

Defence strategies also differ significantly between the two candidates. Harris aims to strengthen Indo-Pacific partnerships to counterbalance China's influence, while Trump has been credited with reviving the Quad partnership. A strong US stance under either candidate could empower India in Southeast Asia, enhancing its defence capabilities and technological advancements.

HEALTHCARE: REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS

Harris proposes expanding Medicare and lowering drug prices, which could benefit Indian pharmaceutical exports. Under Trump, deregulation may improve pricing for Indian generics but could also lead to increased competition in the US market.

THE IMMIGRATION POLICIES

On immigration, Harris favours expanding skilled worker visas like the H-1B, which is crucial for India's IT services sector. Meanwhile, Trump's administration may tighten immigration rules, potentially affecting unskilled workers but sparing the IT domain. This could mean a mixed bag for Indian professionals seeking opportunities in the US.

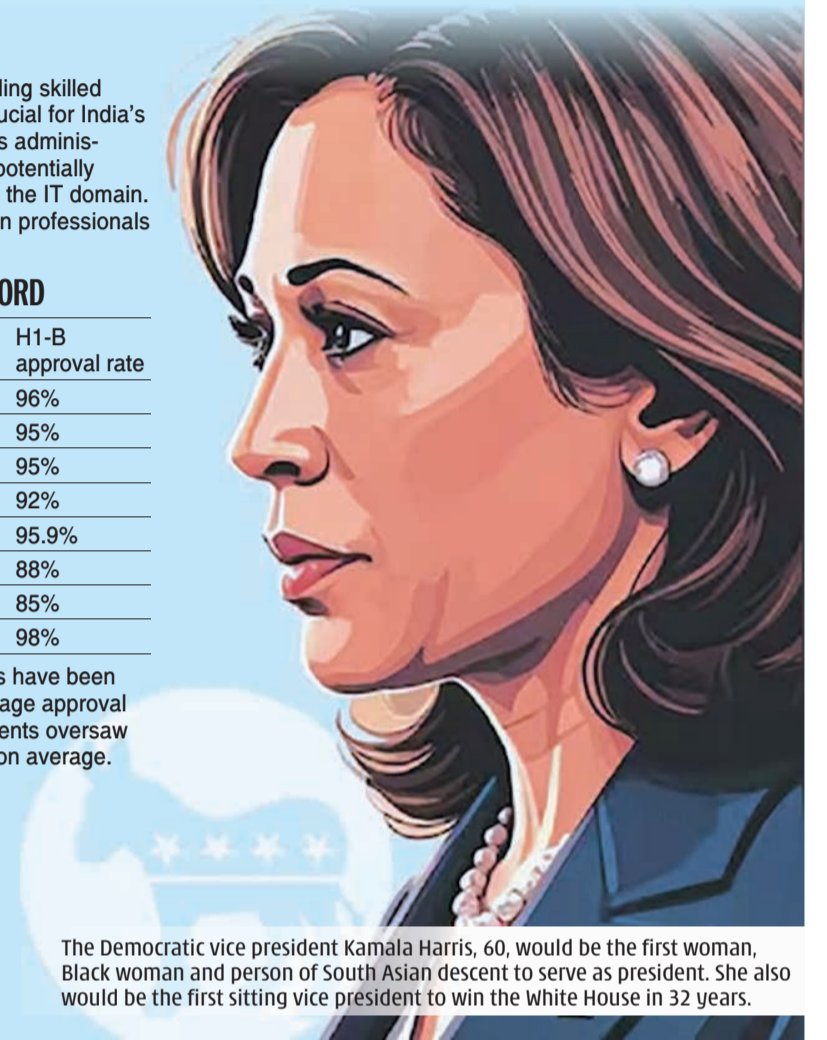
PREVIOUS H1-B VISA TRACK RECORD

President (Years)	H1-B approvals	H1-B approval rate
Bill Clinton (1993-1997)	2.3 million	96%
Bill Clinton (1997-2001)	3.6 million	95%
George W Bush (2001-05)	6.5 million	95%
George W Bush (2005-09)	2.6 million	92%
Barack Obama (2009-13)	4.3 million	95.9%
Barack Obama (2013-17)	6.7 million	88%
Donald Trump (2017-21)	6.7 million	85%
Joe Biden (2021-23*)	5.3 million	98%

Historically, Democratic administrations have been better for H1-B approvals, with an average approval rate of 94.6%, while Republican presidents oversaw the approval of 90.7% of applications, on average.



Former Prez Donald Trump on Tuesday cast his ballot in the 2024 election. Trump, 78, would be the oldest president ever elected & also be the first defeated president in 132 years to win another term, and the first person convicted of a felony to take over the Oval Office.



The Democratic vice president Kamala Harris, 60, would be the first woman, Black woman and person of South Asian descent to serve as president. She also would be the first sitting vice president to win the White House in 32 years.

Over 30 Palestinians killed in Gaza, Israel issues new evacuation orders

The situation for civilians in northern Gaza is 'apocalyptic': UN

Agencies
Jerusalem

Israeli forces issued new evacuation orders in the north of the Gaza Strip on Tuesday and carried out military strikes which Palestinian medics and media said had killed at least 35 people.

An airstrike late on Monday damaged two houses in the town of Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza, killing at least 20 people, the Palestinian official news agency WAFA and Hamas media said.

Ten were killed in central areas of the Palestin-



As Israel keeps up pressure on northern Gaza, displaced Palestinians make their way after fleeing the northern part of Gaza amid an Israeli military operation, in Gaza City, on Tuesday.

ian enclave - six in separate airstrikes on Gaza City and the town of Deir Al-Balah, and four in the town of Al-Zawayda around midnight on Monday, medics and health officials said.

At least five others were killed in an Israeli

strike on a house in Jabalia north of Gaza City, medics said later on Tuesday.

The Israeli military said, without giving details, that its forces had "eliminated terrorists" in the central Gaza Strip and Jabalia area.

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The Lebanese Red Cross will send another convoy Tuesday to Wata al-Khiam in southern Lebanon to search for and remove the bodies of 15 people killed in an Israeli airstrike, Lebanon's state-run National News Agency said.

Palestinian medical officials say an Israeli airstrike in the northern Gaza Strip has killed at least 20 people, mostly women and children.

Palestinian officials say Israeli strikes early Tuesday killed 10 people in the Gaza Strip, including four children and two women.

Palestinian officials say Israeli forces have killed three people in the occupied West Bank.

Women's ODI rankings: Mandhana remains 4th and Harmanpreet at 9th

PTI

Dubai

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur climbed to the joint ninth spot while opener Smriti Mandhana remained fourth in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings, released on Tuesday.

Kaur, who played an important part in her team's six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the third ODI of their ICC Women's Championship series in Ahmedabad, had slipped three slots after the first two matches.

However, her 59 not out off 63 balls pushed her back into the top 10.

Mandhana, who won the player of the match award for her knock of 100, added 23 rating points to reach tally of 728.

India, Aus strategic partnership growing steadily: EAM Jaishankar

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Canberra

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that the comprehensive strategic partnership with Australia is growing steadily as he met his Australian counterpart Penny Wong for the 15th India-Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue here.

Both the leaders also discussed "respective neighbourhoods, Indo-Pacific, West Asia, Ukraine and the global strategic scenario."

"Concluded the 15th India - Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue with FM @ Senator Wong in Canberra today. Our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership is growing



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and other delegates during the 15th India - Australia Foreign Ministers Framework Dialogue, in Australia.

steadily. Reflected in stronger political ties, robust defence & security cooperation, expanded trade, greater mobility and deeper educational linkages," Jaishankar posted on X.

"Discussed our respective neighbourhoods, Indo-Pacific, West Asia,

Ukraine and the global strategic scenario," his post said.

Taking to X, Wong said, "Australia and India's partnership is central to the peace, stability and prosperity of our shared region. Today, I welcomed my good friend.



Raj Commercial Tax Dept to put prominent local areas names to its administrative circles

The Rajasthan Commercial Tax Department is set to rename its administrative circles, shifting from the traditional "A," "B," "C," and "D" classifications to names based on prominent local areas. This decision comes after instructions were issued to field officers to act swiftly and propose changes by the end of the week. The move aims to ease the identification of tax jurisdiction areas for taxpayers, ensuring clarity on which officials handle which regions. This update reflects a significant reform in the department, moving away from outdated naming conventions.

Conflicting reports of JDA's Enforcement Wing & Zone Office

A dispute has arisen between the Enforcement Wing and the Zone Office of the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) over contradictory reports regarding illegal construction at a site in Dwarakapuri, Sanjay Colony. Both departments issued conflicting findings concerning the setback violation, with the Enforcement Wing labelling the construction illegal, while the Zone Office denied the same. The discrepancy has raised questions about why two separate branches of the JDA are presenting opposing views on the same issue, sparking concerns about accountability and transparency within the authority.

Jaipur RTO implements new roster system for transportation inspectors

Jaipur's Regional Transport Office (RTO) has implemented a much-anticipated roster system for transportation inspectors, following departmental regulations. However, despite the clear directive, other RTO offices in Rajasthan have yet to comply. RTO has come under scrutiny after changing the transportation inspectors' roster just 4 months after the last update, violating the official 6-month rule. The latest roster changes at Jaipur's RTO have disrupted long-standing relationships and alliances among transportation inspectors and sub-inspectors. After several years of working together in the same teams, many officers now find themselves reassigned to different roles.

Debt-ridden KDA expected to bring in much-needed income with its new scheme

Kota Development Authority (KDA) is grappling with a financial crisis, despite securing a loan of ₹200 crore in recent months. The KDA is facing a deficit of around ₹1000 crore, which is hampering its development projects. However, the authority recently launched a new residential scheme, the Chandramouli Housing Scheme, hoping to generate significant revenue and expected to bring in much-needed income.

Hemodialysis facilities to be available in 182 hospitals soon

Hemodialysis facilities will soon be available in 182 hospitals. The tender process for starting this service on a PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model is in its final stages. Principal Secretary of Health Gayatri Rathore said that the



plan was announced for 352 Panchayat Samiti headquarters. It was announced to gradually introduce hemodialysis services at the CHCs located at these headquarters. In the first phase, this service is being implemented in healthcare institutions with 50 or more beds.

Mukundra Tiger Reserve in Kota struggles to become prominent tourist destination

The Mukundra Tiger Reserve in Kota, despite being established six years ago, still hosts only a single pair of tigers. Although there has been an agreement to introduce another pair, but administrative delays and lack of interest from officials have stalled the project. This delay is hindering the reserve's potential for wildlife tourism, as the anticipated boost from more tigers has yet to materialise. The situation remains a concern for wildlife enthusiasts and local community is eager to turn it into a prominent tourist destination.

Jaipur: Major expansion in executive panel of Congress; will add over 70 new positions

The Jaipur City Congress is preparing for a major expansion of its executive committee, doubling the number of office-bearers. The move, which is expected to be approved by the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) after the upcoming assembly by-elections, will add 79 new positions to the committee. Leaders including Pratap Singh, Rafiq Khan, and Amin Kazi have already proposed new names for their respective areas. With the addition of these members, Congress aims to strengthen its presence in the city and increase organizational efficiency.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

When things are going your way, life is but a flow of wonderful moments and when it isn't, life is a million moments, every moment can be a fresh beginning.

Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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CM announces DBT for 5,500 farm ponds to farmers on gov't's 1st anniversary

OUR WELFARE SCHEMES KEY TO EMPOWERING CITIZENS: CM

First India Bureau
Jaipur

While chairing a review meeting, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma emphasised that the state government's public welfare schemes are not just initiatives but vital steps towards the complete empowerment of citizens. He highlighted the importance of ensuring that the benefits and information of development programs reach the people through continuous engagement with all stakeholders.

Sharma announced major benefits for farmers as the government nears its first anniversary. Plans include transferring funds for 5,500 farm ponds, supporting 2,000 kilometres of pipelines, and fencing for 5,000 farmers. Assistance will also be provided for 500 water storage units, agricultural equipment for 1,000 farmers, and 2,000 vermicompost units. The Govardhan Organic Fertilizer Scheme will aid 3,000 farmers, and 15,000 farmers will benefit from solar pumps under the Kusum Yojana.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma chairs a review meeting regarding the various welfare schemes at CMO in Jaipur on Tuesday. Sudhansh Pant, Shikhar Agrawal and others were also present.

CM takes poll feedback from party officials and workers

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma is closely monitoring the upcoming by-elections in seven assembly constituencies. He began his day by engaging with officials at the booth, mandal, and district levels. On Monday, he met key party workers at his residence to gather feedback on election preparations.

The CM further emphasised that his government's development agenda surpasses Congress's casteist tactics, highlighting record progress made in ten months.

CM Sharma also noted that the SIT has arrested over 190 individuals for corruption during Congress's tenure and asserted that the electorate will reject Congress, which he claims has hindered development, opting instead for the BJP for a better Rajasthan.

CM SHARMA TO ATTEND EDUCATION PRE-SUMMIT 2024 TODAY

Prior to the Rising Rajasthan Summit, the Education Pre-Summit 2024 will be held today, organised jointly by the Departments of Higher Education, School Education, Sanskrit Education, Technical Education, Skill and Entrepreneurship, and Sports and Youth Affairs. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will serve as the chief guest, joined by Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Bairwa, Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, and Education Minister Madan Dilawar, among others.



Krishna Kunal, Neeraj K Pawan, Dr Arushi A Malik, Avichal Chaturvedi and others on Tuesday, review preparations at Hotel Intercontinental ahead of the Education Pre-Summit 2024 to be held in Jaipur today.

The primary objective of the summit is to engage in detailed discussions on innovations in the education sector, the use of

digital technologies, and investment opportunities in education. All preparations for the pre-summit have been completed.

CS: Ensure seamless success of 'Rising Rajasthan' Summit

Dr Rituraj Sharma
Jaipur

CS Sudhansh Pant, in a review meeting, directed the Tourism, GAD, UDH depts, & DIPR to ensure smooth organisation of Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit. He stressed that the summit, scheduled for Dec 9 to 11 in Jaipur, is a top priority for state govt & urged collaboration among all depts for its success. With one month left, Pant emphasised timely task execution to showcase Jaipur for the Summit, which will host national & international delegates.



Sudhansh Pant chairs a review meeting of various committees related to the upcoming Rising Rajasthan Summit 2024 at Secretariat in Jaipur on Tuesday. Ajitabh Sharma, Anandhi and others were present.

KK VISHNOI LEADS INVESTOR ROADSHOW IN SAUDI ARABIA, INVITES BUSINESS TO RAJASTHAN

Riyadh: MoS for Industries & Commerce, KK Vishnoi, spearheaded a delegation in Saudi Arabia, engaging with firms including Al-Jomaih Group, SABIC, ACWA Power, & Lulu Hypermarket. He promoted Rajasthan's business-friendly policies & invited investments ahead of 'Rising Rajasthan' Summit, set for Dec 9-11 in Jaipur. Discussions centered on opportunities in investment, energy etc, aiming to boost state's economic growth.

Gearing up for the Rally...



Former CM Ashok Gehlot has been on a tour of Maharashtra for the past four days. On Tuesday, he, along with Avinash Pandey, reviewed the preparations for the 'Swabhiman Sabha', which will be addressed by Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, today at BKC in Mumbai.

SC decision brings more clarity in 'Single Lease Deed' case

First India Bureau
New Delhi/Jaipur

The SC hearing on Tuesday in 'Single Lease Deed' case involving former minister Shanti Dhariwal aims to clarify the case's direction. State govt, represented by Addl Advocate General Shivmangal Sharma, has filed an affidavit requesting the case be returned to trial court. The SC had previously ordered a probe by a panel led by retired Justice RS Rathore.

JJM Scam: ACB uncovers fake e-mail network

Navin Sharma
Jaipur

In the multi-crore JJM Scam, the ACB has uncovered a network of fake email IDs facilitating fraudulent tenders in the Jal Jeevan Mission project. During probe, ACB questioned Mukesh Pathak, who disclosed several email IDs, including mukeshpathakircon@gmail.com & ircon.mdw@gmail.com, linked to fraud. These IDs

were associated with fake certificates used to secure tenders. Further inquiry led to Devendra Singh, who admitted to creating email & domain IDs at request of contractor Padamchand Jain. Singh stated that Jain funded creation of these IDs, which were used for fake tender applications for firms Shri Ganpati Tubewell & Shri Shyam Tubewell. ACB has seized documents & filed charges against 22 individuals.



Dr Kirodi Lal staged a sit-in at Ashok Nagar police station to file an FIR on June 20, 2023, where he was forcibly detained on June 22, 2023.

Illegal six-storey building constructed during Diwali raises concerns for JDA

Asif Khan
Jaipur

A case of illegal construction has emerged in Kishan Nagar, Shyam Nagar, where a builder allegedly erected a six-storey building during the Diwali holidays on a 616-square-yard plot, with plans for a seventh floor. The builder is accused of misrepresenting the additional floor as a duplex on the approved plans and designating the ground floor as a stilt floor. The basement has been constructed four feet above the road level. The Shyam Nagar Vikas Samiti has lodged a complaint with the JDA, and the matter has been reported to the Vigilance Department for investigation.



A bulldozer demolishes illegal constructions in between Akshay Patra and NRI Circles in Jagatpura area in Jaipur on Tuesday.

JAGATPURA ANTI-ENCROACHMENT DRIVE NEARS END; ₹200 CR EXPECTED FROM LAND AUCTION

The Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) is nearing the completion of its anti-encroachment drive in Jagatpura, targeting valuable land near the ISKCON temple on Mahal Road. The operation involves clearing encroachments from a 32,200 square meter plot, with approximately 90% of the encroachments already removed. For years, nomadic families constructed both temporary and permanent structures on this land. The JDA's enforcement wing is overseeing the removal process, which also includes clearing encroachments from a nearby nursery. This land is part of the Central Spine Scheme, and a recent ownership dispute was resolved in favour of the JDA.

JDA JURISDICTION SET TO EXPAND BY 1,000 SQUARE KILOMETRES

The jurisdiction of the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) is poised for an expansion of 1,000 square kilometres. A meeting chaired by JDC Anandhi is scheduled for today to discuss this proposal. If approved, the JDA will forward the matter to the government for final approval. The plan aims to include 272 new villages within the JDA's jurisdiction, increasing the area from 3,000 sq km to 4,000 sq km. The proposed expansion includes 40 villages from the Dudu tehsil, 229 villages across 10 tehsils of Jaipur Rural, as well as the Shahpura and Jobner municipalities, along with the urban area of Chaksu Municipality.

Devnani: Raj is a land of rich heritage & traditions

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani arrived in Sydney on Tuesday as part of his four-day tour, welcomed by local officials. He participated in the delegate briefing for the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference of the India Region, meeting with Legislative Assembly Speakers and MPs from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, and

Tamil Nadu. Devnani emphasised Raj's unique identity, highlighting its rich heritage and natural beauty. "The palaces of Jaipur, lakes of Udaipur, and the forts of Jodhpur, Bikaner, & Jaisalmer attract thousands of domestic and international tourists daily," he said. He will observe legislative bodies and discuss democratic values during the conference from November 5 to 8.



Vasudev Devnani participates in delegate briefing of the 67th CPA conference in Sydney on Tuesday. Speakers and MPs from other states were also present.

FROM SUSPENSIONS TO APOs

Unpacking the controversial fate of Rajasthan's bureaucrats

Rajendra Chhabra
Jaipur

In the history of the state's IAS cadre, such a situation has arisen only occasionally when an officer of the cadre is under suspension and three officers are sitting at home after being placed on APO. Prem Sukh Bishnoi is under suspension, while Hanuman Mal Dhaka, Rajendra Vijay, and Jagjeet Singh Monga are on APO.

The latest APO case is of Monga. IAS Monga, a promotee of the 2014

batch, was put on APO on 28 October. There are various discussions in the bureaucracy about the inside story of this action by the DOP, but the interesting fact in this case is that the post of JS - Medical Education, on which Monga was working, has been filled by RAS officer Gaurav Bajad. In fact, this post has been occupied by RAS officers in the past, and just four months ago, for the first time in April 2024, IAS Monga was appointed here. However, only the DoP can tell why an IAS was appointed to



Jagjeet Singh Monga



Prem Sukh Bishnoi



Rajendra Vijay



Hanuman Mal Dhaka

this post and why, after four months, a RAS was appointed here. By the way, it would be interesting to know about Monga that in a total service of 27 years, this IAS has been transferred 25 times. Since 2006, he has been continuously serving in Jaipur. RAS officer Gaurav Ba-

jad, who became JS, Medical Education in his place, was JS in CMO for a full 5 years in the previous Congress government. The new BJP government had sent him to Banswara, but now Bajad has returned to Jaipur. His image in the CMO was that of a result-oriented officer.

Prominent IAS Prem Sukh Bishnoi of the 2011 batch was suspended in January 2024. He was caught red-handed by the ACB while taking a bribe of Rs 5,000. He was then the Director of Fisheries. The bribe was being taken from a contractor as a 10 percent commission in exchange for the tender for catching fish in the dam. After the arrest by the ACB, the DoP suspended Prem Sukh. Later, this IAS was in jail for several days. Now his retirement is next month, and by then, one year of suspension will be

completed. It is believed that his retirement will happen under suspension.

The 2014 batch promotee IAS Hanuman Mal Dhaka has been on APO for the last 6 months. He was put on APO on 27 April 2024 due to ACB action. The ACB has registered a case against him for demanding a bribe of Rs 25 lakh for a change in land use while he was the Dudu Collector. It is said that the ACB wanted to catch him red-handed, but the trap failed. This high-profile case made headlines in the media for

many days, but now it has been put on hold for the last 6 months. Official information about the ACB's actions in the case is currently unavailable.

Rajendra Vijay (2010 batch IAS) was placed on APO on Oct 2, 2024, following ACB action regarding property acquisition disproportionate to his income. The ACB is currently investigating his total assets. The bureau has not clarified why DoP acted swiftly in placing him on APO. A *challan* from ACB in the court is awaited.

Cabinet meeting to discuss Sarpanch term extension

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The upcoming Cabinet meeting will discuss a proposal to extend the term of sarpanchs under the 'One State, One Election' policy. With 6,759 gram panchayat tenures expiring in January 2025, the govt aims to streamline polls and maintain continuity in local development. However, the decision is delayed due to new district formations. The reorganization of gram panchayats and Zila Parishads will occur after these decisions are finalised.



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PALETTE OF CULTURES!

Unique watercolour art tour featuring artists from India and across the globe commenced in Jaipur on Sunday at Hotel Grand Uniar, set to run until November 8.

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Gaurav Gaur with the stunning Elite Miss Rajasthan models

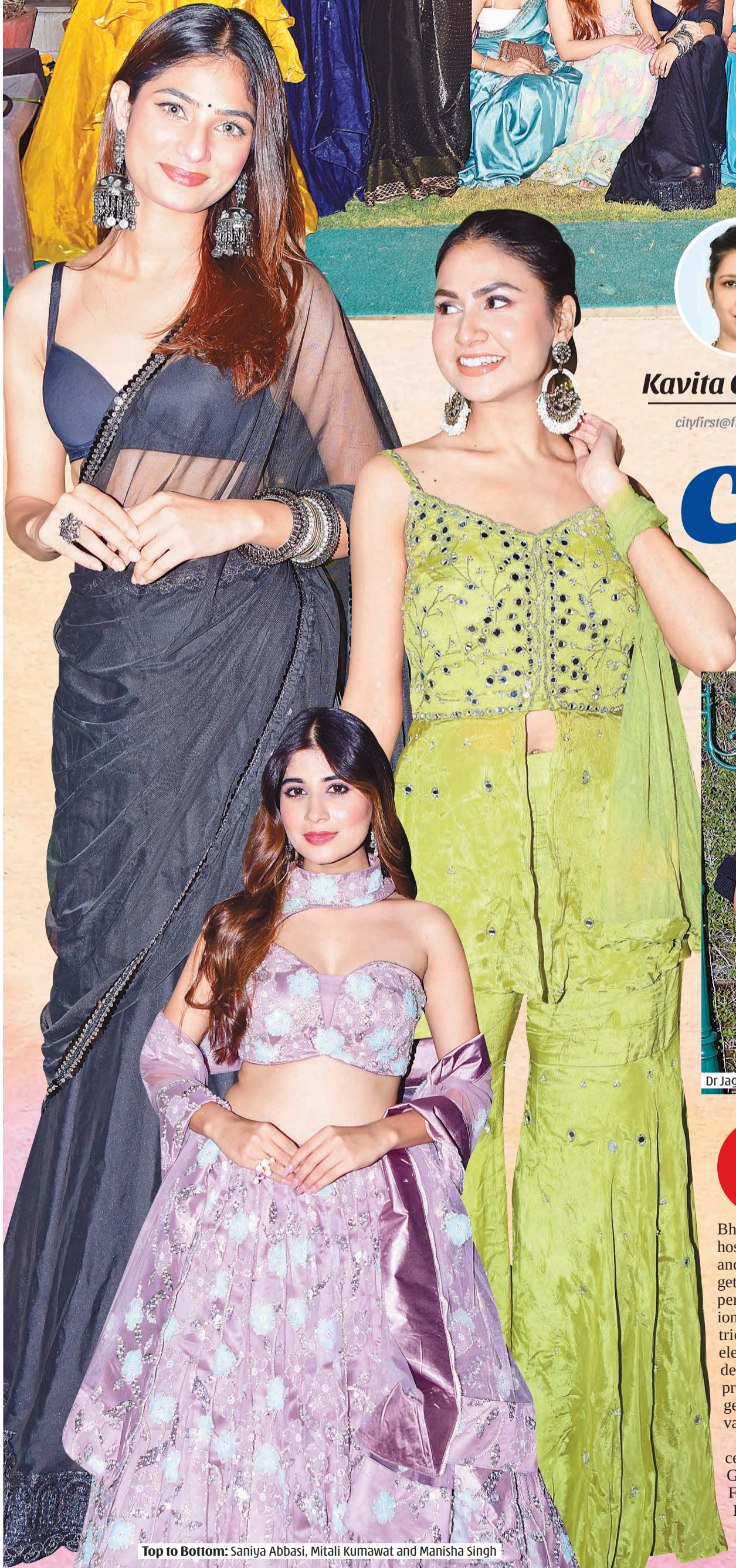


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Starry Celebrations!

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra on behalf of Bharat24 and First India News, hosted a grand Diwali meet-and-greet, gathering fashion and entertainment dignitaries in a festive setting, celebrating with traditional attire, vibrant decor, delicacies, and heartfelt exchanges marking Diwali's spirit. City First shares some glimpses!



Top to Bottom: Saniya Abbasi, Mitali Kumawat and Manisha Singh



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Mona Gautam, Akanksha Bhalla, Shrishti Khatri & Rutvi Tiwari

SANTOSH SHARMA

On a vibrant Monday evening, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra on behalf of Bharat24 and First India, hosted a festive Diwali meet-and-greet that brought together a host of distinguished personalities from the fashion and entertainment industries. The evening was an elegant gathering of camaraderie and festive spirit, as prominent figures came together to celebrate the festival of lights.

The guest list included celebrated names like Gaurav Gaur, the visionary Founder and Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, who was joined by Fusion Group Directors and Miss

Rajasthan Organisers, Yogesh Mishra and Nimishra Mishra. Also in attendance was Pawan Tank, the Founder and Director of Miss and Mrs India Glam, along with a vibrant group of supermodels from across Rajasthan. The evening also saw various pageant winners, mentors, actresses and models, all gracing the occasion in traditional attire, adding to the grandeur of the celebration.

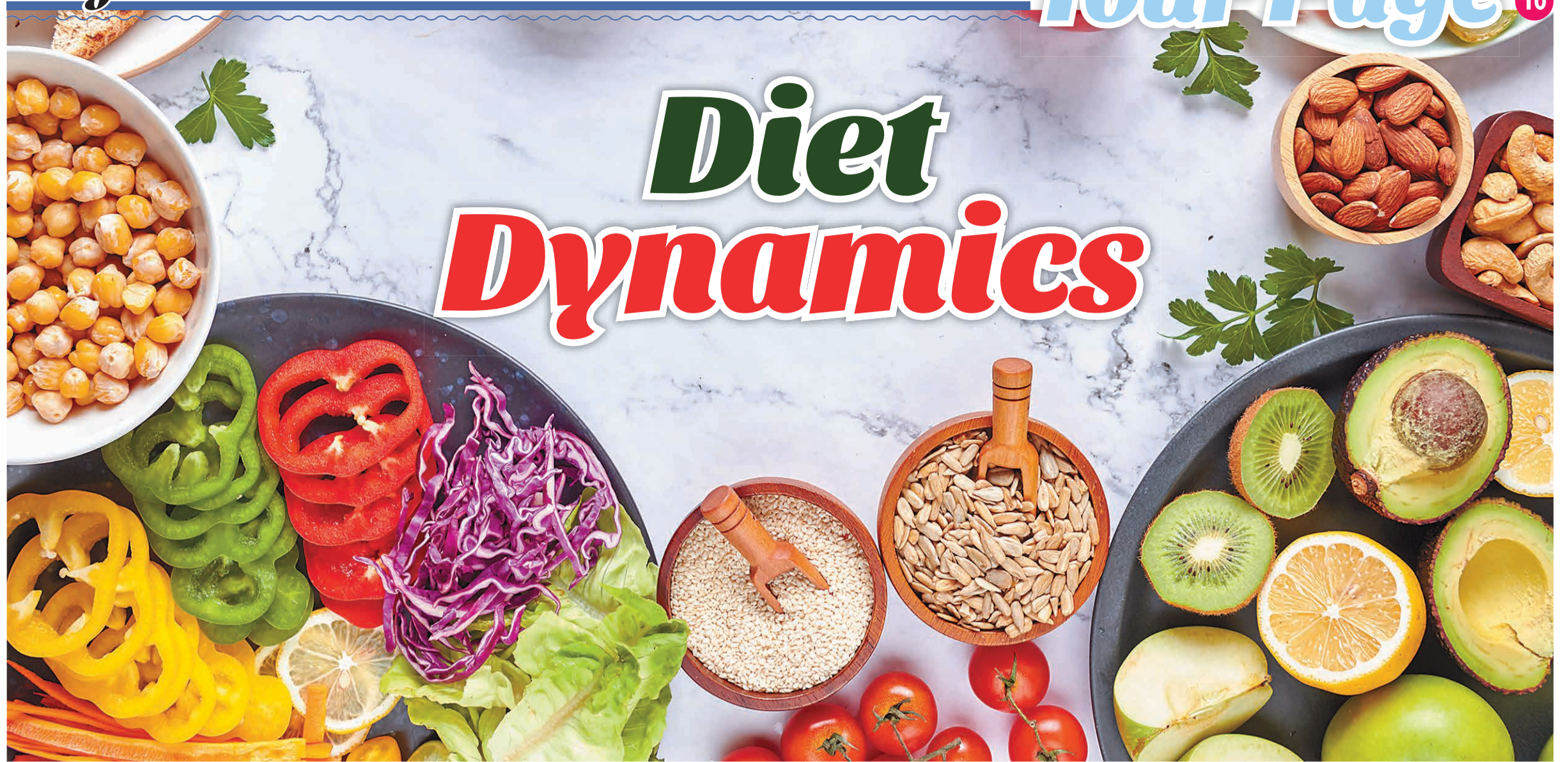
The setting was transformed into a festive wonderland, with twinkling lights and a beautifully crafted decor that radiated warmth and joy. The air was filled with a palpable excitement as fire shots were launched, adding a sparkle to the already dazzling evening.



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Diet Dynamics



Mary Scourboutakos

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The proverbial “sugar high” that follows the ingestion of a sweet treat is a familiar example of the potentially positive effects of food on mood. On the flip side, feeling “hangry” – the phenomenon where hunger manifests in the form of anger or irritability – illustrates how what we eat, or don’t eat, can also provoke negative emotions.

The latest research suggests that blood sugar fluctuations are partly responsible for the connection between what we eat and how we feel. Through its effects on our hormones and our nervous system, blood sugar levels can be fuel for anxiety and depression.

Mental health is complex. There are countless social, psychological and biological factors that ultimately determine any one person’s experience. However, numerous

randomized controlled trials have demonstrated that diet is one biological factor that can significantly influence the risk for symptoms of depression and anxiety, especially in women.

As a family medicine resident with a Ph.D. in nutrition, I have witnessed the fact that antidepressant medications work for some patients but not others. Thus, in my view, mental health treatment strategies should target every risk factor, including nutrition.

THE ROLE OF THE GLYCEMIC INDEX

Many of the randomized controlled trials that have proven the link between diet and mental health have tested the Mediterranean diet or a slightly modified version of it. The Mediterranean diet is typically characterized by lots of vegetables – especially dark green, leafy vegetables – fruit, olive oil, whole grains, legumes and nuts, with small amounts of fish, meat and dairy products. One of the many attributes of the Mediterranean diet that may be responsible for its effect on mood is its low glycemic index.

The glycemic index is a system that ranks foods and diets according to their potential to raise blood sugar. Thus, in keeping with the observation that blood sugar fluctuations affect mood, high glycemic index diets that produce drastic spikes in blood sugar have been associated with an increased risk for depression and to some extent anxiety.

High glycemic index carbohydrates include white rice, white bread, crackers and baked goods. Therefore, diets high in these foods may increase risk for depression and anxiety. Meanwhile, low glycemic index carbs, such as par-boiled rice and al dente pasta, that are more slowly absorbed and produce a smaller blood sugar spike are associated with decreased risk.

HOW DIET AFFECTS MOOD

Many scientific mechanisms have been proposed to explain the connection between diet and mental health. One plausible explanation that links blood sugar fluctuations with mood is its effect on our hormones.

Every time we eat sugar or carbohydrates such as bread, rice, pasta, potatoes and crackers, the resulting rise in blood sugar triggers a cascade of hormones and signalling molecules. One example is dopamine – our brain’s pleasure signal – which is the reason we can experience a “sugar high” following the consumption of dessert or baked goods. Dopamine is the body’s way of rewarding us for procuring the calories, or energy, that are necessary for survival.

Insulin is another hormone triggered by carbohydrates and sugar. Insulin’s job is to lower blood sugar levels by escorting the ingested sugar into our cells and tissues so that it can be used for energy. However, when we eat too much sugar, too many carbs, or high glycemic index carbs, the rapid increase in blood sugar prompts a drastic rise in insulin. This can result in blood sugar levels that dip below where they started.

This dip in blood sugar sparks the release of adrenaline and its cousin noradrenaline. Both of these hormones appropriately send glucose into the bloodstream to restore blood sugar to the appropriate level. However, adrenaline influences

more than just blood sugar levels. It also affects how we feel, and its release can manifest as anxiety, fear or aggression. Hence, diet affects mood through its effect on blood sugar levels, which trigger the hormones that dictate how we feel.

Interestingly, the rise in adrenaline that follows sugar and carbohydrate consumption doesn’t happen until four to five hours after eating. Thus, when eating sugar and carbs, dopamine makes us feel good in the short term; but in the long term, adrenaline can make us feel bad.

However, not everyone is equally affected. Identical meals can produce widely varying blood sugar responses in different people, depending on one’s sex, as well as genetics, sedentariness and the gut microbiome.

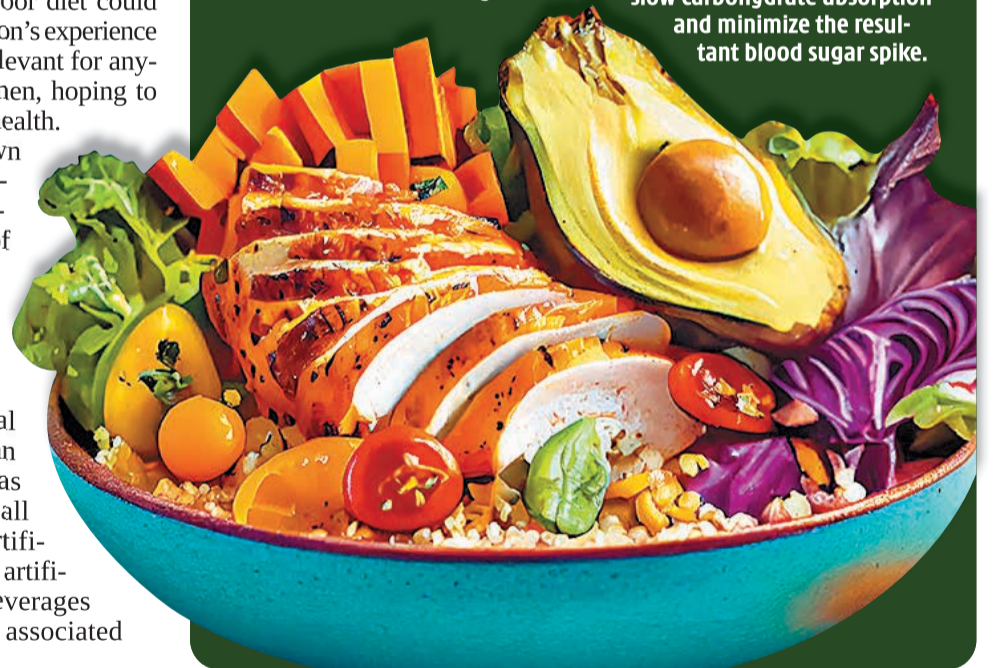
And it’s important to keep in mind that, as previously mentioned, mental health is complicated. So in certain circumstances, no amount of dietary optimization will overcome the social and psychological factors that may underpin one’s experience.

Nevertheless, a poor diet could certainly make a person’s experience worse and is thus relevant for anyone, especially women, hoping to optimize mental health. Research has shown that women, in particular, are more sensitive to the effects of the glycemic index and diet overall.

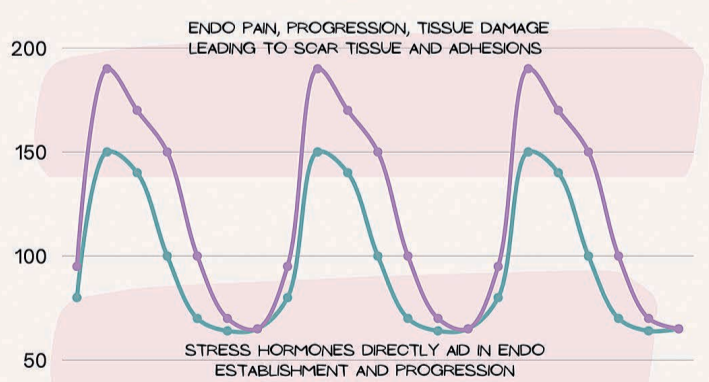
Unfortunately, simple solutions, such as swapping sugar for artificial sweeteners, are not an option. Research has shown that among all processed foods, artificial sweeteners and artificially sweetened beverages are most strongly associated with depression.

OPTIMIZING MOOD WITH FOOD

- The most obvious way to stabilize blood sugar levels is to decrease sugar and carbohydrate intake. However, this is not the only way. Research has proven that simple changes can drastically mitigate volatile blood sugar fluctuations. Some strategies to stabilize blood sugar and optimize mood include:
 - Avoid eating carbohydrates on their own, such as snacking on a box of crackers or downing a bowl of rice. Always strive to combine carbohydrates with proteins such as beans, nuts, meat and fish, or with healthy fats such as olive oil and avocado. The combination of nutrients slows down the digestion of carbohydrates and thereby produces a smaller blood sugar spike.
 - Eat carbohydrates at the end of the meal, after eating vegetables and protein first. Just changing the order in which foods are eaten can drastically lower the blood sugar spike that comes after.
 - Eat a salad dressed with olive oil and vinegar prior to eating carbohydrates. The combination of vegetables, acid from the vinegar and fat from the olive oil, all work together to slow carbohydrate absorption and minimize the resultant blood sugar spike.
- Make low glycemic index carbohydrates such as par-boiled rice, whole grain bread and al dente pasta dietary staples and be mindful of how many high glycemic index carbohydrates you consume. I give my patients this guide to increase their awareness of the glycemic index of various carbohydrates.
- Eat carbohydrates earlier in the day such as breakfast or lunchtime, as opposed to later in the day, like dinner or, worse yet, as a nighttime snack. Our hormones follow a circadian rhythm, and carbs eaten earlier in the day



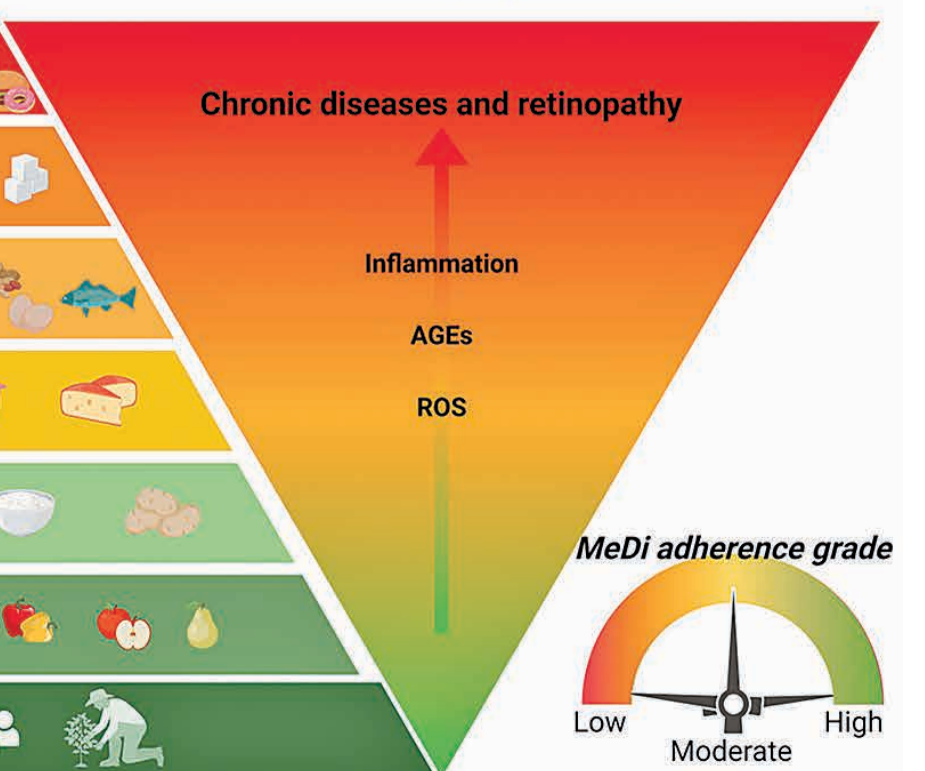
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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Muskan Mulchandani



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Durga, Angel Sain, Somya Anand, Mitali Kumawat & Anshika Choudhary

Diwali Glam Celebration

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Guests were treated to an array of mouth-watering delicacies and traditional sweets, capturing the essence of Diwali with flavours that delighted everyone present.

Throughout the evening, Dr Chandra warmly received greetings from each guest, exchanging heartfelt wishes with everyone present. In his address, Dr

Chandra highlighted the deep significance of Diwali as a festival that embodies the triumph of light over darkness and goodness over adversity. His words resonated with the gathering, reminding everyone of the importance of unity, gratitude and the joy of togetherness.

As guests mingled, shared laughter, and captured memories, the evening embodied the spirit of

Diwali in every way, a blend of tradition, festivity and cherished connections. The meet-and-greet was more than just a celebration; it was a heartfelt gathering that left everyone inspired and uplifted. Dr Chandra's thoughtful hosting and the presence of such esteemed guests truly made the night a memorable affair, reflecting the beauty and cultural richness of Diwali.



Vidhi Asnani

(Top to Bottom) Neha Meena, Alifirdoush Khan, Khushi Vijayvargiya, Anshika Choudhary & Yogita Dahiya



Varsha Ray



(L-R) Pihu Choudhary, Mitali Kumawat, Rutvi Tiwari, Alifirdoush Khan, Akanksha Bhalla, Gaurav Gaur & Shrishti Khatri



(L-R) Nimisha Mishra, Aura Virmani, Hritika Singh & Yogesh Mishra



Sanya, Sheena, Priyanka, Bhavya & Nisha



(L-R) Payal Daryani, Sushmita Puri, Somya Gupta, Pawan Tank, Akansha Shekhawat & Khwahish Saini



Saloni Paliwal & Angel Sain



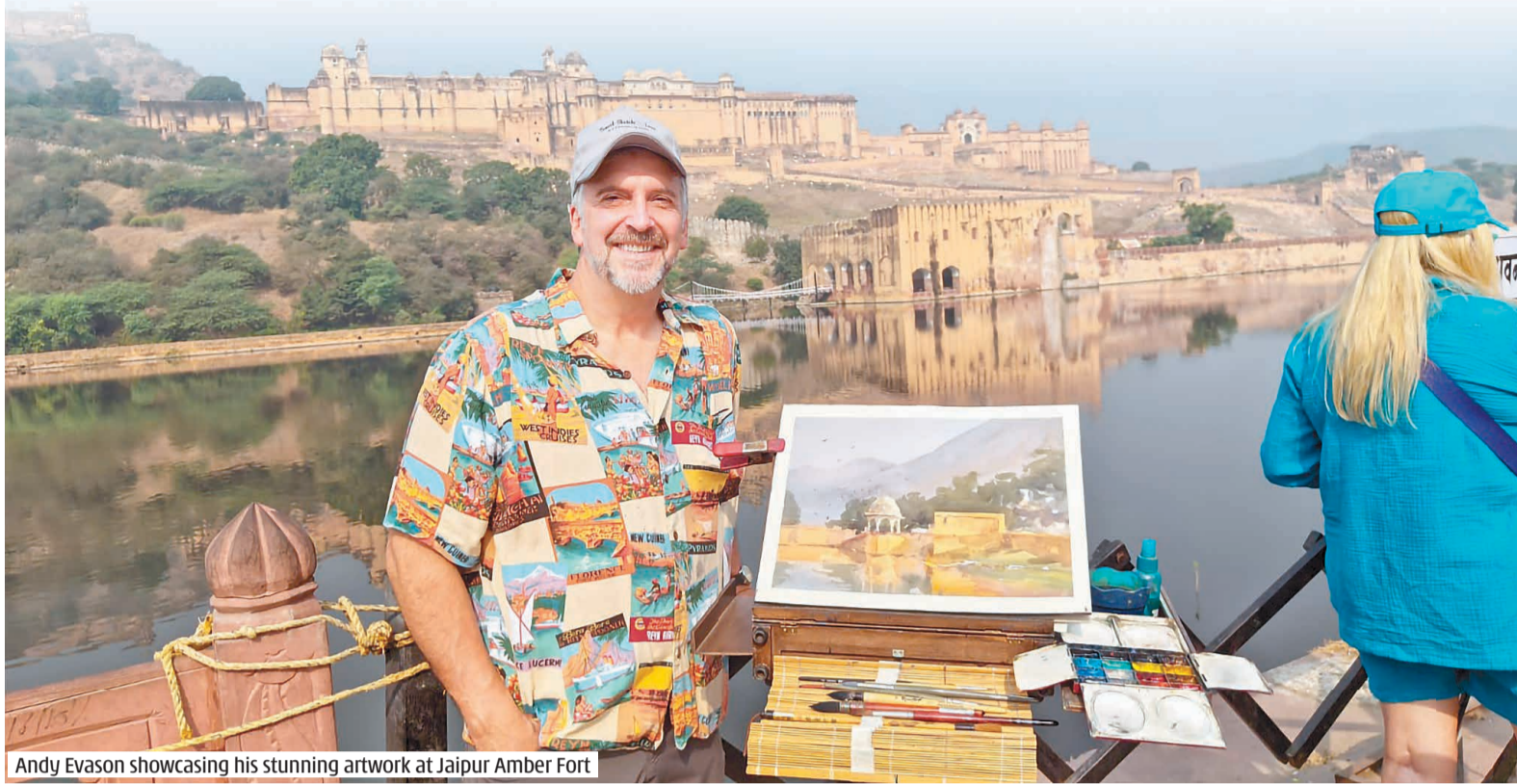
Neha & Shivani



(L-R) Saloni, Priya, Kanika, Vanshika & Radhika



Palette of Cultures



Andy Evason showcasing his stunning artwork at Jaipur Amber Fort



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A unique watercolour art tour featuring artists from India and across the globe commenced in Jaipur on Sunday at Hotel Grand Uniara, set to run until November 8. Organised by "Travel Sketch Love," the five-day tour includes workshops and cultural walks, showcasing Jaipur's heritage and culture through watercolour artistry.

International award-winning watercolourist Andy Evason is guiding participants in capturing Jaipur's landscapes, light, and shadow. On Tuesday, the artists painted at Amer Fort, where Evason demonstrated a

painting technique before everyone created their masterpieces. Following this, the group visited Jal Mahal to paint the stunning scenery.

The tour was inaugurated by Shikha Garg, founder of Travel Sketch Love, who welcomed artists from the USA, Sweden, Australia, Taiwan, and Thailand. A highlight will be the "cultural walk" on November 6, where participants will immerse themselves in Jaipur's vibrant art and heritage. Throughout the week, artists will paint iconic sites like Jal Mahal, Amer Fort, and Nahargarh Fort, honing their skills under Evason's expertise. The event aims to foster an artistic community spirit, connecting artists with a shared passion for watercolour.

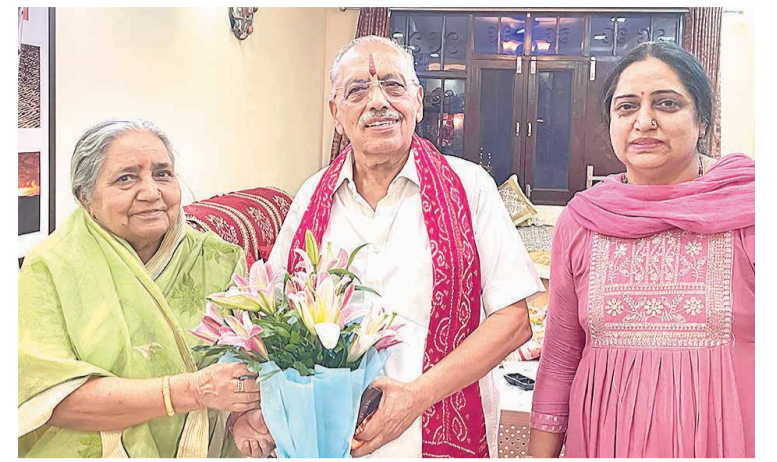


Andy Evason, Georgia Mansur, Michelle, Johanna, Elizabeth Gilmour, Lisa Fuka, Teresa Anderson, Mira Akoi, Sanjay Naikdhure, Lee Ruckman & Niyada



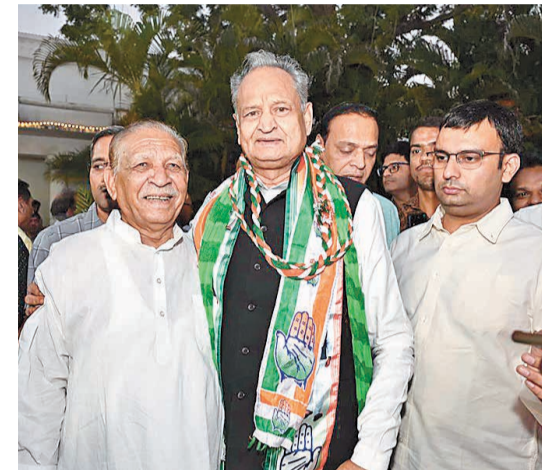
Shikha Garg, India Convener

FESTIVE GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra reached the residence of political analyst Anil Lodha to greet his mother Bimla Lodha on Sunday evening, wishing her continuing good health and also seeking her blessings, on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. Mamta Mehta, sister of Anil Lodha was also present and exchanged warm festive greetings with Dr Chandra.

GREETINGS!



Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot was warmly greeted by Radheshyam Tanwar, as he reached the former's residence on the occasion of Diwali. During their meeting, they exchanged heartfelt festive greetings, sharing Diwali wishes and blessings for the festival of lights.

MUSICAL FUSION!

Jaipur singer Sarita Rao and Netherlands drummer Otto de Jong have recently released a new album titled Sambhav, recorded by the Jaipur Junction Band in the Netherlands. This collaboration blends traditional Rajasthani music with European independent rock, offering a unique experience to listeners worldwide. The album features beautifully intertwined instruments like tabla and synthesizer, enhancing its appeal. Produced by Otto de Jong, Sarita Rao wrote and sang the songs, with contributions from Erwin Tuijil, Sahil Bahl and Imran Khan. Formed in 2019, Jaipur Junction Band is rapidly gaining international recognition.



Colours of Tradition!



Guests appreciating the artwork

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The Lokrang Ke Rang exhibition, organised by Jawahar Kala Kendra, began on Tuesday, drawing art enthusiasts to Sukriti Gallery. Running until November 8, the exhibition showcases a vibrant array of 63 photo prints and 24 sketches, celebrating traditional folk arts and the spirit of Lokrang.

Alka Meena, Additional Director General of

Jawahar Kala Kendra, visited the exhibition, accompanied by Assistant Director Abdul Lateef Usta, Festival Coordinator Chhavi Joshi and Advisor Program Manager Chandradeep Singh Hada. The Center introduced a unique initiative this year, inviting festival visitors to submit their photographs and sketches. This creative move aims to foster greater audience participation, allowing them to capture and share their experiences of Lokrang's colourful festivities. The exhibition features



captivating glimpses of folk performances, including Siddhi Goma, Kalbelia, Garasiya Swang, Gotipua and Dandiya Raas, which highlight the diversity of Indian folk traditions. Visitors have warmly received these artworks, which vividly portray the festival's energy and rich cultural heritage.



During the event

The second day of the six-day Tiru Festival vividly showcased Kerala's rich culture at the Sree Ayyappa Temple in Shabri Vihar, Jaipur. Attendees were immersed in traditional performances, art and culinary delights, reflecting the vibrant heritage of Kerala. The festival aims to foster cultural exchange and community bonding, drawing people from various backgrounds to celebrate together. As the festivities continue, visitors are encouraged to partake in the remaining events, which promise to further enrich the experience of Kerala's diverse traditions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



The Care Global Health and Wellness Festival (GHWf), organised by Just Health and Wellness Pvt Ltd (JHW), is set to take place on November 9 & 10 at BM Birla Auditorium, Jaipur. This third edition promises to be India's largest health festival, featuring top healthcare professionals, free medical tests and holistic wellness sessions. Anticipating 100,000 attendees, the festival will attempt to break two world records while offering valuable health insights through talks and panel discussions. Celebrity guests and a commitment to social responsibility, including 20 free heart surgeries for underprivileged children, enhance its significance.

Rajasthan Studio, a boutique travel platform, has been recently awarded the Global Responsible Tourism Award by the International Centre for Responsible Tourism for its dedication to cultural diversity. The studio connects master artisans with travellers seeking authentic art-based experiences, promoting responsible tourism while preserving India's artistic heritage. Initially operating in three cities, it has expanded its offerings to additional locations, including Bikaner and Jaisalmer. The award recognizes Rajasthan Studio's impactful approach to supporting local communities and enhancing cultural preservation through tourism.



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SANTOSH SHARMA

Rajasthan Vyapar Mahasangh recently honoured MI Road, a prominent 3 km market in C-Scheme, Jaipur, for winning first prize in Light Decoration for Deepawali this year. National President Surendra Kumar Gupta presented the award to MI Road Vyapar Mandal President HS Pali and General Secretary Suresh Saini at Panch Batti. The event also featured a tour of Jaipur's main markets in an open tourist bus, showcasing the Diwali decoration theme, "Rise of Rajasthan," in preparation for next month's World Convention.



Jaipur is set to embrace health and wellness with the upcoming SK World Health and Wellness Fest-2024, scheduled for December 21 & 22 at Peacock Court, Jaipur Entertainment Paradise. Organised by Sanskruti Yuva Sanstha in collaboration with SK Finance, the festival aims to draw over 25,000 attendees. Co-founders Narishant Sharma and Mukesh Mishra highlighted that over 100 experts will share insights on health and wellness, complemented by entertainment. Key attractions include the Kabir Cafe Band, Bollywood celebrities and various wellness-focused sessions and activities designed to promote a balanced lifestyle.