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President Droupadi Murmu, VP Jagdeep Dhankhar, PM Narendra Modi, LS Speaker Om Birla, Hariwansh Narayan Singh, JP Nadda, Kiren Rijiju, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, release a book during the Constitution Day celebration, at the Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi on Tuesday.

NATION CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, WHICH STARTS WITH...

'We, the People of India'

President urges citizens to imbibe Constitutional ideals

Constitution of India is one of the most effective Constitutions in world: CM

First India Bureau
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu Tuesday urged all the citizens to inculcate the Constitutional ideals in their conduct; follow the Fundamental Duties and move forward with dedication towards the national goal of building a 'Viksit Bharat' by the year 2047.

President Murmu, VP Jagdeep Dhankhar, and PM Narendra Modi led the nation in celebrating the 'Samvidhan Diwas' to commemorate the 75 Years of the adoption of the Constitution of India with the aim to honour the contributions of the Constitution's makers while reiterating the core values enshrined in it.

President Droupadi

HOUSES MUST FOLLOW TRADITION OF DIGNIFIED DISCOURSE, STRESSES LS SPEAKER OM BIRLA

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday said parliamentarians must follow the tradition of carrying out worthwhile and dignified discourse in the Houses as established in the Constituent Assembly. Speaker Birla recalled the decision to commemorate November 26 as Constitution Day for the first time in 2015 adding that the entire nation is expressing its gratitude to the Constitution under the leadership of President Droupadi Murmu.

DISTURBANCE AS A STRATEGY THREATENS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS: VP DHANKHAR

RS chairperson and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday said disturbance, as a strategy, threatens democratic institutions and the sanctity of "democratic temples" should be restored through constructive dialogue, debate, and meaningful discussion. He said, "In contemporaneous times, with decorum and discipline cliff-hanging in parliamentary discourse, this day we need to resolve by reiterating the pristine glory of our Constituent Assembly's embellished functioning."

Murmu released a commemorative coin and stamp dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitu-

tion of India. She also released two books – in Sanskrit and Maithili – related to Constitution of India on the occasion. **PS**

Our Constitution is the guide to our present & our future: Modi



PM Narendra Modi with CJ Sanjiv Khanna, Justice BR Gavai, Justice Suryakant, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Kapil Sibal & others during the Constitution Day event at Supreme Court, Tuesday.

PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday underlined that he has performed his duties within the framework of the Constitution, founding document of the country, without encroaching upon anyone's jurisdiction. PM said the document remains a "guiding light" for his

government amid Oppn criticism that efforts are underway to undermine the Constitution. "I wish to say that I have confined my work within the framework of the Constitution, only done what was assigned to me by Constitution. I have not indulged in any en-

croachment," he said addressing an event marking Constitution Day celebrations at the SC. Modi also paid homage to victims of Mumbai terror attack and reiterated country's resolve that all terror groups challenging security of India will be given a befitting reply.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Jogaram Patel and Sudhansh Pant, reads the Preamble of the Constitution of India during 'Samvidhan Diwas' event at CMO, Jaipur on Tuesday.

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma said on Tuesday the State Government is working dedicatedly for the welfare of the people of the State, considering the basic spirit of public welfare enshrined in Constitution as paramount. CM Sharma was addressing 'Samvidhan Diwas Program' on Tuesday and said, "Today is the day to celebrate glory of Constitution & remember those great personalities who created this wonderful document. The Constitu-



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma calls on JP Nadda in Delhi on Tuesday.

tion of India is the most effective Constitutions in the world. Apart from being the basis of our democracy, it is also a guide for social, economic and political justice."

IN BRIEF

Bypolls to 6 vacant RS seats in 4 states to be held on Dec 20

New Delhi: After members tendered their resignations, the Election Commission on Tuesday announced the schedule for byelection to 6 Rajya Sabha seats in 4 states: Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal and Haryana.



RBI Gov discharged hrs after hospitalisation
Chennai: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das was discharged from Apollo hospital in Chennai on Tuesday evening after a brief hospitalization for acidity, a central bank spokesperson confirmed. Das is reportedly in stable condition.

4 dead, 5 injured as 3 houses collapse in MP after explosion

Morena: Four people died and five others injured after an explosion caused three houses to collapse in MP's Morena district. Police said the explosion took place in Rathore Colony, under the jurisdiction of Kotwali police.

Ensure safety of Hindus: India tells B'desh after ISKCON priest's arrest

First India Bureau
Dhaka/New Delhi

The Ministry of External Affairs voiced serious concerns on Tuesday over the arrest of Hindu community leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari in Bangladesh. "We have noted with deep concern the arrest and denial of bail to Shri Chinmoy Krishna Das, who is also the spokes-

person of the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote. This incident follows the multiple attacks on Hindus and other minorities by extremist elements in Bangladesh," MEA said. Meanwhile, Government of Bangladesh said that the arrest of Priest Krishna Das Prabhu has been "misconstrued", adding that the seer had been arrested on specific charges.



Priest Krishna Das Prabhu shows a victory sign as he is taken in a police van after court ordered him detained pending further proceedings in Chattogram in southeastern Bangladesh, Tuesday.

EVMs are fine if you win, tampered if you lose: Apex Court rejects PIL

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a PIL that sought the reintroduction of ballot papers in place of EVMs, remarking that the machines are blamed only when one loses an election. "What happens is, if you win the elections, EVMs are not tampered. When you lose elections, EVMs are tampered.

URINATION CASE: SC ASKS CENTRE, DGCA FOR NORMS

SC directed Centre, DGCA to frame more comprehensive guidelines to control unruly air passengers and observed "something creative" had to be done. Bench of Justices BR Gavai & KV Viswanathan was hearing plea filed by a 73-year-old woman, on whom male co-passenger allegedly urinated in an inebriated condition on Nov, 2022.

When Naidu lost, he said EVMs can be tampered. Now, this time, Jagan Mohan Reddy lost, he said EVMs can be tampered," Justice Vikram Nath said, presiding over

a two-judge bench while dismissing the PIL by evangelist KA Paul. Paul also said that his PIL had the support of about 180 retired IAS or IPS officers and judges.

SUSPENSE OVER NEXT MAHA CM CONTINUES

Eknath Shinde resigns, to serve as caretaker CM of Maharashtra

First India Bureau
Mumbai

SHINDE HAS CLEARLY SAID THAT WHATEVER DECISION MODI, SHAH TAKE, IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM, SAYS DEEPAK KESARKAR

Eknath Shinde resigned as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on Tuesday and was appointed the caretaker chief minister by Governor CP Radhakrishnan. In a late Monday night post on X, Shinde appealed to his party workers to not gather in Mumbai in large numbers to show their support to him. However, the suspense over who will be the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra continues. "Shinde has clearly said that whatever deci-



Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan accepts Eknath Shinde's resignation as State Chief Minister, as BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis and NCP leader Ajit Pawar look on, in Mumbai, on Tuesday.

sion PM Modi, Amit Shah take, it will be acceptable to him,' Shiv Sena leader and State Minister in the outgoing cabinet Deepak Kesarkar said on Tuesday. The swearing-in ceremony of the new CM is likely to be held on December 1.

SHINDE SHOULD ALLOW FADNAVIS TO BE NEW MAHA CM: ATHAWALE

Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Tuesday suggested Shinde to consider stepping aside and allow Fadnavis to assume the role of Maharashtra CM. "Maharashtra dispute should end soon. BJP's high command has decided that Fadnavis should be made the CM but Shinde is unhappy and his displeasure needs to be removed," Athawale said.

Dist Consumer Commission orders to arrest JDC Anandhi

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The District Consumer Commission has issued an order for the arrest of JDC Anandhi in a case related to contempt of court. The issue concerns the non-compliance with the commission's order. The commission directed Commissioner of Police to ensure the execution of arrest warrant. The case was filed by Complainant Raj Singh Ajmera.



2,000 MW SOLAR STORAGE PLAN UNVEILED

Raj to tackle power cuts with largest solar storage initiative

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

The people of Rajasthan will no longer have to endure power cuts during peak demand hours, thanks to a new initiative by the state's energy department in collaboration with the central government.

Recognizing the growing potential of solar energy, the Bhajanlal government has begun working on a power storage system that will store excess solar power generated during the day in batteries, to be used dur-



ing peak demand periods.

This move aims to manage power crises effectively.

Recently, a bid was invited for a 2,000 MW power storage system, with the Central Govern-

ment approving funding for 1,000 MW under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme.

The proposed power storage system, which will be implemented with the assistance of the Centre, will be set up in four locations in Rajasthan under the Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model.

Additional chief secretary -Energy Alok said that approval for 1,000 MW of storage capacity under the VGF scheme has been given. "It is difficult to meet peak demand without storage for solar energy. Efforts are underway across the country to address this. While we have received approval for 1,000 MW under VGF, we are offering a bid for 2,000 MW." The estimated project cost is currently estimated at Rs 1 cr per MW, with the Centre providing a grant of Rs 27 lakh per MW.

1,000 MW ENERGY STORAGE APPROVED, MORE IN PIPELINE

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ED seizes properties worth ₹219.66 cr in Fairplay probe

First India Bureau
Ajmer

The Enforcement Directorate confiscated properties worth Rs 219.66 crore during an investigation of the 'Fairplay' case in Ajmer, Kutch, Daman, Thane and Mumbai. The ED took action under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

On November 22, movable and immovable properties worth Rs 219.66 crore were provi-



sionally attached. These include demat account holdings, land, flats and commercial warehouses in these districts.

ED officials shared the information on platform X on Tuesday. The total

value of properties attached and confiscated in the case so far is Rs 331.16 crore. Action was taken with the aim of keeping a close watch on financial crimes and money laundering activities.

Gogamedi's statue to be unveiled on December 5

First India Bureau
Jhunjhunu

An 8-foot-tall statue made of Ashtadhatu (an alloy of eight metals) will be unveiled in memory of Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi on his first death anniversary on December 5. Gogamedi's wife Sheela Shekhawat during her visit to Jhunjhunu shared the details at the Shardul Hostel. She also launched a poster to promote the unveiling ceremony. Becoming emo-



Late Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi

tional, Sheela Shekhawat said, "No one can fill the void left by Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi, but it is now our responsibility to complete the unfinished work he left behind."

JDA issues notices for Sirsi road widening

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Jaipur

The Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) is set to begin identifying the constructions falling within the road limits of Sirsi Road and issuing notices to the concerned individuals. This work will commence from Wednesday as per the orders of the Rajasthan High Court. The High Court has given two months time to JDA and the next date in the high court is January 20, 2025.

As per the master plan, the road is to be widened from Queens Road to Khatipura Tiraha to 100 feet, and from Khatipura Tiraha to the Bypass to 160 feet. Currently, the road width from Queens



Road to Khatipura Tiraha is around 70-80 feet, and from Khatipura Tiraha to the Bypass, it is 100-120 feet. There are 274 plots and shops within the road limits, and these constructions need to be removed in order to widen the road.

Meanwhile, traders on Sirsi Road have united against the JDA's road widening project. A meeting of the traders saw the participation of MLA Gopal Sharma, who assured his full support to their cause.

Citywide cleanup halted
Valmiki community protests affidavit requirement in JprFirst India Bureau
Jaipur

Sanitation workers from the Valmiki community in Jaipur launched a work boycott on Tuesday, disrupting cleaning operations citywide. The protest escalated after discussions with officials at the Heritage Municipal Corporation headquarters failed to resolve their grievances.

The workers are opposing the government's mandate for a sworn affidavit as part of the "Experience Certificate" process, a condition they say discriminates against the Valmiki community. Former Cleanliness Commis-



Sanitation workers protest at the JMCH headquarters

sion vice-chairman Deepak Dandoria criticized the requirement, stating, "Our ancestors sacrificed their lives working in sewers, and now the govt questions our legitimacy with demands for experience certificates."

The workers have vowed to continue the boycott until their demands are addressed. A resolution on the affidavit issue is expected after further discussions between municipal commissioners and the (DLB).

ACB nabs Patwari, two more in three traps

Naveen Sharma/Ravi Katara
Kota/Ajmer/Bharatpur

Rocky Arora Nandlal Choudhary Neeraj

The (ACB) Special Unit in Kota arrested Rocky Arora, a Patwari from the Urban Improvement Trust, for accepting a bribe of Rs 3,000. The arrest followed a complaint from a local resident, alleging Arora demanded Rs 18k to approve a lease file. A trap operation, led by ACB officials, caught Arora red-handed while accepting the bribe. Prior to the incident, Arora had already collected Rs 15k from the complainant. An investigation is ongoing under the guidance of ACB senior officials.

In another incident, acting on directives from the ACB Headquarters, the Ajmer unit of the (ACB) arrested Nandlal Choudhary, Meter Reader Grade-II, GSS Harmada, Office of the Assistant Engineer, Kishangarh Rural, Ajmer Vidut Vitran Nigam Limited (AVVNL), Ajmer, for accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000 from a complainant.

Dr. Ravi Prakash Meharda, Director General of ACB, stated that the Ajmer unit received a complaint alleging that Nandlal Choudhary was harassing the complain-

2 SMUGGLERS ARRESTED WITH PISTOL, LIVE CARTRIDGES, & STOLEN SUV IN PHALODI

Phalodi: Phalodi and Chakhu police have arrested two smugglers with a pistol, five live cartridges and Rs 14 lakh 26,000 during a blockade. Action was taken under the direction of SP Pooja Awana and an SUV going from Bikaner to Jodhpur was stopped. The vehicle was checked and smugglers Kamal Kishore and Rameshwar were detained. Upon checking the vehicle, it was found to be a stolen one. The smugglers were going to buy poppy husk for supply in Phalodi and other rural areas. Police are interrogating the smugglers.

31 HELD IN ILLEGAL GAMBLING RAID IN KISHANGARH, HIGH-PROFILE LINKS SUSPECTED

Ajmer: In a late-night operation, the Gandhinagar Police, under the leadership of IG Ajmer, raided the "Desi Tadka" hotel in Kishangarh, dismantling an illegal gambling network. The hotel, located along the highway, served as the base for the activity. Authorities arrested 31 individuals and confiscated Rs 14 lakh in cash during the operation. Among the detainees is reportedly the husband of a municipal corporation councillor, raising questions about potential political links to the illegal activities. Investigations are ongoing as police work to uncover the full scope of the gambling ring. Further details are expected to be disclosed soon.

ant by demanding a bribe of Rs 5,000 to approve an electricity connection file for a poultry farm located on agricultural land.

In another incident, ACB Bharatpur on Tues-

day trapped Statistical assistant officer Neeraj taking bribe. The ACB in its action caught Neeraj taking a bribe of Rs 7000 for passing a loan. This action was taken by ACB ASP Amit Singh.

Illegal encroachment by MLA Jatav's husband demolished in Hindaun

First India Bureau
Hindaun

In Hindaun City, authorities on Tuesday demolished illegal structures built by Vikram Singh Jatav, husband of Congress MLA Anita Jatav, on government and municipal land. The encroachment, located on Khasra No. 1166, included a boundary wall that obstructed the flow of a nearby drain, causing recurrent flooding in the area.

Following complaints from BJP leaders, including a formal appeal to the Chief Minister's office, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Hemraj Gurrar led a team to clear the

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Naresh Meena

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Jaipur

encroachment. Police personnel, municipal officials, and representatives from the SDM's office were present during the operation.

Despite Vikram Singh Jatav's legal efforts to obtain a court stay, the demolition proceeded as planned, marking an end to the long-standing land dispute.

Independent candidate of Deoli-Uniara assembly constituency, Naresh Meena, currently held in Tonk District Jail, was presented before the Uniara Judicial Magistrate via video conferencing. The court has extended his judicial custody until Nov 28. He is expected to appear in court again on that date for further proceedings.

DISTRICT REVIEW MEETING

Dr Soni emphasises timely case resolutions

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A weekly review meeting was held on Tuesday in the District Collectorate Conference Hall under the chairmanship of District Collector Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni. During the meeting, Dr. Soni instructed officials to ensure the timely and quality resolution of cases received during public hearings. He also emphasised reducing the backlog of revenue cases, including disputes related to corrections, boundary demarcations, name transfers,



Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni held a weekly review meeting in the District Collectorate Conference Hall in Jaipur on Tuesday.

Patta distribution, and land conversions.

Dr. Soni directed officials to benefit more rural residents under the "Rasta Kholho Abhiyan" and to expedite necessary actions for the construction of gravel roads

on newly opened paths.

The implementation and progress of welfare schemes operating in the district were also reviewed. The District Collector instructed all Sub-Divisional Officers to ensure the successful organ-

ising the Youth Festival and to make all preparations in advance. He urged officials to implement a well-structured plan for the festival. Further, Dr. Soni directed officials to ensure quality resolutions for cases received during district-level public hearings, conduct regular public hearings, and routinely inspect govt offices, schools, and hostels.

Given the upcoming winter season, the District Collector instructed officials to operate a sufficient number of night shelters and ensure proper cleanliness, bedding, and other necessary arrangements.

He also emphasized utilizing buildings of merged government schools for running Anganwadi centers, health centers, or other government offices currently functioning in rented premises.

The meeting included a review of cases on the Rajasthan Sampark Portal and those related to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Dr. Soni urged officials to enhance preparations to improve the district's Swachh Bharat (Clean India) Survey rankings and directed the quality development of adopted parks in their respective areas.

Crime drops 10% in Ajmer range: ACS Home reviews safety measures

Shubham Jain
Ajmer

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Anand Kumar visited the Range DIG office in Ajmer to review the crime situation and discuss safety measures with officials. Highlighting a 10% reduction in crime this year compared to the previous year, Kumar emphasized the importance of proactive initiatives.

He directed officials to actively use social media and other platforms to inform the public about patrolling efforts, ensuring citizens feel secure. He also stressed the need



Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Anand Kumar receiving Guard of Honour at the Ajmer Range IG office on Tuesday.

for swift action in cases involving kidnapping and missing persons.

Regarding surveillance, Kumar instructed that CCTV cameras must be inspected daily,

with immediate repairs for any found faulty. Addressing crimes orchestrated from jails, Kumar assured strict action against all accused parties.

Roadmap for Reforms Kapoor highlights State's solar boom PMO advisor, CS review energy & infra projects

Dr Rituraj Sharma & Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is closely monitoring Rajasthan for its renewable energy potential and future development. Tarun Kapoor, advisor to PM Modi, visited the state to discuss strategies with Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant and other officials. The meeting aimed to create a roadmap for both energy reforms and infrastructure projects in Rajasthan.



Tarun Kapoor



Sudhansh Pant

Kapoor emphasized the vast potential of solar energy in the state and suggested the establishment of power storage plants to ensure 24-hour use of solar power. The central government is prioritizing Rajasthan for these developments. Additionally, the meeting reviewed solar park development, transmission networks, and the status of various renewable energy schemes like PM SuryaGhar and Kusum Yojana.

In a second meeting, Kapoor and Pant also assessed the progress of key infrastructure projects, including Jaipur Metro, bio-gas plants, and urban waste management. The review covered transportation, CNG, national highways, and the Barmer refinery, alongside mining-related issues.

TOP ENERGY OFFICIALS STRATEGIZE SOLAR FUTURE OF RAJASTHAN

A high-level meeting chaired by Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to the Prime Minister was organised in the CR-1 hall of the Secretariat. The meeting was attended by top officials, including ACS (Energy) Alok, Rajasthan Discom Chairperson Arti Dogra, RVPNL MD Nathmal Didel, RRECL MD Om Kaseera, Jodhpur Discom MD Bhanwarlal, and Ajmer Discom MD KP Verma, among others. The discussions were focused on the development of renewable energy in Rajasthan. Key issues deliberated included land allocation for solar park development, the status of the transmission network, and a review of existing and upcoming solar parks in the state. The meeting also addressed the topic of status of Rajasthan's Renewable Purchase Obligation, and PM SuryaGhar Yojana.

CM Sharma hosts BJP MPs over breakfast in New Delhi

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on his visit to Delhi organised a breakfast at Bikaner House for all BJP Members of Parliament from the state on Tuesday.

In a surprising turn in this event hosted by CM Sharma, Congress MPs also received invitations for the breakfast. Phones were made to Congress MPs from the RC office, inviting them to attend. On coming to know at higher level about this, the Congress MPs were called back and politely informed that they should not attend the event.

Despite this, Congress MP Bhajanlal Jatav, who had not answered the follow-up phone call, arrived at Bikaner House for the breakfast.

The entire incident has become a topic of discussion in both Delhi and Jaipur.

The event was attended by central ministers Bhupender Yadav, Ar-



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with Bhupender Yadav, GS Shekhawat, Madan Rathore, Ghanshyam Tiwari, PP Choudhary, Bhagirath Choudhary, Rajendra Gahlot, CP Joshi, Damodar Agarwal, Lumbaram Chaudhary, Mannalal Rawat, Rao Rajendra Singh, Chunnilal Garasia, and others during the breakfast on Tuesday.

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junram Meghwal, Bhagirath Choudhary, PP Choudhary and MPs CP Joshi, Damodar Agarwal, Lumbaram Chaud-

hary, Mannalal Rawat and Rao Rajendra Singh. Among the Rajya Sabha members, Chunnilal Garasia, Madan Rathore, Rajendra Gahlot and Ghanshyam Tiwari were also present.

The breakfast event was held from 8 AM to 10 AM at Bikaner House.

HM Shah to attend BSF foundation day in Jodhpur

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The much-anticipated 60th Raising Day celebration of the Border Security Force (BSF) in Jodhpur has been rescheduled. The event, originally planned for December 1, will now take place on December 8.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been invited as the chief guest for the occasion. Amit Shah shares a deep connection with the BSF headquarters and has previously visited to interact with BSF personnel. His presence is eagerly awaited by the entire BSF fraternity. The preparations for the event are in full swing under the supervision of BSF IG ML Garg.

For Women Empowerment

Diya Kumari pushes for higher nutrition rates, funds for anganwadi



Diya Kumari met Union Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi during her Delhi visit on Tuesday.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

A National Chintan Shivir of Women and Child Development Departments from all states will be held in Udaipur in January. The event will witness the participation of Union Ministers, and Women and Child Development Ministers from all states. The Shivir will feature detailed discussions on Anganwadi centers, nutrition programs, and other related issues, aiming to prepare a roadmap tailored to the specific needs of states.

Deputy CM Diya Ku-

mari met Union Minister Annapurna Devi in Delhi on Tuesday to discuss various department-related issues in detail.

Diya urged the Union Minister to release the grant amounts from the Centre in a lump sum for various schemes under the department. This, she emphasized, would ensure timely monthly honorariums for Anganwadi workers. In her letter, Diya Kumari also requested an increase in supplementary nutrition rates, highlighting that these rates were last revised in 2017 and need a justified recalibration.

Vishvaraj Singh to visit Ekling Nath temple today

Ravi S
Udaipur

Vishvaraj Singh Mewar on Tuesday spoke to the media in Udaipur. He said visiting Dhuni Mata is a family tradition and in their right. He also appealed to the administration to move forward with the action regarding the notices issued for the acquisition of City Palace's Dhuni Mata and other related sites. Vishvaraj Singh Mewar will visit the temple of Lord Ekling Nath for darshan on Wednesday. A dispute

LAKSHYARAJ RAISES CONCERNS OVER ADMINISTRATIVE NEGLIGENCE; CALLS FOR LEGAL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT

Udaipur: Addressing the media, Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar expressed sorrow over the recent incident, describing it as "highly unfortunate." He said, "We do not support any side in this matter. There is a system of law and order in this country, and the nation operates on the principles of law and governance." Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar raised serious concerns about the role of the Udaipur administration in the ongoing conflict. He alleged, "Pressure is being exerted on me, even though I am lawfully residing in my own home." Lakshyaraj said that the administration had been informed about the situation several days in advance but failed to act effectively. He criticized certain individuals for "misusing their positions of power" and condemned the police for "granting free rein," which he described as reprehensible. "This negligence has caused distress to lakhs of people and tarnished Udaipur's image," he said, adding that the matter should be resolved entirely through legal means.

AFTER UDAIPUR, BIKANER ROYALS IN LEGAL BATTLE OVER PROPERTY

After the Udaipur royal family, the Bikaner royal family is also embroiled in a dispute, which has now reached the police stations. FIR has been registered against Rajyashri Kumari, Govind Singh and others. Golden Triangle Company's Rajeev Mishra has lodged an FIR against MLA Siddhi Kumari. A property dispute going on between the aunt and the niece. Despite the accusations, MLA Siddhi Kumari said that she possesses all the relevant documents related to the issue. Additionally, the matter concerning the trust is currently in court.

arose over the visit to Dhuni Mata Temple, leading to tensions be-

tween two factions of the Mewar former royal family on Monday. The po-

lice have filed two cases related to the obstacle in government duties and

damage to public property, involving both factions. The Ghanta Ghar

Police Station took suo-motu cognizance and registered cases in connection with the conflict.

Officials from the Rajput Mahasabha have arrived at the district collectorate and held discussions with the District Collector and the Superintendent of Police.

On the initiative of the district administration, representatives from both sides arrived at the district collectorate. Representatives from Vishvaraj Singh Mewar and the City Palace management were present for the discussions. The issue is yet to reach an agreement.

Rising Rajasthan's Schedule released

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The much-awaited Rising Rajasthan event is gearing up for its grand opening with the following schedule and First India News is first to report on this.

On the inaugural day on December 9, the registration will start at 7.30am at JECC in Jaipur and the inauguration session will take place at

9am. Parallel Sectoral/Country Sessions will begin, covering a range of important topics in different halls from 2.30 to 5.30pm.

The evening will conclude with a cultural

event and dinner at Rambagh from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, offering a taste of Rajasthani culture and a chance for networking. On the second on November 10, Pravasi Rajasthani Conclave will be

held from 9am to 1pm and from 2.30 to 5.30 pm parallel sectoral/country sessions will be organised in different halls followed by cultural events and dinner at Jai Mahal Palace from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

On the last day of the Event, on November 11, MSME Conclave will be organised which will feature a valedictory session from 9am to 1pm followed by lunch.

Alleged mastermind arrested

SGST's enforcement wing takes major action, exposes fraudulent firm

Vimal Kothari
Jaipur

The State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) Department, along with the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Department, has become increasingly active against those misusing the GST laws. On Tuesday, the SGST Enforcement Wing carried out a major operation, exposing a racket involving fake firms, and arrested the alleged mastermind Amit Singhal.

According to reliable sources, Amit Singhal, a Chartered Accountant by profession, is accused of creating numerous fake firms under dummy names. He is accused of manipulating approximately Rs 16 crore worth of Input Tax Credit. This action was taken under the direction of Prakash Raj Purohit, the Chief Commissioner of SGST, and led by Deputy Commissioner Mahipal Singh. The investigation has revealed that the accused controlled the bank ac-



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counts used for the transactions of these fake firms. It was also discovered that after transferring Input Tax Credit to these fake firms through bogus invoices, Singhal would provide this credit to registered GST traders for a commission.

The officials are currently investigating, and it is expected that the amount of input tax credit manipulation could rise beyond Rs 16 crore.

CONSTITUTION DAY

NCW chief highlights women's leadership in Bikaner

Laxman Raghav
Bikaner

The Chairperson of the National Commission for Women Vijayala Rahatkar highlighted the importance of female leadership during her visit to Bikaner.

Speaking at an event on the Constitution day in Bikaner, she said PM Narendra Modi was committed to promoting women's leadership in the country, particularly through initiatives like women's reservation. Rahatkar noted



Vijaya Rahatkar, Sumit Godara, Siddhi Kumari, Sushila Kanwar and Jethanand Vyas during the event in Bikaner on Tuesday.

that implementing the mandate of the Commission was a top priority, stating, "It is our responsibility to ensure the protection of women's rights at

all costs." Addressing the challenges women face in accessing resources and support, Rahatkar shared a new initiative of the Commission.

'NO DISCRIMINATION IN CONSTITUTION,' SAYS GOVERNOR HARIBHAI BAGADE

Jaipur: On the occasion of Constitution Day, a special program titled "We the Women of India" was organized, where Governor Haribhai Bagde emphasized the importance of education in a nation's development. "A strong education policy is critical for any country's progress. Education fosters self-respecting and ideal citizens with faith in their nation," Governor Bagde stated. He highlighted that the Constitution Drafting Committee included 15 women and featured 15 members from



Rajasthan, including two from Bikaner. He further remarked, "Moral values cannot be expected without inner purity. The Constitution does not endorse discrimination

based on language, region, or culture." Vijaya Rahatkar said, "The struggles of women during the drafting of the Constitution teach us that transformation is possible despite challenges."

RE'BERTH' OF TEAM INDIA



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It is for this reason that cricket is so popular. Anything can happen in this wonderful game. The Perth win for India once again showed that Cricket is a glorious game of uncertainties! Team India walked into the Perth Test with an abysmal series against New Zealand where Rohit Sharma and his men were whacked off Three-Nil. It was a white-wash. And with that, Team India had to win four out of five Tests in the Border Gavaskar Trophy to stay in contention for the WTC.

By the time Team India had reached Australia, the country's media had already by then fleeced India's recent performance against the Kiwis and was going gaga with the media trial. A young and raw team headed by seasoned Jasprit Bumrah had a huge challenge especially with Rohit Sharma back in India and Virat Kohli struggling with the willow and Shami not making it to the playing XI. Bumrah knew that he had to shoulder the entire team. Having said so, India's dismal outing after winning the toss was a nightmare which India would never want to remember. With a mere 150 all out on Day 1, the writing "apparently" was on the wall. But as they say cricket is a glorious game of uncertainties. However, whatever happened in the next three days is now part of a golden history.

The win at Perth is India's biggest one by the margin of runs against Australia in their backyard. The last biggest win was way back in 1977, when India won their first Test Down Under in Melbourne. This victory in Perth became India's 10th Test victory in Australia. Also, in the overall contests between India and

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST TEST DEFEATS

- England's 675-Run Victory in Brisbane (1928)
- South Africa's 492-Run Victory in Johannesburg (2018)
- West Indies' 408-Run Victory in Adelaide (1980)
- Pakistan's 373-Run Victory in Abu Dhabi (2018)
- Pakistan's 356-Run Victory in Abu Dhabi (2014)
- England's 347-Run Victory at Lord's (2013)
- India's 295-Run Victory in Perth (2024-25)



BIGGEST TEST WINS FOR INDIA MEN IN AUSTRALIA (BY MARGIN OF RUNS)

Test	Year	Margin
Perth	2024	295
Melbourne	1977	222
Melbourne	2018	137
Perth, WACA	2008	59
Adelaide	2018	31

MOST TEST HUNDREDS FOR INDIA MEN IN AUSTRALIA

Batter	Hundreds	Matches
Virat Kohli	7	14
Sachin Tendulkar	6	20
Sunil Gavaskar	5	11
VVS Laxman	4	15
Cheteshwar Pujara	3	11

Australia, it was the second biggest Test win (as far as runs are concerned) after the Mohali Test (2008), when India had won by 320 runs. With the Perth win, Bumrah became the second skipper from the Asian continent to lead his team to a Test win against Australia especially in Perth - after Anil Kumble did the wonders way back in 2008. The records have another feather for Bumrah. He also managed to script a record for most five-wicket hauls for India in Tests against South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia and with this, Bumrah equals Kapil Dev atop the tally with seven fivers.

After a dismal 150 in the first inning, What possessed Indian batters in their second inning, we shall never get to know, but the way young Jaiswal and vintage KL Rahul went on to bat will soon become sheer folklore. It reminded all vintage cricket lovers of how VVS and Pujara withstood sheer speed and created huge totals. Remember the Kolkata match in 2001... when VVS Laxman stood like the Rock of Gibraltar and went on to

script a match-winning 281 after India were struggling at 65 for five. That Test inning of VVS and this inning by Jaiswal in Perth do not come by everyday. Both were ceremonious and those who viewed it had a glimpse of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. After the first inning heart-break when Jaiswal failed to open his account, his second inning which was so matured only assures us that Team India will go from strength to strength in the years to come.

The other good news was that Virat Kohli's 100 not out. If King Kohli has found his form with this inning, things could not have been better for us as we still have four Tests left. Team India's recent heroics in the T20 against the Proteas under the leadership of Suryakumar also has one surprise package for us. The young side led by veteran SKY as Suryakumar is known to have whacked South Africa in a sweep. And the talent and prowess displayed by that team especially in the batting section was simply outstanding and the likes of Tilak Verma make it really difficult for the selectors to pick

and choose the playing XI. India's talent pool has never been better than this and not to mention that Subhman Gill is set to return to the side. One look at the current form and the batting averages of the current fast guns will give us a clearer picture of our future. Till September 2024, Yashasvi Jaiswal boasted of an average of 68.53 in the longest format of the game.

Subhman Gill averages 65.55 in ODIs, 40.40 in T20Is. Rishab Pant averages around 43.34 in 39 Tests with 159 as his highest. Also, the must watch list includes young cricketers like Washington Sundar, Devdutt Paddikal among others. With Rohit Sharma coming in and if Subhman Gill is fit to play, Team India would be more confident to take on the already battered Australia. Even as we talk about records, we must mention that Jaiswal also became only the second player to convert his first four Test hundreds into 150 plus scores - the other being former South Africa captain Graeme Smith.

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IN-DEPTH

On the horizon: Israel-Lebanon ceasefire deal

The prospect of a 60-day ceasefire deal between Israel and Lebanon, and by extension with Hezbollah, marks a potential breakthrough in a region long shadowed by conflict. Decades of hostility and unresolved disputes, particularly over borders and maritime rights, have hindered stability and cooperation. However, recent talks, mediated by global stakeholders, suggest a growing willingness on both sides to pursue diplomacy over discord.

Central to the negotiations is Israel's demand for freedom to strike targets if Hezbollah violates the agreements. Lebanese officials are opposed to this clause. A successful agreement could unlock opportunities to rebuild destroyed areas and provide relief to the people, besides offering a lifeline to Lebanon's struggling economy. Yet, significant challenges remain. Historical mistrust, internal political pressures, and the influence of external actors could derail progress.

Still, even the prospect of dialogue signals hope. A deal, if achieved, would not only reduce tensions but could also inspire broader reconciliation efforts for a lasting peace and cooperation.

THE CONSTITUTION'S SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY



As the country celebrates 75 years of its Independence, it is important to reflect on the remarkable journey of its Constitution, a document that has stood as the cornerstone of the world's largest democracy. Enacted on January 26, 1950, the Indian Constitution was envisioned not just as a legal framework but as a transformative charter for a diverse, newly-independent nation.

Despite its challenges, India's Constitution has withstood the test of time, adapting to social, economic, and political upheavals. Its framers—led by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar—ensured that the document was both robust and flexible, empowering Parliament to amend it as necessary while safeguarding fundamental rights and democratic principles.

Over the years, India has weathered wars, political crises, Emergency, and economic liberalisation, all while adhering to constitutional principles. The judiciary has played a critical role in upholding its sanctity, with landmark judgments like Kesavananda Bharati reaffirming the "basic structure doctrine" that prevents its misuse. Even on Monday the Supreme Court upheld the inclusion of "secular" and socialist in the Preamble.

However, the journey has not been without concerns. Contentious amendments and debates on individual freedoms versus state authority have tested the balance of power. The Constitution has had to respond to aspirations for social justice, regional autonomy, and economic equity while ensuring unity and integrity.

The fact that India remains a vibrant democracy, despite its diversity and challenges, is testament to the vision of its founders. As we look ahead, safeguarding constitutional values of justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity is imperative to ensure the document continues to guide the nation toward an inclusive and progressive future.

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ABOUT THE MATCH

And it must be mentioned here that Virat Kohli, who notched his 30th Test ton was his first in Australia since 2018. Even before India reached Australia, the country's media was making mincemeat of us and kept on asking whether India's youngsters can perform in alien and hostile Australian conditions... by the end of the fourth day, they received their answer in the way they understand it. The win not only handed India a dominant start in the series but also marked one of Australia's heaviest defeats on home soil. This defeat added to a list of heavy losses Australia has suffered over the years, both at home and abroad

TOP TWEETS



Inspired by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi's vision, let us come together today to reaffirm our commitment to the values enshrined in our Constitution. Take the 'Read the Preamble' pledge and express your dedication to a united and democratic India.

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh



Greetings on Constitution Day! The Constitution is the foundation of our democracy. Tributes to Babasaheb and all the visionaries who shaped it. Inspired by Babasaheb's ideals, PM Sh @narendramodi ji remains dedicated to an inclusive and equitable India.

Dr Jitendra Singh @DrJitendraSingh

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Your actions sow the seeds of your future; what you give, you shall receive.

BUDDHA



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with BJP MP Baijayant Panda during 'Samvidhan Divas' function at Samvidhan Sadan, in New Delhi on Tuesday. **PTI**



BJP MP Kangana Ranaut clicks a selfie with women members of the House during 'Samvidhan Divas' function in New Delhi on Tuesday. Also seen is Manju Sharma in the foreground.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and LOP in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge shake hands.



Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Shivraj Singh Chouhan with TMC MP Derek O'Brien during 'Samvidhan Divas' function at Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi on Tuesday.

NETAS' BONHOMIE

in constitutional democracy

In a constitutional democracy, leadership is not just about wielding power—it's about embodying the spirit of collaboration, understanding, and unity.

The leader, as the custodian of the people's trust, must demonstrate bonhomie—the warmth, good nature, and congeniality that fosters a sense of community and belonging. Same was on display inside the parliament on Tuesday on the occasion of the Samvidhan Divas



Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, LOP in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and LOP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi during 'Samvidhan Divas' function in New Delhi.



Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Bhupender Yadav and Jyotiraditya Scindia during Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas) celebrations on Tuesday.



Bird's eye view of the full-house Samvidhan Sadan during President Droupadi Murmu's address in New Delhi on Tuesday.

RAHUL DISRESPECTED PRESIDENT, ALLEGES BJP, SHARES VIDEOS

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was accused by the BJP of disrespecting President Droupadi Murmu by not greeting her at celebrations in Parliament. Sharing videos, BJP's Amit Malviya alleged that the Congress leader was distracted during the national anthem. Malviya shared two videos, one showing Gandhi looking sideways while other leaders either looked straight ahead or downwards during anthem.

'STRUGGLE TO DEFEND INHERENT PHILOSOPHY MUST BE REIGNITED'

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday urged citizens to protect the ethos of the Constitution and said the struggle to defend India's inherent philosophy must be reinvigorated and reignited in the 75th year of its adoption. Kharge said the people of India should come together to protect each and every thought expressed in the Constitution. "I extend my warmest wishes to all Indians on historic occasion," he said.

I GUARANTEE YOU, HE HASN'T READ CONSTITUTION: RAHUL JAB AT PM

Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of not adhering to the principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution. "I guarantee you that Prime Minister Modi has not read the Constitution. If he had, he wouldn't do the things he does every day," said Gandhi. He emphasized that the Constitution is not merely a book but embodies India's ethos of truth and non-violence.

CONSTITUTION SHOULD GUIDE ALL OUR ACTIONS: ANDHRA CM NAIDU

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday urged government officials and ministers to uphold the principles of the Constitution in their work. He was addressing bureaucrats and ministers at the secretariat on the occasion of the Constitution day. Describing the adoption of the Constitution as a "holy and special" occasion, Naidu extended greetings to Indians worldwide.

ELSEWHERE...



BJP National President JP Nadda pays tribute to Dr. BR Ambedkar at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday.



Supreme Court Bar Association President Kapil Sibal addresses during Constitution Day celebrations at Apex Court.

Plea alleges Rahul's dual citizenship, cites proof from British authorities

Agencies
New Delhi

The government on Tuesday informed the Allahabad High Court that a petition alleging dual citizenship being held by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is being looked into. The case will be heard next on December 19.



RAHUL LEADS CONG DELEGATION TO SAMBHAL

Congress MP Rajiv Shukla on Tuesday said that Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi along with a delegation of the Congress party left for Sambhal. The LoP's visit comes after the stone pelting incident which took place when a team arrived to survey Shahi Jama Masjid on November 24. "He has directly left from the Parliament," Shukla told ANI. Meanwhile, a 12-member delegation from the Samajwadi Party is also scheduled to visit the affected area on Tuesday.

The case stems from a plea filed by advocate and BJP leader Vignesh Shishir, who has also sought a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

probe into Gandhi's citizenship. The petitioner alleges that there is evidence suggesting Gandhi holds British citizenship, citing emails purportedly

obtained from the UK government.

According to the petitioner, Sarma had contacted UK authorities in 2022 for information on

Gandhi's citizenship. While the UK government reportedly confirmed some details, it declined to disclose complete information.

Welfare, equal profit distribution must be cooperatives' core: Shah

ANI
New Delhi

Cooperation from all, welfare for all, and equitable profit distribution are three key principles that should underpin the cooperative sector. Without these, achieving the intended goals would be difficult, Union Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah said during the diamond jubilee celebration of the National Federation of State Co-operative Banks Ltd (NAFSCOB). Primary Agricultural

“If district and state cooperative banks are to remain robust, we must ensure PACS are strengthened. After establishing the Ministry of Cooperation, the government computerised almost all PACS and the data is available in eight languages.”
AMIT SHAH, UNION MINISTER OF COOPERATION

Credit Societies (PACS) form the foundation of state and district cooperative banks, emphasised Home Minister Shah.

Shah stated that unless PACS are computerised and made administratively efficient, district and

state cooperative banks cannot function effectively.

The minister further explained that PACS are now connected with district and state cooperative banks, as well as the NABARD.

Man held for 'objectionable' social post on Sambhal unrest

Agencies
Prayagraj

The Prayagraj police on Monday arrested 59-year-old businessman Mohammad Javed, popularly known as Javed Pump, for allegedly attempting to incite public unrest over the recent violence in Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh through an "objectionable" social media post. Javed, the prime accused in the 2022 Prayagraj violence, was out on bail.

The Sambhal violence erupted on Sunday after a team conducted a court-ordered survey of a mosque, resulting in the deaths of four persons.

According to Prayagraj police, they had been monitoring social media activities following the Sambhal violence.

JAVED'S INVOLVEMENT IN 2002 VIOLENCE

On June 10, 2022, the Prayagraj police arrested Javed for allegedly being the mastermind behind the violence that broke out in the city during protests against remarks made by then-BJP leader Nupur Sharma about the Prophet. Javed was accused of instigating people through social media.

FEEDBACK LETTER BY LT GENERAL

Women commanding officers have 'ego issues'

Agencies
New Delhi

Mundane ego issues, lack of empathy, exaggerated tendency to complain, my way or the highway approach to decision making — this is how a top army general has described women commanding officers in a scathing review letter sent to the Eastern Command's General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

While top defence sources told various news

outlets that these may reflect his personal opinions, Lieutenant General Rajeev Puri described the letter as his "feedback" and "analysis" as the outgoing commander of 17 Corps. Calling it an "in-house review", Lt Gen Puri listed challenges observed in the units commanded by these women officers, who hold the rank of colonel, over the past year.

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preme Court order in 2023. His "serious concerns" in a letter dated October 1, have sparked a debate among experts

and within the military on the integration of women officers in leadership roles. According to a report,

the general's observations are based on a small sample size of seven women commanding officers (CO) in the 17 Corps. The army has more than 100 women in this position across formations.

The report further said he spoke about human resource management challenges and said they have an "exaggerated tendency to complain" without taking the time or energy to internally resolve minor grievances.

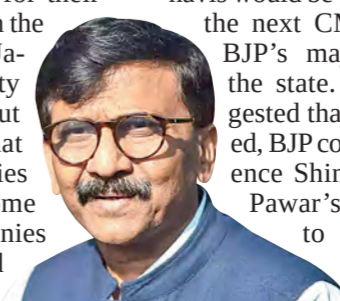
'Sub-companies of BJP'

Raut disparages Ajit Pawar, Eknath Shinde

ANI
Mumbai

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut criticized the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party for their alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Raut claimed that these parties have become "sub-companies of BJP" and

cannot decide on the Maharashtra Chief Minister candidate independently. He stated that Amit Shah and PM Narendra Modi would make the decision. Raut predicted that BJP's Devendra Fadnis would be chosen as the next CM, citing BJP's majority in the state. He suggested that if needed, BJP could influence Shinde's and Pawar's parties to secure a majority.





Supporters of imprisoned former premier Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, remove shipping container to clear way for their rally demanding Khan's release in Islamabad on Tuesday. **PTI**

WHY THE PROTESTS

72-year-old Imran Khan, PTI founder has been in jail since August 5, 2023, and had given the 'final call' for the protest to force the authorities to release all prisoners, including himself, and also restore the alleged stolen mandate or victory of his party in February 8 elections as well as rescind the last month's 26th constitutional amendment allowing the government more powers over judiciary.

FLASHBACK

- 1 Khan has been implicated in dozens of cases since his government was dismissed through a no-confidence motion in 2022. He has been in Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi since last year facing over 200 cases.
- 2 His party won the largest number of seats in the February general elections despite contesting as independents as the party was denied an election symbol.
- 3 The party founder has alleged that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and its coalition partners, including the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), had "stolen the mandate" to grab power at the federal level.

Pakistan on the boil

6 security personnel killed, over 100 injured during protests staged by Imran Khan's party PTI; shoot at sight orders issued for army



PTI Supporters aim to throw stones with slingshot following police fire tear gas shell to disperse them during clashes in Islamabad on Tuesday. **PTI**

Agencies Islamabad

Four paramilitary personnel and two policemen have been killed and over 100 security personnel injured as the protest by supporters of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan turned violent prompting the federal government to deploy the army in the national capital along with shoot at sight orders on Tuesday, state-run media said.

Pakistan deployed the army amid a tense standoff with Khan's supporters from his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) pushing forward by removing hurdles on their way to Islamabad's D-Chowk venue as the government vowed to foil their attempt "even if a curfew needs to be imposed."

Radio Pakistan said a vehicle rammed into Pakistan Rangers personnel killing four Rangers officials on the Srinagar Highway in Islamabad late on Monday night. Five other Rangers personnel and several police officials too sustained

Attacks on police and Rangers, under the guise of a so-called peaceful protest, are condemnable. The anarchist group seeks bloodshed and "Pakistan cannot afford any form of chaos or bloodshed. Bloodshed for nefarious political agenda is unacceptable and highly condemnable."

SHEHBAZ SHARIF, PAK PRIME MINISTER

My brothers, as long as Imran is not with us, we will not end this march.

BUSHRA BIBI, IMRAN KHAN'S WIFE

severe injuries.

About five kilometres from this spot, a bunch of miscreants, equipped with weapons and ammunition, pelted stones on the Rangers personnel and carried out indiscriminate firing.



Soren meets PM Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with Jharkhand Chief Minister designate Hemant Soren in New Delhi on Tuesday. Soren invited PM Modi, Amit Shah, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi for oath ceremony on November 28. **PTI**

Science has its limits, says Mohan Bhagwat

Erroneous to believe that nothing exists beyond its boundaries, adds RSS chief

ANI
New Delhi

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday stated that there is no conflict between spirituality and science, as both fields require a sense of faith to achieve justice.

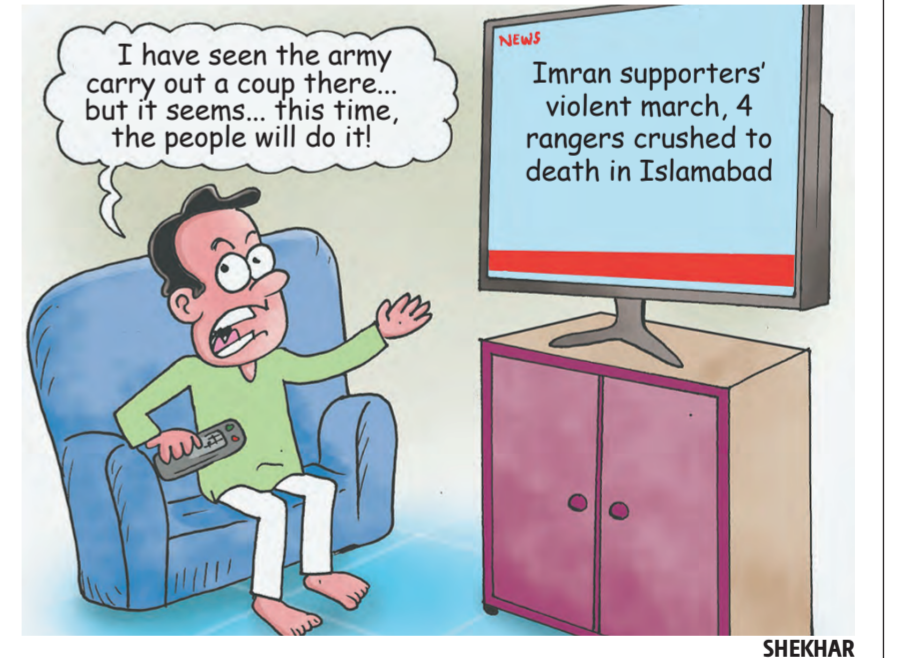
Bhagwat, with Swami Avadheshanand Giri, launched book 'Banayen Jeevan Praanwaan' authored by RSS Pracharak Mukul Kanitkar.



Swami Avadheshanand Giri greets Mohan Bhagwat.

Speaking at the event, Bhagwat said, "Science has its limits, and it is erroneous to assume that nothing exists beyond its scope."

FI TOON



SHEKHAR

Blast near Badshah's Chandigarh nightclub

Goldy Brar claims responsibility

Agencies
Chandigarh

Two blasts occurred outside a nightclub in Sector 26 early this morning (November 26), causing minor damage to the property, authorities reported. The explosion, which took place between 2.30 am and 2.45 am, was caused by a low-intensity device thrown by two suspects on a motorcycle.

Gangsters Goldy Brar and Rohit Godara (Lawrence Bishnoi gang)



claimed responsibility for the blast through a social media post. According to the post, the gang targeted De'orra restaurant and Sevilee bar and lounge, which is owned by rapper Badshah. No casualties were reported in the incident.

26/11 MUMBAI ATTACK

Murmu, other leaders pay tribute on 16th anniversary

Agencies
New Delhi

On the 16th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday paid tribute to the lives lost in the horrific attack that shook the nation.

"On the anniversary of the cowardly terror attacks in Mumbai on 26th November, 2008, I join the entire nation in paying homage to the bravehearts who lost their lives



and expressing solidarity with their families," President Murmu said in a post on X.

The attack, carried out by 10 terrorists from Paki-

stan, remains one of the deadliest in India's history, claiming the lives of 166 people. While nine attackers were gunned down by Indian security forces, one

surviving terrorist, Ajmal Kasab, was captured, tried, and later executed in November 2012.

Union Ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh on Tuesday paid homage to the multiple security who bravely fought the terrorists during the 26/11 terror attacks.

"On this day in 2008, cowardly terrorists shamed humanity by killing innocent people in Mumbai. I pay my emotional tribute to the soldiers who attained martyrdom while fighting

terrorists in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and salute those who lost their lives," said Amit Shah in a post on X.

Calling terrorism a 'blot on the entire human civilisation', he highlighted how India has become a world leader in anti-terrorism initiatives.

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi taking to X said, "My humble tribute to all the brave soldiers and civilians martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack on Mumbai 26/11."

Moody's downs outlook for seven Adani companies

Agencies
New Delhi

The Adani Group is facing increased scrutiny as Moody's Ratings announced a downgrade of its outlook for seven companies within the group. These include Adani Green Energy, Adani Ports, and Adani Transmission, among others. The outlook for these entities has been changed from stable to negative.

The downgrade comes after US indictment row involving Gautam Adani.

75 Years of Bharat's Constitution

Rathore calls it a chance to live & understand constitutional values, not just a walk

'Padyatra to empower Constitution's legacy'

Naresh Sharma
Jaipur

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore, on Tuesday, participated in the 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimani Padyatra' at Chitrakoot Stadium in Jaipur to mark the completion of 75 glorious years of the Constitution of India.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, and Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, the event celebrated the nation's constitutional legacy. Rathore emphasised the importance of safeguarding the Constitution and took an oath with participants to uphold the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the country.

Rathore stated that this was not just a walk but a valuable opportunity to live and understand constitutional values. "By realising the core spirit of the Constitution, justice and dignity are being ensured for every individual in the new India," he said.



Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore addresses during the 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimani Padyatra' at Chitrakoot Stadium in Jaipur on Tuesday. **SANTOSH SHARMA**



Rajyavardhan Rathore with the participants during the Padyatra.



Participants of the Padyatra take an oath to protect the Constitution of India during the mega event.

DO NOT FOSTER DISRESPECT TOWARDS THE CONSTITUTION, ASSERTS VASUDEV DEVNANI

On Constitution Day, Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani emphasised that the Constitution's basic structure cannot be altered. He highlighted that 22 parts of the Constitution represent Indian culture & morality. Devnani encouraged citizens to read and understand the Constitution. He also inaugurated the newly constructed Constitution Gallery at the Political Narrative Museum, showcasing artworks depicting scenes from the 22 parts, including key moments from Indian history, such as Lord Ram's victory in Lanka, Lord Krishna's teachings to Arjun, and the life of Lord Buddha. The gallery educates youth on India's values. Devnani stressed that understanding the Constitution fosters respect for democracy and urged all to embrace its ideals in daily life. **Yogesh Sharma**



Vasudev Devnani inaugurates the newly constructed Constitution Gallery at the Museum in the State Assembly. Jogaram Patel, Tikaram Jolly & others were present.

RAJ HIGH COURT ADVOCATES, NGO CELEBRATE 75TH CONSTITUTION DAY

On November 26, 2024, the 75th Constitution Day was celebrated at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jhalana. The event was attended by the Additional Solicitor General of Rajasthan High Court, Rajdeepak Rastogi, along with govt advocates and NGO HELPS. Justice Sameer Jain of Rajasthan HC was the Chief Guest, with Justice Anil Kumar Upman as the special guest. Rastogi emphasised that this initiative by govt advocates was the first of its kind in nation. He discussed India's judicial evolution and Constitution's role in guaranteeing equality & dignity. Justice Jain compared the Constitution to sacred texts, urging discussions on its provisions, while Justice Upman highlighted importance of Fundamental Rights. The event concluded with the national anthem.



Madan Rathore during the address of President Droupadi Murmu on the occasion of the 75th 'Samvidhan Diwas' at the Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday. He also listened to the address by the BJP National President J.P. Nadda during a programme at BJP Headquarters in New Delhi. He also met BJP National General Secretary B.L. Santhosh and also with state in-charge Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal.

CONG LAUNCHES 'SAMVIDHAN RAKSHAK ABHIYAN' IN RAJASTHAN

On Constitution Day, the Jaipur city Congress organized a seminar and gathering at the Pradesh Congress Committee office. Leader of Opposition Tikaram Jolly, addressing the event, stated that the country's Constitution is under threat and cannot be protected by staying at home. He emphasized the need to educate the public about the Constitution to strengthen it. Jolly also criticized the appointment of administrators in municipal bodies, calling for elections to be held via ballot papers instead of EVMs. The event was attended by prominent Congress leaders, including Jaipur City Congress President R.R. Tiwari, Dy LoP Ramkishore Meena,

& Ex-RPSC Chairman B.M. Sharma. Jolly argued that the weakening of the Constitution through acts like burning copies and undermining democratic processes must be resisted. Congress also announced a 60-day "Samvidhan Rakshak Abhiyan," starting on Nov 26, 2024, to promote constitutional values across Rajasthan.

JMCG Mayor advocates for city in 16th Finance Commission meeting



Dr Somya participates in 16th Finance Commission's Nat'l Conference of Mayors and Chairpersons in New Delhi.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The JMCG Mayor, Dr Somya, attended the 16th Finance Commission meeting in Delhi on Tuesday. She proposed including Jaipur as a mandatory modern city in the Commission's considerations and emphasized

flexibility in its conditions to address urban challenges.

Dr Somya highlighted ongoing issues faced by municipal corporations & offered solutions.

The meeting, attended by over 100 Mayors, focused on fiscal matters and urban governance.

RCDF & Dairy Unions win National Awards in Delhi

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF) and its associated dairy unions were honoured at a National Award ceremony in New Delhi. The Pratapura Dairy Producers' Committee of Bhilwara Dairy Union received the "Best Dairy Cooperative Society" award, while Rajendra Kumar and Virendra

Kumar Saini from Hanumangarh Dairy Union were recognised as the "Best AI Technicians."

Shruti Bhardwaj, Administrator of RCDF, received the awards with Nanuram Kumawat and the two employees from Hanumangarh. Rajasthan's Home Minister Jawahar Singh Bedham also attended. The awards were presented by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh.



Jawahar S Bedham, Shruti Bhardwaj during the National award ceremony in New Delhi. Nanuram Kumawat & others were present.



IndiGo delays Jpr flights despite DGCA nod

Despite receiving approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), flights from Jaipur to four new cities—Nagpur, Patna, Ranchi, and Bhubaneswar—are not set to begin as initially planned. IndiGo Airlines had secured the necessary clearance to operate flights to these destinations, with services expected to start on December 1. However, the airline has not yet commenced ticket bookings.

JDA to introduce new entry protocol soon

The JDA is planning to introduce a new entry protocol to control unauthorised access to its premises. The system will include colour-coded entry passes for authorised visitors & employees, with entry permitted only after scanning. Officials are consulting with airport & Secretariat experts to finalise the most suitable option. The new system is expected to be implemented soon across all JDA buildings, aiming to enhance security & ensure an efficient entry process.

STIR AT RSRDC HQ OVER TOLL TENDER ISSUES

A protest was held at RSRDC HQ in Jhalana against alleged irregularities in toll collection tenders. Hundreds surrounded MD Sunil Jai Singh, who spoke to the protesters. Yunus Chowdhary, leading the stir, claimed tenders were fixed to favour certain firms, risking job losses & revenue cuts. Chowdhary stated that a memorandum had been sent to officials but no action was taken. He threatened a hunger strike if the issue remains unresolved.

Dotasra, Randhawa discuss by-election results in Delhi

The State PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra met Rajasthan In-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa in Delhi on Monday to review the by-election results. Randhawa expressed disappointment as Congress won only one of seven seats, with Dotasra providing feedback on the outcomes. Congress's sole victory came from Dausa.

Congress secretly forms shadow Cabinet in Raj: Jolly

The Leader of Opposition Tikaram Jolly disclosed that the Congress has formed a shadow cabinet in Rajasthan, kept undisclosed to avoid confusion. Responsibilities for various departments were privately assigned to legislators, raising questions about the secrecy and rationale behind assigning public welfare responsibilities in private.

Cong Councillor's unusual alliance with BJP Chairman

In a surprising twist, a Congress councillor has been spending significant time with BJP Chairman, raising eyebrows. Despite holding key party responsibilities, the councillor often sits in Chairman's chamber, reportedly gaining political insights. The BJP Chairman, overseeing city sanitation, shares insights, fueling political maneuvering rumours.

BUREAUCRATIC RESTRUCTURING

Rajendra Chhabra
Jaipur

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma poised to overhaul administrative structure following political success

After delivering a remarkable performance on the political front, it is now time for Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma to focus on streamlining the administration. In the year since assuming office, CM Sharma has gained a deep understanding of the state's bureaucracy. Given his adeptness in political management, it is widely anticipated that he will bring the same level of efficiency and skill to administrative reforms.

The focus at present is on reshuffling the state's IAS officers. Sources suggest that a transfer list of 20-24 IAS officers is under preparation. However, ex-

perts argue that major changes are required at the senior levels. While the Finance department may remain unaffected, many other postings across departments remain improperly allocated. Despite several transfer lists, officer placements are far from satisfactory, with some junior or under-performing officers holding crucial roles while more competent, result-oriented individuals being sidelined.

With the Chief Minister now having adequate time and crucial insights into the functioning of the state administration, it is

expected that he will take charge and implement necessary corrections. However, any substantial reshuffling is likely to be postponed until after the state's key upcoming events — the Rising Rajasthan Summit and the first anniversary celebrations of the government. That said, a minor reshuffle addressing immediate concerns could happen before these events.

Among the changes experts deem urgent is the filling of vacant positions, particularly within the Skill Development program. This flagship



initiative, once managed by senior IAS officers, has suffered due to vacancies in critical positions such as Secretary, MD, and Commissioner, which are currently being filled on an additional charge basis. Immediate attention is needed to appoint a full-time MD for the Skill Development

Corporation. In addition, the Mines Department in Udaipur has been operating without a Director for two months, with the MD of RSMM handling the role informally. Such irregularities have been criticized by experts, who also point out that 5 out of 10 Divisional Com-

missioner posts are vacant, with the remaining commissioners managing additional charges — a situation that undermines good governance. Chief Secretary Sudhanshu Pant recently acknowledged in a meeting that the performance of nearly half a dozen district collectors is unsatisfactory. He called for the immediate removal of ineffective collectors, underscoring the need for decisive action from the CM.

Similarly, the Planning Department, long considered the government's think tank, is currently led

by a Joint Secretary instead of a senior IAS officer. Experts have called for a senior, experienced IAS officer to be appointed to this critical post without delay. Other vacancies, such as Director in the Labour Department and MD in JCTL, also require urgent attention.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) recently gave a clean chit to senior IAS officer Kunji Lal Meena, who has been marginalised since 2023, suggesting he may be reassigned to a higher responsibility given his track record.

CONFUSION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (DoP)

A recent order from the Department of Personnel (DOP) has sparked confusion. On November 11, DOP assigned the additional charge of Chairman of the Kota Development Authority to Kota Collector Ravindra Kumar Goswami. However, on November 24, a duplicate order was issued, reaffirming the same charge. The reason for issuing the same order twice remains unclear, raising questions about the urgency and rationale behind the second order, particularly since it was issued on a Sunday, a holiday. Administrative experts are calling this a mistake and a sign of negligence within the DOP.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The problem is never the problem, it is always the reaction to the problem which is the problem- control that and you control your life and 'problems'.

Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Devendra Fadnavis is a consensus choice of Modi, Bhagwat, Shah, and Nadda: Dr Chandra

"Amit Shah says majority counts in democracy.. the sentiment of BJP workers has to be honoured"



Reflecting upon the Maharashtra poll result and the recent political developments, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra stresses that several key events have shaped the discourse surrounding BJP's strategy and leadership. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's one-liner, "If we are united, we are safe," has emerged as a guiding mantra for the party, signalling a strategic move to solidify Hindu voter unity. Dr Chandra highlights that this statement reflects a shift towards an emotional, identity-driven agenda, despite BJP's initial focus on development. He further explains that in Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath's "Batenge to Katenge" slogan gained traction, helping the BJP regain momentum in by-elections. At the same time, speculation grows around the formation of Maharashtra's new government, as Devendra Fadnavis is widely expected to become Chief Minister, pending the approval of coalition partners. Additionally, the suspension of parliamentary proceedings over the Adani issue has raised concerns, but with experienced leaders like Om Birla and Jagdeep Dhankhar at the helm, there are hopes for smooth functioning and resolution of pending bills. Excerpts... (Part I)



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Vivek Kumar Srivastava, Akanksha Tomar, Pooja Yadav, Aditi Nagar & Poornima Mishra during 'The JC Show'.

● **The headline for today's show is "If we are united, we are safe". It originated from Maharashtra. What does this mean?**

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra: It's a strategic move, a masterstroke by Narendra Modi. This is a dignified and decent polarisation of Hindu voters against Muslim mobilisation. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) no longer needs a manifesto or any homework to fight the next election. Narendra Modi has given the BJP a one-liner agenda for the coming years: "If we are united, we are safe." The ground realities will be handled by Amit Shah. Narendra Modi has set the agenda for the BJP for the future with this line: It's a decent and dignified agenda.

● **Did Yogi Adityanath's "Batenge to Katenge" slogan work in the by-elections in Uttar Pradesh as well?**

Yes, indeed. Yogi Ji, the Maharaj, is quite lucky. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured 240 seats, but in the by-elections in UP, they lost some seats and were disappointed. Maharaj and his advisors were worried about the upcoming 9-seat by-elections and how they would win them. Then one day, out of nowhere, Yogi Ji made a speech where he suddenly said, "Batenge to Katenge." This slogan is Yogi Ji's, but the Prime Minister made it more dignified and decent. PM Modi said, "If we are united, we are safe," and then "If we are united, we are good." These slogans to-

gether changed the atmosphere in Maharashtra and across the country. CM Yogi holds a meeting every morning with his advisors like Sanjay Prasad, Shishir, Mritunjay Kumar, the DGP, and the Chief Secretary. These advisors are part of his think tank, and they are all very happy. They are now discussing how to successfully manage the Kumbh Mela. Yogi Ji is not just a hero there, but a hero across the country. The "Batenge to Katenge" slogan is a super hit.

● **Is the BJP returning to its old Hindu-Muslim agenda?**

Honestly, it wasn't planned this way. Several years ago, Modi decided that the agenda would be development and good governance. And it was made. But after the BJP won 240 seats, there was homework to do. One major factor was Muslim voter polarisation. At first, they didn't want to shift from that agenda, but then this slogan emerged. It wasn't planned, but the results were evident. You can say that, whether they wanted it or not, the agenda has become more emotional, more Hindu-Muslim oriented, with the message: "If we are united, we are safe." On record, the Prime Minister said that Maharashtra's win was due to development and good governance. But it can be said that the situation has forced the BJP back towards a religious and emotional approach or against Muslim polarisation, for the sake of security. In that sense, the BJP

is returning to this path.

● **The Prime Minister said there is no place for Waqf in the Constitution. What exactly does the Prime Minister mean by this?**

The Prime Minister means that the law should take its course. The Constitution does not have a provision for Waqf. These decisions came from subsequent governments. Waqf land and religious institutions are under question, and now the situation in the country is different. The majority Community sees that billions of rupees worth of land is controlled by a specific group. This issue has even gone to the High Court and the Supreme Court. The UP government made efforts, but the decisions were overturned. There is no mention of Waqf in the Constitution, and the Prime Minister has made it clear. This indicates that Waqf should not remain in its current form. A bill has been introduced, and it went to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). So, whether now or in the future, this law will be implemented.

● **Why did Narendra Modi hold fewer public meetings in Haryana and Maharashtra this time? Was there a strategic reason behind it? Why is Amit Shah being called the "Man of the Match" for this election?**

It's a well-thought-out strategy. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has advisors who study events closely and take collective steps. After

winning 240 seats, they felt that Prime Minister Modi's projection needed to be scaled back a bit. The idea was to take one step back and two steps forward—this was part of the strategy. The larger goal is to develop regional leadership. If the Prime Minister attends every election, regional leaders never get a chance to rise. So, to give them more freedom and opportunities, Modi held fewer rallies. In Haryana, he held only 4 rallies, in Jharkhand 6, and in Maharashtra 9. This was a strategic decision to build local leadership and bring the campaign to a reasonable shape.



As for Amit Shah, every time he is the "Man of the Match." He is the one who crafted the alliance in Maharashtra, decided which seats to contest, and even identified independent candidates. He managed the resources and ensured there were no rebels within the party or its allies. When the BJP went to Maharashtra, Amit Shah guided

Eknath Shinde, telling him, "You've been given a lot, now it's time for a return gift." In terms of strategy, Amit Shah is the mastermind. As one journalist, Kartik, wrote, "his decisive interventions and logical talent, combined with the Prime Minister's visionary leadership, brought great success in Maharashtra." So, Amit Shah is undoubtedly the "Man of the Match" for all BJP elections.

● **Was the Election Commission's decision to hold elections in Haryana and Maharashtra on different dates a game-changer for the Maha-Yuti alliance?**

The Maha-Yuti was very fortunate. Initially, it was expected that elections would be held together for Haryana and Maharashtra. We were waiting for the Election Commission's 3 PM press conference, expecting elections in both states to be declared together. However, due to administrative issues, only Haryana's elections were announced that day, and the Maharashtra elections were delayed by 40 days. This 40-day gap turned out to be a blessing for the BJP. During this time, the government focused on transferring money directly to the bank accounts of the "Laadli" sisters. The accounts were opened at night, and the organization went door-to-door, telling people, "If our government doesn't come, you won't get this help." The scheme had a budget of ₹46,000 crores, with ₹1500 being transferred every month. I heard that

in the 4-5 months, a total of ₹7500 was transferred to many families. This 30-40 day period became a miracle for the BJP, and the Election Commission's incidental decision played in their favour.

● **Who is likely to become the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra? What updates do you have on this?**

The latest update is that Devendra Fadnavis is most likely to take over as Chief Minister. This has been agreed upon within the BJP leadership, and it is a consensus choice supported by Narendra Modi, Mohan Bhagwat, Amit Shah, and JP Nadda. The party has made its decision, but now the question is about getting the approval of the other coalition partners, particularly Shinde. Ajit Pawar has already expressed support, but Shinde's consent is still needed. The consultation process is ongoing, and it was expected that all the leaders would meet in Delhi on Monday. However, Shinde didn't come to Delhi as expected, and his temperament is a bit different. Fadnavis was in Delhi for a wedding, and he attended as a star campaigner, with people gathering around him for autographs.

The general consensus in Maharashtra is that Fadnavis will be the next Chief Minister. Credit should be given to the party leadership for honouring the public mandate and making the decision to have Fadnavis as the Chief Minister. Fadnavis's name is the BJP's clear choice, although

there have been some speculative reports about a potential power-sharing arrangement between Fadnavis and Shinde for two and a half years each. Currently, Shinde and Ajit Pawar are expected to be Deputy Chief Ministers, and there will be cabinet positions for all the coalition partners as per their share.

However, these are unconfirmed reports, and the authentic position is that the BJP has endorsed Fadnavis's name. The main task now is to get the consensus from the other parties. As I mentioned earlier, Amit Shah and others in the BJP leadership are not in a rush. The oath-taking ceremony could be delayed by a few days, potentially happening on December 2nd or 3rd. The numbers are in BJP's favour, with 132 to 137 seats, and in the next few days, more people are expected to join. It's possible that the BJP could form the government on its own, or that others may support them from outside, but the 145-seat mark is still a bit short. The most likely outcome is that all the coalition partners will fall in line under Amit Shah's leadership, and Devendra Fadnavis will take the oath as Chief Minister.

● **The proceedings in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were suspended over the Adani issue. How will the functioning of Parliament proceed from here?**

It's unfortunate, but political parties have their strategies, and sometimes they choose to take such

steps. It's acceptable for a day or two, but it shouldn't go on for too long. The Prime Minister raised the issue of morality, pointing out that those rejected by the public are now attempting to disrupt Parliament's proceedings. We hope that a sense of political responsibility prevails among the opposition. Parliament must function because there are 16 bills pending in the Lok Sabha, including 5 new bills and 11 from previous sessions. The good news is that the leadership of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is in the capable hands of Om Birla and Jagdeep Dhankhar. They are skilled administrators who know how to get things done, and their coordination is highly appreciated. I would especially like to highlight Om Birla, whose delivery rate in the previous Lok Sabha was the highest. His relationships are excellent, and if there's a push for unity, Birla will be able to manage it effectively. During this session, he will likely ensure that the pending bills are passed. Jagdeep Dhankhar is also quite capable, so let's hope Parliament can get back on track soon.

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A GRACEFUL GATHERING!

The blessing ceremony for Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's daughter, Anjali Birla and Aneesh Rajani took place on Monday at the modest Palika Services Officers Institute in Delhi.

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Grace in Bloom

Lavender's serene hue is trending for Indian weddings, enhancing attire and decor for brides and bridesmaids. City First highlights its perfect blend of tradition and modern sophistication, creating an elegant and memorable celebration.



Lavender, a soft and serene colour, has recently emerged as a trendy and sophisticated choice for Indian weddings. Traditionally, bold colours like red, gold and green dominate Indian bridal attire, but lavender offers a refreshing twist, combining elegance with a contemporary flair. As couples seek to personalize their weddings, lavender has become a favourite, representing peace, love and grace.

Lavender has quickly become a popular colour for brides looking to break from tradition while still honouring cultural customs. Lavender lehengas, sa-



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rees and even wedding gowns offer a modern yet regal aesthetic. Brides opting for lavender often choose lehengas with intricate embroidery, beadwork or zari details to add depth and opulence to the soft hue. Lavender also works beautifully in sarees, where it can be paired with silver or gold borders, creating a timeless bridal look.

For brides who wish to add a contemporary touch, lavender wedding gowns are becoming increasingly popular, offering a chic alternative to traditional Indian bridal wear. These gowns, featuring delicate lace or floral designs, allow the bride to stand out with understated glamour.

Lavender's versatility makes it an ideal colour for bridesmaids, as it comple-



ments the bride's attire while offering a harmonious look. Bridesmaids in lavender lehengas, Anarkalis or sarees create a cohesive bridal party without overpowering the bride's ensemble. The soft and calming shade also works well across various skin tones, ensuring that every bridesmaid feels elegant and confident.

Lavender is a beautiful choice for wedding decor, offering a soothing

and romantic atmosphere. Lavender flowers such as roses, peonies and lilacs can be used in centrepieces, floral arches and bouquets. Lavender-coloured drapes, linens and candles enhance the decor, creating a serene and enchanting ambience. It pairs well with complementary colours like ivory, gold or blush pink, allowing couples to craft a unique and personalized wedding theme.



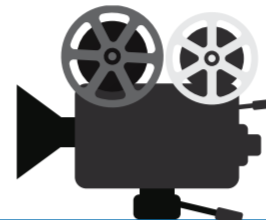


A dynamic ensemble of women artists graced the stage



A still from the play 'Shaista'

THEATRE



The Catalyst For Societal Metamorphosis



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The three-day theatre festival, "Ratnav Tridivasiya NatyaRangostav," organised by Ratnav (Rama Theatre Natya Vidya), concluded on a high note on Monday at Delhi's Shri Ram Centre marking the end of an event that resonated deeply with audiences. Garnering overwhelming response, the

festival captivated audiences with its poignant performances, shedding light on pressing real-life issues and leaving the audiences deeply moved.

"My three plays revolved around socially relevant issues that are very much alive and even today plague our society. These subjects have been highlighted by me through various performance over my last eight years with the live theatre," said Rama Pandey, theatre veteran, director, and president Ratnav.

When I worked with acid attack victims, a script very dear to me, Shobhana asked me to incorporate kathak, a very soft dance form with the script in the play 'Roop-Vid-roop.' It was a very difficult experiment to bring kathak along with poetry while depicting India's harsh reality with the brutal acid attacks.

There is one line that I would like to say to the victims, "Ruko your 'Wajud' (existence), your being is far more important than your looks that are transient and would fade anyways with time. Empower yourself," she said.

On the second day, the play 'Sone Machariya', written by acclaimed Hindi author Vikas Kumar Jha and directed by Rama Pandey, captivated the audience with its compelling depiction of the struggles faced by the fisherman community in Mithila. Featuring a cast of 35 actors, the play brought to life the harsh realities of exploitation endured by fishermen, with Pandey's powerful portrayal of 'Machh-Maai' standing out as a highlight. The festival opened with a soulful rendition of Vidyapati's song, setting the tone for the emotional narrative. Playwright Jha

commended Ratnav for its commitment to addressing societal issues, while actress Jayshree Arora praised its groundbreaking contributions to the theatre world.

On the closing day, the play 'Shaista' written and directed by Rama Pandey was staged in a grand manner. The play was based on the theme of rich old Arab Sheikhs marrying young girls from poor families and taking them to their country and exploiting them.

"Shaista" exposed the practice of poor Muslim families selling their daughters to wealthy old men as brides for purchase. "This is very much prevalent in Rajasthan's Shekhawati region besides Hyderabad, Kerala, and Gujarat to name a few. Every year about 300-400 little girls are traded and married to rich old men. I personally saw a

13-year-old girl on my flight to London. She was absolutely horrified. Then I went deeper into finding more details. The Indian government has not tried to protect the rights of these young girls hailing from poor families," said Rama.

"Shaista is a beautifully directed play, very sensitively treated. It is an honest and hard-hitting portrayal of minor girls being misused and sold off by their greedy parents to elderly sheikhs from the Middle East etc. looking for younger brides. It takes away and ruins not just their childhood – but their life. My salutations to Rama Pandey, a genius, and a genuine director for having produced and directed the play highlighting this stigma with such passion, sensitivity, and authenticity," said Nasir Abdulla famous model and actor.



Rama Pandey captivated the audience with her exceptional performance



Jayshree Arora, Rama Pandey, Nasir Abdulla, Dr Bal Swaroop, Gaurav Gupta & Vikas Kumar Jha during the lamp lighting ceremony

HONOURING THEATRE LEGENDS!

- The closing ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest, senior writer Balswaroop Raahi. In his address, Raahi praised Ratnav for its unwavering dedication and purity in promoting theatre, likening its efforts to a form of worship in today's market-driven era.
- At the closing ceremony, Abhinav Chaturvedi, renowned for his role in the iconic Hindi serial 'Hum Log', and celebrated theatre actor and model Nasir Abdulla were honoured with the prestigious 'Ratnav Aajeevan Rang Seva', Award. Notably, over the preceding two days, acclaimed

theatre actress Jayshree Arora, also of 'Hum Log' fame, and distinguished theatre and film actor Sunit Tandon had similarly been recognized with the same esteemed award for their lifelong contributions to the world of theatre.

- Speaking on the occasion President 'Ratnav', Rama Pandey said that 'Ratnav' is dedicated to keeping the cultural glory of the country intact and will always remain so. This is possible only due to the abundant blessings of the audience, she said while expressing her gratitude to all the colleagues and team 'Ratnav'!



Rama Pandey shared the stage with other talented artists



Stellar performance from the play 'Sone Machariya'



The stage came alive as artists delivered a brilliant performance



'Sone Machariya' play brought the heartfelt struggles of the fisherman community



Artists performed the captivating 'Shaista' play showcasing their exceptional talent



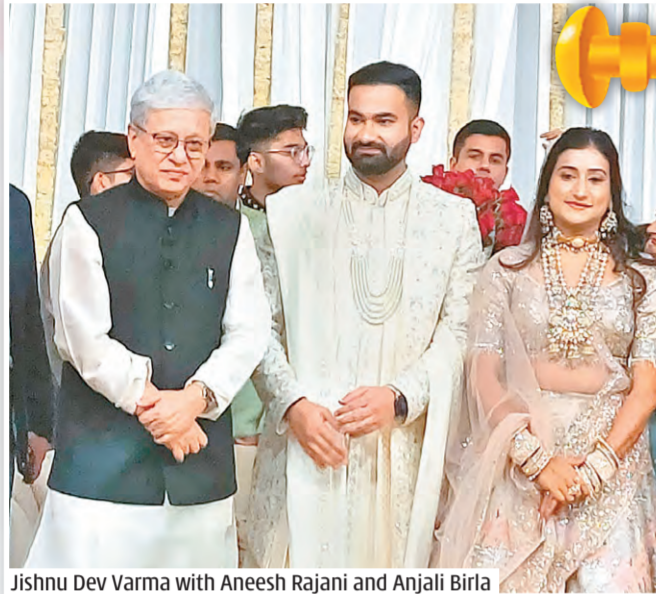
Amit Shah, Om Birla, Amita Birla, Bhupendra Saini & others with Anjali and Aneesh



Anjali Birla, Amita Birla, Om Birla & Aneesh Rajani



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Om Birla, Heeralal Nagar, Bhupendra Saini & others



Jishnu Dev Varma with Aneesh Rajani and Anjali Birla



Jagdeep Dhankhar in conversation with Keshav Prasad Maurya. Also seen is Sudesh Dhankhar

A Night of Prestige

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The blessing ceremony for Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's daughter, Anjali Birla and Aneesh Rajani took place on Monday at the modest Palika Services Officers Institute in Delhi, radiating simplicity and elegance. The couple had married in a beautiful and intimate ceremony on November 12, surrounded by close family and friends, eschewing the grandeur of a five-star hotel for a grounded, humble celebration.

The occasion witnessed the presence of numerous

dignitaries, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife, and nearly the entire Union Cabinet. Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma were among the notable attendees. Senior bureaucrats like CS Sudhansh Pant and IAS officers Dinesh Kumar, Alok and Rajesh Yadav also blessed the bride and groom.

Om Birla's gracious hospitality and personal engagement with guests left a lasting impression, making it a moment of pride for him and Rajasthan. The event stood as a testament to simplicity amidst grandeur.



Keshav Prasad Maurya greets Aneesh Rajani & Anjali Birla



Rajendra Rathore greets Gulab Chand Kothari



Devendra Fadnis & Bhupendra Saini



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Aneesh Rajani, Anjali Birla, Amita Birla, Bhupendra Saini & others



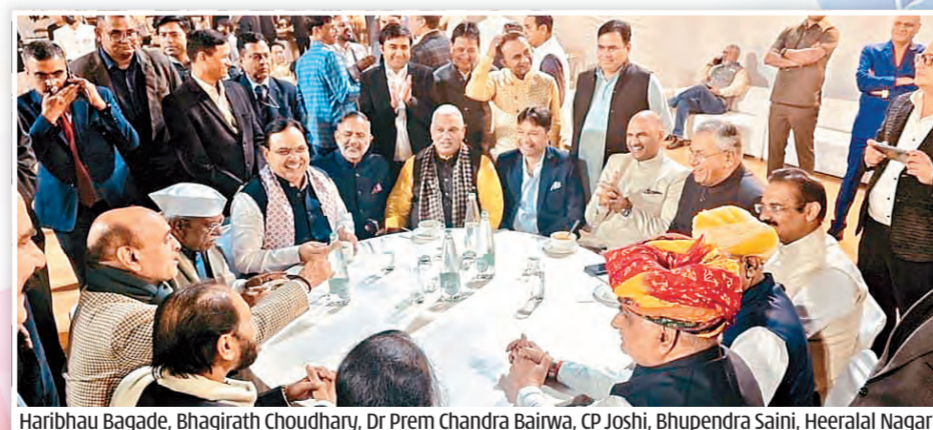
CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with Om Birla, Jhabar Singh Kharra, Aneesh Rajani, Anjali Birla, Amita Birla & others



Bhupender Yadav greets Jhabar Singh Kharra



Revanth Reddy with Aneesh Rajani, Anjali Birla, Amita Birla and others



Haribhau Bagade, Bhagirath Choudhary, Dr Prem Chandra Baiwa, CP Joshi, Bhupendra Saini, Heeralal Nagar, Jawahar Singh Bedam, PP Chaudhary, Jhabar Singh Kharra, Kalpana Devi, Sandeep Sharma & others



Vasudev Devnani, Jogaram Patel, Arun Govil & others



Akhilesh Yadav, Dimple Yadav, Aneesh Rajani, Anjali Birla, Amita Birla & others



Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Govind Singh Dotasra, Anjali Birla, Amita Birla & others



CP Joshi greeted by Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria



**THE
JC Show!**

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Vivek Kumar Srivastava, Akanksha Tomar, Priya Raj, Pooja Yadav, Aditi Nagar, Poornima Mishra, Preeti Negi & Ranjana Rawat during The JC Show on recent Maharashtra Election titled, 'Kya Ek Hai To Safe Hai', at Bharat24 office at NOIDA on Monday.

MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Bhupendra Saini, Pradesh Mantri, BJP Rajasthan and team members from BJP cadre, New Delhi, at the Bharat24 channel office at Noida on Tuesday during a courtesy visit. Saini greatly appreciated the state-of-art infrastructure and technology at the office.

Step Up, Save Lives



Dr Neerja Patni Grover addressing the audience (L-R) Principal Vaidehi Singh, Dr Kiran Tandon, Rama Datt, Dr Maya Tandon, Tarachand Saharan, Deepali Bhargava and Dr CK Grover



Students during the event

BIRTHDAY SOIRÉE!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulated Dr Sunita Singh. Also seen are (L-R) Manish Basotia CA, Sunil Kumar Singh & Abhinav

Dr Sunita Singh, Associate Professor at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur, celebrated her birthday on Tuesday at the Taj Rambagh Palace Hotel. The celebration was graced by the presence of Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who extended his warm congratulations to Dr Singh. Dr Sunita Singh, daughter of Sunil Kumar Singh, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, hosted a distinguished gathering attended by family, close friends and colleagues, including Manish Basotia CA, Abhinav, Yuvraj, Anita Rathore, Ashok Singh Rathore, Area Director, Jaipur & Ajmer and General Manager, Rambagh Palace and Bhuvneshwari Rathore. The elegant event not only marked a personal milestone but also highlighted Dr Singh's significant contributions to the fields of medicine and academia, offering a memorable evening.



(L-R) Abhinav, Yuvraj, Sunil Kumar Singh, Dr Sunita Singh, Anita Rathore, Ashok Singh Rathore & Bhuvneshwari Rathore

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As the UN World Day of Remembrance for Road Accident Victims passed last Sunday, Sahayta Trust hosted a sober and innovative meet event at Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh School, Jagatpura, on Tuesday. Around 400 students participated in the session, gaining crucial life-saving skills to assist road accident victims.

Padma Shri Dr Maya Tandon, chairperson of Sahayta Trust, emphasised the importance of training children to offer help in road accidents. She explained that accidents often occur unexpectedly, leaving families with little time to react and urged students to be proactive in assisting victims. Dr Tandon highlighted the significance of basic life-saving training in fostering a community of people ready to help accident victims in their time of need. Dr Neerja Patni Grover shared alarming statistics,



Dr Maya Tandon addressing the audience

stating that 81% of road accident victims are between the ages of 18 to 45, stressing that such accidents affect entire families, not just the individual. She also reminded students of the importance of following traffic rules to prevent accidents. The session covered essential road safety tips, including adhering to speed limits, wearing seat belts in the back seat and using helmets for both riders and co-riders. Students were also advised not to use mobile phones while driving. Practical training included CPR

demonstrations using mannequins. Tarachand Saharan, a Retired RAS officer discussed the Supreme Court's 2016 ruling protecting Good Samaritans from legal issues, encouraging more people to help accident victims. Emergency numbers such as 108, 104, 1033, and the international number 112 were shared. The event concluded with a short film, practical tips, and students taking a pledge to assist road accident victims whenever they encounter such situations.

CAMPAIGN!

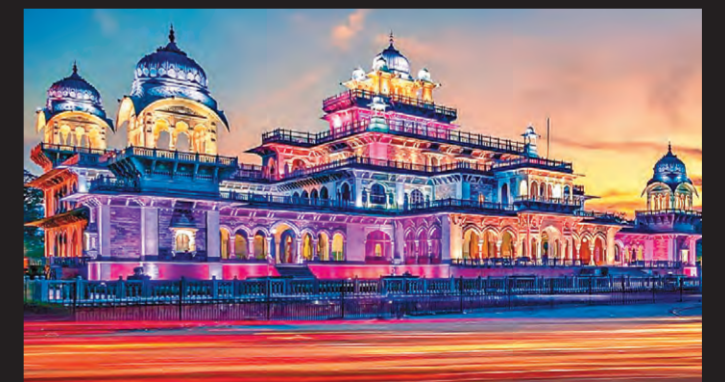


The Municipal Corporation Heritage, under the leadership of Mayor Kusum Yadav, launched the 'Kaun Banega Bal Paarshad' campaign at Government Girls College, Kishanpole Bazaar on Tuesday. In collaboration with Digital Bal Mela and Future Society, the initiative aims to engage children in promoting cleanliness. Mayor Yadav emphasized children's role in spreading cleanliness awareness, urging them to educate their families about waste segregation and proper disposal. Jahvi Sharma of Digital Bal Mela announced various programs and competitions for children aged 12-18, while Ravita Sharma highlighted a special session for child councillors to discuss city development. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by College Principal Khamosh Meena.

MUSICAL MASTERY

Retired judge and singer KP Saxena's latest album, "Happy Marriage Anniversary," is gaining immense popularity on renowned audio music channels both in India and abroad. Composed by Vikrant Mathur and recorded at Lata Mangeshkar Studio in Mumbai, the song celebrates the joy of marriage anniversaries with passion and romance. Saxena, known for his classical music mastery, has released over 50 albums, including hit bhajans like "Mere Ram." The song promises to add charm to anniversary celebrations worldwide.

Cultural Diaries' 25



Jaipur's iconic Albert Hall will come alive with Cultural Diaries on November 29 and 30, promising a spectacular showcase of Rajasthan's rich heritage. The event will feature Alwar artists performing Bhapang on 29th November at 6 PM, followed by Chari and Ghoomar dances from Kishangarh, and Kalbelia by Jodhpur performers. On 30th November, Jaipur's indie folk band Yugam will perform, alongside a Ravan Hatha presentation by Jaipur artists. Organised under Joint Director Punita Singh, the event highlights Rajasthan's vibrant traditions.



In a bid to foster literacy and inspire young readers, KAI India, part of the 116-year-old Japanese KAI Group, has inaugurated a library at Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS) Islampur, Gurugram recently. Housing over 500 books, the initiative under KAI India's Children Library Program aims to nurture reading habits among students from classes 6 to 12. This follows similar efforts in Manipur schools. KAI India's leaders emphasize their commitment to education, holistic development, and fostering lifelong learning through accessible literature.



Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Maneka Gandhi visited Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) to inspect the manufacturing process of the world-famous Jaipur Foot on Monday. She was welcomed by founder and chief Patron DR Mehta, Secretary Bhupendra Mehta, and CEO SS Bissa. Gandhi interacted with numerous disabled individuals, including a one-and-a-half-year-old child with congenital disabilities and appreciated the free provision of Jaipur Foot.



(L-R) Dr Bharti Kumar, Former Union Minister Maneka Gandhi, Dr NN Sharma & Dr Karunakar Kotegar

Former Union Minister and animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi visited Manipal University on Constitution Day to address law students on animal cruelty and welfare. The event, organised by the School of Law, was attended by students, faculty and animal welfare enthusiasts. Gandhi, known for her advocacy, emphasized the need for stricter laws and greater awareness to prevent cruelty. She also shared her experiences and encouraged students to work towards animal welfare. Dr NN Sharma, the University's President, presented a memento to Gandhi.



Jaysree Periwai High School (JPHS) hosted a heartfelt graduation ceremony for its Class 12 students on Tuesday. Chairman Dr Jaysree Periwai urged graduates to embrace challenges with dynamism and protect both technological and natural environments. Educators serenaded a motivational song, while Student Council Heads delivered emotional speeches. Dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp, and graduates in gowns shared moments, thanking teachers and parents. Principal Madhu Maini blessed the batch, urging them to honour JPHS traditions.

