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● Will accept Modi, Shah's decision on CM choice: Shinde

● Eknath Shinde's move to extend his support to any candidate chosen by BJP leadership puts an end to 4-day-long deadlock on govt formation in the State

# SHINDE SURRENDERS!

First India Bureau  
Mumbai/New Delhi

Caretaker CM Eknath Shinde on Wednesday ended speculation about his position, announcing that he had spoken to PM Narendra Modi and Amit Shah to assure them of his support for choice of Maharashtra's next CM.

Speaking to reporters at his Thane residence, Eknath Shinde explained, "I have told PM Modi & Amit Shah that I should not be a difficult factor while deciding the CM. We will support any CM declared by them. We will also take a meeting now. I am not unhappy

## Aaja Meri Gaadi Mein Baith Jaa!



Devendra Fadnavis with Eknath Shinde. FILE

and not a speedbreaker in their decision making."

The caretaker CM dismissed reports suggesting he was displeased about not being selected for another term. He emphasised that the Mah-

ayuti alliance had significant responsibilities ahead and highlighted the fulfilment of Balasaheb Thackeray's vision of seeing an ordinary Shiv Sainik become CM. Expressing gratitude for

his tenure, Shinde also acknowledged support received from Modi and Shah, saying, they gave us funds and backed our schemes. This was possible as State and Centre thought on same lines.

## DR JAGDEESH CHANDRA PREDICTS SHAH'S CRUCIAL ROLE IN MAHA CABINET FORMATION

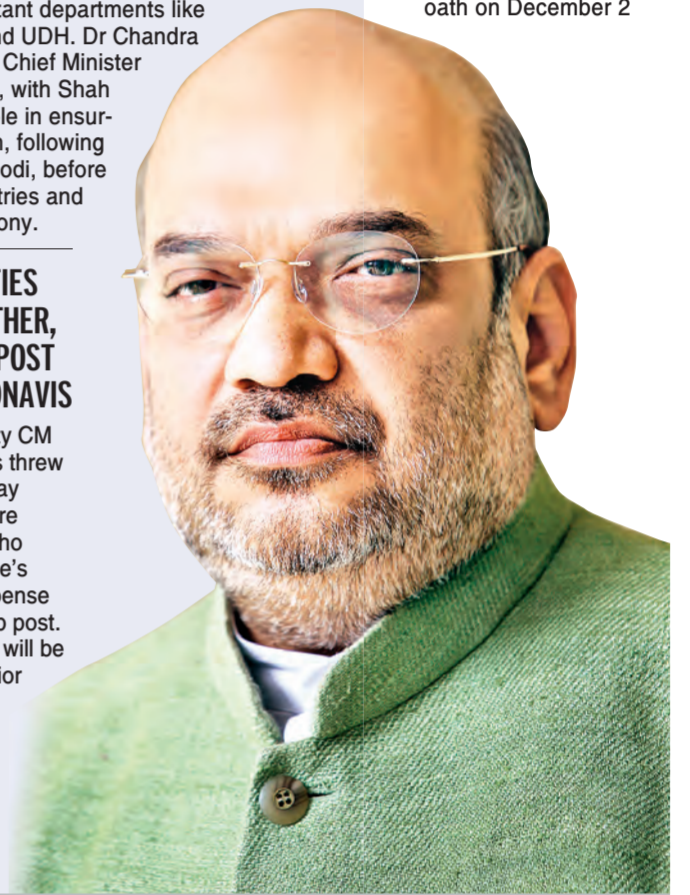
This development comes on Wednesday after Amit Shah reached out to Eknath Shinde. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra had already predicted the new Maharashtra Cabinet distribution during 'The JC Show' on Bharat24 on Tuesday, November 26, just 24 hours before Eknath Shinde's public announcement. Dr Chandra explained that Amit Shah would oversee a meeting where parties with 5-7 MLAs would receive one ministry. BJP would get 25 ministers, while others would get 5-7. He emphasised that the key consideration would be the allocation of important departments like Home, Finance, and UDH. Dr Chandra also predicted one Chief Minister and 2 Deputy CMs, with Shah playing a pivotal role in ensuring smooth division, following discussions with Modi, before finalising the ministries and swearing-in ceremony.

## ALL THREE PARTIES DECIDING TOGETHER, ANSWER ON CM POST SOON, SAYS FADNAVIS

Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis threw a cue on Wednesday that deliberations are still underway on who would take the State's CM charge as suspense mounts over the top post. 'The answer to this will be given soon. All senior members of the three parties are taking a decision on this together,' Fadnavis said.

## MAJOR HAPPENINGS

- BJP-led NDA will meet in New Delhi today, to discuss the Maharashtra CM position amid growing speculation
- BJP's Devendra Fadnavis, NCP's Ajit Pawar and Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde to meet Amit Shah in Delhi today
- Eknath Shinde demands Mahayuti con- venger position, seeks Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister post for son Shrikant: Report
- Maharashtra's new government, including CM and Cabinet may take oath on December 2



## NEW INNING OF 'ABUA SARKAR' TO START FROM TODAY, SAYS SOREN

Ramgarh (Jharkhand): Jharkhand CM designate Hemant Soren said the new inning of "Abua Sarkar" (our government) will start from Thursday after oath ceremony. Soren visited his ancestral Nemra village in Ramgarh district to pay tribute to his grandfather Sobaran on his 67th death anniversary, observed as 'Sahid Diwas', on Wednesday. Soren invited his villagers to attend oath ceremony of his government at Ranchi's Morabadi ground.



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## IN BRIEF

**Air India Pilot, 25, dies by suicide in Mumbai, boyfriend arrested**

**Mumbai:** A 25-year-old Air India pilot was found dead at her rented apartment in Mumbai's Powai on Monday morning. She died, allegedly by suicide, and her boyfriend, identified as 27-year-old Aditya Pandit, has been arrested in New Delhi for abetment to suicide. P6



## New time for change of guard ceremony

**New Delhi:** The iconic 'Change of Guard' Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan will begin its winter schedule starting Saturday, November 30. The ceremony will now take place between 9:00 am and 10:00 am instead 8:00 am, as part of the seasonal shift.

## 5 medical staff die in road accident on Agra, Lucknow Expressway

**Kanpur:** Five staff members from Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, including three junior resident doctors, a lab technician, and a store-keeper, died in a road accident on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway. Another doctor was critically injured.

## Adani Group refutes any charges against Gautam Adani in US indictment

First India Bureau  
New Delhi



Gautam Adani Sagar Adani

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has issued a statement on Wednesday clarifying that Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani, and senior executive Vneet Jaain have not been charged with violations of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). This follows media reports suggesting otherwise, which the company has termed as incorrect. It highlighted that the charges in US Department of Justice (DOJ) indictment and the civil complaint by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) do not include allegations of the bribery or corruption against these individuals.

## MUKUL ROHATGI ON ADANI US INDICTMENT

Former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi on Wednesday said Adani group's founder chairman Gautam Adani, and his nephew Sagar Adani have not been charged with violation of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) in the indictment filed by US prosecutors in a bribery case.

## SPORTS STARS IN THE MAKING... Boom Boom Bumrah!

Jasprit Bumrah wrests back top spot in ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings

India fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has regained the top spot in the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings after leading his team to a resounding 295-run victory over Australia in the first match of their ICC World Test Championship series in Perth. He reaches career-best 883, highest rating points tally ever by an India seam bowler.

## 100 IN 28!

Gujarat's Urvil Patel breaks Rishabh Pant's record (32 balls), scoring the fastest T20 hundred in 28 balls, by an Indian in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.



## World Chess Championship

LIREN LOSES ON TIME TO GUKESH IN GAME 3

India's D Gukesh won Game 3 of the Chess World Championship on Wednesday, November 27 to go level at 1.5-1.5 against China's Ding Liren. The reigning world champion lost on time, scrambling for his moves as the clock ran out. It was a dominant performance from the Indian Grandmaster who had control percentage of 96.4.



## In Ajmer Dargah...

Petition claiming Shiva temple in court accepted

First India Bureau  
Ajmer

A petition filed by Vishnu Gupta, Nat'l President of Hindu Sena, regarding Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Dargah, Ajmer has been accepted by court. The petition claims that Dargah is actually a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, it demands that the Dargah be renamed "Sankat Mochan Mahadev Mandir". Additionally, petition calls for a survey by ASI, cancellation of Dargah's registration, and permission for Hindu prayers and worship to be conducted at the site. Notices sent to ASI, Dept of Minority Affairs in Delhi & Ajmer Dargah Committee. Next hearing is on Dec 20. P3

## CM RETURNS FROM DELHI TOUR

## CM Sharma meets Birla; prays at Moti Dungri

First India Bureau  
New Delhi/Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, who was on Delhi tour, met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at the latter's residence on Wednesday. The duo discussed issues related to Rajasthan and the recent bypolls, official sources said.

Sharma had met BJP National President and Union minister JP Nadda on late Tuesday and both had discussed several or-

ganizational issues. "I had a detailed discussion with him on the development of health infrastructure in Rajasthan, expansion of medical facilities and implementation of public health schemes and received his valuable guidance," Chief Minister posted on his social media accounts.

Later on Wednesday, the CM Sharma reached Jaipur and visited Moti Dungri Ganesh temple directly from the airport. Meanwhile, With the Rising Rajasthan Invest-



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma

ment Summit approaching, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma has been actively

involved in review meetings and overseeing the preparations.

## CM SHARMA'S GIFT TO SINDHI COMMUNITY

CM Sharma has given a significant gift to Sindh community. State govt has announced financial assistance of ₹15,000/person for pilgrims undertaking sacred Sindhu Darshan Yatra to Leh-Ladakh, considered one of the most important religious and cultural events for Sindh community. This pilgrimage features four days of religious and cultural activities in Leh-Ladakh and takes place from June 18 to June 30 every year.

## Courtesy Meeting



Deputy CM Diya Kumari paid a courtesy visit to PM Narendra Modi in Delhi on Wednesday. She posted on X, 'The inspiring guidance of PM and the resolve for public welfare inspired by the spirit of 'Antyodaya' always provides new energy.'

## Rising Rajasthan City beautification and cleanup deadline set for November 30

# LSG chief reviews Rising Raj preps, calls for swift cleanup

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**Dr Rituraj Sharma**  
Jaipur

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary LSG, Rajesh Yadav, with the presence of Principal Secretary Vaibhav Galaria to review the preparations for the Rising Rajasthan event.

Officials from JDA, Municipal Corporation, Housing Board, RIICO, and Traffic Police participated in the meeting. Discussions focused on cleanliness, beautification, and traffic management for the event. Instructions were given to ensure that all preparations are completed by the deadline of Nov 30. Yadav, expressed his dissatisfaction over debris scattered across various parts of the city. He instructed officials to ensure removal of debris across the city.



Walls being painted with traditional murals ahead of the summit. **SANTOSH SHARMA**



Flower pots kept at Rambagh circle for beautification of the city. **SANTOSH SHARMA**



Jal Mahal Lake being cleaned on Wednesday ahead of Rising Rajasthan Summit. **NAIM KHAN**

### GOVT ASSIGNS 22 RAS OFFICERS FOR RISING RAJ SUMMIT DUTY; AJITABH SHARMA REVIEWS ROLES

Department of Industries Principal Secretary Ajitabh Sharma held a meeting of 22 RAS officers to discuss preparations for the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit on Wednesday. In the meeting, discussion was held on the roles and responsibilities given to 22 RAS officers, where their assigned roles and responsibilities for the summit were discussed. The RAS officers have been assigned protocol duties for the event. These officers will be welcoming business tycoons as well as national and international dignitaries attending the summit. The government had issued orders on November 19 assigning RAS officers for the event. Prior to this, the government had already deployed 23 IAS officers for duties at the Rising Rajasthan Summit.

### SCHEDULE OF RISING RAJASTHAN SUMMIT 2024

**Day 1: Monday, 9 Dec 2024 at JECC, Sitapura, Jaipur**  
07:30: Registration  
09:00: Inaugural Session (Hall-A)  
13:15 to 14:30: Lunch  
14:30 to 17:30: Parallel Sectoral / Country Sessions in Different Halls  
19:30 to 21:30: Cultural Event & Dinner at Hotel Rambagh Palace

**Day 2: Tuesday, 10 Dec 2024 at JECC, Sitapura, Jaipur**  
09:00 to 13:00: Pravasi Rajasthani Conclave  
13:00 to 14:00: Networking Lunch  
14:30 to 16:00: Parallel Sectoral / Country Sessions in Different Halls  
16:00 to 17:30: Parallel Sectoral / Country Sessions in Different Halls  
19:30 to 21:30: Cultural Event & Dinner at Hotel Rambagh Palace

**Day 3: Wednesday, 11 Dec 2024 at JECC, Sitapura, Jaipur**  
09:00 to 13:00: MSME Conclave  
13:00: Lunch and Closing ceremony

## Bharatpur vet officer caught in ACB trap with ₹1000 bribe

**CRIME ROUNDUP**  
**Navin Sharma**  
Bharatpur

The ACB trapped senior veterinary officer **Dr. Saurabh Kumar Gupta** in Rupwas, Bharatpur on Wednesday, on charges of accepting a bribe. Dr. Gupta was caught red-handed while accepting Rs1,000 from a local resident in exchange for facilitating a loan for purchasing buffaloes. The operation, led by ASP Amit Singh, continued on the second day, with ACB maintaining pressure on corrupt officials.



### ATTACK ON STUDENT SPARKS OUTRAGE

A shocking incident occurred in Bahravanda village near Sikrai, Dausa, where a school student was found in a blood-soaked condition after a violent attack. The student, Mahesh Saini, was severely injured with a sharp weapon on his neck while returning home from school. In response to the incident, angry villagers staged a protest, locking the gates of the Government Senior Secondary School. The villagers gathered outside the school, demanding justice for the victim.

### SOG NABS 4 IN PTI RECRUITMENT SCAM

The Special Operations Group of Rajasthan Police has arrested three physical training instructors and a lecturer in connection with the use of dummy candidates in recruitment exams, officials said on Wednesday. While the physical training instructors (PTIs) have been accused of placing 'dummy' candidates in their place in the recruitment exam held in 2022, the lecturer allegedly appeared as a dummy candidate for some other person in another recruitment test, they added.

### POLICE TEAM ATTACKED BY WANTED CRIMINALS

A police team was attacked by wanted criminals while attempting to apprehend them in the Johtroli village of Rudawal, Bharatpur. The identified assailants armed with sticks and rods launched an attack on the police officers. They also vandalized the official vehicle used by the police team during the operation. Fortunately, the local villagers intervened and rescued the police team from the clutches of the attackers, preventing further harm. In response, the police have filed a case against the accused under various sections of the law. The incident occurred in the Rudawal police station area.

## Dilawar steps in 'harassment' of visually-impaired govt teacher

**Abhishek Shrivastava**  
Jaipur

A case has emerged from a government school in Kartarpura, where a teacher was allegedly making students massage her feet. Today, a visually impaired teacher, Ajay Devendra, approached Education Minister Madan Dilawar with a complaint regarding the matter. Ajay Devendra, visibly emotional, pleaded with the Education Minister and said, "The teacher who was making students massage her feet and the school principal are threatening me." He further added, "If I am at fault, punish me, but please stop harassing me." The Education Minister has directed the Director of the Education to take joint action against all accused.

## JDA razes 3 illegal colonies in zone-13

**Abhishek Shrivastava**  
Jaipur

Jaipur Development Authority has successfully dismantled three new illegal colonies in Zone-13, spanning approximately 34.5 bighas of private agricultural land. The demolition was carried out after reports emerged of unauthorized constructions, including roads and boundary walls, being built without JDA approval. The action follows similar efforts in Zone-11, where two illegal colonies were also dismantled. In a separate action, JDA also freed 7 bighas of govt land in Bagru from illegal encroachments, including tin sheds and wooden structures.



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These efforts are part of JDA's ongoing initiative, which has led to the dismantling of 70 illegal colonies and the clearance of 66.5 bighas of govt land since October 2024.

### OBJECTIONS RISE OVER LAND POOLING SCHEME

Over 100 landholders on Diggimalpura Road have objected in writing to JDA's land pooling scheme, demanding cancellation under the Land Pooling Act if grievances aren't addressed. They seek pending compensation, plot allotments, and waivers for the 50% landowner contribution.

### Kirodi discharged from SMS hosp

**First India Bureau**  
Jaipur

Dr. Kirori Lal Meena's health deteriorated late at night due to acidity issues, leading to his admission to SMS Hospital. He was admitted to the Medical ICU, and later was discharged from SMS after showing significant improvement in his condition on Wednesday.

## Farmers protest over Jawai dam water

**Lunaram Darji**  
Jalore

Farmers in Jalore continued their Mahapadav protest, gathering in large numbers in front of the Collectorate to press for their demands. Key among their grievances is the allocation of water from the Jawai Dam. Farmers from villages across the district converged on the site, while local trade associations showed solidarity by keeping markets closed. Protesters blocked roads and set tyres on fire at major intersections. In response to the protests, heavy police deployment was conducted in various areas to maintain order.



In Saira, sub-dist hq remained shut in support of the farmers.

## Sanitation workers' strike enters day 2

**Bharat Dixit**  
Jaipur

The strike by Valmiki sanitation workers in Jaipur entered its second day, with no cleaning work being carried out in the city. The workers have been protesting the requirement of an affidavit for experience certificates. Talks with the Commissioner on Tuesday ended in failure, prompting workers to gather again at the Heritage Corporation headquarters on Wednesday. In a related development, a new controversy has

**Rakesh Meena, president of Sarv Samaj Safai Karamchhari Sangh, criticized the strike condemning actions of former president**

emerged involving former union president Nandkishore Dadoria. It has been revealed that Dadoria used a fake 10th-grade mark sheet to secure a job. Following this, the govt is preparing to take action against him. The Non-Valmiki Workers' Union has demanded his dismissal.

### THREE DPRs PREPARED

## Kota airport works gain momentum

**Bhawar S Charan**  
Kota

The efforts for the construction of a new greenfield airport in Kota have gained momentum. Three consultants from Delhi and Chennai have completed the task of preparing three separate DPRs (Detailed Project Reports). After high-level supervision, a unified final DPR will be prepared. The airport in Kota is set to be the most technologically advanced in the state. Construction will include a water filtration plant and an STP (Sewage Treatment Plant). Stone from Dabi in Bundi and soil



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### MP MADAN RATHORE RAISES QUESTION IN THE PARLIAMENT ON RAJASTHAN AIRPORTS

Rajya Sabha MP Madan Rathore posed a question in Parliament regarding new airports in Rajasthan. The Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Murlidhar Mohol, gave the reply that site clearances have been granted to the AAI (Airports Authority of India) for the development of the greenfield airport in Kota. He stated that there is no specific civil aviation airport in Ajmer. However, Ajmer is connected to the Kishangarh airport. The airports in Jodhpur and Jaisalmer are associated with the Indian Air Force. In Rajasthan, six airports, including those in Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Phalodi, Suratgarh, and Uttarlai, are owned by the Indian Air Force.

from Gamcha will be used in the construction of the airport. The airport will have the capacity of 20 lakh passengers per year. There is a proposal of a 4 lane 30-metre approach road to connect the airport with NH 52.

## Set up help centers for seniors: HC to Raj govt

**First India Bureau**  
Jaipur

In a matter concerning the non-receipt of pensions and benefits by elderly individuals, the Raj HC made significant remarks. The court stated, "Even though we are celebrating Constitution Day, there is no machinery in state to assist elderly people with pension and related matters." The court emphasized that such a system should be in place in a welfare state. The High Court directed the government to establish help centres and poli-

cies to address the issues faced by elderly citizens, ensuring timely assistance. The court also ordered the government to respond to the petition. Justice Sameer Jain's single bench issued these directives in response to a petition filed by 95-yr-old widow, Jai Devi Sharma. In her petition, she explained that her husband passed away on May 18, 2023, and that she is illiterate with no bank account. She had applied for her pension on June 14, but due to the lack of a bank account, her pension had not been received.

# Vishvaraj performs Dhuni Darshan amid tight security

Dispute resolved post Vishvaraj Singh Mewar seeks blessings of Eklingji

Ravi Sharma  
Udaipur

The dispute over the coronation rituals in Udaipur's former royal family has now been resolved. Following the traditional coronation ceremony, Vishvaraj Singh Mewar arrived at City Palace for Dhuni Darshan on Wednesday evening.

Five persons including Vishvaraj Singh Mewar went for the Dhuni Darshan. Police and administrative officials were also present with the group. Security was tightened along the route to City Palace, with barricades set up and a heavy police force deployed.

Earlier, 48 hours after the coronation ritual, Vishvaraj Singh paid his respects to Eklingji, the deity of Mewar rulers, on Wednesday morning.

In Udaipur, he went for darshan of Maa Kalika at Hathipole and left for Samore Bagh. Speaking to media, Vishvaraj Singh Mewar said that darshan of Dhuni was the subject of faith. He took blessings of Kalika Maa and Eklingji to fulfill his social responsibility.

He also asked the people for suggestions for the improvement of the Udaipur city.



Vishvaraj Singh Mewar coming out of Eklingji temple in Udaipur on Wednesday.

## GOVT'S SERIOUSNESS RESOLVES STALEMATE IN UDAIPUR'S FORMER ROYAL FAMILY

The deadlock of the erstwhile royal family of Udaipur ends after the government got serious. Vishvaraj Singh Mewar's entry into the City Palace has been resolved after the government took serious steps. The issue had sparked nationwide discussions. Following CM Bhajan Lal's instructions, officials were sent to Udaipur today. ACS Home Anand Kumar and ADG Law and Order Vishal Bansal, arrived in Udaipur. Both officers took feedback of entire incident from the local officers. The senior officials held discussions with both parties and found a solution. Their talks led to an agreement between the two sides. As a result, Vishvaraj was able to perform the Dhuni Darshan at the City Palace on Wednesday.

## PROTEST OUTSIDE BHILWARA COLLECTORATE

Bhilwara: Rajput organizations in Bhilwara protested outside the district collectorate, submitting a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister. They were demanding permission for Vishvaraj Singh of the former Mewar royal family to visit Dhuni Darshan amid an ongoing family dispute.

## LAKSHYARAJ: DO NOT SUPPORT VIOLENCE, WE ARE NOT IMPOTENT

Lakshya Raj Singh Mewar addressed the media following Vishvaraj Singh's Dhuni Darshan. He said, "Fighting and conflict are not the civilized way." He added, "The world should understand that we are not impotent." Singh expressed satisfaction that a solution had been found, calling it a positive development. He remarked, "What happened yesterday was not right," and emphasized, "We are not supporters of violence without reason."

Raj Congress compiles initial report of losses in by-elections

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The Congress party has gathered an initial report analysing the reasons for its losses in the recent by-elections.

In Jhunjhunu, Rajendra Gudha was identified as a key reason for the defeat. In Deoli-Uniara, the rebellion by Naresh Meena disrupted the party's strategy and affected the outcome.

In Ramgarh, the party attributed its loss to polarisation among voters. In Chorasi and Salumber, internal sabotage was cited as the reason for the electoral defeat. In Khinwsar, the shift of Congress votes to the RLP (Rashtriya Loktantrik Party) was noted as a significant factor in the loss.

# No action on probe reports of missing tigers & other issues

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

A deep investigation into the forest department has revealed numerous unresolved cases of wildlife deaths, land encroachments, and illegal mining. Despite orders for investigations in over five dozen major cases in the past five years, none have resulted in serious public action.

Key issues include the unreported deaths of tigers in Mukundra, unexplained deaths of two tiger cubs in Nahargarh Biological Park, and the ongoing investigations into land encroachment and illegal construction in Sariska and other forest regions. Additionally, cases such as the escape of a leopard from Sajjargarh Biological Park and

## EXPERTS TO DISCUSS CHEETAH CORRIDORS LINKING RAJASTHAN & MP ON NOV 29 IN RANTHAMBORE

Rajasthan is preparing for a significant wildlife conservation project—a 400-kilometer cheetah landscape from Dholpur to Rawatbhata. As part of this initiative, the state's Forest Department plans to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Madhya Pradesh for cheetah settlement. A crucial meeting regarding this project will take place on November 29 in Ranthambore, where wildlife experts and senior forest officials, including Pawan Upadhyay, the Chief Wildlife Warden of Rajasthan, will participate. The project aims to connect key sanctuaries such as Gandhi Sagar, Bhainsrodgarh, Chittorgarh, and Chambal with Kuno National Park, creating corridors and safaris for the cheetahs. The focus is on increasing cheetah populations and preserving their natural habitat. This project follows previous discussions between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh officials, with an expert committee set to be formed and the committee's report will serve as the foundation for the MoU draft.



the mysterious deaths of panthers in Gogunda remain unresolved.

Despite directives from the Forest Minister

and senior officials, a lack of accountability within the department has prevented any substantial action.

# Unnecessary delay in 90A cases in JDA

Abhishek Shrivastava  
Jaipur

In the Jaipur Development Authority, unnecessary delays are being caused in the disposal of land conversion cases for agricultural land. The main reason behind this is that the zonal officers and staff are not fully trained. As a result, incomplete cases are being sent to the JDA Secretary for approval, causing significant



JDA Office

delays and applicants have to bear the brunt.

Under the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act, the zonal commissioners in the JDA are the autho-

rized officials for land conversion of agricultural land. However, under Section 90A of this Act, the order for land conversion is issued by these authorized officials only after receiving approval from the JDA Secretary. However, many cases being sent by the zonal commissioners for approval to the JDA Secretary have several shortcomings. This is not just an assumption but is revealed

in a recent office order issued by JDA Secretary Nishant Jain, which highlights several shortcomings. The cases sent by the zonal commissioners often have simple errors. The zonal staff is not following the established rules and various circulars related to land conversion. First, let us explain what kind of basic shortcomings are being left in the files sent to the JDA Secretary for 90A cases.

# Patients suffer due to power cuts, closed canteens at SMS

Vikas Sharma  
Jaipur

At state's largest SMS Hospital in Jaipur, essential services have been disrupted due to poor management and administrative decisions. The latest issue involves the closure of the hospital's canteens and kiosks, which have been locked for the past few days. As a result, patients & their attendants are forced to wander outside the hospital in search of food and beverages.

First India visited the 'ground-zero' to understand the issue, where



patients expressed their frustrations, saying that hospital should provide basic amenities like food and water within the premises. They suggested that a dedicated space should be identified.

Dr. Sushil Bhati, the hospital's acting superintendent, defended the decision, citing cleanliness concerns and the

need to avoid crowding. He said that food and drinks are available outside the hospital and that efforts are underway to reopen the canteen soon.

Meanwhile, the hospital is also struggling with frequent power outages, which have led to disruptions in essential services. On Wednesday, a cable fault in the OPD's X-ray wing caused power failure, leading to long delays for patients seeking routine tests. In addition, the lifts in the Bangar complex have been non-functional, forcing critically ill patients to use the ramp.

Owaisi backs Ajmer Dargah's grand stature

First India Bureau  
Ajmer

Asaduddin Owaisi made a statement on X emphasizing the significance of Ajmer Sharif Dargah. He described Khwaja Moynuddin Chishti as one of the most revered saints in Islam. He stated, "For centuries, people have been visiting here. Many kings, emperors, and rulers have come and gone, but Khwaja Ajmeri's shrine continues to flourish." He further remarked on the importance of adhering to the 1991 Places of Worship Act, stating that it is the duty of courts to uphold this law.

## WIDOW'S 11-YEAR BATTLE

# Dalit woman accuses Sarpanches of illegal land grab worth ₹23 cr in Jpr

Rachna Singh  
Jaipur

Just a day after India celebrated 'Constitution Day,' honoring Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a Dalit woman's decade-long struggle against land encroachment highlights ongoing injustice. Santra Devi, a 65-year-old widow from Machwa village, Kalwar Road, has been battling to reclaim her 2-bigha land, her family's sole livelihood after her husband's death in 2013. With the growing interest in real estate, Santra Devi's case is just the tip of the iceberg. A widow and around 65 years old she has been



Santra Devi talking to media on Wednesday. NAIM KHAN

running pillar to post requesting officials to mutate the land, her only source of income in her children's name after her husband's death in 2013.

The land, allocated to her late husband Bhairu Lal Dhanka, a poor Dalit laborer, is now illegally occupied by two Sarpanches, Rajender Sher-

awat and Jhajjara. Santra alleges they forged documents to create fraudulent societies, sold her land for commercial use, and even burned her hut in 2021, leaving her family homeless. Speaking to the media, Santra Devi narrated her harrowing tale to reclaim her land. "My husband was a very

poor Dalit who made a living by whitewashing buildings. As a landless Dalit, the government allocated him 2 bighas of sand soil without a well. In 2013, when he passed away, Sherawat and Jhajjara and their family members took illegal possession," she said. Despite repeated petitions to revenue officials, local authorities, and human rights commissions, no action has been taken. The land, currently housing 23 shops valued at Rs 50 lakh to Rs 1 crore each, is estimated to be worth Rs 23 crores. Santra Devi has approached Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju Joseph, seeking urgent intervention.

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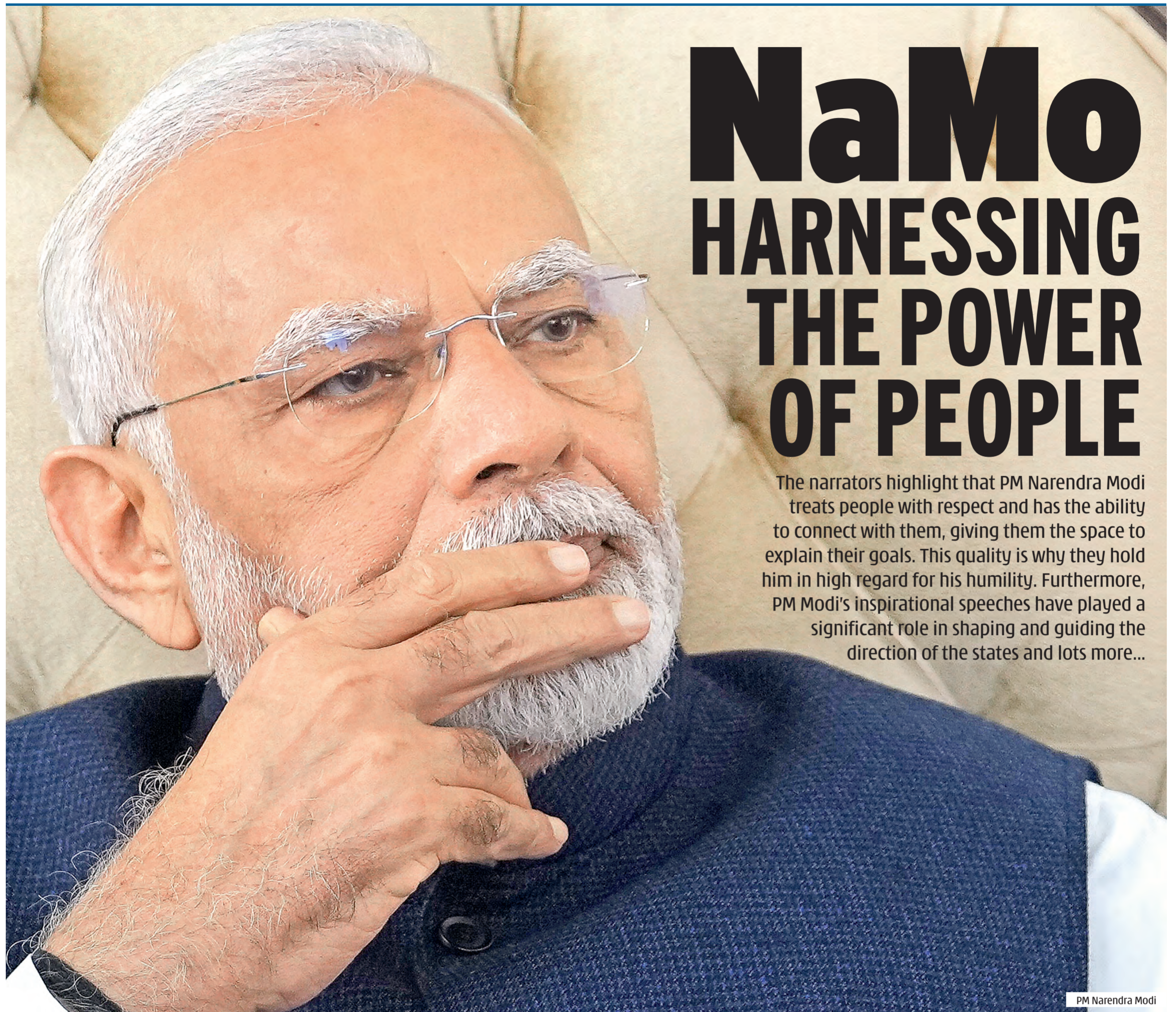
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## 'MODI HAI TO MUMKIN HAI...' UNTOLD STORIES OF PM MODI – PART 107



# NaMo HARNESSING THE POWER OF PEOPLE

The narrators highlight that PM Narendra Modi treats people with respect and has the ability to connect with them, giving them the space to explain their goals. This quality is why they hold him in high regard for his humility. Furthermore, PM Modi's inspirational speeches have played a significant role in shaping and guiding the direction of the states and lots more...

PM Narendra Modi

### PM Modi and Ratan Tata – A memorable bond of vision

The first meeting I had with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we spoke from the same platform. It was an event of Gujarat industries. We were on the same wavelength almost instantly. I took an immense liking for what Mr Modi has achieved as chief minister of Gujarat, little knowing that a little while later he would be the prime minister of the country. He has been a friend ever since. I see Modi as being understanding and kind. He treats people with respect and he has the ability to get close to people, allow them to explain what they are trying to do, which is why I have a lot of praise for his humility and his being able to be with you anytime. He has the ability to put you at ease. I remember, I was in a meeting with the prime minister and other business leaders. He held that meeting for three hours. We haven't seen a prime minister giving so much time to the business community. That was the kind of interaction we have had with Mr Modi. If there is anything, taking it up with Mr Modi, either as chief minister or as prime minister, if he said it would be done, it was done. It hardly ever happens that way while



Late Ratan N Tata  
Industrialist

dealing with governments. Moving the Tata Motors car plant from West Bengal to Gujarat and Mr Modi mentioned publicly to me that 'I will get you the land in X number of days,' and exactly at that time he delivered the papers of the land to us. We immediately moved to Gujarat in a smooth process. Soon several other car companies also made their investment in the state. Gujarat has subsequently become a vibrant centre for automobile industry. If he got involved with something, be it the goal that he wanted to be established or any development he wanted done, he would make the time and effort to make sure that it took place. From the government side the business com-

munity would get all the assistance and goal setting that he wanted. For example, the Tatas were setting up a cancer care facility in India with the Atomic Energy Commission. We were going to set up many cancer specialty hospitals to treat cancer patients. Mr Modi wanted to visit these hospitals that were coming up and he gave a lot of time and effort in endorsing them, especially those in hard to reach places to make India a leader in such moves and I found that very creditable. Vibrant Gujarat was his show and treated it like he was steering the country in a particular direction. I had said in my address on why we should invest in Gujarat, that if we were asked why we did not invest in Gujarat, we would have only one answer and that was, 'because we were stupid not to', as it makes sense for everybody to invest in the state. The potential is enormous. On Mr Modi's insight on what we would achieve, I think what he has achieved is phenomenal and we are all proud of what India is doing. We hold a view that this is a new India that has emerged. So, I am exceedingly grateful and enthusiastic about where we are standing today.

### When Modi ji weaved Mahatma Gandhi's mission with his Swacchata campaign

The year was 2018 and we were in the thick of the Swachh Bharat Mission programme and Prime Minister Narendra Modi was leading the effort. We were looking at the progress different states had made in the cleanliness mission to reach their respective goals. Some states had advanced more rapidly towards their sanitation goals while some others were lagging behind. The PM was always at the forefront, taking frequent review meetings to track the progress and he often gave us very concrete and novel suggestions on how to take it forward for the success of the



Parameswaran Iyer  
Retired IAS, Executive Director, World Bank Group

very sagacious linking of the two to connect the cleanliness mission with the spirit of Gandhi ji for greater participation and enthusiasm. Modi ji's idea was to bring 10,000 sanitation workers and 'Swachhagrahis' from across India meet 10,000 such volunteers from Bihar and share their experiences from other parts of the country, stay with them for a week and travel across Bihar to see how sanitation standards could be improved. The PM himself went down to Motihari (Bihar) and addressed a huge gathering of 'Swachhagrahis' who had assembled from across the country, motivating them to go around, look beyond Bihar and address community issues to ensure their villages adopted the right practices and reached ODF status fast. It was an inspirational speech which exhorted the volunteers to turn the campaign into a 'jan andolan' (mass movement) and I remember how galvanised and motivated they became. This made a lot of difference in shaping and giving direction to the movement, not only in Bihar but in other states too.



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## Adani controversy sparks uproar in Parl

Jairam Ramesh says Oppn continues to demand JPC investigation into entire 'Modani scam'

PTI  
New Delhi

The Congress on Wednesday alleged that both Houses of Parliament got adjourned because of the government's "stubborn unwillingness" to agree to an immediate discussion on the latest revelations regarding the Adani Group. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the Opposition continues to demand a joint parliamentary committee investigation into the entire "Modani scam".

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day amid opposition protests on various issues, including bribery charges related to the Adani Group.



LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and other leaders of the INDIA alliance during a meeting at the Parl House complex, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

"Today also both Houses of Parliament got adjourned because of the Govt's stubborn unwillingness to agree to an immediate discussion on the latest revelations regarding the Adani Group," Ramesh said in a post on X.

"The Opposition continues to demand a JPC

investigation into the entire Modani scam - which has global ramifications and has been born out of the cozy relationship between the PM and Mr. Gautam Adani," he said.

Gautam Adani, founder chairman of the ports-to-energy conglomerate, his nephew Sagar, and

another key executive have been charged by the US Department of Justice of being part of an alleged scheme to pay USD 265 million bribes to Indian officials to win contracts for the supply of solar electricity that would yield USD 2 billion profit over a 20-year period.

### RULING OF THE CHAIR REQUIRES DEFFERENCE NOT CAUSE OF DIFFERENCES, URGES DHANKHAR

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar emphasised the importance of adhering to the traditions of the House on Wednesday, stressing that rulings made by the chair should be respected. "A ruling of the chair requires deference and not the cause of differences. This being a historic day of the very first day of the fourth quarter of the century of adoption of the Indian Constitution, let us raise the productivity bar, let us generate an atmosphere that we exemplify by discussion, dialogue, deliberations and adherence to rules," Dhankhar said.



### Meet & Greet



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, MoS Bandi Sanjay Kumar and other BJP legislators from Telangana, in New Delhi on Wednesday.

## Vaishnaw calls for tougher laws on vulgar social media content

PTI  
New Delhi

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday said there is a need to make existing laws more stringent to curb vulgar content on social media platforms. Speaking in LS, he said the Parliamentary Standing Committee should take up the issue and also called for a consensus to frame more strict laws in this regard.

Earlier, there were editorial checks and it was decided whether something was right or wrong, but those checks have ended. Today, social media is a platform for the freedom of press but it is uncontrolled and there is vulgar content, the minister said during the Question Hour.



Ashwini Vaishnaw speaks in the LS during the winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi.

He was responding to questions by BJP member Arun Govil about existing mechanisms to check the illegal telecast of vulgar and sex-related content through social media platforms and whether the govt proposes to make the existing laws more stringent keeping in view the fact that the said laws are "not much effective to stop misuse of these platforms".

## Those who 'strangled' Constitution now talking about saving it: Yogi



Yogi Adityanath with Sangita Srivastava during the convocation ceremony of the University, in Prayagraj, Wednesday.

PTI  
Prayagraj

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday hit out at the opposition parties, accusing them of "strangling" the Constitution while in power and now making a noise about saving it. His remarks came a day after the country celebrated the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution on Tuesday.

Adityanath argued that the original Constitution, drafted by the BR Ambedkar-led panel on November 26, 1949, did not include the words 'secular' or 'socialist'.

"These words were added when Parl was dissolved, the powers of the judiciary were nullified, & democracy was attacked," he said in an attack at the Congress.

### 'UNIVERSITIES SHOULD CONSIDER FORMING YOUTH PARL INSTEAD OF STUDENTS' UNION'

Echoing PM Modi's words on educated youngsters joining politics, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday that universities should consider whether a youth Parliament can be formed instead of a students' union. Addressing the 136th convocation ceremony of the Allahabad University here as the chief guest, Adityanath said, "For this youth Parliament, it should be decided in every class that no student will contest elections in the first year itself." "Representatives should be elected from every class in the first year and then it should be decided that among the representatives, who should be fielded in elections in the second or third years or at the post-graduate level," he added.

## Symbol of trust & love: Priyanka on Wayanad win



Rahul Gandhi with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K C Venugopal & other party leaders from Wayanad during handing over of the Wayanad parliamentary by-election certificate to Vadra, in New Delhi.

ANI  
New Delhi

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday expressed happiness over receiving her certificate of election and said that it is not just a document but a symbol of love, trust, and the values she is committed to.

"My colleagues from Wayanad brought my certificate of election today. For me, it is not just a document; it is a symbol of your love, trust, and the values we are committed to. Thank you, Wayanad, for choosing me to take forward this journey to build a better future for yourselves," Priyanka posted on X.



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Cyclone Fengal is also expected to bring strong winds, and flooding, prompting school closures and heightened disaster preparedness

# Heavy rains continue to batter Tamil Nadu

The IMD has stated that a deep depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal is expected to strengthen into a cyclone by Wednesday and move towards Tamil Nadu, passing near the Sri Lankan coast over the next two days. Continuous rains in Tamil Nadu's Cauvery delta region have impacted standing paddy crops. An old house also collapsed in Tamil Nadu's Mayiladuthurai due to heavy rains on Wednesday



Sea waves crash against the shore as a deep depression is likely to intensify into Cyclone 'Fengal', in Puducherry, Wednesday.



A man rides horse at Marina beach as rough weather continues due to formation of deep depression, near Chennai, Wednesday. **PTI**



A damaged navigation buoy that was floating near Marina beach on Bay of Bengal being retrieved from the shores as rough weather continues due to formation of deep depression following the onset of North East monsoon, near Chennai, Wednesday.



A protester holds a poster during a protest against air pollution, near the Parliament House complex, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

## DELHI POLLUTION

### Students, parents hold protest near Parliament for clean air



People wear masks during a protest against air pollution.



Layer of smog engulfs high-rise buildings, in Gurugram, Wednesday.



People wear masks during a protest against air pollution, near the Parliament House complex, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

## Air India Pilot Suicide Case

### Boyfriend harassed & humiliated her: Police

Agencies  
Mumbai

The body of a 25-year-old Air India pilot, **Srishti Tuli**, was recovered from her flat in Andheri. An officer from the Powai police station said that, in his complaint, Tuli's uncle alleged that Pandit often harassed and humiliated her in public. He claimed that Pandit also pressured her to change her food habits and stop consuming non-vegetarian food. Police said that on Monday, Tuli had called Pandit and said that she would die by suicide.

### GOVT: 994 HOAX BOMB THREATS TILL NOV 13

Airlines received 994 hoax bomb threats this year till November 13 and robust protocols are in place to handle such threats, the government has said. To deal with the menace of hoax calls in a comprehensive manner, the civil aviation ministry plans to amend the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, 1982, and Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023. A total of 1,143 hoax bomb threat messages/calls were received from August 2022 till November 13, 2024, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Muralidhar Mohol informed Rajya Sabha on November 25.

## PhD student from IIT-Delhi dies as excavation pit collapses in Guj

Agencies  
New Delhi

A tragic incident occurred on Wednesday morning near the archaeological site of Lothal in Gujarat when a soil collapse claimed the life of

an IIT Delhi student and injured three others during their research work. The deceased, Surabhi Verma (23), the PhD scholar from IIT Delhi, was at the ancient Indus Valley civilisation location, approximately 80



kilometres from Ahmedabad, conducting research when the incident happened. Four researchers, two each from IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar, were collecting soil samples for study near the archaeological remains of the Harappan port town of Lothal, according to Police, as reported by PTI. The incident occurred when all 4 researchers entered a 10-foot-deep excavated pit, and its wall suddenly gave way.

## Himachal Assembly: Winter session from December 18

ANI  
Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)

Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania announced on Wednesday that the winter session of the State Legislative Assembly will be held from December 18 to 21. Pathania stated that the session will take place at Tapovan in Dharamshala, with a total of four meet-

ings scheduled during this period. Meanwhile, Himachal Pradesh government will mark two years in office with a grand function on December 11 in Bilaspur, according to a press release from the Chief Minister's Office. CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu convened a meeting with senior officials to discuss the programme's preparations.

India has taken robust measures to regulate fintech industry: Report

PTI  
Indore

Concrete steps have been taken to regulate the fintech industry in India as per the Financial Action Task Force's recommendations to tackle money laundering and terror financing, a central government official said. India is among the few countries that are working on FATF recommendations to regulate the fintech industry, said Vivek Agrawal, additional secretary (department of revenue), ministry of finance, during the ongoing 41st plenary meeting of the Eurasian Group in Indore. FATF leads global action to tackle money laundering, terrorist and proliferation financing. The RBI has also issued separate guidelines to regulate payment aggregators and payment gateways, he said. Agrawal is attending the five-day EAG meeting as the head of the India delegation. He is also the director of the financial intelligence unit (FIU) in India.

## Along India-China Border

### BRO preparing path for devp in Arunachal for military mobility



As the BRO continues to enhance infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh, these efforts are not only crucial for national defence but are also playing a pivotal role in uplifting the local economy and improving the standard of living of residents in this challenging terrain.

Mahesh Sharma  
Aalo (Arunachal Pradesh)

The Border Roads Organization (BRO) is working on several key infrastructure projects along the India-China border in Arunachal Pradesh to improve both military mobility and civilian connectivity. These projects, including the Trans-Arunachal, Frontier Arunachal, and Brahmanik initiatives, are designed to strengthen the region's strategic importance while connecting remote areas of the state. The Trans-Arunachal project aims to connect 16 districts across the



Colonel Arjun Gulati, Commander, 44 Border Road Task Force, Arunachal Pradesh



Subhash Chandra Luniya, SE, Border Road Organisation, Arunachal Pradesh

state with a 2047-kilometer road network. It is expected to significantly enhance connectivity, linking the easternmost parts of Arunachal Pradesh with the rest of the country. This will also aid in easier deployment of military forces along the border. The Frontier Arunachal project runs along the Mc-Mahon Line, the Line of Control between India and China. This project, which spans 1637.15 kilometers, connects 12 districts and is considered crucial for national security. With an estimated cost of ₹40,000 crore, it is set to be completed by 2027.

## DUE TO TRAIN ACCIDENTS IN FIVE YEARS

### Rly properties worth ₹313 cr damaged

PTI  
New Delhi

Railway properties worth Rs 313 crore were damaged due to several train accidents in the past five years, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. "Total cost of damages to railway property such as rolling stock/tracks etc, in consequential train accidents during the past five years (from April 2019 to March 2024) have



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

been assessed as Rs 313 crore," Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The minister was re-

sponding to questions on the total financial loss incurred by the government due to train acci-

dents raised by five MPs -- S Venkatesan, K Subbarayan, PC Gaddigoudar, Selvaraj V and Balwant Baswant Wankhade -- from different political parties. Responding to questions regarding the number of victims who had availed of insurance through e-tickets, Vaishnaw said 22 claims were registered under the Optional Travel Insurance Scheme during the period from November 1, 2019, to October 31, 2024.

## 15 dead in Israeli strikes on Gaza Strip: Officials

Agencies  
Cairo

Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip killed 15 people on Wednesday, some of them in a school housing displaced people, medics in Gaza said, adding that the fatalities included two sons of a former Hamas spokesman.

Health officials in the Hamas-run enclave said eight Palestinians were killed and dozens of others wounded in an Israeli strike that hit the Al-Tabeeen School, which was sheltering displaced families in Gaza City. Among those killed were two sons of former Hamas spokesman, Fawzi Barhoum, as per medics.

In the Shejaia suburb of Gaza City, another strike killed four people, while three people were killed in an Israeli air strike in Beit Lahiya on the northern edge of the enclave where army forces have been operating since last month.

Separately, a ceasefire between Israel and Iran-backed group Hezbollah came into effect on Wednesday after both sides accepted an agreement brokered by the U.S. and France, a rare victory for diplomacy in a region shaken by two wars for over a year.



Displaced residents return to Dahiyeh, in Beirut, Lebanon, following a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah that went into effect on Wednesday.

### ISRAEL-HEZBOLLAH CEASEFIRE APPEARS TO HOLD, LEBANESE BEGIN STREAMING SOUTH



A ceasefire between Israel and the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon appeared to be holding after it came into effect at 4 a.m. local time Wednesday (10 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday). President Biden announced the ceasefire deal Tuesday, saying the U.S. and France had helped broker the agreement. Celebratory gunshots were heard in Beirut, where people took to the streets to cheer the cessation of hostilities — however long it lasts. Lebanon's army said it was preparing to send troops to the country's south.

### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Biden administration kept President-elect Donald Trump's incoming administration closely apprised of its efforts to broker the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hezbollah that is slated to go into effect early Wednesday, according to the outgoing Democratic administration.
- Trump's team, meanwhile, was quick to spike the football and claim credit for the rare spot of good news for a Democratic administration that's been dragged down by the grinding Mideast conflict.

## India-Russia trade hits USD 66bn in 2024: Russian envoy

Agencies  
New Delhi

A senior Russian diplomat on Wednesday said bilateral trade between the two countries has reached a record USD 66 billion in 2024, marking a fivefold increase over the past five years, with a 9 per cent rise in the first eight months of this year. The envoy said Russia and India are on track to achieve the ambitious USD 100 billion trade



Maxim V. Kozlov, Russian Consul General in Kolkata.

target by 2030, bolstered by expanding collaborations and diversified trade opportunities.

"The recent dialogues between leaders of both countries on the possibilities of diversifying

the trade basket and increasing the volume of investments in multiple sectors make the target of USD 100 billion by 2030 an achievable one," said Maxim V. Kozlov, Russian Consul General in Kolkata, at an interactive session with members of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC).

"India and Russia are more than strategic partners; we are all-weather friends," Kozlov added.

## 10 killed, 21 injured in Pak's Khyber: Report

PTI  
Peshawar

At least 10 more people have been killed and 21 others injured as sporadic clashes continued between Sunni and Shia tribes despite a cease-fire brokered between the two warring communities in Pakistan's restive northwest, police said on Wednesday.

The latest violence took place on Tuesday in Kurram district, bordering Afghanistan, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. At least 10 people died and 21 others injured in the sporadic tribal sectarian violence, police said. The clashes between Alizai and Bagan tribes in Kurram district started on Friday.

## Sambhal Violence: Protesters to pay for damage to property

PTI  
Lucknow

The Uttar Pradesh government will make protesters involved in the Sambhal violence pay for damage to public property while posters of "stone pelters" will be displayed at public places, an official said on Wednesday.

Sambhal police has released several pictures of those involved in violence. In these photographs, nine persons were identified and help is sought from people to identify those who have masks on their faces.

Four died and several others, including police personnel, were injured in



Police personnel keep a vigil near Shahi Jama Masjid, in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday.

Sambhal after a confrontation erupted over a court-ordered survey of the city's Shahi Jama Masjid in Kot Garvi area, following a petition claiming that a Harihar temple once stood at the site. "The UP government is

adopting a firm stance against the individuals involved in the Sambhal violence. Posters of the stone pelters and miscreants will be displayed publicly, and recovery of damages will be sought," an official spokesperson said.

## Police: 2 associates of Lawrence Gang held



Jalandhar Police apprehends two associates of the Lawrence Bishnoi Gang in Jalandhar after a hot chase and shootout.

Agencies  
New Delhi

Two associates of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang were held following an exchange of fire in Jalandhar, Punjab Police said on Wednesday. Both the criminals were facing many cases, including murder & extortion, they said, adding 3 weapons along with cartridges have been recovered from them. "Jalandhar Commis-

sionerate Police (@CPJalandhar) apprehends two associates of the Lawrence Bishnoi Gang in #Jalandhar after a hot chase and shootout," Punjab Police said.

"The police opened fire in retaliation after the suspects fired at them during the chase. The arrested individuals have multiple cases registered against them, including Extortion, Murder, Arms Act & NDPS Act," it said.



### Weak influence in the Grand Old Party

In the Congress party, some leaders continue to maintain their influence, despite their weak performance. Notable among them are Dheeraj Gurjar, Bhanwar Jitendra Singh, and Kazi Nizamuddin. Gurjar has consistently lost in the assembly elections but remains firmly in his position. Bhanwar Jitendra Singh, who oversees several states, has not led the party to a victory in any of the elections in those regions.

### Is Cong ready for another challenging electoral battle?

With assembly elections slated for next year in Delhi and Bihar, Congress is preparing for another challenging electoral battle. In the last two Delhi assembly elections, Congress failed to win a single seat, and in Bihar, the party has relied heavily on the RJD for support. Congress has not been able to establish its own CM in Bihar for the past 35 years.

### Two Congress MLAs face an uncomfortable situation

Recently, two minority Congress MLAs were involved in a public exchange during an event in another state. At a breakfast table, a senior Congress leader made a blunt remark: "I can bet that these two will never be able to work together." The two MLAs appeared visibly uncomfortable and glanced at each other in response.

### Why several bodies remain inactive in Congress?

It has been over four years since several Congress cells and departments were disbanded in July 2020, but most of them have yet to be reconstituted. While a few cells and departments have been reformed, nearly 50 such bodies remain inactive. Despite this, Congress managed to participate in and contest four major elections.

### Internal sabotage in Congress party

There is growing speculation about whether Congress will take action against those involved in sabotage within the party. PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotsara has already admitted that sabotage has occurred. Congress faced defeat in Chaurasi and Salumber due to internal sabotage. Questions are now being raised about leaders Raghuraj Meena and Tarachand Bhagora. Both candidates had already lodged complaints with the state leadership regarding sabotage.

### Complaints over illegal trade of blood

There have been serious complaints raised at the central level regarding the illegal trade of blood, with Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra under scrutiny. Allegations include transporting blood without maintaining proper temperature control and selling it at inflated prices. Several cases have been reported where blood was transported in unregulated conditions using private vehicles and Styrofoam boxes to other states.

## 30 detained after lawyer killed in Bangladesh

Agencies  
Dhaka

At least 30 suspects were detained in Bangladesh's Chattogram city for their alleged involvement in the killing of a lawyer and attacking security personnel over the arrest of a prominent Hindu community leader, police said on Wednesday.

Assistant public prosecutor Saiful Islam, who was in his early 30s, was killed during clashes between security personnel and followers of Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, spokesperson for Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote. The violence erupted after Chinmoy Das was denied bail and sent to jail by the Chattogram's Sixth Metropolitan Magistrate court in a sedition case.



People participate in a funeral of a lawyer killed, Wednesday.

Union minister Giriraj Singh on Wednesday said the attack on Hindus in Bangladesh reflects that the interim government of that country is in the "clutches of fundamentalists" and sought the intervention of the United Nations in the matter. Condemning the arrest of a Hindu leader in Bangladesh, he said such attacks are against humanity.

### ON MUMBAI INDIANS SQUAD

## Want to continue tradition of developing young players for Indian cricket, says Nita M Ambani

First India Bureau  
Mumbai

Nita M. Ambani, owner of the Mumbai Indians, spoke about Mumbai Indians acquiring a lot of young players at the IPL auction in Jeddah on Monday.

Ambani alluded to Mumbai Indians historically producing a lot of players who have gone on to represent India and



Anant Ambani & Nita Ambani during the IPL auction 2025.



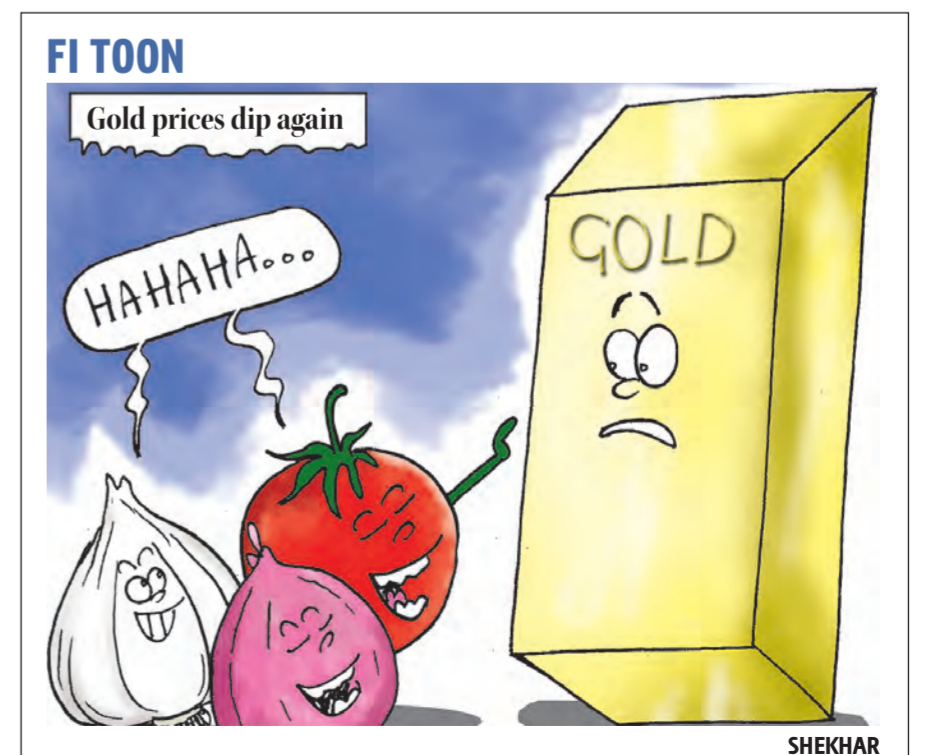
thanked the MI Palatan for their passionate support with a message in Marathi. Wanted to build a

team around our strong retained core at the auction. "Mega auction mhanje, navin team,

navin shurvat, pan toch Mumbai Indians cha ut-sah (Mega auction means new team, new start but the same Mumbai Indians enthusiasm). I am happy to welcome some new faces and to have some old ones back with us."

"At Mumbai Indians, we take a lot of pride and satisfaction in scouting and nurturing many young talents who have gone on to play for the Indian team. From Jasprit,

Hardik, Tilak, Ramandeep Singh, and now we have a pool of upcoming youngsters and an opportunity to develop the next set of talent - Naman Dhir, Robin Minz, Ashwani Kumar, Raj Angad Bawa and Shrijith Krishnan. I am very excited to welcome them to the Mumbai Indians #OneFamily and we want to continue this tradition of developing young players for Indian cricket", said Nita



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### RAJASTHAN GOLD MINE CONTROVERSY

# Lol delay and stock surge raise concerns

The case has reached international arbitration, with an Australian mineral company contesting the mining rights



Exclusive

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

In a startling turn of events, Rajasthan's first gold mine in the Jagpura-Bhukia area of Banswara has become the subject of controversy even before mining operations have started. Syed Owais Ali's firm, Owais Metal, secured the bid for the mine during an online auction, placing a bid 65.3% above the reserve price. The firm deposited the first instalment of ₹100 crore on July 5, 2024, yet the state government has yet to issue the Letter of Intent (LOI), and mining has not even begun.



As the arbitration case unfolds, the future of the gold mine, the promised ₹8,000 crore investment in the state, and the potential revenue from the mine remain uncertain

Meanwhile, Owais Metal's stock prices have surged dramatically, jumping from ₹274 to ₹1,569 after the auction announcement, and currently trading around ₹1200 per share. Experts believe the company has made a profit of over ₹1,000 crore.

of the LOI, and if the arbitration does not go in favour of the state, the ₹100 crore deposit might need to be refunded to the company.

This development raises questions about whether the company had any right to claim the gold mine without an LOI and whether the stock price surge was part of a strategic move to benefit from the mine's potential. The issue also casts doubts on the role of Rajasthan's Mining Department and its officials in the process, with concerns about the transparency and legality of the proceedings.

## ITM, a gateway for Northeast India's rich culture: Shekhawat

First India Bureau  
Kaziranga

The 12th International Tourism Mart (ITM) was inaugurated by Union Minister for Tourism, GS Shekhawat in Kaziranga, Assam, with CMs Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma of Assam and Pema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh also attending. Shekhawat highlighted Northeast India's cultural diversity & biodiversity, calling ITM a global platform to showcase the region.

He also celebrated Kaziranga's 50 years as a national park. The event, running from Nov 26-29, 2024, featured launch of the coffee table book, 'Guwahati & Around.'



GS Shekhawat during the inauguration of 12th Int'l Tourism Mart For The North East Region at Kaziranga, Assam on Wednesday. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Pema Khandu & others were present.



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat reviews the ongoing construction of the Science Centre in Guwahati on Wednesday.



Dr Prem Chand Bairwa during the meeting of the Water Distribution System Committee of Chhapparwara Dam in Dudu district on Wednesday. Other local leaders were also present.

## Dudu: Bairwa inspects Chhapparwara Dam

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa visited Dudu on Wednesday and interacted with BJP workers at the Dak Bungalow. Following the

meeting, he proceeded for an inspection of the Chhapparwara Dam. The visit was attended by ADM Gopal Parihar, Fagi SDM Rakesh Kumar, Dudu SDM Yogesh Singh, and Irrigation Department XEN Anil Thakor.

## Stay humble, work fairly: Devnani to RAS trainees

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Jaipur

Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani advised newly selected Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS) trainees to remain humble, impartial, and make thoughtful, honest decisions. Addressing 75 trainees in a courtesy meeting, he emphasised the role of youth in shaping the nation's future.



Vasudev Devnani with 75 newly selected trainee officers of the Rajasthan Administrative Service at State Assembly in Jaipur.

Devnani congratulated the officers on their selection and urged them to align their work with the

nation's goals. The trainees also visited the newly established Constitution Gallery at the Assembly.



Vasudev Devnani being extended a warm welcome by Rakesh Jain and other BJP workers at the Circuit House in Kota.

Devnani also unveiled poster for the 'Nanhi Muskaan' initiative, a programme offering free

check-ups for children in Dausa on Dec 1. "Healthy children are vital for a strong nation," he said.

### Expressing Gratitude



Congress leader Sachin Pilot being greeted by the newly elected MLA from Dausa, Deen Dayal Bairwa, who called upon Pilot at his residence in Jaipur on Wednesday to express gratitude for his victory in the recently held by-election. Addressing the gathering, Pilot said, "The by-elections, particularly in Dausa assembly constituency, were under the scrutiny of the entire country. The success the party achieved here is attributed to all of you."

## PP Chaudhary meets CM, submits demands of Pali

Gopendra Nath Bhatt  
New Delhi

Pali MP PP Chaudhary met Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma at Jodhpur House, Delhi, on Wednesday. During the meeting, Chaudhary discussed key issues facing his constituency, including obstacles in the construction of the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Hemawas. He highlighted the long-pending issue of a drinking water connection, which is delaying the building's completion.

Chaudhary urged the CM to expedite the installation of a pipeline from Mandali Pump House to the school. He also brought up the ₹1.25 crore estimated cost for the connection, noting the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's stance on



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being greeted by PP Chaudhary at Jodhpur House in New Delhi on Wednesday.

the sponsoring agency's responsibility. Additionally, Chaudhary requested the CM to forward proposals for new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bilara and Bhopalgarh. CM Sharma assured swift action on all matters raised.

## State Govt's 1st anniv: Events from Dec 12

Dr Rituraj Sharma  
Jaipur

A four-day programme will celebrate the first anniversary of the state government, starting December 12. ACS Abhay Kumar, the nodal officer for the event, reviewed the preparations with officials from relevant departments. The programme includes the "Run for Viksit Rajasthan" on December 12, followed by the Youth Conference and Employment Festival. The Kisan Sannam will be held on December 13, with the Mahila Sannam and Antyodaya Seva Shivar on December 14. The event will conclude with the State-Level Development Exhibition on December 15.

### Paying Tributes...



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla; Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, LoP in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge; LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Hariwansh, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries after paying floral tributes to Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar, the former Lok Sabha Speaker, in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, on his birth anniversary.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla pays floral tributes to Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar, the first Speaker of LS in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, on his birth anniversary on Wednesday.

## BJP names State Observers for org elections

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

BJP has appointed observers for organisational polls to co-ordinate with national election officer & state units. Dr Radha Mohan Agrawal will oversee Rajasthan, Punjab, Chandigarh, & Guj; Arun Singh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, & Dadra & Nagar Haveli; Sunil Bansal, WB, Assam, J'khand, & Haryana; Vinod Tawde, UP & Bihar; Tarun Chugh; Kerala, TN, Puducherry, K'taka, Lakshadweep. Shivprakash: MP etc.

### UDAIPUR ROYAL FAMILY DISPUTE

# State govt's seriousness ends three-day-long standoff

Senior officers from Jaipur rushed to end crisis

Rajendra Chhabra  
Jaipur

In an exemplary display of foresight and handling of challenging situations, on Wednesday, the state government rushed Anand Kumar, the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of the Home Department, and Additional Director General (Law and Order) Vishal Bansal

to Udaipur to personally intervene in the escalating law and order situation owing to the dispute between two segments of the royal family. This marks the first time in recent years that senior officers were dispatched to the field to manage a law and order crisis in the state. Kumar and Bansal arrived in Udaipur by plane early on Wednesday morning to address the situation, which had been deteriorating for the past three days due to a public dispute within the royal family. Thanks to their timely



Anand Kumar

intervention and efforts throughout the day, the situation was controlled by evening. The dispute, which had spilled onto the streets, was resolved, and the traditional 'Dhuni Darshan' ceremony took



Arvind Poswal

place peacefully later that day, providing much-needed relief to the city. The law and order situation in Udaipur had worsened rapidly over the past few days, with the royal family's internal dis-

pute drawing in the public and sparking violent protests. Markets were shut, and the city came to a standstill. As the unrest grew, it became clear to the state's leadership in Jaipur that local police were struggling to regain control. In response, the government acted swiftly, dispatching ACS Home Anand Kumar to Udaipur without delay. With the DGP, U.R. Sahoo, occupied with preparations for the upcoming DGP conference in Bhubaneswar, the government also sent ADG

Law & Order, Vishal Bansal, to Udaipur along with Kumar to oversee the situation. Upon arrival, both officers focused on reinforcing the police presence in the most volatile areas, particularly Samore Bagh Road and the route leading to the City Palace. They closely monitored police arrangements and extensively consulted with both factions involved in the royal family dispute. Udaipur District Collector Arvind Poswal, a seasoned administrator with extensive experi-

ence, played a crucial role in assisting the senior officers throughout the day. Though Poswal, a competent officer, had been working to resolve the issue, the state govt decided to send senior officers from Jaipur to prevent further escalation. In recent years, law & order incidents have typically been managed by local officers, such as Divisional Commissioners, IG, SP, or Collector, without ACS Home involvement. This situation required a more hands-on approach to prevent the unrest escalating.





**STUNNING REVIVAL!**

**B**ollywood actress Yami Gautam, who recently embraced motherhood, made a radiant return to the public eye during an event, marking her first appearance since welcoming her son. P11

# STRIDES OF STARDOM

Durga, a 20-year-old model from Jaipur, juggles academics and modelling. City First infuses her journey encouraged by her sister who guided her and she secured 4th Runner-Up at Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11, aiming for a stellar future.



Amrit Singh with daughter Durga



MUKESH KIRADOO

**D**urga, a 20-year-old model based in Jaipur, is carving a niche for herself in the world of modelling. Currently pursuing her bachelor's degree, she balances her academic pursuits with a promising modelling career.

Born in Jodhpur, Durga grew up in various parts of South India due to her father's service in the Indian Navy. Her childhood was defined by an active interest in sports, including swimming, kho-kho, and marathons. However, modelling was never part of her initial aspirations. It was her sister Manisha, a model herself, who saw Durga's potential and encouraged her to step into the field. With her sister's guidance and the unwavering support of Gaurav Gaur, Founder & Director, of Elite Miss Rajasthan a mentor who believed in her talent, Durga embarked on her modelling journey.

Her family plays a crucial role in her story. With two sisters, a brother, and supportive parents, Durga draws strength from her loved ones. Her father, Amrit Singh, retired from the Indian Navy after a life of perseverance and determination. Having come from a challenging background where he funded his own education, Amrit ensured that his children never faced the same struggles. His unwavering encouragement, despite initially being unfamiliar with the modelling world, became the foundation of Durga's success. Her



**Tripti Mahawar**

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mother, equally supportive, beams with pride at Durga's accomplishments.

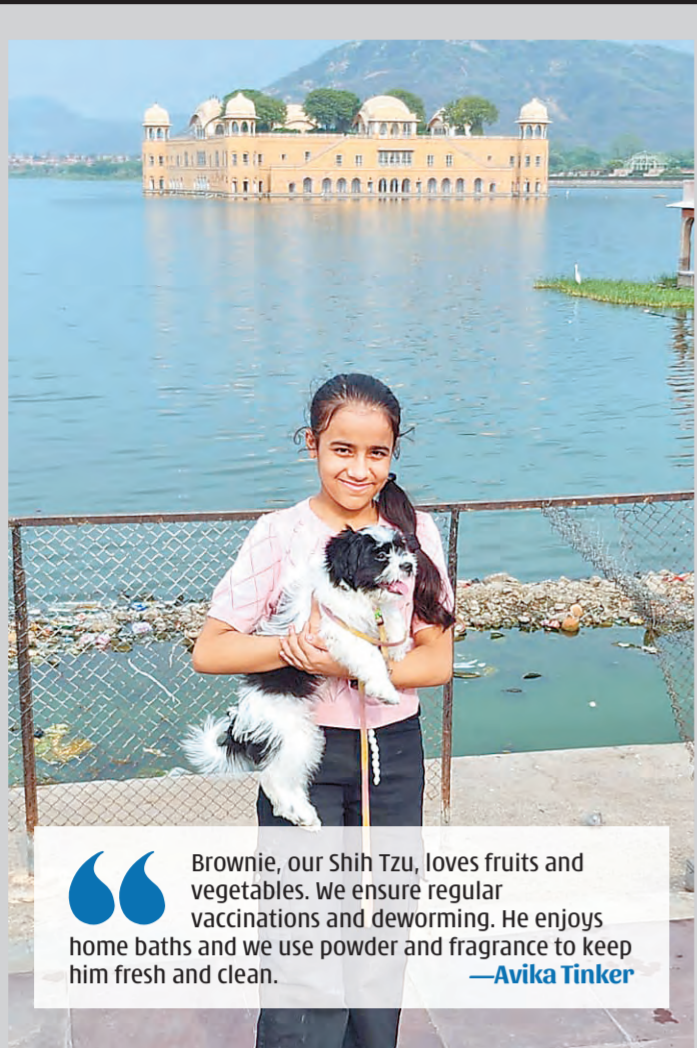
Durga's journey in modelling is marked by significant achievements. She earned the title of 4th Runner-Up at Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11, solidifying her position as a rising star. Looking ahead, Durga envisions herself as a leading professional model in the next five years, aiming to inspire others with her dedication and resilience.



# Pet Grooming



## The New Fad or a Necessity?



“Brownie, our Shih Tzu, loves fruits and vegetables. We ensure regular vaccinations and deworming. He enjoys home baths and we use powder and fragrance to keep him fresh and clean.”  
—Avika Tinker



“Adopting Jerry last year brought a new colour to my life. Her innocence and loyalty turned every challenge into love. I make sure to provide her with the best—good food and regular check-ups every month. She's not just a pet but my companion and family.”  
—Muskan Kabra



“Jimmy gets dirty quickly because of his white coat, so I prioritize his hygiene by brushing him regularly to prevent germs. He loves playing outside, so I make sure to care for him properly. I use a mild fragrance, and the kids absolutely love playing with him. I ensure he's well-groomed with regular haircuts, especially during the rainy season when he gets itchy. I stay on top of his deworming and vaccinations to keep him healthy. Jimmy's well-being is my top priority.”  
—Shourya Choudhary



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“Pet grooming has seen a surge in popularity in recent years, evolving from being viewed as a luxury to an essential part of pet care. The rise in awareness among pet owners about the health benefits of grooming has driven this transformation. From chic grooming salons to professional home services, the pet grooming industry is booming, but this growth also raises a critical question: is it just a fad or a necessity?”

Historically, grooming was primarily limited to show pets or those with high-maintenance coats. However, as the bond between humans and their furry companions deepened, grooming emerged as a vital aspect of pet care. Today, grooming encompasses more than just aesthetic enhancement—it is a preventive health-care measure.

Whether your pet is a fluffy Pomeranian, a sleek Labrador, or a farm-friendly German Shepherd, grooming needs vary widely. Long-haired breeds often require regular trimming, dematting and brushing to prevent painful tangles and skin infections. Short-haired pets, though seemingly low-maintenance, also benefit from grooming to manage shedding, maintain a healthy coat and detect potential health issues.

**GROOMING: A HEALTH ESSENTIAL**

Utkarsh Rathore, the owner of Pet Style, emphasised the role of grooming in pet health. He explained, “Proper grooming is essential for the well-being of pets, whether they have long fur or short. Long-haired pets can face issues like matted fur, skin problems and even severe conditions like cancer if not groomed regularly. A common myth is that

tion of issues like ear infections, dental problems and even weight management concerns, underscoring its role as preventive care.

While many pet owners prefer grooming their pets at home, professional grooming offers unparalleled benefits. Experts have the knowledge and tools to ensure that every aspect of the pet's hygiene is addressed, from trimming nails and cleaning ears to managing un-



Utkarsh Rathore, Owner Pet Style

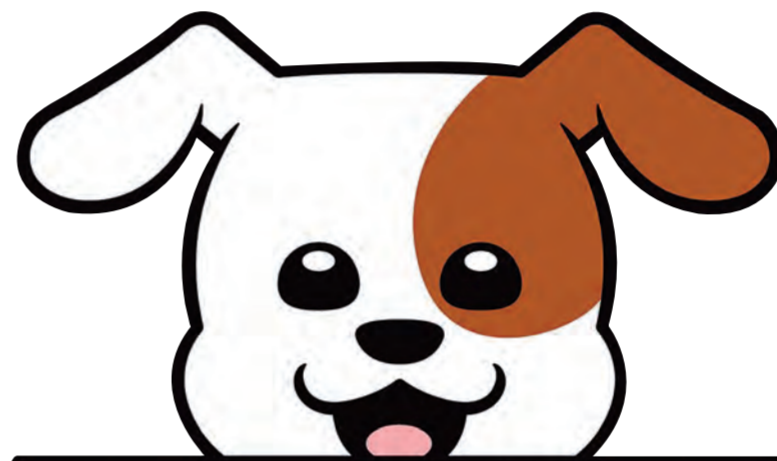
surging their hygiene and overall health. It helps improve blood circulation, which may also contribute to a longer lifespan. Grooming is particularly important during summer to prevent issues like fungal infections caused by heat and humidity.”

Professional pet grooming is about more than just appearance. Regular grooming helps identify health issues early, such as lumps, skin irritations or parasites. It also ensures that pets are comfortable and stress-free, especially for those with thick coats that can cause overheating in warmer climates. Professionals offer additional services such as hostel facilities, ensuring pets receive round-the-clock care and attention.

**BEYOND THE BASICS**

Pet grooming isn't merely a periodic routine; it is a lifestyle commitment for pet owners. Regular baths, brushing, nail trims and coat care reduce the risk of infections, improve comfort and enhance the pet's quality of life. Services like those offered by pet shops, including grooming and hostel facilities, ensure pets receive comprehensive care in professional settings.

In conclusion, pet grooming is far from a fleeting trend. It is an essential practice that contributes to the physical and emotional well-being of pets. As more pet owners realise the multifaceted benefits of grooming, the industry is poised for further growth. Whether you choose to groom your pet at home or seek professional services, what matters most is that your furry friend stays healthy, happy and well-groomed.



**KITTY'S COZY CORNER**

Pet grooming for cats is also essential for keeping your feline friend healthy and comfortable. Regular grooming helps maintain a shiny coat, reduces shedding and prevents hairballs. Brushing your cat's fur removes dirt, dead hair, and tangles, stimulating skin oils that keep their coat soft. Cats with longer fur, like Persians or Maine Coons, require more frequent grooming to avoid mats and tangles. Regular nail trimming is also crucial to prevent overgrowth and



injury. Grooming sessions offer an opportunity to check for fleas, ticks, or skin conditions, ensuring your cat stays happy and healthy.

small dogs or short-haired breeds like Labradors don't need grooming, but both require it—only the frequency varies.”

Rathore further highlights that grooming can be particularly crucial for pets in open environments, as they are exposed to more dirt and pests. Regular grooming allows for early detec-

dercoat shedding. Additionally, professional groomers are trained to spot subtle signs of health issues that might escape an untrained eye.

“Maintaining cleanliness for pets is essential, especially for areas like ears and fur that are hard to clean at home,” shares Ravi Naraniya of RDB. “Professional grooming plays a vital role in en-



“Everyone needs grooming, and I have two German Shepherds and one Indie street dog. I mostly groom them at home, giving them baths myself. I get their nails trimmed at the vet, and ear cleaning and vaccinations are also done there. I make sure to get these done once a month.”  
—Shivangi Singh Rao



Tripti Mahawar in loving moment with little Starry



Ravi Naraniya, Owner RDB with adorable pups & pet owner



Kaamini shared a heartwarming moment with her pug, Mishtuu

## Protective Gesture

**S**ara Ali Khan, one of Bollywood's most beloved actresses, was recently spotted heading to a salon in the city, but what followed was both hilarious and heartwarming. As Sara made her way toward the salon, an elderly man unexpectedly stepped in to protect her from the paparazzi, delivering what netizens are calling "security pro max."

In a viral video, the senior citizen can be seen aggressively asking the paparazzi to stop clicking pictures of Sara. His protective gesture caught everyone by surprise, including Sara, who was visibly shocked by the intervention. The moment quickly became a hit on social media, with netizens praising the man for his bold actions. Comments flooded in, with users calling the elderly man a hero. "Chacha rocks!" one commenter wrote, while another joked, "Chacha, inki posting military main karwa dijiye. He will be on the front foot alone." Some fans also expressed that Sara should appreciate the old man for his kind gesture. "At least Sara should appreciate the old man because he was saving her," said one netizen.



Sara Ali Khan

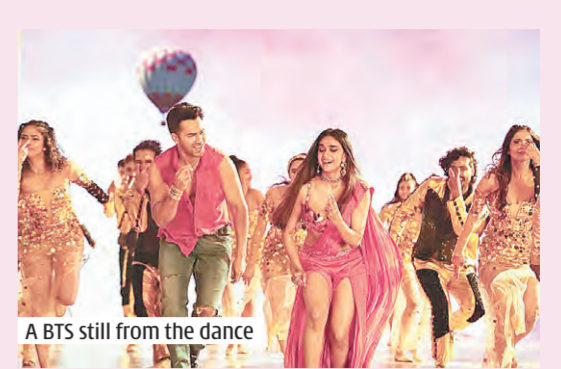
## Golden Glow

**B**ollywood actress Yami Gautam, who recently embraced motherhood, made a radiant return to the public eye during an event, marking her first appearance since welcoming her son, Vedavid, with husband Aditya Dhar. The couple, who first shared their pregnancy news during the trailer launch of their film Article 370, welcomed their baby boy on May 10, 2024, on the auspicious occasion of Akshay Tritiya.

In her much-anticipated public debut post-motherhood, Yami stole the spotlight in a stunning golden salwar-suit set, exuding a glow that left everyone in awe. With her trademark million-dollar smile and graceful presence, Yami looked effortlessly beautiful, winning the hearts of her fans and the media. Her fans quickly took to social media, commenting on how she has not only maintained her beauty but seems to radiate even more charm since becoming a mother. One user remarked, "Trust me, she is the most beautiful actress in the current time," while others lauded her for her elegance and decency, noting how she continues to impress with her traditional fashion choices. After several months of private joy, Yami and Aditya recently introduced their son to the world through a heartfelt Instagram post. They shared that their son, Vedavid, was born on Akshay Tritiya and thanked the medical professionals who helped ensure safe delivery. The couple expressed their excitement for the future and their hopes for Vedavid's bright journey ahead, wishing him to grow into a source of pride for the family and the nation. On the professional front, while Aditya Dhar is busy filming Dhurandhar and Dhoom Dhaam, Yami Gautam is excited to resume work after her maternity break. She looks forward to returning to the sets, ready to take on new challenges while balancing her role as a new mother.



Yami Gautam



A BTS still from the dance

## ENERGETIC CHEMISTRY

**T**he excitement surrounding Baby John is reaching new heights as Varun Dhawan shared behind-the-scenes (BTS) pictures from the song Nain Matakka, featuring himself, Diljit Dosanjh, and Keerthy Suresh. The song, which has already captured fans' attention, is the first track from the highly anticipated film Baby John and is set to be a major hit. Composed by Thaman, Nain Matakka is sung by Diljit Dosanjh and Dheekshitha Venkateshan (Dhee).



Varun Dhawan & Keerthy Suresh

Varun took to Instagram, sharing BTS images from the lively set, showcasing the "crazy energy" that went into creating this infectious track. In the photos, Varun and Keerthy are seen matching dance moves with Diljit, amplifying the lively vibe of the track, which is already becoming a fan favourite. Baby John, directed by Kalees and produced by Murad Khetani, Priya Atlee, and Jyoti Deshpande, also stars Wamiqa Gabbi and Jackie Shroff. The film, slated for a Christmas release this year, promises to be an action-packed entertainer that fans are eagerly awaiting.

dynamic chemistry between the stars. One fan commented, "Crazyyy movesss VD," while others expressed excitement about learning the "nain nain matakka hook step."

The Nain Matakka song blends Punjabi rhythms with a Telugu twist, and its upbeat beats by S Thaman are a perfect match for the high-energy dance moves of Varun and Keerthy. Diljit's appearance adds to the lively vibe of the track, which is already becoming a fan favourite.

Fans immediately flooded the post with excitement, praising the vibrant energy of the song and the dynamic chemistry between the stars.

## TAJ LOVE STORIES UNFOLDED BEAUTIFULLY!



Anil Kapoor with wife Sunita Kapoor

**A**nil Kapoor and his wife Sunita Kapoor recently took a romantic trip to the Taj Mahal and the couple shared some beautiful moments from their visit on social media, spreading love and joy among their fans. In a post shared by Anil Kapoor, he posted a series of dreamy pictures that perfectly captured their timeless bond.

The first photo features Anil with his arm around Sunita, with the iconic Taj Mahal standing majestically in the distance. The second photo is a serene moment with the couple sitting on a bench in the Taj's lush gardens, looking at each other with expressions full of happiness and affection. The final picture shows them walking hand-in-hand amidst the bustling crowd,

their love shining through. In the heartfelt caption, Anil quoted Alain de Botton's On Love, saying, "Perhaps it is true that we do not really exist until there is someone there to see us existing... we are not wholly alive until we are loved." The profound words of love struck a chord with fans and celebrities alike. His daughters, Sonam and

Rhea Kapoor, were quick to show their affection. Sonam shared the post on her Instagram Stories, calling her parents "favourite people" and expressing gratitude to God for them. Rhea followed suit, sharing a heart emoji and a nazar amulet. Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan also dropped a heart-eye emoji in the comments, further spreading the love.

## SIBLING SPOTLIGHT

**B**ollywood's iconic sibling duo, Ranbir Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor Khan are all set to make their way to Saudi Arabia in December, but it's not for a film project. The siblings will be attending the prestigious Red Sea International Film Festival (RSIFF) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where they will feature in the In Conversation segment alongside a star-studded list of global personalities.

The fourth edition of the RSIFF will take place from December 5 to 14, 2024, and will bring together influential figures from the world of cinema. Ranbir and Kareena will join celebrated actors such as Egyptian actress Mona Zaki and American actress Viola Davis. Other notable personalities in the lineup include Hollywood stars Eva Longoria and Andrew Garfield, along with filmmaker Michael Mann, Head of Jury Spike Lee, and Turkish actors Engin Altan Düzyatan and Nurgül Yeşilçay.

As part of the In Conversation segment, Ranbir and Kareena will share their experiences, insights and personal journeys in the world of cinema. The event, which will be held at the Red Sea Film Foundation's new Cultural Square headquarters in Al Balad, aims to provide a platform for these luminaries to connect with cinema lovers and industry executives.

The festival promises to be a celebration of artistic achievement and storytelling, with Jomana Al Rashid, Chairwoman of the Red Sea Film Foundation, calling the lineup "extraordinary." As the sibling duo shares their artistic journeys, fans and industry professionals alike are excited to hear about the inspirations behind their careers.

On the work front, Ranbir Kapoor is currently filming Love & War, while Kareena Kapoor Khan was last seen in Singham Again.



Ranbir Kapoor

Kareena Kapoor Khan



Rysa Panday

## Glamorous Sisterhood

**A**nanya Panday, Bollywood's beloved actress, recently shared a heartwarming post on Instagram, showcasing her younger sister Rysa Panday in a breathtaking black net gown. The gown, adorned with delicate floral designs, perfectly highlighted Rysa's elegance, but it was Ananya's affectionate words in the caption that truly captured hearts. Describing her sister as a "real-life princess," Ananya's heartfelt tribute is a testament to their close bond.

Beyond her successful acting career, she is also a proud and caring sister to Rysa

Panday. Ananya and Rysa share a strong and loving sibling relationship, often seen sharing precious moments together on social media. In a recent interview, Ananya opened up about Rysa's unique talent for discovering the best dining spots. According to Ananya, Rysa is the ultimate food expert, curating detailed restaurant guides for every city she visits. Whether it's Mumbai or a global destination, Ananya turns to her sister for the best culinary recommendations, making Rysa an invaluable travel companion.

Ananya Panday is currently shooting for the second season of Call Me Bae.



Ananya Panday's Instagram Post

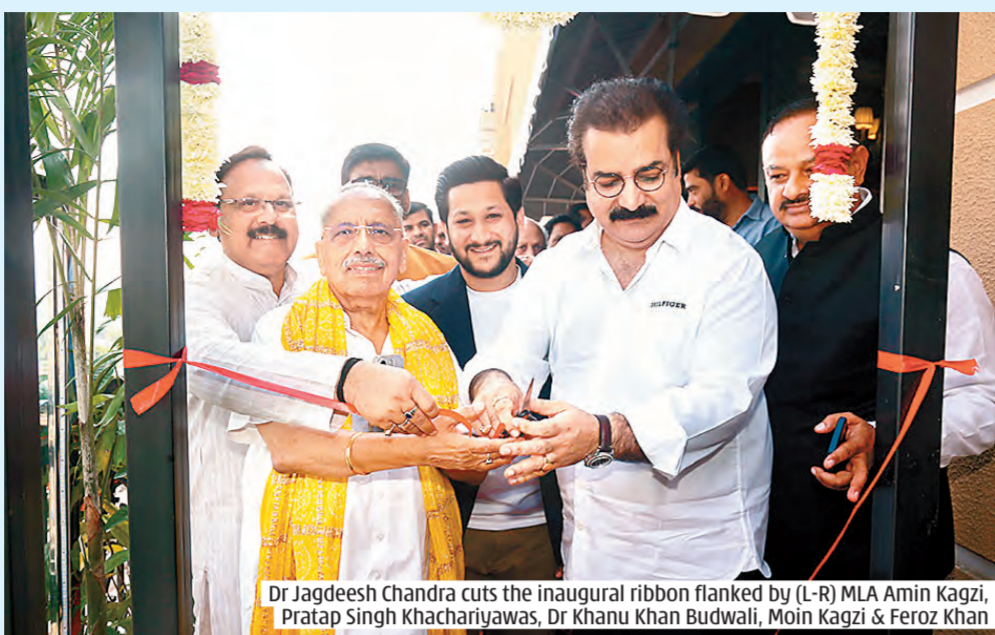
# FLAVOURFUL BEGINNINGS

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**T**he iconic "Karim's" restaurant, famous for its Mughlai cuisine, inaugurated its latest outlet in the city at RTech Capital Highstreet, Mahal Road, Jagatpura, on Wednesday this marked the first-ever largest rooftop restaurant for the renowned non-vegetarian food chain in the country.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the event as a Chief guest and inaugurated the occasion by cutting the ribbon, marking the official opening and also congratulated Zainul Kagzi; MD, who is a nephew of MLA Amin Kagzi.

Zainul Kagzi, the franchise owner and Director of the new Karim's restaurant, highlighted the restaurant's fusion model, offering a



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra cuts the inaugural ribbon flanked by (L-R) MLA Amin Kagzi, Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Dr Khanu Khan Budwali, Moin Kagzi & Feroz Khan



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra in conversation with Dharmendra Singh Rathore, MLA Amin Kagzi, Pratap Singh Khachariyawas & Dr Khanu Khan Budwali

## Karim's Expanded to Jaipur

range of traditional Mughlai delicacies like mutton nihari, chicken korma, tikka, and mutton barra. Located on a rooftop, it provided a unique dining experience, making it Jaipur's first rooftop restaurant specializing in Mughlai cuisine. Zainul,

who held a degree in Hospitality Management from the UK, expressed his excitement about bringing the legacy of Karim's to Jaipur. His uncle, Kishanpol MLA Amin Kagzi, also extended his full support and blessings for the venture.

The event was attended by several prominent dignitaries, including Pratap Singh Khachariyawas; former Congress Cabinet Minister, MLA Amin Kagzi, Dharmendra Singh Rathore; former RTDC Chairman and Dr Khanu Khan Budwali;

former Chairman Muslim Waqf Board Rajasthan. Other notable figures, including Feroz Khan, Moin Kagzi and Shabbir Khan (Persian Carpet), the designer behind the outlet, who created a stunning and attractive design for the res-

taurant, were also present, along with a large gathering of city dignitaries.

The opening of this new outlet marked an exciting chapter in the expansion of Karim's, a brand celebrated for its Mughlai delicacies since 1913.

## MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Saurav Choudhary, Owner of KLEAN FIT Iconic Gym, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Wednesday. During the meeting, Dr Chandra unveiled the official event poster and was extended an invitation to grace the upcoming Neon Night and Fashion Show by Elite Miss Rajasthan as the Chief Guest. The event, with Talent Partner recognition, is scheduled to take place on November 30, promising a dazzling celebration of fashion, fitness and talent.

## GREETINGS!



Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, was warmly greeted by Poomima Mishra, a prominent news anchor from Bharat24: Vision of New India, during a courtesy visit on Wednesday, in New Delhi. The interaction focused on topics of mutual interest, highlighting the importance of collaboration in driving national progress and development.

## PRESS CONFERENCE!



A press conference was organised on Wednesday in Jaipur to announce the return of the much-awaited Udaipur Tales International Storytelling Festival, scheduled from January 10th to 12th, 2025. The festival aims to position Udaipur as the Story Capital of India. Co-founder Sushmita Singha highlighted the event's significance in preserving India's storytelling traditions and connecting global audiences. The festival will feature renowned storytellers like Dev Dutt Patnaik, Fauzia Dastango, and the Outbi Brothers. This year's theme focuses on stories of food, blending cultural narratives with flavours and fostering a global legacy for storytelling.

MUKESH KIRADDO

# DEVOTIONAL BLISS



(L-R) Suman, Archana, Chetali, Dr Reena, Neha, Shakti, Dr Sunil, Anupam Jolly, Himani, Keerti Sharma, Soniya Malhotra, RAS Pankaj Sharma, Hemant, Gopal Sharma, Deepa, Anita Sharma & Raj Sharma

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**T**he Divas Club will organize the Lord-Krishna Prem Ras event on January 8, 2025, at the Maharana Pratap Auditorium in Jaipur. The program, aimed at promoting Sanatan culture and celebrating Lord Krishna's teachings, will feature spiritual presentations, devotional songs, and dance performances based on his life philosophy.

The poster for the event was unveiled at Indralok Auditorium on Wednesday by Divas Club founder Kirti Sharma, Additional Commissioner RAS Pankaj Ojha, Acharya Anupam Jolly, Astrologer Himani Jolly, Diabetes Specialist Dr Sunil Dhand, Celebrity Anchor Ankit Khandelwal, Social Worker Gopal Sharma and Vivek Gupta. Divas Club President Sonia Malhotra, Treasurer Pooja Parihar, and members Neha Jain, Reena Jain, Shakti, Shilpa, Chetali, Anita Sharma, Suman and Archana were also present. The event will feature 18 episodes based on Lord Krishna's life, with folk artists from Vrindavan and Jaipur presenting his Leelas and Maharas. The community will experience Lord Krishna's love through music, dance, and storytelling. The organizing committee includes Jayant Kumar Sharma, Acharya Anupam Jolly, Himani Jolly, Gopal Sharma and Vivek Gupta.



## Star-studded Bash!

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**A** grand celebration was hosted by Suresh Agarwal and their family at The Fern Hotel, Tonk Road, on the occasion of their child Divyansh's birthday on Wednesday. The event was attended by numerous dignitaries, including DG Cyber Crime IPS Hemant Priyadarshi, MLAs Balmukund Acharya, Ajay Singh Kilak, Abhimanyu Poonia, Jaswant Yadav, Deputy Mayor Puneet Karnawat, IAS officers Samit Sharma, Babu Lal Goyal and several other high-profile

personalities.

The celebration also saw the presence of senior police officers, including Additional SP RPS Rajesh Gupta, Chandra Purohit, Braj Mohan Meena, DSP Amzad Khan, ACP Shiv Ratan Godara and BJP leaders Sita Ram Agarwal, Ravi Nayyar and many more. Prominent figures from various sectors, such as doctors, professors from Rajasthan University, and renowned professionals, also graced the occasion. Divyansh's parents, Renuka and CA Rishi Agarwal expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all the attendees for their blessings and well wishes.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Almighty International is set to host a prestigious Astrology Conclave today, at Indralok Auditorium, Jaipur. The one-day event will feature renowned astrologers, Vastu experts and yoga practitioners, including Pandit Satish Sharma, Ajay Bhambhi and KA Dubey. A press conference was held on Tuesday, at Hotel Grand Safari, with Astrologer Megha Sharma and Pandit Jyoti Sharma in attendance, announcing the conclave's objectives to promote the scientific aspects of astrology and related fields.



Rahis Bharti & Dhoad Gypsies of Rajasthan are set to represent India at the Festival International du Djembé in Guinea Conakry, Africa's largest cultural festival scheduled for December 4 to 8. Following this, they will perform in Lausanne, Switzerland, and France. For over 24 years, the group has toured 117 countries, delivering more than 1,500 performances and showcasing Rajasthan's rich cultural heritage. Their remarkable journey includes performing at global events like Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and collaborating with international artists.



The Annual Freshers Party 2024 of Neewara College of Design was celebrated at House of People, C Scheme, Jaipur on Tuesday. Vedanshi Kabra and Vijay Jangir, both from Interior Design, were crowned Miss and Fresher 2024. Runner-up titles went to Shivani Suryavanshi, Dixita Kumawat, and Surendra Singh Shekhawat. Special awards included Miss Talented (Varsha Sharma), Best Walk (Gayatri Kavar and Shubham Kumar) and Most Creative Student (Tina Jangir). Principal Deepa Bhati and Dean Indrajit Das honoured the winners alongside faculty heads.