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NaMo AND 23 YEARS OF HIS SEVA...

UNSTOPPABLE

MODI POWERS FROM GUJARAT TO GLOBE!



Kartikey Dev Singh

Over the past 23 years, Narendra Modi's journey in public service has been characterized by transformative leadership that began in Gujarat. Serving as Chief Minister from 2001 to 2014, Modi implemented significant reforms in infrastructure, governance, and economic development. His initiative, "Vibrant Gujarat," positioned the State as a centre for investment and innovation, attracting global attention. The Gujarat model, emphasizing public-private partnerships and industrial growth, laid a strong foundation for his future ambitions on the national stage.

In 2014, Narendra Modi became Prime Minister, successfully replicating his initiatives at a national level. His administration prioritized economic growth, digital transformation, and infrastructural advancements, similar to the strategies he employed in Gujarat. The "Make in India" cam-

paign epitomized his belief in manufacturing as a key growth engine, mirroring the successful industrial policies he had implemented in his home state.

That same year, Narendra Modi launched 'Mann Ki Baat,' a monthly radio program aimed at fostering direct communication with citizens. This initiative has enhanced transparency and public engagement, allowing the Prime Minister to connect with the populace on various issues. Narendra Modi's governance also emphasized "Jan Bhagidari," or public participation, seeking to involve citizens in decision-making processes. Programs like Swachh Bharat and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana exemplify his commitment to inclusive development, aiming to uplift marginalized communities and improve living standards nationwide.

Throughout his tenure, Modi has faced significant challenges and criticism, yet his ability to resonate with the public through strong rhetoric and a focus on national pride has garnered widespread support. By leveraging his experiences from Gujarat, Modi has articulated a vision for a modern India defined by ambition and resilience.

Under his leadership, India's foreign policy has shifted toward a more proactive and strategic approach. PM Modi has focused on strengthening ties with major global powers through initiatives like the "Act East" policy and the "Neighborhood First" strategy, which aim to enhance cooperation within Asia and improve relations with neighboring countries.

In defence, PM Modi has prioritized modernizing the armed forces and promoting indigenous defence manufacturing, leading to significant investments in technology and increased self-reliance. India's Covid model gained international recognition for its extensive vaccination campaign, successfully administering millions of doses rapidly. The "Viksit Bharat 2047" vision of the 'most loved' PM aims to transform India into a developed nation by its centenary, focusing on sustainable growth, social equity, and technological innovation.

PM NARENDRA MODI



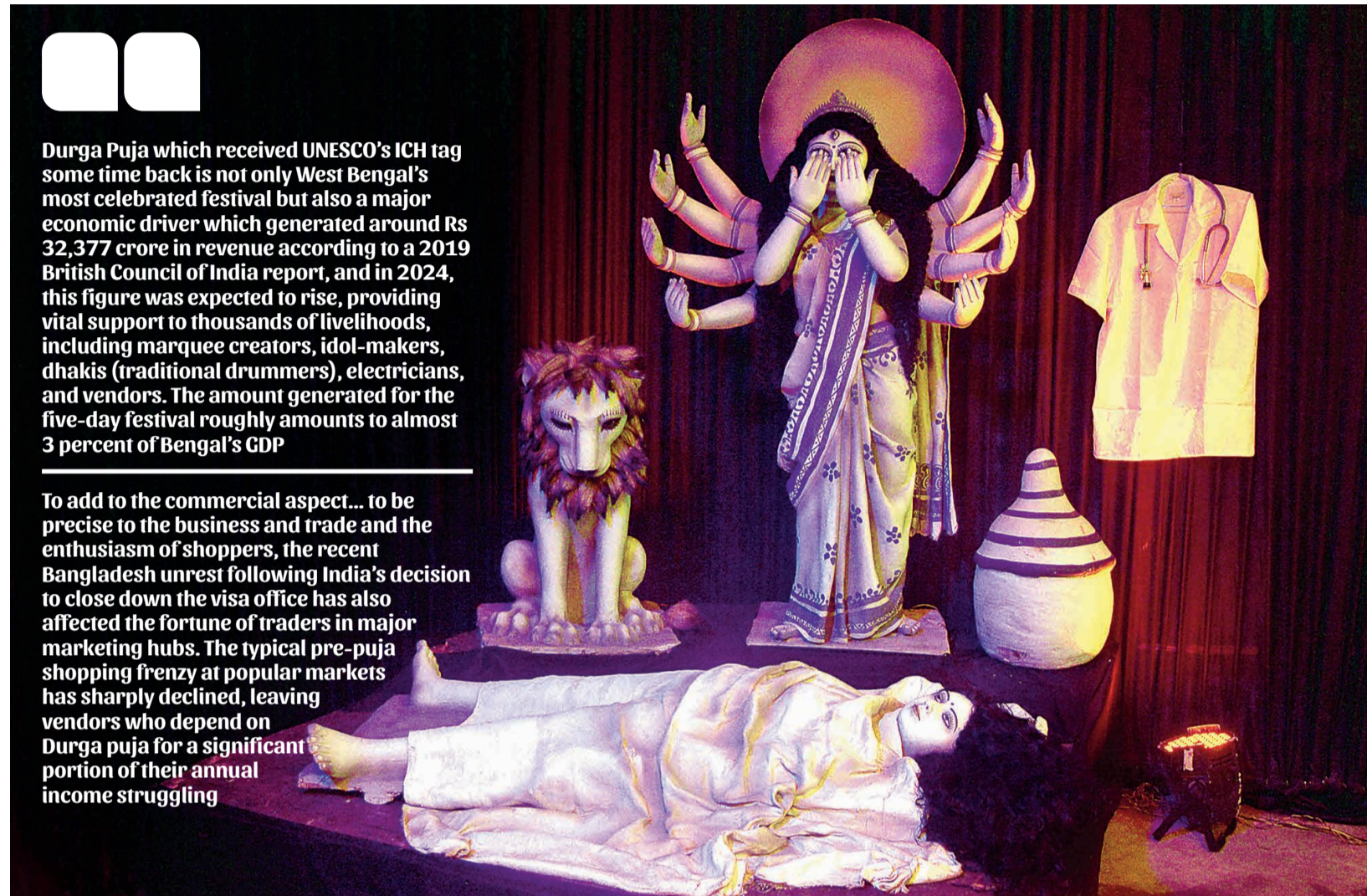


Robin Roy

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KOLKATA GEARS UP FOR MUTED DURGA PUJA CELEBRATIONS FROM TODAY

TAKING THE FIZZ OUT OF DURGA PUJA?



Durga Puja which received UNESCO's ICH tag some time back is not only West Bengal's most celebrated festival but also a major economic driver which generated around Rs 32,377 crore in revenue according to a 2019 British Council of India report, and in 2024, this figure was expected to rise, providing vital support to thousands of livelihoods, including marquee creators, idol-makers, dhakis (traditional drummers), electricians, and vendors. The amount generated for the five-day festival roughly amounts to almost 3 percent of Bengal's GDP

To add to the commercial aspect... to be precise to the business and trade and the enthusiasm of shoppers, the recent Bangladesh unrest following India's decision to close down the visa office has also affected the fortune of traders in major marketing hubs. The typical pre-puja shopping frenzy at popular markets has sharply declined, leaving vendors who depend on Durga puja for a significant portion of their annual income struggling

An idol of Goddess Durga covering her eyes installed at a community Durga Puja pandal on the theme of 'LAJJA' in an attempt to highlight the recent incident of alleged sexual assault and murder of a trainee doctor, in Kolkata.

ment of Durga puja has been overshadowed by the troubling paradox of worshipping the goddess of strength and protection while real-life women continue to face grave dangers. As Kolkata grapples with this tragedy, the city stands at a crossroads between tradition and change, torn between devotion to Mother Durga, symbolising strength, protection, and justice, and the harsh reality of daily violence and injustice faced by women.

It appears that this year's Durga puja will be much more subdued due to the RG Kar incident and the ongoing protests as many people may participate in the Puja but choose to avoid the festive celebrations. Many can relate to the victim and her family, which is why the protests have emerged so spontaneously.

The incident sparked an emotional outcry across the state, especially in the eastern metropolis, where nearly 3,000 Durga pujas are organised. For many Kolkatans, this year's Durga puja has transformed from a mere festival into a symbol of the ongoing struggle for justice, prompting reflection on the significance of worshipping a goddess when real-life women embodying her spirit remain unsafe.

How can the city celebrate a festival that glorifies the divine feminine while turning a blind eye to the real-life women who suffer? This year, Durga puja may not only be a celebration but also a platform for a broader conversation about women's safety and justice. In the days leading up to Durga puja, Kolkata, typically buzzes with preparations streets lined with pandals, lights put up, and the air filled with the scent of festive delicacies but this year, a noticeable silence prevails, distracted by the cries of "We Want Justice" echoing across the city.

"We won't be part of the festivities as we will be on the streets with our protests and fast-unto-death. For us, indulging in festivities would be a mockery of justice," junior doctor Aniket Mahato said. The "Lajja" themed pandal in the Saraswati Kalimata Mandir Parishad club in Kolkata's Narkeldanga is one stark example of how Durga Puja is different this year.

The centrepiece of the pandal is a Maa Durga idol whose face is covered in shame, near a statue of a woman with a doctor's coat and stethoscope. "Even the mighty lion has been shown in a different avatar. Here the lion has its head down in shame. We have used red colour to denote blood and the recurrence of bloodshed in Bengal," said Biswajit Sarkar, organiser of "Lojja", meaning shame.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IMPORTANCE OF PUJA

Artisans of Kumartuli, the God Factory of West Bengal where these innumerable idols are made, brought out their own protest rally with a slogan "Kumartuli dicche daak, amar Durga bichaar paak" (Kumartuli is calling out so our Durga gets justice)

This year, the consignment of idols which were shipped to foreign shores was completed well before the unfortunate incident at RG Kar and the subsequent protests which rocked Kolkata and West Bengal

UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage put "Durga Puja in Kolkata" on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on December 15, 2021

The brutal murder and rape of a junior medic at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital has cast its shadow on the zeal and fervour of Bengal's biggest event...Durga Puja.

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Durga Puja in Bengal is considered to be a mini-MGNREGA where skilled and unskilled labourers are roped in by major Puja organisers at least six to eight months before the festivities and as the celebrations draw closer, their workload increases thus adding to the coffers of the poor workman.

These labourers mostly hail from the villages and rural areas and apart from part-time agricultural work, they depend heavily on Durga Puja followed by Kali Puja and then by Jagadharti Puja and the Christmas celebrations in Kolkata and Bandel. The season actually now starts with Ganesh Chaturthi which is being well observed

in Kolkata. This is followed by Vishwakarma Puja which actually initiates the season of festivities.

If one looks at the festivities in a different way, apart from the fun and frolic, these festivities bring in a lot of source of income for the unorganised sector. The mood in the city is likely to have an impact on the economy during Durga puja - be it advertisement revenues for various clubs or small-time traders, food stall owners, street food vendors, drummers and decorators who wait for Durga Puja throughout the year.

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Several Durga puja clubs have also said that the advertisement revenue this year has come down by 20-30 percent from the last two years, Kajal Sarkar, president of the Forum for Durgotsab, an umbrella organisation of nearly 800 odd community pujas in Kolkata and its suburbs, told the media.

How can we celebrate Durga Puja?



Several junior doctors are on hunger strike in protest against what they call the WB CM Mamata Banerjee government's inaction on their demands to clean up the healthcare system in West Bengal in the aftermath of the rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at the State-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9. Some senior doctors also joined on 24-hour fast in solidarity; junior doctors, including from RG Kar, insist they are still scared, unsafe.

The advertisement collection period is August and September and these two months witnessed intense protests across the state, so most of the brands were wary about whether to give out advertisements.

The cost of marquees, lights, decorations, and idols are all borne from the funds of the clubs and the officials of the club and are later covered by the ad revenues. But this year a huge amount is being spent from our pockets only, Saswata Basu, president of Hatibagan Sarbojanin and secretary of the forum, told the media. Many community puja committees

are concerned about potential unforeseen and unplanned protests, despite Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma's assurance that Durga puja will be peaceful.

Several of these puja committees across West Bengal have declined the state government's grant of Rs 85,000 to support the festival, choosing instead to express their solidarity with the ongoing protests.

The killing of the doctor on duty at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9 has ignited profound emotional turmoil across the state, as the vibrant excite-

TOP TWEETS

Foundation Day greetings to the personnel of the Rapid Action Force and their family members. Raised to maintain law and order during emergency situations, the RAF has evolved into a role model of courage, dedication, and professionalism. I salute their selfless service to the security of Bharat.

Amit Shah @AmitShah

Today Honorable PM Shri @narendramodi ji has completed 23 years of service in public life as CM and PM. His dedicated life for the upliftment of the nation and social welfare is an inspiration for all of us. Realising the spirit of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas', he gave a new direction to the dreams of the countrymen and today under his successful leadership, India is showing a new path to the world.

Manohar Lal @mlkhattar

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

It is better to conquer yourself than to win a thousand battles. Then the victory is yours. It cannot be taken from you, not by angels or by demons, heaven or hell.

BUDDHA



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FIRST INDIA NEWS PRESENTS 'FUTURE OF FOREST, TOURISM AND LIVELIHOOD' CONCLAVE – 2024

Govt's vision is to transform Rajasthan into a \$350 billion economic powerhouse: Diya



Deputy CM Diya Kumar addressing the gathering at Hotel Clarks Amer.



Deputy CM Diya Kumar and Pawan Arora with (L-R) Sushma Arora, VP Singh, Arijit Banerjee, Ravi Jain and Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, during 'Future of Forest, Tourism and Livelihood' Conclave – 2024 at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur on Monday. **SANTOSH SHARMA**

Anisha Singh
Jaipur

First India News hosted a conclave titled "Future of Forest, Tourism and Livelihood" at Hotel Clarks Amer Hotel in Jaipur on Monday. The programme commenced with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of an insightful dialogue on the intersec-

tion of tourism and environmental conservation. Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Deputy CM Diya Kumari, alongside esteemed guests including Ravi Jain, Secretary Tourism, Art and Culture, Arijit Banerjee, PCCF and Hoff, VP Singh, Commissioner, Tourism Department, Sushma Arora, MD RTDC and other guests.

During her address, Deputy CM Diya Kumari highlighted the role of the tourism department as a catalyst and facilitator, emphasizing that it operates without profit motives. Diya Kumari articulated the government's vision to boost investment in Rajasthan, aspiring to increase the economy to

\$350 billion and make Rajasthan the number one tourism destination. "We are taking forward the vision of Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who firmly believes in guiding principle of 'Khabar Hi Jeevan Hai,' where news remains our highest priority," said Pawan Arora, addressing audience during his welcome address. **MORE ON P8 MORE IN CITY FIRST TOMORROW**



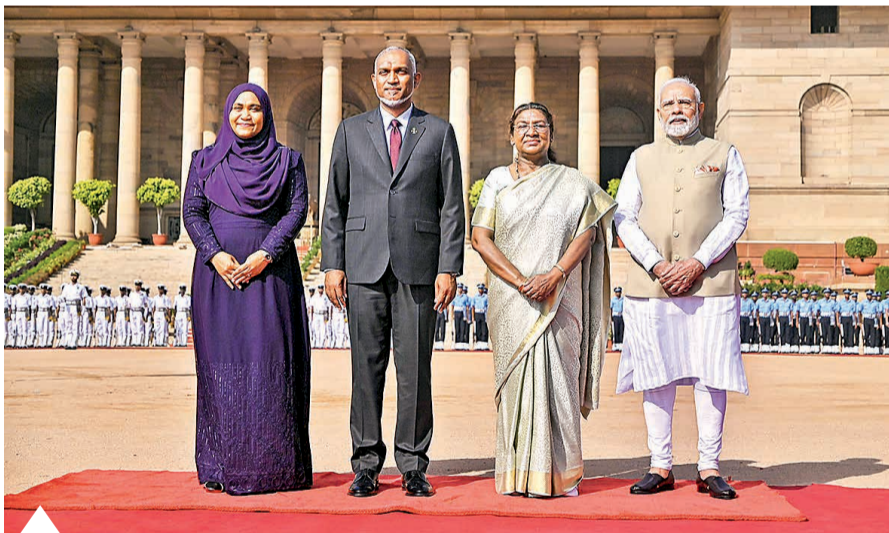
Pawan Arora during his welcome address on Monday.

Muizzu 'repairs' ties with Modi!

- PM Narendra Modi says India 'first responder' for Maldives
- Maldives Prez Mohamed Muizzu thanks India for financial support
- India and Maldives to initiate talks on Free Trade Agreement

First India Bureau
New Delhi

India and Maldives on Monday agreed to transform the bilateral relationship to a "Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership". After the bilateral talks, Muizzu said, "I would like to thank PM Modi, govt and the people of India for generous assistance and cooperation extended to the Maldives over the years." He also invited Modi to visit Maldives in 2025 to celebrate 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties. PM Modi described India as 'first responder' for Maldives, in times of crisis - from pandemic to drinking water shortage. **P6**



Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, First Lady of Maldives Sajidha Mohamed, President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during Guard of Honour ceremony, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi on Monday.



PM Narendra Modi & Muizzu virtually inaugurate a new runway at Hanimadhoo Airport in the Maldives.

INDIA AND MALDIVES SIGN MAJOR PACTS

- RBI signed Currency Swap Agreement with MMA valid until June 18, 2027. Maldives will receive up to \$400 million under the US Dollar/ Euro Swap Window and ₹30 billion under INR Swap Window
- MoU between Rashtriya Raksha University of India & Nat'l College of Policing and Law Enforcement of Maldives
- MoU between CBI & Anti-Corruption Commission of Maldives for combating corruption
- MoU between India and Maldives on development & cooperation in Sports, Youth Affairs

It is our duty to protect wildlife & preserve nature: CM Sharma

Wildlife lovers to see tigers in 7 km track

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma inaugurated the Tiger Safari at Nahargarh in Jaipur on Monday. With this gift to the people of the state, wildlife lovers will now be able to enjoy Tiger Safari. During this CM Sharma also named 2 tiger cubs in Nahargarh Biological Park, naming female tiger cub 'Skandi' and male tiger cub 'Bheem'. Sharma said that it is the duty of all of us to protect wildlife and preserve nature. The state govt has developed a tiger safari in 30 hectares at cost of ₹453 lakh.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma inaugurates the Tiger Safari at Nahargarh in Jaipur, Monday. CM names female cub 'Skandi' & male cub 'Bheem'.

TEAM LED BY IG VIKAS KUMAR ARRESTS VARSHA BISHNOI IN PAPER LEAK SCANDAL FROM KOTA

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma had vowed that justice would be served in paper leak scandal that had shaken Rajasthan. Monday marked a significant breakthrough in this direction as under leadership of IG Vikas Kumar, a team arrested Varsha Bishnoi, who had been hiding in Kota under a false identity as paying guest. Living double life, she worked as a govt lecturer while reading Robert Greene's "The Laws of Human Nature," seemingly aware that her time was running out. As police closed in, it became clear that Varsha's conscience had begun to weigh heavily.



IN SHORT

- At least 7 were killed and 3 injured in coal mine blast at Birbhum in WB.
- In RK Kar case, CBI files chargesheet against Sanjay Roy, saying, he raped, murdered doctor.
- 1st female Indian Olympian gymnast Dipa Karmakar shares retirement. **P7**

2024 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY/MEDICINE

US scientists Ambros and Ruvkun awarded for discovery of microRNA

First India Bureau
Stockholm

US scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Medicine on Monday for the discovery of microRNA and its crucial role in how multicellular organisms grow and live. Their work helped explain how cells specialise and develop into different types, such as muscle and nerve cells, even though



(L-R) US scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun.

all the cells in an individual contain the same set of genes and instructions for growing and staying alive.

"The Nobel's, you know, there's a word we use for Major League Baseball, it's called 'The

Show'. Which means it's not any show, it's THE show," Ruvkun told, describing what it was like being thrust into the global spotlight. He joked that collaborating with Ambros and receiving previous awards meant they had been "joined at the hip for quite a while". "That's been great. He's a wonderful guy," Ruvkun added by phone. Ambros seconded by saying he was happy to share the award with "a great friend".

IPS Nayak is ADC to Guv; 83 RAS shifted

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The State Government transferred 1 IPS and 83 RAS officers on Monday, with most of transfers involving the ADMs and SDMs. Additionally, the transfers of 5 RAS officers cancelled. IPS officer Praveen Nayak Lunawat, who was the SP of Neem Ka Thana, is ADC to Governor. The vacant SP position in Neem Ka Thana has been temporarily assigned to Bhuvan Yadav Sikar SP as addl charge. 43 senior RPS officers also transferred.

EVMs set to decide J&K and Haryana fate today

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The stage is set for the results of the 2024 assembly elections in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, which will mark the first major electoral outcome following the recent Lok Sabha elections. The counting of votes will begin at 8 am today. The postal ballots will be counted first, followed by electronic voting machine (EVM) votes. As political parties await the outcome with bated breath, all eyes will be on the pollsters whose



Police stand guard ahead of the counting at Polytechnic College in Jammu on Monday.

exit poll predictions would be tested with the actual results. Election to 90-seat J&K assembly is particularly historic as it is the first since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, which altered the region's political landscape significantly. **P6**

Patwari caught red-handed by ACB in Suratgarh while accepting ₹20,000 bribe

The arrest occurred after farmer Shравan Kumar filed a complaint

Navin Sharma
Sri Ganganagar

In Suratgarh, the Sriganganagar ACB team successfully arrested a patwari (village revenue officer) red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000. The operation, led by Sriganganagar ACB Dy SP Bhupendra Soni, took place around 1 PM on Monday, when patwari Mukesh Kumar was sitting at a tea stall in front of his office, holding documents and the bribe money. The accused patwari was then taken to the city police station.

DSP Bhupendra Soni stated that Shравan Kumar, a farmer from Sangita village in Suratgarh tehsil, had filed a complaint. He mentioned that the patwari was demanding a bribe of Rs 25,000 for land mutation.

Upon verification, it was confirmed that patwari Mukesh Kumar, from



Patwari Mukesh Kumar in police custody on Monday.

Dhilkhi village, Nohar tehsil, Hanumanagarh district, was demanding the bribe and had agreed to accept Rs 20,000 for the girdawari.

Following the instructions of Addl SP Pawan Meena, the team caught Mukesh Kumar as soon as the complainant handed him Rs 20,000. When his hands were washed, color of bribe money appeared on his hands, confirming the crime. Further action is being taken at the local police station.

Woman held in ongoing paper leak investigation

First India Bureau
Kota

In a significant development in the paper leak case, an accused identified as Varsha Bishnoi was arrested on Monday under the guidance of IG Vikas Kumar.

Following extensive surveillance and strategic efforts, she was apprehended in Kota and was

brought to Jaipur.

A special team, including officers Parmjeet and Saroj Kumari, arrived at Durgapura Station in the state capital with the suspect at 4:30 PM.

This significant arrest adds to the growing list of suspects captured in the ongoing investigation, as authorities work diligently to ensure justice in the matter.

JALORE ACB NABS RIICO JEN TAKING ₹40,000 BRIBE

The Jalore ACB has arrested a RIICO Junior Engineer (JEN) red-handed while taking a bribe of Rs 40,000 in Balotra RIICO area. The bribe was taken in exchange for approving a contractor's bill. The ACB team is currently searching JEN's home and other locations, and interrogating him. The operation was led by Jalore ACB's Mangilal Rathore. ASP Rathore said that the complainant, a contractor, had filed a report stating that after completing work in the RIICO area, JEN Multanram, who is also in charge of the AEN position, was demanding money to approve the bill. The complaint was verified by the team. On Monday, the complainant was sent to the JEN's office with Rs 40,000 as bribe. After bribe was accepted, ACB arrested the accused. The team is now questioning him and searching his home and other premises.

RTO INSPECTOR, TWO GUARDS CAUGHT IN A RAID BY ACB

In Bhilwara, the ACB carried out a major operation by raiding the RTO flying squad. This action was taken based on complaints of illegal money collection from truck drivers. The ACB team conducted the operation at the Pur Bypass bridge. Bhilwara ACB Additional SP Brijraj Singh Charan stated that they received a complaint from a truck driver on the toll-free number 1064 earlier in the morning. The driver reported that the transport squad of the Bhilwara RTO was demanding Rs 10,000 for alleged overloading near the Pur Bypass. As part of the action, the transport squad's inspector Shambhu Lal and two other guards were detained. All three are being interrogated, and further investigation will follow. During the raid, apart from Rs 19,000 the amount from challans, Rs 15,030 extra cash was found.



RPF personnel arrived at the scene and questioned the locals for details in the matter.

Train derailment attempt foiled by locals in Bikaner

Laxman Raghav
Bikaner

In a disturbing incident in Bikaner, a plot to derail a train was uncovered when an open fish plate was found on the railway tracks. Local residents spotted a group of youths tampering with the joint connecting the rails beneath the Chohkunti overbridge. The locals then shouted at the miscreants, seeing which, the suspects fled the scene. The community quickly informed railway authorities after discovering the fish plate was unsecured. Sources indi-

The railway administration is investigating the incident further, police will patrol the area till Diwali to prevent any incident

cate that local drug addicts may be behind the act. Railway personnel arrived to secure the joint and tighten the nuts. However, the local residents had already tightened the screws to prevent any accident. Fortunately, no trains were passing at the time, preventing what could have been a major accident.

Shrinat: Cong will form govts in J&K, Haryana

Dinesh Dangri
Jaipur

The Congress party is intensifying its campaign efforts for the upcoming Rajasthan by-elections, generating significant buzz in Jaipur. AICC secretaries and co-in-charges, visited for the first time to strategize with PCC Chief Govind Dotasra on various election issues. Supriya Shrinat held a review meeting for the social media department, asserting that Congress will form governments in J&K and Haryana. The Election Commission is expected to announce the by-election schedule for seven Rajasthan seats after October 10.

Co-in-charges Ritik Makwana and Poonam Paswan met Dotasra in the war room to discuss organizational activities and election strategies. Shrinat emphasized that BJP's election tactics will no longer be effective. During the meeting



Govind Singh Dotasra with AICC Social Media Department Chairperson Supriya Shrinat & AICC Secy Ruchira Chaturvedi at PCC in Jaipur on Monday. AICC Social Media Raj Incharge Saurav Rai is also seen.

Dotasra said that social media is a powerful tool to keep in check supposed failuers of central and state govts

at the PCC, she provided strategies for the social media wing, highlighting content creation, effective promotion, and countering misinformation. She discussed on the aspects legal actions against false news and stressed the need for prompt responses to mis-

information while guiding officials on utilizing various social media platforms effectively.

Addressing the meeting, Shrinat stated that inspired by Rahul Gandhi and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, the social media team is committed to exposing the BJP's character, urging all officials to ensure wide dissemination of their content. Overall, Congress is gearing up for a strong presence in the by-elections, both on the ground and digitally.

Consumers to get pure Saras sweets this Diwali: RCDF

First India Bureau
Jaipur

On this Diwali, consumers across the state will get pure, and delicious sweets from the Saras brand. Alwar Dairy's famous kalakand and Bikaner Dairy's rasgulla and rajbhog, along with other delightful sweets, will be made available by district milk unions across the state.

Shruti Bhardwaj, MD of the RCDF sharing this information said that this Diwali, district milk unions throughout the state will offer sweets made from pure Saras milk and ghee. She added that all district milk unions have been instructed to ensure special attention is given to hygiene, sanitation, and high quality during the production of the sweets. She further mentioned that all district milk unions will also offer gift handpicks of sweets produced by Bikaner Dairy.

Spl panel probes Dausa accident

Initial probe found that brakes of the dumper failed, causing the mishap

First India Bureau
Dausa

A tragic road accident in Lalsot of Dausa had resulted in the deaths of five individuals on Sunday and injured as many as 10 others following which massive protests erupted in the area. In



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response, a committee from the transport department arrived in Lal-

sot on Monday to investigate the entire case. Led by Joint Director JP Bair-

wa, the committee conducted a thorough inspection of the accident site at the local bus stand and interviewed several eyewitnesses to gather detailed accounts of the incident. Following the site visit, the committee met with Additional SP Dinesh Agarwal at the local police station to discuss the event. The transport department is treating the incident with utmost seriousness as the investigation progresses.

Raj Assembly to go paperless, MLAs to get iPads, says Speaker Devnani

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani, while addressing a press conference at the Circuit House on Monday on the second day of his Udaipur visit said that innovations are being done in Rajasthan Assembly and from the next session, the assembly will be paperless. Devnani said that even-



ry MLA's table would have an iPad. "Besides, they would get one more iPad to work from home

when required. Asking questions and answering them will be done online and the process of providing proceedings in a pendrive to the MLAs has also been started," he said.

Devnani said that focus is on making committees accountable through regular meetings so that the issues & works related to the public can be completed on time.

'PBM hosp to be developed on lines of PGI'

First India Bureau
Bikaner

Union Min Arjun Meghwal held a review meeting on central govt's 37 schemes on Monday. He said that the PBM is completing a 100-yr and has spoken with Union Health Min Nadda. "We may not have AIIMS but we are making efforts to improve it. We want to develop it like PGI," he added.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Learn to live and let live: Haribhau Bagade

Vimal Gaur
Ajmer

Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade on Monday highlighted the principles of non-violence, moral conduct and vegetarianism, urging people to incorporate the philosophy of "live and let live" into their lives.

The Governor was speaking at a programme organised on the birthday of Jain Acharya Sunil Sagar Maharaj in Kishangarh. Bagade received his blessings in



Haribhau Bagade, Ashok Patni & others during the book launch at the programme in Kishangarh.

the programme. Maharaj talked about the importance of mak-

ing a good resolution on one's birthday to lead a life of values.

"Every birthday should inspire a pledge that shapes a life filled

with virtues," Acharya Sunil Sagar Maharaj said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of RK Marble Group Ashok Patni released a religious book during the event. Patni also sought blessings from the Acharya by performing 'pada puja' during the programme in Kishangarh.

Ajmer IG Om Prakash, District Collector Lokbandhu, Ajmer SP Vandita Rana, SDM Nisha Saharanand other officials were also present at the event.

Saini urges Mali community to take welfare schemes to people

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Bhupendra Saini, State Minister of BJP, participated as the keynote speaker at the oath-taking ceremony of the newly appointed office-bearers of the Mali (Saini) Mahasabha Panchayat Sanstha, Jaipur Rural, in Amer on Monday.

It was organized to mark the appointment of Guddu Ji Saini as the president of the Saini community. During this, all the new office-bearers were sworn-in. They took a pledge to make



Bhupendra Saini, during the oath-taking ceremony of newly appointed office-bearers of the Mali (Saini) Mahasabha Panchayat Sanstha, Jaipur Rural, in Amer on Monday.

India a developed country by 2047.

Bhupendra Saini urged the society to take the public welfare schemes of Rajasthan government

to every household and motivated people to add more members through membership campaign by giving a missed call on 8800002024.



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UDH PS to review delay in IPD Tower on October 10



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First India Bureau
Jaipur

Principal Secretary UDH Vaibhav Galriya will hold a meeting of officials on October 10 to review the progress of the IPD tower project at SMS Hospital premises. The meeting was fixed after First India news highlighted the delay in the project. Shortly after the report, the meeting regarding the IPD tower project was scheduled for Oct 10. The meeting will not only focus on project's timeline but also discuss essential aspects like parking arrangements and road widening.



Insufficient funding has pushed the IPD project back by nearly a year.

FILE

Secretary Medical Education, JDA Commissioner, Housing Board Commissioner, Principal of SMS Medical College, Joint Secretary of the Finance Department, Chief Engineer of UDH, Direc-

tor of Engineering I of JDA, Director Finance and other officials will attend the meeting.

First India News aired the report on October 4, highlighting the significant delays caused by in-

sufficient funding which has pushed the project back by nearly a year. The report indicated that effective actions regarding necessary parking and road widening have not been taken.

Dogra to XENs: Resolve pending issue of industrial connection soon

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Chairperson Discoms and Managing Director of Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Aarti Dogra, while reviewing the pending industrial connections with the Executive Engineers through video-conference at Vidyut Bhawan on Monday, gave instructions to address the problem soon. She said that the Executive Engineers in the field should regularly monitor the applications for industrial connections at the division level and ensure that connections are issued soon to eligible applicants.

Dogra said that applications for industrial connection in Jaipur City and Jaipur District Circle should not be kept pending for more than two weeks. "If there is any deficiency at the applicant's level, inform them and make the site verification process by JE smooth," she said.



JDA took action against illegal colony named Shriram Nagar on Agra road on Monday following a report by First India News on October 1.

JDA demolishes illegal colonies on Agra Road

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Jaipur Development Authority has demolished illegal construction being done for settling a residential colony on Agra Road. The enforcement wing of the JDA took action against the illegal colony named Shriram Nagar following a report by First India News on October 1, which exposed the illegal construction taking place in front of Rathore Petrol Pump. Efforts were being



JDA bulldozer razing illegal construction in Jaipur on Monday.

made to settle the colony on 13 bighas of land. After the report, DIG Kailash Vishnoi moved into action and directed the enforcement officers to demolish structures built for the colony. In addition, three

more illegal colonies on Agra Road were on target. DIG Vishnoi has instructed officers to take decisive steps against these illegal colonies. The action was proposed near Naai ki Thadi and other areas.

Dy CM Bairwa reviews BJP membership drive in Dudu and Phagi



Deputy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa reviews BJP membership drive in Phagi with other BJP party workers on Monday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa on Monday visited Dudu and Phagi. A meeting of BJP workers was held at Annapurna conference hall in Dudu. Dr Bairwa lit a lamp before the photograph of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. He addressed them on the BJP membership campaign and asked them to intensify the membership drive. Former Minister of State Mahendra Singh Rao and BJP organisation officials were present in the meeting.

Similarly, during the visit of Phagi, Dr Bairwa interacted with BJP Mandal officials and workers



In Dudu, Dy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa made people join BJP by asking them to give miss call.

at Chaparia Devji premises. He gave a target of making a large number of members from Phagi sub division. On this occasion, former district president Ramanand Gurjar, Phagi Pradhan Prem Devi, district treasurer Virendra Jain and BJP workers were present.

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS FORMED FOR SI RECRUITMENT CASE HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING

Will take decision keeping unemployed youths interest: Patel

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Raj Parl Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel on Monday said that the state government will take a fair decision with full transparency keeping in mind the interest of the unemployed regarding the SI Recruitment Examination-2021. He said that the first meeting of the Cabinet Committee constituted to review the SI Recruitment Examination-2021 was



Ministers Jogaram Patel, Babulal Kharadi, Gajendra Khimsar and others during the meeting with SOG ADG VK Singh on Monday.

held on Monday. Information was given in the meeting regarding the ac-

tion taken so far by the SOG. Many factual information is yet to be given.

PAPER LEAK MAFIA TARNISHING RPSC'S IMAGE: PATEL

The SIT was constituted by the Chief Minister taking a quick decision. Now some accused are being caught every day in the paper leak case. So far, the number of accused has reached more than 100. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister said that paper leak, dominance of copy mafia, dummy candidates appearing in the examination, getting a job using unfair means and the involvement of members of the State Public Service Commission has tarnished the image and credibility of Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC). He said that during the time of the previous government, some kind of discrepancy has come to the fore in almost every examination.

He assured that in the upcoming meeting of the Cabinet Committee on

October 10, a recommendation will be sent to the government regarding the

SI Recruitment Examination-2021 after factual and qualitative discussion on the basis of complete investigation results. Patel said that CM Bhajan Lal Sharma had asked not to spare any culprit in paper leak case and take strict action. It is noteworthy that Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel has been made the convener of the six-member cabinet committee constituted to review the SI Recruitment Exam-2021.

Unknown animals attacks 3 in J'jhunu

First India Bureau
Jhunjhunu

On Monday morning around 7 AM, a wild animal attacked a villager in Charanwas Shyampura, severely injuring Neem Chand, who was on his way to the fields. He was initially treated at a private hospital in Jhunjhunu before being transferred to BDK Hospital.

Similar incidents occurred near Dhingal village, where an elderly man and a young woman were also injured. Despite numerous attacks



Injury marks on hands and legs shown by villagers after the attack by an unknown wild animal in Charanwas Shyampura in Jhunjhunu district on Monday.

on livestock across more than a dozen villages, the forest department has yet to identify the animal responsible. Locals suspect it could be a hyena, as they've been guarding

their livestock at night and using firecrackers to scare off the creature. CCTV from Bhagera village has emerged, yet forest department remains ineffective.

LEOPARD ATTACKS MAN AT RAILMAGARA

Rajsamand: A leopard attacked a farmer who was irrigating his field. The farmer managed to escape and reach the village. The news of leopard attack spreaded panic. The incident has instilled fear among villagers. The leopard attacked Madhav Lal, a resident of Menia. The injured farmer was taken to district hospital. 3 days ago, the leopard was also spotted near Karolia Hanuman temple. The leopard attacked between Menia & Karolia in Railmagara police station area. Ashish Choudhary

Ghost NREGA workers paid ₹5.14 cr in Sapotra: Meena

First India Bureau
Karauli

BJP leader Kirodi Lal Meena has exposed the scams plaguing Sapotra Panchayat Samiti wherein Rs 5.14 crore was paid to ghost NREGA workers in 15 gram panchayats. Presenting the scam documents before the media he said that the BJP government would not spare the guilty officers & workers. Despite ban in 12 gram panchayats, Rs 11.09 crore was paid in the financial year 2024-25.



Min Kirodi Lal Meena during the meeting in Sapotra on Monday.

Meena's surprise inspection along with officials in Gram Panchayat Khedla and Bagida caused a stir in the Panchayat Samiti. Many officers, including NREGA Commissioner Pushpa Satyani & Superintending Engineer KK Sharma were present.

RISING RAJ OUTREACH IN SINGAPORE

Raj delegation seeks Singapore's cooperation

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Government of Rajasthan delegation led by Industry and Commerce Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore started off its 4-day Singapore visit by holding talks with Dr Tan See Leng, Singapore's Minister for Manpower & Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

The delegation sought the cooperation of Singapore govt in facilitating investment in Rajasthan and discussed areas of col-



Raj Min Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, CS Sudhansh Pant, Gayatri Rathore and other senior officials during the Rising Rajasthan's outreach programme in Singapore on Monday.

laboration between Singapore and Rajasthan in sectors such as solar energy, tourism, setting up of industrial parks among others. Rathore shared the opportunities available in Rajasthan and highlighted

the emergence of the state as an ideal investment destination during the meeting with Minister Dr. Leng. He also highlighted the potential of collaboration on skilling programs, advancements in logistics

etc. and invited the Singapore government to participate in the 'Rising Rajasthan' Global Investment 2024, scheduled to be held from 9-11 Dec.

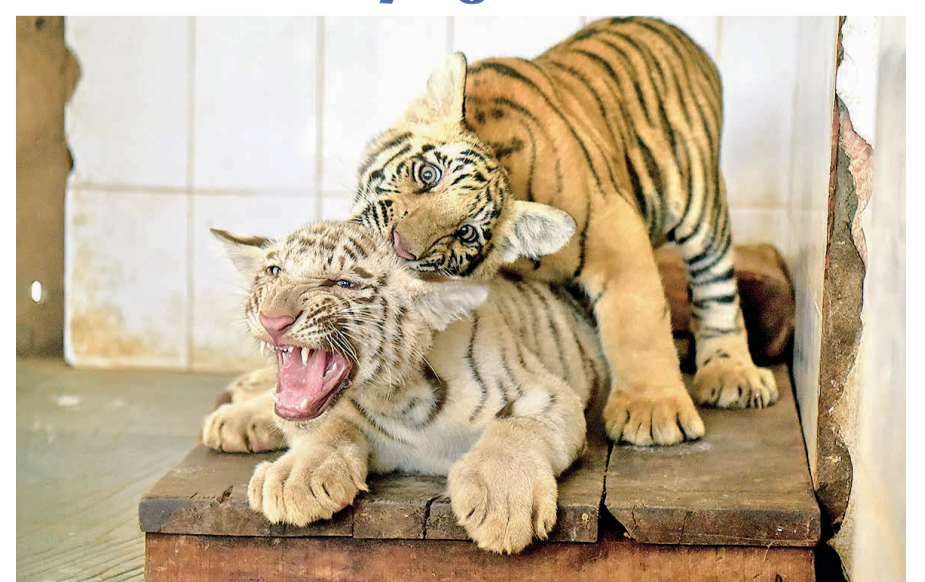
The Raj Govt delegation is in Singapore to in-

vide prominent business groups based out of Singapore to make investment in Rajasthan and invite them to Summit. The delegation also held meetings with officials of CII-India Business Forum.

PRE-SUMMIT OF RISING RAJASTHAN ON TOURISM SECTOR TODAY; CM SHARMA, DY CM DIYA TO ATTEND

Rising Rajasthan Tourism Pre-Summit will be held on Tuesday at Hotel Lalit. The event will be graced by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma as the Chief Guest while Deputy CM Diya Kumari will also be present at the summit. This would promote investment opportunities in tourism in the state. A session 'Wed in Rajasthan' among others will be held during summit.

Playing 'cats'



Male tiger cub Bhim and female cub Skanda playing cheerfully at the Nahargarh Biological Park. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma named these two tiger cubs while inaugurating the Tiger Safari at Nahargarh Biological Park on Monday.

SANTOSH SHARMA

Wishes pour in...

Amit Shah has been close associate of PM Modi for decades

Shah congratulates PM Modi on 23 years in constitutional roles

Agencies
New Delhi

On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked 23 years of holding key Constitutional positions, first as Chief Minister of Gujarat and then as the Prime Minister of India. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who has been a close associate of PM Modi for decades, extended his heartfelt congratulations on this significant milestone.

Amit Shah shared his thoughts on X, reflecting on PM Modi's journey of dedication and service to the nation.

In his message, Shah wrote in Hindi: "Today, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has completed 23 years of public service as Chief Minister



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah share a light moment. **FILE**

and Prime Minister. His unwavering dedication to the nation and public welfare over these 23 years is a symbol of selfless devotion."

I congratulate Modi ji, a true nation builder, for his tireless service to the country. Without pause, without fatigue, and without concern for personal comfort, he has devoted 23 years to the nation's progress and well-being.

AMIT SHAH, UNION HOME MINISTER

'LEADERS CAN LEARN FROM PM'

→ Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis on Monday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set an example of value-based politics and other leaders, irrespective of their party affiliation, should learn how he worked with a clean image. "Modiji gave us an example of value-based politics. I feel all political leaders, irrespective of any party, should learn from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on how all these years, as chief minister and prime minister, the way he worked with a clean image," Fadnis said.

PM dials ex-J'khand CM Champai Soren, enquires his health



PM Narendra Modi and former Jharkhand CM Champai Soren.

PTI
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke to former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren to enquire about his health after the senior BJP leader was hospitalised following blood sugar-related issues. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up Champai Soren Ji this morning to enquire about his health and wished him a speedy recovery," a close aide of the former CM said. Soren mentioned that

PM SHARES 'GARBA' SONG HE WROTE

→ PM Modi on Monday shared on X a 'garba' song he wrote as a tribute to Goddess Durga. "It is the auspicious time of Navratri and people are celebrating in different ways, united by their devotion to Maa Durga. In this spirit of reverence and joy, here is Aavati Kalay, a Garba I wrote as a tribute to Her power and grace. May Her blessings always remain upon us," he wrote on X.

he was feeling much better and hoped to be discharged soon.

Nadda elected chairperson of WHO regional committee

PTI
New Delhi

The World Health Organisation kicked off its 77th session of the Regional Committee for Southeast Asia in New Delhi from October 7 to 9. India's Minister of Health, **JP Nadda**, has been elected as the Chairperson of the 77th Session.

Seventy-seventh Regional Committee Session of WHO South-East Asia is the annual governing body meeting of World Health Organisation in the Region.

The member nations include Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste.



AP CM Naidu meets PM Modi in Delhi, discusses key issues



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in New Delhi on Monday.

PTI
New Delhi

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Naidu, who left for New Delhi from Vijayawada this afternoon, met Modi this evening. He is understood to have discussed a range of issues, including the facilitation of multilateral

agencies' loans for the new capital Amaravati, the foundation stone for a new railway zone, the Polavaram Project, the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, and the Centre's assistance for flood relief.

On Tuesday, Naidu is expected to meet Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Home Minister Amit Shah, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, among others.

194 Naxals neutralised, 801 arrested in Chhattisgarh this year, says Shah

Amit Shah appealed to the Naxals to lay down their arms and join the mainstream

ANI

New Delhi

Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday said that 194 Naxals were neutralised, 801 arrested and 742 surrendered in Chhattisgarh since January.

While chairing a review meeting with chief ministers of Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected states in the capital, the minister appealed to the Naxals to lay down their arms and join the mainstream.

Shah highlighted that nearly 13,000 individuals have done so in the north-east and Jammu Kashmir. "I congratulate the Chief Minister, Home Minister, DGP and the



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, Health Minister JP Nadda, MoS Home Nityanand Rai and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde of Maharashtra, Revanth Reddy of Telangana, Mohan Yadav of Madhya Pradesh and Vishnu Deo Sai of Chhattisgarh during a review meeting Left-Wing extremism affected States, at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday.

entire team of Chhattisgarh. Since January, 194 Naxalites have been killed, 801 Naxalites have been arrested and 742 Naxalites have surrendered," Shah said.

544 FORTIFIED POLICE STATIONS BUILT IN 10 YRS

→ 544 fortified police stations have been built in the last 10 years. Earlier the road network was 2900 km, in the last 10 years the road network has been increased to 11,500 km. In the last 10 years, 15,300 mobile towers have been installed and out of them 5139 towers have been given 4G connections, Shah said.

J&K parties oppose LG nominations before government formation

PTI
Srinagar

Five persons to be nominated by the lieutenant governor as members of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly may play a crucial role in the formation of the next government in the Union Territory, sources said on Monday.

The Congress, National Conference and the PDP have opposed the nomination of the five members before government formation, and threatened to move the Supreme Court.

LG will nominate 5 members consisting of 2 Kashmiris displaced, 1 woman, 1 other to be nominated. Name of one refugee from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir also in consideration. All members have voting rights in the assembly.

'BJP PLAYING GAMES TO FORM GOVT IN J&K'

→ A day before Jammu and Kashmir Assembly poll results, the Congress accused the BJP of taking "malicious steps" through a "malafide exercise of power" to negate the people's verdict in favour of the Congress-NC alliance. The party said it will do everything in its power to thwart such "nefarious designs".

'DELHI DECISION ON HARYANA CM FINAL'

→ A day before the Haryana assembly poll results, senior Congress leader Bhopinder Singh Hooda on Monday reiterated that he is "neither tired nor retired" and said the final decision of the high command on the chief ministerial pick will be acceptable to all.



ITBP-U'khand Coop MoU ready!

Harish Thapliyal
Dehradun

Preparations for the MoU between ITBP and Uttarakhand Cooperative Federation have been completed regarding the supply of live sheep, goats, poultry and trout fish for meat through more than 4000 local farmers/stockbreeders of villages of border districts Champawat, Chamoli, Uttarkashi and Pithoragarh at all ITBP



Chief Secretary Radha Raturi chairs a review meeting.

posts in the state. Chief Secretary Radha Raturi has given instructions to finalise the MoU soon by completing all the formalities. Describ-

ing the said MoU as an effective initiative for the Vibrant Village Program, CS Raturi said that this will encourage economic activities in border areas.

Court acquits Maliwal, others in 2011 Anna Andolan case

ANI
New Delhi

The Rouse Avenue court has recently acquitted Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP **Swati Maliwal** and others in 2011 Anna Andolan protest for pro Lokpal protest and sloganeering.

The court acquitted the accused persons giving them benefits of doubt. The court said that pros-

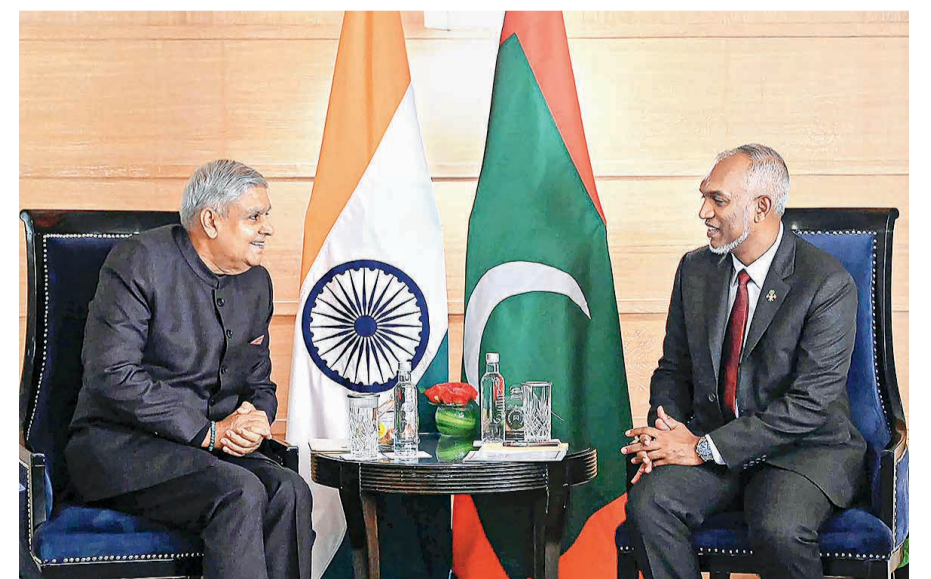
ecution could not establish the presence of accused at the spot.

An FIR was lodged against Arvind Gaur, Neeraj Kumar Pandey and Swati Maliwal in Connaught Place Police Station in 2011 for violating prohibitory orders issued by a public servant.

It was alleged that protest caused traffic jam in Connaught Place.



In esteemed presence!



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar meeting President of Maldives Mohamed Muizzu in New Delhi on Monday. (Left) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Principal Secretary to PM PK Mishra and NSA Ajit Doval during the joint press statement of PM Modi and Maldives President Muizzu after a meeting, at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Monday. **PTI**



THAKUR ATTACKS CONG

'HP govt took ₹27,000-crore loans in 18 months'

PTI
Hamirpur

The Congress government in Himachal Pradesh took loans worth over Rs 27,000 crore in the last 18 months, former Union minister Anurag Thakur said on Monday. Thakur also made the

same allegation while addressing public meetings at several places in his parliamentary constituency Hamirpur, including in Nadaun, the home assembly seat of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, on Sunday evening.

In a statement issued here on Monday, Thakur



Ex-minister Anurag Thakur

said, "During the tenure of only 18 months so far, the state government has taken a loan of more than Rs 27,000 crore, despite that this government does not have the budget to get development work done in the state."

The BJP leader said the Congress government does not give any-

thing, but it continuously makes plans to collect from the people.

The condition of roads is bad in the entire state and the CM's assembly constituency Nadaun is no exception, he said.

He urged the people of the state to join the BJP, by a call on toll free number 8800002024.

MATCH - 9 ENG Women clinch the contest by 7 wickets with 4 balls remaining **NAT SCIVER-BRUNT SHINES AS ENG OUTCLASS PROTEAS IN CLOSE FINISH**

Agencies
Sharjah

On a more batter-friendly surface than the previous encounters at Sharjah, Danni Wyatt-Hodge's 43 and Nat Sciver-Brunt's unbeaten 48 helped England reach their target of 125 with four balls to spare.

The pair rode their luck, with several chances falling short of fielders or into gaps, but were ultimately rewarded for taking calculated risks and smart running between the wickets - in stark contrast to the one-dimensional approach against Bangladesh.

South Africa, who knocked England out of the previous T20 World Cup in 2023, were restricted to 124-6 after another stellar performance from England's spinners.

Proteas captain Laura Wolvaardt hit 42 but England squeezed the rest, with left-armer Sophie Ecclestone delivering 2-15.



South Africa's Marizanne Kapp is bowled out by England's Sophie Ecclestone during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup match. PTI

GROUP-A						
POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS
1	NEW ZEALAND	1	1	0	0	2
2	AUSTRALIA	1	1	0	0	2
3	PAKISTAN	2	1	1	0	2
4	INDIA	2	1	1	0	2
5	SRI LANKA	2	0	2	0	0

GROUP-B						
POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS
1	ENGLAND	2	2	0	0	4
2	WEST INDIES	2	1	0	0	2
3	SOUTH AFRICA	2	1	1	0	2
4	BANGLADESH	2	1	1	0	2
5	SCOTLAND	2	0	2	0	0

MASOOD, SHAFIQUE CENTURIES LIFT PAK VERSUS ENGLAND

Multan: Skipper Shan Masood and opener Abdullah Shafique both cracked centuries as Pakistan scored an impressive 328-4 on the opening day of the first Test against England in Multan on Monday. Masood's brilliant 151 was his first hundred for four years, while Shafique also returned to form with 102 as the pair put on a solid 253-run stand for the second wicket after Pakistan won the toss and batted. England, led by Ollie Pope in the absence of the injured Ben Stokes, briefly fought back when they removed both Masood and Shafique in the space of just two runs in the third session. England took the second new ball at 308-3 and dismissed Babar Azam, trapped leg-before by Chris Woakes for 30. Saud Shakeel was unbeaten on 35 at the close of play with nightwatchman Naseem Shah yet to score.

PCB chief confident of hosting Champions Trophy in Pakistan

Agencies
Islamabad

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Monday expressed confidence that the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy would be held in the country and all teams, including arch-rivals India, would participate in the tournament.

The 2025 edition of the Champions Trophy is scheduled to start on February 19, and the final is on March 9. Lahore, Karachi, and Rawalpindi have been earmarked as the venues.

India hasn't sent its team to Pakistan since July 2008 due to tense political relations between the two countries.



"The Indian team should come. I don't see them cancel or postpone coming here and we are confident we will host all the teams in the Champions Trophy in Pakistan," Naqvi said.

"The stadiums will also be ready to host the matches on schedule and any remaining work would be completed after the tournament," he added.

Hezbollah missiles hit Israel's Haifa in escalating conflict

Agencies
Jerusalem

Hezbollah fired rockets at Israel's third largest city Haifa early on Monday as Israeli forces looked poised to expand ground incursions into southern Lebanon on the first anniversary of the Gaza war, which has spread conflict across the Middle East.

Iran-backed Hezbollah, an ally of Hamas, the Palestinian militant group fighting Israel in Gaza, said it targeted a military base south of Haifa with "Fadi 1" missiles and launched another strike on Tiberias, 65 km (40 miles) away.

Hezbollah said it targeted areas north of Haifa with missiles in a second assault later on Monday.



People visit Nova music festival site, where hundreds of revelers were killed and abducted by Hamas and taken into Gaza, on the one-year anniversary of the attack in southern Israel. PTI

BIDEN, HARRIS DENOUNCE OCTOBER 7 ATTACK; CALL FOR GAZA TRUCE ON ANNIVERSARY

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris condemned Hamas on the anniversary of the armed group's attack on Israel, while reiterating their administration's commitment to cementing ceasefire deals to end fighting in Gaza and Lebanon. "On this solemn anniversary, let us bear witness to the unspeakable brutality of the October 7th attacks but also to the beauty of the lives that were stolen that day," Biden said in a statement.



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Uttarakhand UCC panel finalises draft

ANI
Dehradun

A committee on the Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code on Monday put a final seal on the draft report, which now only awaits thumps up from the Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami-led state government.

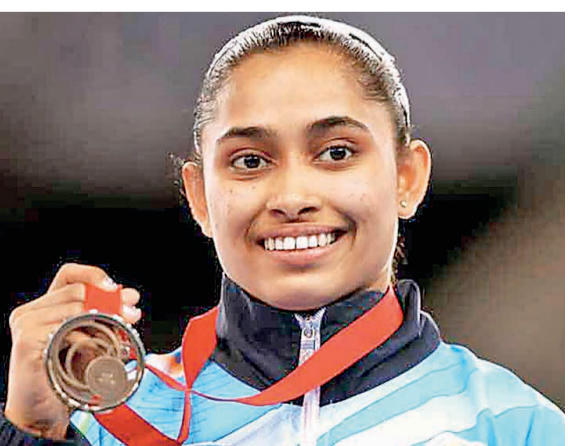
"In the final meeting of the five-member draft committee, the panel has put its final seal on the draft report of the UCC. The committee will submit this report to CM Dhami," said Shatrughan Singh, chairman of the Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code Draft committee told news agency ANI on Monday.

Dipa Karmakar, India's first female Olympian gymnast, hangs her boots

PTI
New Delhi

Celebrated Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar, who missed out on a bronze medal in the 2016 Olympics by a whisker, on Monday announced her retirement from the sport after an illustrious career.

The 31-year-old Dipa, who became the first female gymnast from the country to compete at the Olympics, finished fourth in the vault event to lose an Olympic medal by



Dipa Karmakar had missed out on a bronze medal in the 2016 Olympics by just 0.15 points. FILE

just 0.15 points. "After much thought and reflection, I have decided to retire from competitive gymnastics. This is not an easy

In 2014, Dipa won bronze in the vault category at the Commonwealth Games, becoming the first Indian woman to win under the gymnastic category. After this, she won another bronze at the Asian Championships in 2015

decision, but it feels like the right time," she said in a statement.

बचाव ही उपचार

थोड़ी सी सतर्कता से आप और आपका परिवार रहेंगे सुरक्षित

डेंगू, मलेरिया और चिकनगुनिया से बचाव के लिए ये उपाय अपनाएं:

- बुखार और सर्दी-कंपकंपी महसूस होते ही खून की जांच कराएं।
- दरवाजों और खिड़कियों पर जाली लगाएं, पूरी आस्टीन के कपड़े पहनें।
- मच्छरदानी, क्रीम, स्प्रे या अगरबत्ती का उपयोग करें।
- कूलर और पानी की टंकियों में पानी बदलते रहें तथा सुखाकर ही दोबारा इस्तेमाल करें।
- घर के आसपास ठहरे पानी को साफ करें।
- गमलों, टायरों व अन्य पात्रों में पानी जमा न होने दें।

नजदीकी स्वास्थ्य केंद्र पर डेंगू, मलेरिया की जांच और उपचार निःशुल्क उपलब्ध है।

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The day you decide to learn acceptance and tolerance, go to your enemy or a person who irritates you, no one can teach you better.

Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Arora hails Diya's Raj Tourism transformation



Anisha Singh
Jaipur

First India News hosted a conclave titled "Future of Forest Tourism and Livelihood" at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur on Monday. Deputy CM Diya Kumari emphasised the importance of public-private partnerships for effective tourism policies and announced efforts to develop a comprehensive app for tourists.

Pawan Arora thanked attendees, highlighting Jaipur's hosting of the IFFA Awards for the first time and the Palace on Wheels winning the Viewer's Choice Award for Best Train. He praised the positive changes in the tourism sector initiated by Diya Kumari and her team. The conclave included three panels: Cultural Tourism, led by VP Singh; Destination Weddings, with Sushma Arora; and Forest Conservation, featuring Manoj Parashar. It concluded with awards recognising stakeholders for enhancing Raj's tourism.



Pawan Arora extends a warm welcome to Diya Kumari during the 'Future of Forest Tourism & Livelihood Conclave' organised by First India at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur on Monday.



Pawan Arora presents a compilation of First India edits titled, 'Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai: Untold Stories of PM Modi,' to Diya Kumari during the mega event. Also seen here is Jinendra Singh Shekhawat.



Diya Kumari addresses during the Conclave at Hotel Clarks Amer.



Diya Kumari felicitates Bhagat Singh Lohagarh during the 'Future of Forest Tourism & Livelihood Conclave.' Also seen here are Pawan Arora, Ravi Jain, Arijit Banerjee, VP Singh, Sushma Arora and Jinendra Singh Shekhawat.

SANTOSH SHARMA



Diya Kumari being felicitated with a traditional 'Rajasthani Dupatta' as a mark of respect during the 'Future of Forest Tourism & Livelihood Conclave.' Also seen here are Pawan Arora, VP Singh, Indu Rathore, Prerana Bhati, Shweta Awasthi Mishra, Dimple Sharma, Deepika Singhal, Tripti Gautam, Ravi Jain and Jinendra Singh Shekhawat.



Sushma Arora being welcomed by Nirmal Tiwari during the conclave held at Hotel Clarks Amer.

Huge properties and their location is the USP of RTDC.
SUSHMA ARORA, MD RTDC



Tourism is not just about visiting monuments and places. It is about knowing the culture, language and lifestyle of people.
RAVI JAIN, TOURISM SECRETARY



To popularise lesser known places, the tourism department organises fairs and festivals with the aim of increasing tourist interaction.
VP SINGH, TOURISM COMMISSIONER



Land of Rajasthan is so diverse, everything comes here with a tadka. In digitally enabled world, narratives of tourist spots matter.
ARIJIT BANERJEE, PCCF & HOFF



Water availability a top priority for State Govt: CM



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma chairs a review meeting regarding water resources, irrigation, and IGNP at CMO in Jaipur on Monday. SS Rawat, Abhay Kumar, Akhil Arora, Shikhar Agrawal were present.

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma chaired a review meeting focusing on the state government's top priority: ensuring water availability for drinking and irrigation. He highlighted the need for large-scale river connectivity and public participation in water conserva-

tion. Sharma called for timely project execution and action against delay-causing contractors. He directed the completion of project reports for linking surplus water from the Jakham River and Mahi Basin to Jaisamand Dam within four months, aiming for budget inclusion. The Chief Minister also called for expedited construction of

the Brahmani River dam and initiated land acquisition for flap construction at Doongri and Isarda Dams.

Reviewing projects over Rs 500 cr, he stressed building Parwan Dam & canal simultaneously to prevent cost overruns. He also proposed converting 4 depressions on Indira Gandhi Canal into reservoirs.

His statements only reflect his frustration: Shekhawat

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

Union Culture and Tourism Minister GS Shekhawat targeted former CM Ashok Gehlot, stating that his recent comments only show his frustration. Shekhawat urged Gehlot to reflect on the conditions during his five-year tenure, highlighting a significant increase in atrocities against women and paper leak incidents during Cong rule in Raj. During his visit to Jodhpur, Shekhawat criticised Gehlot for giving clean chits to those allegedly involved in paper leaks and for denying involvement of govt officials. "Now that the truth is coming to light, he seems rattled," he stated. Shekhawat also met with party workers and the public.



GS Shekhawat pays tributes to former Sarpanch, GS Bhati at village Satto in Jaisalmer.

GEHLOT RAN A CIRCUS FOR 5 YEARS, SAYS CM

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma launched a scathing attack on former CM Ashok Gehlot, stating he "ran a circus" during his tenure. "Sometimes from a hotel, other times from elsewhere; that's why all he sees is a circus," Sharma said. Sharma responded to Gehlot's circus accusation, noting his activity on X. "Don't forget you had a govt too. When you point a finger, four point back at you," Sharma said.

Gehlot: Our govt addressed paper leaks promptly

Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur

Former CM Ashok Gehlot raised concerns about discontinuation of schemes from his govt, noting halted distribution of kits at ration shops, which has caused public outrage. He addressed paper leaks, asserting his govt acted swiftly & accountability is vital. He criticised dire state of Raj's roads & called for open discussions on RPSC rules.



Ashok Gehlot poses for a selfie with an elderly man during a 'Jansunwai' at the Circuit House in Jodhpur on Monday.

Pilot confident of Congress win in J&K and Haryana



Sachin Pilot interacts with Supriya Shrinete at his residence in Jaipur on Monday. Ruchira Chaturvedi & other officials were also present.

Wajahat Akhtar
Tonk

Ahead of vote counting for the J&K & Haryana Assembly polls, Congress National General Secretary Sachin Pilot expressed strong confidence that the party, along with its allies, will secure a majority. He attributed the BJP leaders' withdrawal from campaigning to fears of defeat. During his visit to

Tonk, Pilot also asserted that Congress alliance would win in the upcoming Maharashtra elections. He criticised the Rajasthan government for losing credibility and highlighted the emergence of multiple power centers within the BJP. He noted the deteriorating law and order situation in Rajasthan and expressed condolences to Congress leader Saud Saiddi over his mother's demise.

RTDC SIGNS ₹415 CR DEAL WITH HUDCO

MoU with HUDCO to boost tourism funding, asserts Dy CM Diya

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a loan of Rs 415 crore was exchanged on Monday at the Secretariat between Sushma Arora, Managing Director of the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC), and Sudhir Bhatnagar, Regional Head of HUDCO.

The event was attended by Deputy CM and Tourism Minister Diya Kumari and Secretary of Tourism Ravi Jain.



Diya Kumari, along with Ravi Jain, were present for MoU signing for a loan of Rs 415 cr between RTDC & HUDCO at the Secretariat on Monday. The agreement was signed between RTDC's MD Sushma Arora, and HUDCO's Regional Head, Sudhir Bhatnagar.

Speaking to the media, Diya emphasised Raj's tourism potential saying, "The MoU will provide financial support for de-

velopment. Our double-engine govt will collaborate with the Centre to enhance pilgrimage sites and new destinations."

Rising Rajasthan presents a great opportunity for us to advance tourism significantly, attracting new investments and elevating the state to new heights.
DIYA KUMARI, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

Under Deputy CM Diya Kumari's leadership, Rajasthan is making excellent strides in tourism development. Today's MoU will further accelerate tourism growth in the State.
SUDDHIR BHATNAGAR, REGIONAL HEAD, HUDCO



Diya Kumari being felicitated during the 'Samman Samaroh' organised by the VKI Association at the Vishwakarma Industries Association building in Jaipur on Monday. On this occasion, discussions were held with business associates regarding achieving the goal of a developed Rajasthan and ensuring the success of Rising Rajasthan, focusing on the participation of Vidyadhar Nagar.



The first oath-taking ceremony of the Rajasthan Secretariat Officer Service Association was graced by Deputy CM Diya Kumari, who underscored the vital role of secretariat officers in implementing govt's welfare schemes. During the ceremony, she administered the oath of office to newly elected executive members. The event also saw participation from numerous officials, including Joint Secy DoP, Kanishak Kataria. Assn's newly elected President, Daljeet Singh welcomed everyone.



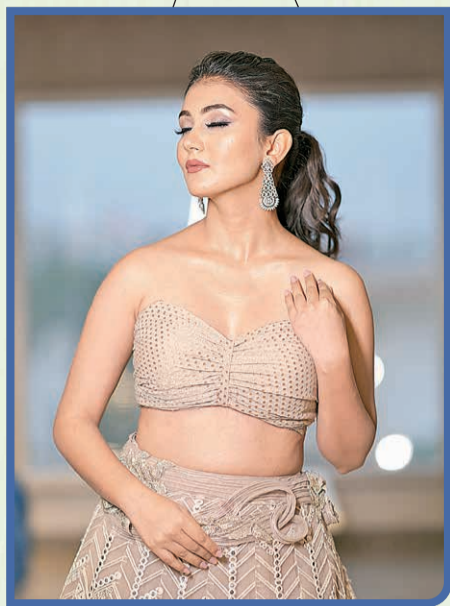
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DURGA CELEBRATIONS!

The Probasi Bengali Cultural Society will host Durga Puja today, featuring an Aanondo Mela and the installation of Maa Durga's idol at Jai Club Lawn, marking the auspicious occasion of Panchami. P11



Aakriti Sanwelya has embarked on a remarkable journey from the disciplined world of international karate to the glamorous realm of modelling. City First highlights her radiant personality and passion, which defined her passionate career.

Radiance Unleashed!

Aakriti Sanwelya, a vibrant 22-year-old from Jaipur, has gracefully transitioned from being an international karate champion to a thriving model. Known for her fun-loving nature and ability to spread happiness, Aakriti's journey into the world of pageantry began unexpectedly in 2020 after the first phase of the COVID-19 lockdown. A pageant poster caught her eye, sparking an interest that led her to participate in city-level contests, where she became a top 10 finalist. Encouraged by the compliments she received, she set her sights on the prestigious Elite Miss Rajasthan 2022.

Aakriti's determination to excel in pageantry saw her work diligently for a year before auditioning for Elite Miss Rajasthan, where she secured a spot as a top 30



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finalist and earned the title of Miss Congeniality. Her proudest moment came when she performed on stage at the pageant's finale, marking a significant milestone in her career.

Coming from a conservative family, Aakriti faced challenges, particularly with gaining her father's support. Her mother and grandmother, however,

stood by her side, with her mother even accompanying her to shoots and auditions. Gaurav Gaur, Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, played a pivotal role in supporting and convincing her father to believe in her talent, a turning point in her life.

Despite initial struggles, Aakriti never gave up, believing in her mantra to "stay happy and positive in every situation." Today, she works with renowned labels and brands, and her father is proud of her achievements. Aakriti's accolades include being a three-time international karate champion and a finalist in both Mr & Miss

Pinkcity 2021 and Elite Miss Rajasthan 2022. With resilience and optimism, Aakriti envisions a future where she lives without regrets or disappointment.



Dandiya DELIGHT

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The 'Navratri Nirvana' Ceremony, an annual Garba and Dandiya event, was held on Sunday at Aastha International School, Jaipur. Organised by Aastha International School in collaboration with Buskers Institute of Art and Dance, the event celebrated the rich traditions of Navratri with vibrant performances.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, graced the event as the chief guest. He was warmly welcomed by Brajesh Saxena,

Director of Buskers Institute of Art and Dance. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr Chandra commended the efforts of the organisers and praised the students' dedication. "Events like these reflect our cultural heritage and showcase the talents of the younger generation. It's heartwarming to see such enthusiasm for traditions," he shared.

The event saw women adorned in traditional Rajasthani attire, energetically performing Garba and Dandiya to both Rajasthani and religious tunes. Directors Hemant Singh Gajawat and Brajesh Saxena highlighted the rigorous two-month training the children, aged four to eight, underwent in preparation. The students' performances left parents filled with pride and excitement, with many expressing their joy at witnessing their children's talents. The directors promised to make next year's event even grander, continuing the celebration of art and tradition.



Dr Manjeet Kaur & Abnoor Kaur



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greeted by Brijesh Saxena. Also seen are (L-R) Hemendra Gajawat, Pankaj, Manisha Gulyani, Mansi and Preeti



Dressed in the hues of tradition, people dance to the beats of joy during the Dandiya night



Paridhi Gupta, Neha Tulsyan & Ankita Gupta

MADHYA PRADESH'S VISIONARIES AT GAME CHANGERS 2024!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Vimal Todi, Pushyamitra Bhargav, Kailash Vijayvargiya & Arpit Chopra Jain during the lamp lighting ceremony



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra & Kailash Vijayvargiya felicitate Vimal Todi



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra presented Vimal Todi, Chairman & Founder, Moira Sariya, a special compilation of 100 First India edits titled 'Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai Untold Stories of PM Modi', at Indore on Saturday, during a courtesy meeting at which Bharat24 CBO Manoj Jagyasi was also present.

IGNITING Innovation

The "Game Changers 2024 - Madhya Pradesh Edition" was held at Labh Mandapam, Indore, celebrating local visionaries and innovators. Chief Guest Kailash Vijayvargiya honoured notable contributors, including Kathak artist Shobha Rodwal. The event highlighted entrepreneurial spirit and Madhya Pradesh's growth, inspiring future generations. City First brings you some more glimpses of the event!



Mesmerizing performance by Shobha Rodwal and her Kathak dance group



Akansha in conversation with Chandan Verma, Prashant Patel and Mudit Thakkar



Priya Sinha in conversation with Kailash Vijayvargiya



Akansha in conversation with Dr Arpit Chopra Jain and Dr Deepti Singh Hada



Akansha in conversation with Hemant Pawar and Niket Mangal



Priya Sinha in conversation with Suresh Singh Bhadoria

Bridgerton Bash!

EMBRACING DURGA'S BLESSINGS!



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Shakti Women's Group hosted a glamorous Bridgerton-themed year-end couple party on Monday, inspired by Julia Quinn's bestselling novels, celebrating the elegance of the British Re-

gency era. The event attracted 100 couples who embraced 1970s fashion, complete with stunning attire, jewellery and ballroom dancing. Organised in collaboration with Shakti Club and Trip Factory, the party featured 80 couples in attendance.

Founders Seema Khandelwal and Mamta Patodia noted that while Indian culture garners admiration globally, the al-

lure of British fashion, dance and attire also captivates people. The 1970s were highlighted as a pivotal decade that laid the foundation for modern dance styles and global fashion trends.

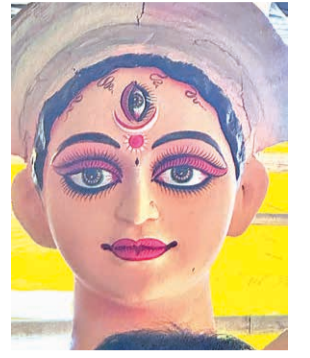
Attendees enjoyed an array of dance performances, including salsa and bachata, creating an enchanting atmosphere. Special guests included Trip Factory Holidays Director Shiv Chaudhary,

Vasudha NGO Director and ASSOCHAM Co-chair Mona Sharma, fashion designer Aditi Sharma, renowned Mumbai influencer Aftab and lifestyle influencer Deeksha Singhal. The Bridgerton-

themed celebration not only provided a nostalgic journey into the past but also strengthened the bonds within the community, showcasing the joy and creativity of the Shakti Women's Group.

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The Probsi Bengali Cultural Society will host Durga Puja 2024, featuring an Aaondo Mela and the installation of Maa Durga's idol at Jai Club Lawn this evening, marking the auspicious occasion of Panchami. Dr SK Sarkar, the society's president, announced that the event will include cultural performances alongside stalls set up by the ladies from the Bengali community, showcasing a variety of culinary delights from



their homes. This vibrant community celebration symbolizes the time when Goddess Durga visits her mother's home with her children Saraswati, Kartikeya, Ganesh and Lakshmi before returning to her in-laws' after the immersion rite on the tenth day.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Femina Institute of Design Art Alhadpur, in collaboration with Chowk Gorakh Safe Society and Loudspeaker90 Club, organised the Navdurga Fashion Show on Monday. The event, led by Centre Director Kirti Gupta, emphasized the institute's focus on incorporating culture into Indian festivals. Children from underprivileged backgrounds were trained and prepared for the show, symbolizing the nine principles of Maa Durga. Their performance left everyone emotional, including Pawan Kumar Gupta, the institute's head. The initiative beautifully showcased tradition while empowering children, making the fashion show a meaningful celebration of culture and creativity.



The Environment Forest and Climate Change Promotion Council Rajasthan organised the Environmental Warrior Honour Ceremony 2024-2025 in Jaipur on Sunday, recognising outstanding environmental warriors. Chief Guest Jawahar Singh Bedham emphasized the importance of protecting the environment, urging attendees to take the pledge of "Ek Ped Ke Naam" and "Ek Ped Desh or Gaaye Ke Naam." Award recipients included Shalini Agarwal, Dr Jai Kishan Abhir and Devi Shankar Sharma. The council also announced plans to honour warriors nationwide, provide fixed honorariums for tree planters, and incorporate the stories of Amrita Devi and the Bishnoi community into educational curricula.



The final match of the Sawai Man Guard Cup (06 Goal) took place on Sunday at the Rajasthan Polo Club Ground in Jaipur, featuring a thrilling match between Team Jaipur USPA and Team Carysil Polo. Team Jaipur USPA emerged victorious, defeating Carysil Polo with a score of 8-7. The Chief Guest, Col Deb Chandan Das, awarded the trophy to the winning team. Padmanabh Singh scored four goals, supported by Lance Watson with three goals, leading Jaipur USPA to victory. Carysil Polo's Shamsheer Ali netted three goals, with contributions from Bauti Alberdi, Ranveer Singh Saharan and Kuldeep Singh Rathore.



The Jaipur Medical Association (JMA) organised a thrilling hockey match for doctors on Sunday at the Astro Turf Ground of SMS Stadium. Teams SRK Max and DMIC faced off but ended the match goalless. Chief guest Kunwar Rashtadeep, Additional Commissioner of Police, praised JMA's initiative and highlighted the need to promote hockey and other sports in India. Special guests, international player Daljinder Singh and national player Kamal Luthra, expressed their delight at the doctors' performance. This match was part of JMA's ongoing health awareness campaign.

GREETINGS!



Career Dreams Educations hosted the "Know My India" award distribution ceremony at St Greek Public Senior Secondary School, Shastri Nagar, celebrating the Pan Rajasthan Quiz Competition on Saturday. Among 59 participants, Amit Singh (Class XII), Vishal Kumar (Class XII), and Khushi Gurjar (Class X) secured the top three positions. Dr Renu Bohra, Founder of Career Dreams Educations, and School Director Kamal Kishore Sharma presented medals and certificates to the winners. The ceremony also honoured Sharma and Principal Lavina Rizwani for their academic contributions. Dr Bohra inspired students to embrace patriotism and Indian culture, promising more learning opportunities in the future.

FESTIVE FLAVOR FUSION!



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The Shop's Community of Dreamers hosted a delightful festive Falahari table on Monday, curated by the Cauldron Sisters and organised by Bakerinasaree Doorva Sharma. Guests indulged in a variety of falahari delicacies while sharing cherished childhood memories of fasting, creating a warm and nostalgic ambiance. The event not only celebrated the spirit of the festive season but also set the perfect mood for joyous shopping. With a combination of high tea and de-

licious falahari treats, the gathering seamlessly intertwined merriment with shopping at the COD Shop, offering an ideal kickstart to the upcoming festive season. Various who's who of the city graced the occasion and made it more memorable. City First highlights some glimpses.



Couture Spotlight



Unique collections adorned by supermodels Monica, Zara and Ruh



(R-L) Alha Rakha, Shahebsha, Naresh Dudani, Anil Naryani, Ashish & Anand Kumar



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The much-anticipated Delhi Runway Week Couture Season 6 took place at The Gulmohar, by Taluka Kukas, Jaipur and brought together six leading designers, captivating the audience with their remarkable creativity and vision on Sunday.

The event featured an array of talented designers, including Bespoke by Hemali Raj and Imran from Mumbai, known for their emotive designs, and Kalzz by Janvi Vaishali, whose sari collections highlighted Indian fashion's elegance. Gaurav Gupta wowed the audience with his unique collection, modelled by supermodels Monica, Zara and Ruh. Forever by Naveen impressed with bold colours

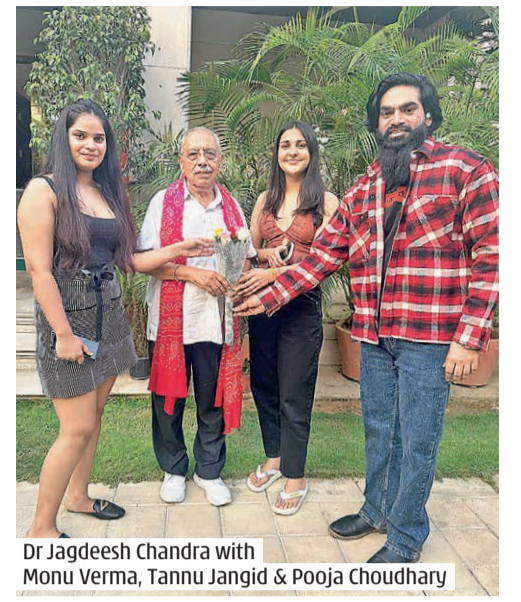
and innovative designs, while Man Shekhawat showcased transformative creations that displayed his artistic genius. Septimus (USA), the Hollywood singer, made a striking Indian debut with his high-energy performance. The runway was graced by special guests, including Bollywood producer-writer Naresh Dudani, producer-director Anil Narayani, and other prominent figures

such as Septimus, Sagon Gupta, Asima Chaudhary, and Lucky. Their presence added prestige to the event. Delhi Runway Week Couture Season 6 not only highlighted fashion but also served as a platform for showcasing the power of creativity, leaving a lasting impression on fashion enthusiasts and industry insiders alike.

MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by model Victoria Fernandes, during a courtesy visit at a City hotel on Monday.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Monu Verma, Director and Founder of Queen of India, along with Tannu Jangid & Pooja Choudhary during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Sunday. During the meeting, they discussed the upcoming event "Queen of India, Season 3," powered by First India, scheduled for December.

Racing Triumphs!



(L-R) Uttam Daga, Sanjay Singh, Diane Singh, Tahir Gour, Vijay Singh, Shoyab Qureshi, Kunal Singh, Devendra Singh, Mrityunjaya Singh & Dhiraj Gupta

The Jaipur Motorcycle Club (JMC), India's oldest motorcycle club, founded in 1975 by John Singh, successfully hosted its much-anticipated 'Time Attack' event at the Soulfeel Cricket Stadium and Dirt Track in Harmada, Jaipur on Monday. Motorcycle enthusiasts from the region gathered for an exhilarating display of skill and speed. Vijay Singh emerged as the standout performer, winning first place in the Open Class, Up to 200cc category, and the 201-500cc category. Shoyab Qureshi and Tahir Gour secured second and third places, respectively. The event, which challenges riders to achieve the best lap time, concluded with a cool-down lap, ensuring a safe and thrilling experience for all participants.

Courtesy Meeting!

Dr Ram Baran Yadav, the former and first President of Nepal was greeted by CA Anil Jain, International President of Mahavir International Apex along with CA Sudhir Jain, International Treasurer; Veera Sunita Jain, Zone Chairperson of North Zone-1, during a courtesy visit in New Delhi, on Monday. During the meet, the delegation honoured Dr Yadav with a golden flower bouquet, the booklet "Mera NGO Mera Swabhiman," and a souvenir. They discussed Mahavir International's extensive service network of 350 centres across India, focusing on their commitment to helping the needy. Dr Yadav appreciated their efforts and explored the possibility of establishing a centre in Nepal.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

MUKESH KIRADOO



Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari unveiled the poster for the upcoming Ram Katha, set to take place in Jaipur from November 7 to 15. Organizing committee coordinator Rajan Sharma highlighted that the event will foster a river of devotion at Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium, attracting thousands of believers. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to hear the Ram Katha from Padma Vibhushan-awarded Tulsī Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Maharaj. The nine-day event is organised by Balaji Goushala Sansthan and the Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium Organizing Committee. During the poster launch, Sarna Dungan, Sumer Singh Shekhawat, Rajesh Poddar, Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium organizing committee secretary advocate Anil Sant, Vikas Poddar, Deepak Garg, Sachin Rawat, Banwari Khatod, Tinku Rathore, Hariom Jan Seva Samiti president Pankaj Goyal were also present.



Jaipur Chamunda Seva Rajasthan organised a heartfelt program, "Ek Shaam Shaheedon Ke Naam," at Amar Jawan Jyoti District to honour Major Dalpat Singh Shekhawat, a hero who played a crucial role in liberating Israel on Monday. The event featured key speaker Indresh from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and special guests, including Jaipur MP Manju Sharma and Army officers. Israeli tourists and religious leader Simson Goldstein paid tribute to the late hero. The program included performances by the army band and local artists, reflecting the community's respect and gratitude.



The Department of Computer Science & Engineering at Swami Keshwanand Institute of Technology, Jaipur, launched a five-day workshop on "Unlocking the Power of IoT" under the IoT Centre of Excellence on Monday. The workshop focuses on IoT fundamentals and applications. Prof (Dr) Mehul Mahrishi, HOD (CSE), welcomed speakers Atul Kumar, Nawa and Harsh Tenguriya. Atul introduced IoT and communication protocols, while Harsh provided hands-on training on microcontroller boards. The workshop is coordinated by Dr S Sarabjeet Singh Sethi and the team.



A 15-member team from the Royal Thailand Embassy and Gems & Jewellery Institute (GIT) visited the Khazana Mahal Museum in Jaipur on Saturday, marvelling at the exquisite collection of precious stones, fossils and the renowned Kundan Meena Jewellery. They were particularly impressed by the floating stones of Ram Setu and the world's largest ring. GIT Chairman Nuntawan Sakuntanaga praised the museum's grandeur, stating that such a collection is unmatched in Thailand. The visit was enriched by traditional Rajasthani dance performances. Anoop Shrivastava and Jitesh Garg warmly welcomed the esteemed guests.

DURING THE DAY!



A Bhoomi Pujan program was held by HG Infra Engineering Limited and HG Foundation to kick off an intensive tree plantation project at the Ground Water Department Complex in Jhalana Durgri, on Monday. The initiative was inaugurated with the planting of saplings, emphasizing the use of Miyawaki technology under the HG Green Drive CSR project. Company President Ashok Menon highlighted the goal of planting 110,000 saplings this financial year, following the previous year's achievement of 100,000. The project aims to enhance urban biodiversity, absorb carbon dioxide, and promote environmental sustainability. Various officials and staff from the Ground Water Department also attended the event.

Rotary Club Jaipur celebrated Navratri on Saturday with a vibrant Navratri Archana at the Rotary Auditorium, where members worshipped Maa and engaged in dandiya dance. The event showcased captivating performances by Divyanshi and Ayushi Kawa, who dazzled the audience under the direction of Tejkaran Kawa. Special guests Dr Rakesh Thapar and Dr Saloni Thapar presented mementoes to the talented artists. The evening was enhanced by stunning choreography from Rajendra Rao, culminating in a lively group dandiya dance led by Shilpa Bendre.



Suryavardhan Singh Dhirawat, a young Bhawai dancer from Rajasthan, was honoured by the India Book of Records during the annual international convocation in Faridabad. Recognised for showcasing three formats of Bhawai dance, Suryavardhan's achievement ranked among the best hundred records in the subcontinent. He received the award from Professor Chu Bao Kyun, Deputy Secretary General of the Vietnam Federation Council of UNICO. The two-day event also celebrated artists from countries like Malaysia, Nepal and Vietnam, aiming to promote international recognition of Rajasthan's rich folk art and cultural heritage.

EVENTS!

The Inter College Kabaddi Competition (Men/Women) for the 2024-25 session, organised by the Sports Board of Rajasthan University, Jaipur, on Monday, Vice-Chancellor, Prof Alpana Kateja, chaired the inauguration. Over 100 teams will participate in the competition, which will run until 11th October. Chief guest MLA Kuldeep Dhankar assured support to enhance sports facilities. Olympian Gopal Saini motivated players to focus on practice and bring glory to the nation. A total of 34 matches were played on the first day.



The SKIT IEEE Student Branch marked IEEE Day with a week-long celebration from October 1 to October 5, 2024. Events included an expert talk on "5G Digital Twin Concept" by Dr Shweta Amit, a digital poster competition, and a panel discussion on "Women in Technology." The highlight was the inauguration of the Women in Engineering (WIE) Student Branch Affinity Group. SKIT also received the Best Student Chapter Award for 2023, recognizing its contributions to advancing technology and innovation.

PRESS CONFERENCE



Gaurav Jhalani, Jaideep Biyani, Jyotsana Choudhary, Rajesh Bhardwaj, Ravi Kant Chauhan, Vishnu Sharma & Manu Kamboj

The fourth National Physical Disability T20 Cricket Championship 2024 will be held in Udaipur from October 15 to 25, organised by the Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) and Narayan Seva Sansthan (NSS). A press conference was held on Monday, unveiling the championship poster. Featuring 400 disabled cricketers from 24 states, the event will host 67 matches across five venues. Inauguration ceremonies will take place at the Field Club, Udaipur, with daily matches following international standards, showcasing the athletes' talents and contributions to sports.