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IN BRIEF



New Zealand registered a 32-run victory over South Africa in the final to clinch their maiden Women's T20 World Cup title in Dubai on Sunday. **P7**

Hezbollah fires 100 missiles at Israel over course of day
Hezbollah has fired around 100 missiles at Israel over the course of the day. Firefighters are working to extinguish wildfires around northern Israel sparked by two waves of barrages. Earlier, Israel dealt a blow to Hezbollah, killing three "key" officials in a strike over Beirut.



Prabowo Subianto new Indonesia Prez
Indonesia's former defence minister, Prabowo Subianto on Sunday took oath as the eighth President of Indonesia along with Gibran Rakabuming, son of former President Joko Widodo who was elected Vice President of the country.

Leaked: Classified US docs reveal Israel's attack plans for Iran
Two classified US intelligence documents leaked, exposing Israel's military preparations for a potential strike on Iran. They provide analyses of satellite images showing Israel's military exercises, that appear to be in preparation for a retaliatory strike on Iran.

24 more Indian flights receive bomb threats, week tally nears 100
More than 20 flights operated by Indian airlines, including 6 from IndiGo, received fresh bomb threats on Sunday, forcing the air carriers to issue statements. IndiGo said it is aware of safety-related situations involving several of its flights on October 20.

Blend of spirituality, modernity: PM Modi

PM inaugurates RJ Sankara Eye Hospital in Varanasi

ANI
Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the RJ Sankara Eye Hospital in Varanasi stating that the facility is a blend of spirituality and modernity and that it will serve the elderly as well as the children.

He further said that the hospital situated in Hariharpur will provide employment to youth.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was also present at the event in his parliamentary constituency of Varanasi also known as Kashi.

"PM Modi added, "Curative healthcare is as important as preventative, which is why, today, in India, various Ayushman Aarogya Mandirs help in early detection and diagnosis of disease. We are creating a network of 'Critical care blocks' and modern labs."

The PM also visited the exhibition about the new state-of-the-art eye hospital with a capacity of 225 beds. **P5**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitates a child during the inauguration ceremony of the RJ Sankara Eye Hospital in Varanasi on Sunday. **PTI**



PM Narendra Modi seeks blessings from Kanchi Kamakoti Shankaracharya Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal in Varanasi.

SHANKARACHARYA Speak

NDA IS 'NARENDRA DAMODAR DAS KA ANUSHASAN'

- Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kama Koti Peetha Sri Shankar Vijayendra Saraswati Swami praised PM Modi, stating that it is a blessing from God to have good leaders like him.
- He coined acronym NDA government, 'Narendra Damodar Das ka Anushasan', a model of governance that is focused on the safety, convenience, and well-being of the citizens.
- PM Modi understands the challenges being faced by a common man.
- Along with the infrastructural development, the government is also focused on cultural rejuvenation.
- He also said that he had a long acquaintance with PM Narendra Modi.

BJP releases first Maharashtra list of 99 candidates

Retains 71 sitting MLAs: Dy CM Fadnavis to contest from Nagpur South West seat

ANI
New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday released its first list of 99 candidates for the Maharashtra assembly elections, scheduled to be held on November 20.

As per the list, Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis (in pic)** will contest from Nagpur South West, while state BJP president Chandrashekhar Krishnarao Bawankule will contest from the Kamthi seat.

Other key candidates include Minister Girish Mahajan who will contest from Jamner, Sudhir Mungantiwar from Balapur, Sreejaya Ashok Chavan from Bhokar, Ashish Shelar from Vandre West, Mangal Prabhat Lodha from Malabar Hill, Rahul Narwekar from Colaba, and Chhatrapati Shivendra from Satara.

The list also features Suresh Damu Bhole from Jalgaon City, Atul Save from Aurangabad East, Sanjay Mukund Kalkar from Thane, and Vinod Shelar from Malad West, among others.



SHIV SENA DROPS GAURI LANKESH MURDER ACCUSED

➔ Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde has cancelled the appointment of Shrikant Pangarkar, the accused in the murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh, within the Shiv Sena, following outrage. Shinde, who also serves as the Chief Leader of the party, issued an order declaring all appointments of Pangarkar in Jalna as "null and void".

The announcement two days after a meeting held at Union Home Minister Amit Shah's residence to discuss the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) strategy for the Maharashtra polls.

J&K: Terrorists kill 3 migrant workers

Union Home Minister Amit Shah condemned the attack and called it an "act of cowardice"

ANI
New Delhi

At least three construction workers were killed and five others were injured when terrorists opened fire at a construction site at Gagangir in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district, official sources said.

A police officer confirmed that two workers have been killed. Another died later at a hospital. The number of casualties can go up, sources said.

The terrorists had opened fire on a camp housing labourers of a private company, who were working on an under-construction tunnel at the Gund area.



✕ The casualty figure from the Gagangir attack is not final as there are a number of injured labourers, both local & non-local. Praying that the injured make a full recovery as the more seriously injured are being referred to SKIMS, Srinagar.

Omar Abdullah @OmarAbdullah

The police and army have cordoned off the area to track the attackers, said the J&K police in a release.

TRAGIC COLLISION

12 lose life as bus rams into auto rickshaw in Dholpur

Vinod Tiwari
Dholpur

Eight children among 12 people of a family died in a collision between a bus and tempo in Rajasthan's Dholpur district.

Bari SHO Shivilahari Meena said the accident took place on Saturday night when a speedy sleeper coach bus going towards Jaipur from Gwalior hit the tempo near Sumipur. The victims, residents of Kareem Gumvat colony, belonged to the same family and were returning from a wedding function in Barauli village. The deceased have been identified as Irfan



The wreckage of the vehicle after a collision between a bus and an auto rickshaw in Dholpur on late Saturday night. **PTI**

(38), his wife Julie (34), daughter Asma (14), son Salman (8), Parveen (32), Zareena (35), Saqir (6), Sanif (9), Ajaan (5), Aashiyaana (10), Sufi (7) and Danish (10).

One person was injured in the accident. **P3**

EX-GRATIA FROM PM

PM Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of each of the deceased. The injured would be given Rs 50,000.

✕ The news of lives lost in the tragic road accident in Dholpur is extremely distressing. District administration officials have been instructed to ensure timely and adequate medical care for the injured. I pray to Lord Shri Ram for peace for the departed souls and a speedy recovery for the injured.

Bhajanlal Sharma @BhajanlalBjp

✕ The loss of 12 lives in the road accident in Dholpur is deeply saddening. I pray to God for peace for the departed souls and a quick recovery for those injured.

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehot51

Blast outside CRPF school in Delhi's Rohini



ANI
New Delhi

A major explosion rocked the Prashant Vihar area near Rohini in New Delhi on Sunday morning. While no injuries were reported, nearby vehicles and properties were damaged, police said.

An investigation revealed traces of low explosives near the blast site, prompting a thorough inquiry by the Delhi Police, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), and the National Security Guard (NSG).

FROM EUROPE WITH TRIUMPH

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's grand return sparks celebrations in Jaipur!



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma being welcomed by Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News & Sach Bedhadak, upon his arrival, at Jaipur airport on Sunday. Madan Rathore, Jogaram Patel, Jawahar Singh Bedham and other leaders are also seen.

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma returned to Jaipur on Sunday after his foreign trip to Germany and the United Kingdom.

At Jaipur Airport, he was welcomed by members of the state cabinet, legislators, and senior officials.

The ministers and legislators presented bouquets to the Chief Minister and congratulated him on his successful foreign

People at various prominent locations in Jaipur greeted CM Sharma while expressing gratitude for his efforts toward the state's economic prosperity and the development of Rajasthan

trip. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the workers, CM Sharma said that the government is committed from day one to fulfill the promises made in the Bharatiya Janata

Party's Sankalp Patra. "To realize the dreams of a developed Rajasthan, the BJP government has started signing MoUs with investors for Rising Rajasthan in its first year itself. After Mumbai, Delhi, Japan, South Korea, now investors from Germany and UK have been prepared to invest in Rajasthan," he said.

During this time, people at various prominent locations in Jaipur also greeted Sharma and expressed their gratitude for his efforts toward the state's economic pros-

perity and the development of Rajasthan.

It is to be mentioned that as part of the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit-2024, investor meets and roadshows are being organized in other countries to promote investment in the state.

As part of this initiative, Chief Minister Sharma participated in investor meets held in Munich, Germany, and London, United Kingdom, where he met with investors and invited them to invest in Rajasthan. **P8**

Police Action No religious angle in temple stabbing case: Cops House of the two accused in temple stabbing razed



Naseeb Chaudhary had illegally occupied the temple land and park and built a two-room structure. Gym equipment and big drums were kept in the rooms. The demolition squad removed the encroachment along with the goods. **SUNIL SHARMA**

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Jaipur district administration has demolished the house of a father-son duo involved in an alleged stabbing incident at a temple in the city. The house allegedly built illegally inside the temple premises, was torn down using a bulldozer. The stabbing incident took place in teh Karni Vihar area on October 17. According to the police,

THE ACCUSED HAD ATTACKED A GROUP OF RSS WORKERS DURING A JAGRAN A FEW DAYS AGO

A jagran and distribution of prasad were taking place in the temple complex, where a group of people had gathered to peacefully conduct the event. A family lives next to the temple, including a man named Naseeb Chaudhary, who has a previous criminal record. Naseeb Chaudhary and his son reached the event venue and attacked the people with knives and sticks, injuring six individuals, who were then taken to the hospital. Both of them were arrested that night.

other individuals may have been involved in the attack as well and authorities are reviewing CCTV footage to identify any-

one else connected to the incident. "We have both individuals in custody, and we have also learned that a

few others may have been involved. Since there is a CCTV camera in the area, anyone found involved in any way will face action." ACP Rashtrideep said. He also clarified that there was no religious conflict or a communal angle involved in the case. "Both parties involved are from the Hindu community. Despite any assumptions based on names, both sides are Hindu," he added.

Leopard kills cow in Gogunda, panic among villagers

First India Bureau
Udaipur

A leopard killed a cow grazing in the field of Tulsi Singh in Hirawaton ki Bhagal of Bhutala village on Sunday. The sudden attack on the cow has created an atmosphere of fear among the villagers. On receiving the information, the villagers reached the spot and informed the Department of Forest. Forest officials, Lal Singh and a doctor, arrived at the spot. The movement of the leopard has caused fear among the villagers.

Resident doctor's strike escalates, emergency services get affected

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

Resident doctors of SMS Medical College who are on indefinite strike demanding safety in the workplace have also escalated their demand and have sought increase in salary and boycotted work completely from Saturday night to put pressure on the administration. Although the administration made preparations to deal with the strike, emergency services were disrupted during the two hours of



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OPD on Sunday. Questions are being raised over the college administration and medical education department for not finding a solution when the pressure of patients in the hospital is

already high. Residents get a stipend ranging from Rs 83,000 to 94,000. According to the department, Rajasthan gets more stipend than 20 states in the country.

Amber hotelier accused of illegal construction

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

A hotelier has been accused of encroaching the flow area and illegally constructing a road on government land near the forest pond of Amber. Local people protested against this construction after which police reached the spot and stopped the work. Local people have ac-



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cused the forest department, irrigation department and local administration of colluding with

the hotel and keeping silent. They say that after good rains in the Amber region, the inflow of wa-

ter in the forest pond increased but some people started constructing a road. Water was also taken out from the pond and this enraged the people. In the Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary area, hotel owner was constructing a road illegally in Bandh Talab here. This road also leads to the sanctuary area, which is a violation of Forest and Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

Man drowns in canal during an occult ritual



First India Bureau
Jodhpur

A person lost his life in Lohawat, Jodhpur, due to superstition. An occultist had suggested a ritual of floating a pot in water. He was instructed to perform some occult practices and release the pot into flowing water. To carry out the ritual, the person arrived at the canal's edge at midnight. While trying to float the pot, the individual lost his balance and was swept away in the canal along with the pot. Shrawan Singh, a resident of Ridmalsar, drowned in the canal. After receiving the information, the Lohawat police arrived at the scene. With the help of local divers, the body was retrieved from the canal.

CRIME ROUNDUP

First India Bureau
Kota

A class 5 student of a govt school here suffered a fracture in her arm after she was allegedly hit by her teacher with a stick for not folding a mat properly, officials said. An FIR has been registered against the teacher, Abdul Aziz, in connection with the incident which took place at Government Higher Secondary School in Telia Khedi in the Modak police station area on Saturday. Education dept has also initiated an inquiry against him, they said. The matter came to light when Abid Khan, sarpanch of Askali gram panchayat, where the girl lives, informed Education and Panchayati Raj Minister Madan Dilwar about it during a public grievances redressal camp in Zulmi village of his constituency Ramganj Mandi on Saturday evening.



17 EXAM FRAUD SUSPECTS SENT ON 5-DAY REMAND

The Special Operation Group (SOG) produced 17 accused in the court. The court sent the 17 accused on 5-day remand. The SOG had arrested 12 candidates and 5 accomplices. It is to be mentioned that the SOG on Saturday had arrested 28 accused involved in the Revenue Officer Grade 1 and Executive Officer competitive examination 2022. The list of these candidates was issued based on the written examination in which RPSC conducted the eligibility check and found some irregularities.

TONK POLICE RAID 286 SPOTS, 65 HELD IN MAJOR CRIME SWEEP

Following instructions of Tonk Superintendent of Police Vikas Sangwan and as part of the mega campaign being run across Tonk for the prevention of crime and arrest of criminals, about 80 teams of Tonk Police across the district raided 286 different places in the last 24 hours and made 65 arrests. A total of 291 police personnel took part in the action and a total of 34 cases have been registered and 30 accused have been arrested. Sixty-five accused have been arrested under Excise Act, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances Act, MMRPD Act, Arms Act and Area Domination.

KARALI POLICE NABS 4 FOR LOOTING ₹3.5 LAKH FROM A BANK EMPLOYEE

Police have arrested four miscreants for looting Rs 3.5 lakh from Bank Mitra Rinku Mali of Masalpur in Bank of Baroda at gunpoint. Masalpur police station team under the direction of SP Brijesh Jyoti Upadhyay solved the case in five days despite the lack of CCTV cameras and other evidence. The incident took place in the Dang area. Bank Mitras had been staging a sit-in protest demanding the arrest of the accused. The cyber team and police jointly investigated through digital and other mediums and miscreants Deshraj Jatav, Digvijay alias Diggo, Ramnarayan alias Ramu Gurjar and Shyamveer alias Satya Gurjar were arrested.

MAN HELD FOR POSTING GANGSTERS' PICS ON INSTA

The Hamirgarh police station of Bhilwara has arrested accused Akash Bhambi son of Raju (20), who posted and commented on photos of Lawrence Bishnoi and Dawood Ibrahim on Instagram. SP Dharmendra Singh said that police officers have been instructed to take action against anti-social elements who spread fear and panic among the public through social media. The district police are constantly monitoring social media. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police Parasamal Jain and CO Shyam Sundar, Hamirgarh police station officer Dilip Singh and his team arrested Akash for disturbing peace in the area.

2 HELD FOR FRAUD WITH FAULTY WEIGHING SCALES

Scrap dealers are deceiving people using electronic weighing scales through remote control. On receiving information about a gang going door to door and deceiving people, Kotwali police became active. Two boys Sawan and Shakeel, residents of Khairda were caught in the Housing Board Colony area of Sawai Madhopur, and their weighing scales were inspected. During the inspection, discrepancies were found in the scales, showing lesser weight. Kotwali police station in-charge Rajveer Singh has appealed to the city's residents to stay away from such gangs posing as scrap dealers.



POLICE SEIZE 55 KG DODA POST IN 2 SEPARATE RAIDS

The District Special Team (DST) and Bar police under the direction of Beawar SP Shyam Singh Choudhary recovered 46.390kg doda post in two sacks from a car during the blockading at Jhala ki Chowki on Beawar-Pindwara four lane on Sunday. Police have also arrested a smuggler and seized the car. Two brothers resident of Kalyanpur police station area of Balotara district were smuggling doda post. During the police action, one of the smugglers ran away from the spot. Meanwhile, the Bhinmal police recovering 9.222kg doda post arrested an accused Hanumanram Vishnoi. The action was taken on the information from an informer. A case has been lodged under the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (NDPS) Act and the accused is being interrogated for more information.

Police Martyrs' Day: RPA to host tribute ceremony

First India Bureau
Jaipur

On the occasion of Police Martyrs' Day, a state-level programme will be organised at the Rajasthan Police Academy (RPA) in Jaipur on Monday, October 21. The tribute will be paid through the Guard of Honour and a parade at 7:30 AM at the martyr's memorial located at Rajasthan Police Academy. The programme will pay tribute to police officers and personnel from across the country who were martyred in the past year. Additional Director General (ADG) of Police, Administration, and Law & Order, Vishal Bansal said that in the tribute event at the RPA, Director General of Police (DGP) Utkal Ranjan Sahoo will take the salute at the Guard of Honour and parade. DGP U R Sahoo will also offer a floral wreath at the martyr's memorial in tribute to the police personnel martyred in action throughout the country last year.

31ST PROF DAULAT SINGH KOTHARI MEMORIAL ORATION

Professor Sood highlights S&T opportunities

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

The 31st Prof Daulat Singh Kothari Memorial Oration function was inaugurated by Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India; Dr. Sameer V. Kamat, Secretary DD R&D & Chairman, DRDO; R V Hara Prasad, DS & DG (NS & M) & Director Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur; Dr Manu Korulla, and Dr. Y Seenivas Rao, with lighting the lamp and prayer



Ajay Kumar Sood, Dr. Sameer V. Kamat, R V Hara Prasad, Dr Manu Korulla, Dr. Y Seenivas Rao, and others during 31st Prof Daulat Singh Kothari Memorial oration in Jodhpur on Sunday.

to the Maa Sarswati. In welcome address, R V Hara Prasad highlight-

ed about the current science and technology work carried out by Defence

Laboratory, Jodhpur. Chief Guest and orator of the function Prof Ajay

Kumar Sood delivered Oration on the topic "India @2023: S&T Opportunities and Challenges". Prof Sood in his deliberation mentioned about the need of basic research in Indian Context. He motivated young researchers to take up the research work associated with quantum computing, sensing & detection and Artificial Intelligence based technologies. He also highlighted the requirement of sustained innovations in S&T for holistic growth of the nation.

1,500 kg of adulterated Mawa destroyed by food safety team

First India Bureau
Jalore

The food safety team under the campaign against adulteration conducted a raid in Sayla (Jalore) and destroyed 1500kg of contaminated mawa. This campaign has been launched to provide pure edible items to the general public during the festive season. The department of medical and health is taking this action against the people doing adulteration. The action was taken at the godown of Shivkripa Dairy on Siya-



A food safety official during action in Jalore on Sunday. Three samples of mawa and milk have been sent for testing.

vat Road. In this campaign, the firms of edible items were inspected and samples were taken. The action was taken

by food safety officer Hanwant Singh under the direction of district collector Pradeep Gawande.

JAIPUR MARKETS DECKED UP AHEAD OF DIWALI

As Diwali approaches, Jaipur comes alive with vibrant festivities. The city's streets, particularly Sikar Road, Jhotwara & Khatipura, and markets in Walled City are adorned with dazzling lights, filling air with joy & excitement. People eagerly prepare to celebrate the festival with sense of togetherness.



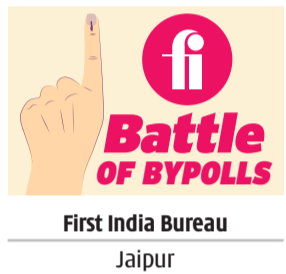
Sikar Road (L) and Jaipur's markets, including Jhotwara and Khatipura (R), dazzle with vibrant lighting decorations on Sunday, ahead of Diwali, creating a lively and joyous atmosphere for the celebrations.



SANTOSH SHARMA

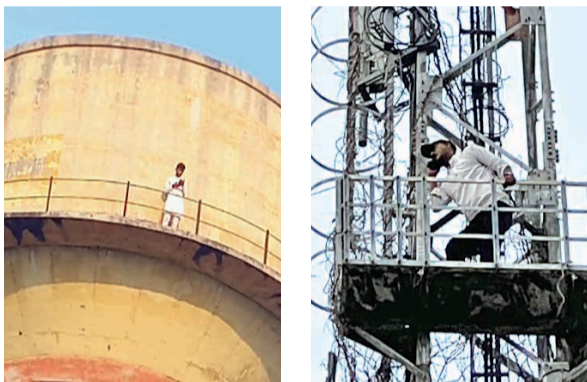
BJP GRAPPLES WITH REBELLION RISK AHEAD OF ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTIONS IN RAJASTHAN

Resentments emerge in BJP due to tickets



First India Bureau
Jaipur

After Rajendra Bhabhu received the BJP ticket in Jhunjhunu, a meeting of Bablu Chaudhary's supporters is going on. Discussions about future strategies are underway at Nishit Chaudhary's residence. In the 2023 assembly elections, Nishit Chaudhary was the BJP candidate. Rajendra Bhabhu's independent candidacy had caused a split within the BJP. In the 2024 assembly elections, Chaudhary faced defeat. The big question remains: Will the BJP face the challenge of rebellion again in upcoming



Miffed for BJP leader Vijay Bainsala's ticket being cut, his supporters climb water tank and mobile tower in Tonk district on Sunday.

ing assembly bypolls? Meanwhile, a youth upset over Vijay Bainsala being denied a ticket for by-elections from Deoli-Uniara assembly constituency climbed a water tank in Uniara. BJP leader Rakesh Badhaya facilitated a conversation with BJP state president Madan Rathore. The discussion took place via a conference call on a mobile phone. Despite Madan's persuasion, the

youth, Pramod Meena, refused to come down from the water tank. Similarly another youth named Dhanraj climbed a mobile tower in Dhuankala in Tonk district. Local administration and police tried to convince but the youth remain firm on a single demand to give Bainsala the ticket from Deoli-Uniara. Later taking advantage of darkness Dhanraj fled from spot.

BJP CANDIDATE GURJAR RECEIVES WARM WELCOME IN DEOLI-UNIARA FOLLOWING TICKET ANNOUNCEMENT

➔ Tonk: BJP candidate Rajendra Gurjar from the Deoli-Uniara assembly constituency was welcomed by former chairperson Lakshmi Jain and BJP leaders. The welcome took place outside a private hotel on National Highway 52. A large number of BJP workers and supporters gathered to welcome Gurjar. Since the announcement of the ticket, celebrations have been held from Tonk to Deoli-Uniara. After meeting with the workers, Gurjar left for Jaipur to meet Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. Deoli Municipality chairman Nemichand Jain congratulated him over the phone and said that Gurjar will win by a record number of votes.

COLLECTOR & SP INSPECT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

➔ Jhunjhunu: The district Collector Ramavatar Meena and SP Sharad Choudhary together are inspecting security arrangements. They are reviewing arrangements and giving directives to tighten security measures. SP Choudhary said that directions have been given to keep a special vigilance at the Haryana border. Chief Electoral Officer Naveen Mahajan will also visit Jhunjhunu next week.

IS THERE TENSION IN BEHROR POLITICS?

➔ Alwar: Clash took place between former MLA Baljeet Yadav and BJP leader Mohit Yadav. Mohit is at the Mandhan police station with his supporters. Police have detained two supporters of Baljeet. Behror Circle Officer Kritika Yadav reached the police station. Reports suggest that the vehicles of both clashed first, leading to the physical altercation. Mohit has filed a complaint against Baljeet at police station.

Cong schedules meetings today to finalise candidates

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A meeting of Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee will be held at the war room on Monday at 12 noon. The meeting will be organised for the state coordination committee. The meeting will be chaired by state in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa. PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra, Leader of the Opposition Tikaram Jolly, Ashok Gehlot, Sachin Pilot, Bhanwar Jitendra Singh, Dr CP Joshi, co-in-charge Chiranjeev Rao, Ritvik Makwana and Poonam Paswan will also be present. An important strategy will be developed regarding preparations for the by-elections. Necessary decisions will be made to ensure Congress's victory in the elections.



Meanwhile, preparations for assembly by-elections started at the PCC. The Congress leaders including MP Harish Chandra Meena, Murari Lal Meena, deputy leader of the opposition Rafiq Khan, MLA Zakir Ge-sawat and Manoj Meghwal met Govind Singh Dotasra on Sunday. The BJP has announced its candidate for Ramgarh, while final declaration of Cong ticket is still pending. The announcement of Aryan Zuber, son of Zuber Khan, for the ticket is awaited. Aryan has begun preps for the election.

Raj BJP hits membership target in State

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The BJP has achieved its target in the membership drive by reaching a milestone of 50 lakh members in Rajasthan. The party's leadership has extended congratulations to CM Bhajan Lal Sharma for this accomplishment. BL Santhosh, a senior party official, personally conveyed his congratulations & best wishes to CM. The efforts of the state BJP president also received appreciation for contributing to this success. The party in-charge, Radhamohan Das Agrawal, and co-in-charge, Vijaya Rahatkar, were recognised by central leadership for their roles in this feat. This milestone marks a significant moment for BJP in Rajasthan as it continues to strengthen its base in the state.

Governor in religious event



Governor Haribhau Bagde participated in the 38th annual festival of Shri Shyam Seva Sangh Samiti at Shanti Nagar Park in Hasanpura, Jaipur on Sunday. He also offered oblations in the yagya being performed there.

Love Jihad Case: Man deceives woman, vanishes

First India Bureau
Bharatpur

A case of love jihad emerged in which a man named Rahim posed as "Raj" to deceive a woman. He kept the woman and her child in a hotel for two days and later rented a room in Mathura Gate, where he stayed for 20 days before disappearing. The victim later discovered his real identity, and a case was filed.

Dy CM orders probe in Dholpur accident

Vinod Tiwari
Dholpur

In a major road accident in Dholpur district, 12 people were killed so far in a collision between a bus and a tempo. Both the bus and the tempo were carrying passengers beyond their capacity. This major road accident raises questions again about transportation and road safety. Will the responsible personnel from the transport department face action? Why didn't the flying squads take action



People outside hospital following the accident on Saturday night.

against vehicles carrying excess passengers? Despite repeated visits by the RTO to Dholpur, road accidents remain uncontrolled. Bharatpur RTO Mathura Meena visits Dholpur every week. Yet, no effective action is being taken against over-

loaded vehicles. This is the reason for the rising number of road accidents. Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa took a serious note about the accident. He has instructed the Bharatpur RTO to visit the accident site. A high-level committee will investigate the road accident. Dy CM Bairwa has directed department officials to form a committee comprising the ADM, Additional SP, and RTO, which will conduct the investigation.

IN VATIKA, SANGANER...

Dy CM Bairwa unveils statue of BR Ambedkar

First India Bureau
Jaipur

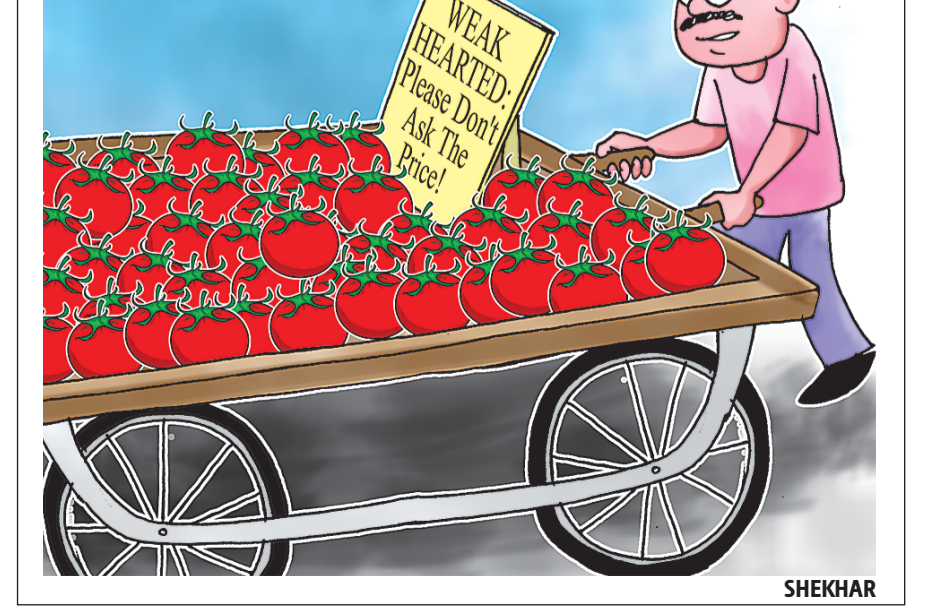
Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa unveiled the statue of BR Ambedkar at Vatika, Sanganer in Jaipur on Sunday. The statue is made of eight metals. He paid tribute to Ambedkar. Addressing the gathering, he shed light on the life philosophy of the revered Babasaheb, his efforts in social reforms, educational contributions, and his leading role in nation-building.



Deputy CM Dr Prem Chand Bairwa & others during the unveiling of statue of Dr BR Ambedkar at Vatika in Sanganer, Jaipur on Sunday.

Babasaheb's entire life was dedicated to the Constitution, democracy, and holistic development. His life of struggle and unique

contributions will always remain an inexhaustible source of inspiration for the upliftment of the underprivileged and weaker sections of society, he added. Deputy leader of opposition Ramkesh Meena, Chaksu MLA Ramavtar Bairwa, former



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INSIDES OF GIG ECONOMY: EVERYONE AT STAKE



Dr Vivek S Agarwal

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In the present era, dependence on online system or market for all needs and facilities is increasing. It goes without saying that future of lifestyle is going to be affected, impacted and controlled by the influence of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data. The state of this dependence is such that from small to big things, from daily household needs to search of housing, travel, ride etc to all kinds of products and utilities are desired sitting at home without making any effort. Their quality, utility, relevance or reliability is also assessed on the basis of available online data and that also becomes the basis of selection. How far the rating level has the reality as data gets manipulated by several consultancy and promotion firms. While on one hand this system has made man extremely lazy, it has also reduced the scope of his imagination, visualisation, thinking and evaluation. While the online system has provided ease, its misuse has also increased to a great extent, whose far-reaching ill effects are bound to fall on the economy as well as on the environment and social system.

This prevalent system is not going to stop but there is a great need to implement immediate control system on it. If it continues in its current form in an uncontrolled manner, then after a time, nothing will be left except regret. The gig worker, the basic link of online business, is completely unsafe and the situation of constant pressure on him is increasing. In the entire country, only Rajasthan and Karnataka have formulated and implemented a policy for the welfare and registration of gig workers. This policy is also mostly confined to papers due to weak

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implementation. According to the report of Niti Aayog, by 2030, the number of gig workers will reach about 2.5 crores. These are the people who make the facility or product available in the stipulated time while exposed to all kind of dangers, which are life threatening too. Currently, there is a competition among various platforms to make the goods available in the shortest time possible, without considering how strong the probability of any mishap will be there on execution of services. Unfortunately, neither the government nor social organizations are raising voice in this regard. The question is that do the lives of gig workers have no importance in front of their expectations or needs? They are also human beings and their lives have equal value. There is no data available on how many gig workers have received social security cover like Provident Fund, Employee or Group Insurance and how many workers have become victims of accident or death while performing their work. This is a serious issue which needs immediate attention at social and policy level.

The second important link of the online business system is the consumer. He is in complete darkness placing order after order just for the sake of easy and

convenient service. He has no right to decide whether the weight, size or number of the product received is in accordance with the displayed product nor to estimate its price. He gets trapped in the illusion of various offers and keeps worrying about the fact that how much discount he has got on the product, although that discount is also more than the rate available at the counter of business establishment. Earlier, consumer activists had raised their voice regarding the differential pricing of the same product, but in the current context, everyone is keeping silence and just overlooking or ignored it. Consumer has no idea how much he is being cheated in the lure of simplicity. This does not apply only to the uneducated class, but even the well-educated are unaware of the discrepancies in the price, weight, size etc. of the material purchased through online platforms.

At the consumer level, there is another very serious fact which relates to the uncontrolled online business of medicine delivery. Through these platforms, many such medicines are being delivered to the customer, for which the doctor's prescription is mandatory. Even medicines classified as over the counter are supplied in large quantities

without any proper verification or justification. Fact remains The that the medicines are sent after merely taking some basic information through the phone. The limit of a particular quantity at a time is also openly disregarded. Some of these medicines are being used for the purpose of addiction and some to deal with depression, the consequences of which can be fatal. Some such incidents have also happened in which a life has ended by consumption of excessive quantities of some scheduled or restricted medicines procured online. This is a very serious challenge to be attended immediately.

At the level of the trader also, due to the absence of any specific rules and regulations, there are many problems, most of which are related to the return of the purchased item and its amount. The returned item is usually not reused by the trader and as a result he has to dispose it for a very small amount. Nowadays, many such trading platforms have also been established where the returned items come back to the market through auction. This problem is very widespread for those who deliver food items, which directly affects the sale amount of the item. According to a rough estimate, about 10-15 percent of the finished and 20-25 percent of the grocery items traded through online platforms goes on the verge of being wasted. This directly harms the environment. While the trader gets the benefit of a very large market, due to the online system, but it also limit the option of purchasing other items over the counter due to the customer not showing up to the establishment.

Amidst all these challenges, it is clear that the gig economy cannot be stopped, or rather say this is the reality of the future. There is a need to establish a strong and clear structure to control its growth and operations. According to the available data, a large part of the market is to be operated by online platforms, so a dedicated department should be established instantly at the central and state level, which should be responsible for creating and implementing the law related to control and best interests of the three pillars i.e. workers, consumers and traders. It is also necessary to ensure that the current legal framework is also followed in the entire process. In the absence of this, this easy and accessible system will become a mess.

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JAMMU & KASHMIR ON WAY TO BECOMING A STATE AGAIN

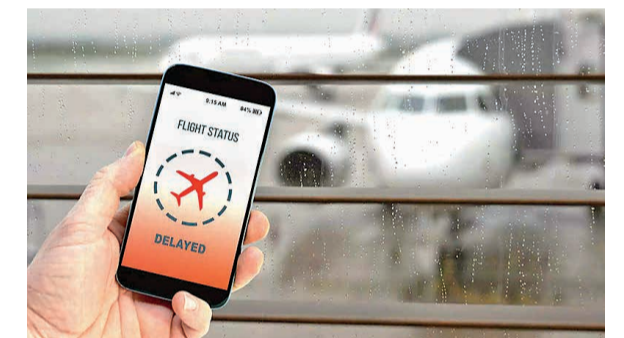
Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is nearing a significant political milestone as the process for restoration of its statehood gained momentum with Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha clearing Omar Abdullah cabinet's resolution on making J&K a state again.

Since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, J&K has been governed as a Union Territory (UT), which led to widespread political debate and concerns about the region's autonomy. Restoring statehood would mark a crucial step towards addressing the aspirations of the people who have long demanded the return of statehood.

While the government maintains that development and security have improved under UT administration, political voices in the Valley emphasised the need for greater local representation and self-governance. Recent Assembly elections met that demand. Statehood is not just symbolic; it carries the promise of empowering local leaders and rebuilding trust between the central government and the people of J&K.

Once the state is recreated the Omar Abdullah government must ensure that terrorism does not return.

HOAX CALLS DISRUPT AVIATION INDUSTRY



The recent surge of hoax calls—30 to 40 in a single day—targeting Indian aviation has raised serious concerns about safety, operational efficiency, and economic impact. These false alarms, which often cite bomb threats or other security risks, result in massive disruptions. Flights have to make emergency landing and hasty evacuations or are cancelled. Passengers are inconvenienced as repeat thorough checks delay flights in a cascading effect, and authorities are forced to divert precious resources towards investigating these fabricated claims. The consequences are far-reaching, with ripple effects on the aviation industry's already fragile post-pandemic recovery.

While aviation security is always a top priority, such hoaxes put an undue strain on the system. Airports and airlines have to follow strict protocols for each threat, no matter how unlikely its validity. This leads to a loss of time and money, alongside reputational damage for the airlines and heightened anxiety for passengers.

The need for deterrents is pressing. Legal consequences for those involved in spreading hoax calls must be stringent and swiftly implemented to send a strong message. Currently, existing laws prescribe heavy penalties, but enforcement appears lacking. A collaborative approach between security agencies, telecom operators, and airlines is necessary to trace and prevent such hoaxes more efficiently.

India's aviation sector, which has shown resilience in bouncing back from various challenges, cannot afford to be bogged down by such frivolous yet dangerous disruptions. Stronger vigilance and harsher penalties are crucial to safeguarding the sector's growth and ensuring passenger confidence. The aviation security is now trying to get to the bottom of these hoax calls.

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Today, in the holy city of Varanasi, had the gracious presence of Jagadguru Shankaracharya Pujya Swami Vijayendra Saraswathi Ji Maharaj, head of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, at the inauguration of RJ Shankara Eye Hospital.

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Everyone will fly, everyone will connect! Today, Honorable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji virtually inaugurated the newly constructed airport in Rewa. This airport will open new doors of development in the region, and my young friends, mothers, and sisters will be connected to new opportunities for progress. A long-standing demand of Rewa has been fulfilled today. Heartfelt congratulations to all the residents of the region, and sincere thanks to the Prime Minister for this significant development project.

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PM Modi lays foundation stone for ₹1,550-cr expansion of Bagdogra Airport in WB

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Kolkata

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the Bagdogra Airport near Siliguri in northern West Bengal at a cost of Rs 1,550 crore. This was among 23

development projects worth Rs 6,700 crore unveiled by PM Modi virtually from a function in Varanasi. The new civil enclave at the Bagdogra Airport will have a terminal building, spanning 70,390 sqm, that will accommodate 3,000 peak hour passengers (PHP),



The new terminal building will be environment-friendly, integrating renewable energy sources and maximising natural lighting to minimise ecological footprint, officials said.

with an annual capacity to handle 10 million passengers, officials said. Other key components of the project include an apron capable of accommodating 10 parking bays suitable for A-321 type aircraft, as well as two link taxiways and a multi-level car parking, they said.

The new terminal building will be environment-friendly, integrating renewable energy sources and maximising natural lighting to minimise ecological footprint, they added. The Union Cabinet had approved the project in August. The Bagdogra Airport, situated 14 km away

from Siliguri, is a key aviation hub in northern West Bengal, handling around 60 flights and about 8,000 passengers daily. It has recently been designated as a point-of-call (PoC) airport, allowing it to host international flights without prior approval from the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

In West Bengal Mamata's govt to face challenges in by-polls amid RG Kar protests

TMC announces candidates for bypolls to six assembly seats

First India Bureau
Kolkata

The Trinamool Congress on Sunday announced candidates for the November 13 by-elections to six assembly constituencies in West Bengal. The party fielded Sangita Roy from Sitai in Cooch Behar district, Jay Prakash Toppo from Madarihat in Alipurduar, Sanat Dey from Naihati and Sk Rabiul Islam from Haroa in North 24 Parganas, Falguni Singhababu from Taldangra in Bankura and Sujoy Hazra from Medinipur in Paschim Medinipur district.

The TMC won five of these seats in the 2021 assembly polls, except for Madarihat, which was held by the BJP. The bypolls were necessitated due to the resignations of sitting MLAs of the six assembly segments following their victory in this year's Lok Sabha elections. The BJP has already



Police personnel on high alert at inter-state border areas ahead of Jharkhand Assembly elections, in Ranchi on Sunday. ANI

announced candidates for the six assembly constituencies in the state where bypolls will be held on November 13, while the Left Front and the Congress are yet to announce their candidates for the bypolls. The electoral contest is expected to be a litmus test for all political parties amid ongoing doctors' protests.

PUNJAB BYPOLL: AAM ADMI PARTY NAMES CANDIDATES FOR ALL FOUR SEATS

Chandigarh: The AAP on Sunday released a list of candidates for the November 13 bypolls to four assembly seats in Punjab. The party shared the list on X. The AAP has fielded Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon, who joined the party after quitting the Shiromani Akali Dal in August, from Gidderbaha. It named Ishaan Chabbewal, the son of AAP Hoshiarpur MP Raj Kumar Chabbewal, as its candidate from Chabbewal (SC) segment. Harinder Singh Dhaliwal is the party candidate from Barnala seat and Gurdeep Singh Randhawa from Dera Baba Nanak seat. The bypolls to the four assembly seats were necessitated after MLAs representing them were elected to the Lok Sabha.

BIHAR BY-POLLS: RJD NAMES CANDIDATES FOR 3 SEATS

Patna: The INDIA bloc in Bihar on Sunday announced candidates for by-polls to four assembly seats of the state, scheduled next month, three of which fell vacant upon its MLAs getting elected to the Lok Sabha. The announcement came at a press conference addressed by state Congress president Akhilesh Prasad Singh, his RJD counterpart Jagadanand Singh and leaders of CPI(ML), CPI and CPI(M). Three of the seats, Ramgarh, Belaganj and Imamganj, will be contested by RJD, while the CPI(ML) will seek to retain Tarari.



Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare JP Nadda during the BJMFCON 2024 organised under the aegis of the Bihar and Jharkhand Medical Forum, in New Delhi, Sunday. PTI

Will not allow dilution of AIIMS brand, says Nadda

PTI
New Delhi

Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Sunday said he would not allow any dilution in the standards of teaching and faculty at the new AIIMS and would protect the brand. Addressing the BJMFCON 2024, a forum of doctors from Bihar and Jharkhand practising in Delhi and NCR, Nadda said that AIIMS-Delhi was set up in the 60s and it was only in the

80s that it became a brand name. "It takes 10 to 20 years for any institution to grow and function in full swing. I will not allow the dilution of the standards of AIIMS and will protect the brand name," he said. No compromise will be made in the faculty recruitment, he added. Nadda said that the groundbreaking ceremony for AIIMS-Darbhanga will soon be held, and the commissioning of AIIMS-Deoghar has been

done with the recruitment of staff underway. Nadda said that in the last 10 years, several policy interventions have been made to transform medical education and medical health. "In the 2017 health policy, we tried to make it comprehensive and holistic. Earlier, the stress was on the curative aspect but now the focus is on preventive, promotive, curative palliative and rehabilitative aspects -- a holistic approach," he said.

NDA to form govt in Jharkhand: Himanta

PTI
Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said the next government in Jharkhand will be formed by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Speaking to reporters, Sarma, the BJP's co-in-charge for Jharkhand Assembly elections, offered his best wishes to all the party candidates. "We hope that the BJP will form the government in Jharkhand,"



he said. Asked if the BJP will get an absolute majority on its own, Sarma said: "It is not my state, Jharkhand is a separate one. We are just guests there and guests can speak with limitations. Our leaders will speak there."

Priyanka's brother Rahul 'failed' to raise Wayanad's issues in Parl, BJP reminds

Agencies
New Delhi

The NDA candidate for Wayanad Lok Sabha polls, Navya Haridas, on Sunday, said the Gandhi family was considering the hill constituency a mere "choice" or "second" seat. A two-time councillor in the Kozhikode Corporation, Haridas said the voters of Wayanad wanted a leader who would stand up for them and resolve their problems. Addressing reporters



Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi in Raebareilly. FILE

in Kozhikode, the young leader says that as far as India is concerned, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is not a new face, but for Wayanad, she is a newcomer. "Priyanka is coming as

a representative of the Gandhi family who had failed to raise the issues of Wayanad in the Parliament," she alleged. A techie-turned politician, Haridas, further criticised the Congress party for giving seats to the Gandhi family members. She said the people of Wayanad had given a mandate to Rahul Gandhi believing he would be with them for the next five years. But when he got a chance to keep Raebareilly, he abandoned the Wayanad constituency.

'India to be among top 10 performing countries in sports'



Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya plays golf during the inaugural ceremony of the upgraded golf course, in Thiruvananthapuram, Sunday. PTI

guring the upgraded SAI Golf Course at Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram. "Under the leadership of PM Modi, the nation is progressing forward. PM Modi has set a target of making India a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047... We have also set a target of promoting sports and in that direction, various steps are being taken, like identifying grass-roots talent and then nurturing them... Coaching is being provided to athletes and sportspersons," said Mandaviya.

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STATUS

Indian Language Committee scholars thank Pradhan

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, the Central Cabinet has granted the status of classical language to Pali, Prakrit, Marathi, Assamese, and Bengali languages. On this occasion, selected scholars of these five languages met with the Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, through the Indian Language Commit-



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tee to express their heartfelt gratitude. Representing Prakrit

language, Professor Dharmachand Jain from Jaipur, Professor Phool

Chand Jain from Varanasi, Professor Vijay Kumar Jain from Delhi,

Dr. Shobhana Shah from Ahmedabad, and Dr. Tripti Jain from Bangalore held an in-depth discussion with the Minister about promoting Prakrit across the country, establishing its importance, highlighting the Indian knowledge tradition inherent in it, and generating interest in learning the language among the public. Prakrit is an extremely ancient and rich language. While it is the language of Jain Agamas, it also contains folk literature. Ancient Indian cul-

ture, history, and knowledge-science are embedded in this language. Granting it classical language status will bring these aspects to light and accelerate the study of Prakrit. Famous texts such as Vasudeva-hindi, Gahasattasai, and Paumachariyam are prominent examples, symbolizing unity in the Indian tradition. Prakrit is a language capable of establishing unity among India's diverse languages, as Prakrit words are found in all these languages.

Panic in Paschim Vihar

Residents rattled by chemical smell after Rohini explosion

Local businesses were also affected, with shattered glass windows & broken signboards

NIA & National Security Guard NSG arrived to investigate the cause of the explosion

PTI

New Delhi

Residents of Delhi's Rohini area woke up to the sound of a loud blast on Sunday morning. Its vibrations were felt in faraway houses, hundreds of metres away, they said.

Locals said there was a "chemical-like" smell at the site and thick white smoke everywhere as panic gripped the Paschim Vihar area after the blast happened near a CRPF school.

"It wasn't like a firecracker, the sound was incredibly loud. And for 15-20 minutes, there was just smoke everywhere," said Kiran Sachdeva, a resident of the locality.

Sachdeva, in her 60s, described the blast as an "earthquake-like" shock, and said her house was about 200-250 meters away from the site.

Local businesses were affected by the explosion,



National Security Guard (NSG) personnel conduct investigation at the site after a blast was reported at Prashant Vihar, near CRPF school in Rohini area of New Delhi, Sunday.

with the fire brigade, police, bomb squad as well as a team of the NIA and NSG visiting the area to ascertain the cause of the explosion. No one was injured in the incident but the walls of the schools and some shops and a car nearby received damage,

according to officials. The usually-bustling streets were eerily quiet, with all shops and kiosks closed and their glass windows and signboards shattered. Himanshu Kohli, a shopkeeper, said when he heard the blast, he ran towards the spot.

He said white smoke filled the air and a strong, chemical-like smell emanated from the site. "Glass windows and boards were broken. I got scared and returned to my shop," Kohli said.

Parents of school-going children, though re-

lied that it happened on a Sunday, couldn't help but wonder what could have been.

"My son studies in class 9 at that (CRPF) school. I couldn't help but be worried about him," said Rita Singh, another Paschim Vihar resident.

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BLAST DURING FESTIVITIES RAISES CONCERNS

The timing of the blast during the festive season, with Karwa Chauth being observed on Sunday and Diwali approaching, added to the anxiety. "This road is pretty busy, and if it had happened in the evening, I don't know how much damage could have occurred. Today is Karwa Chauth, and many people would have been out celebrating here," said local resident Dhiraj Parana.

Kashmir marathon: Omar sprints 21 kms in 2 hours

Omar said athletes would play a crucial role in promoting J&K's rich heritage

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Srinagar



Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah takes part in the Kashmir Marathon 2024, in Srinagar, Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday flagged off the Kashmir Marathon, which saw participation from over 2,000 athletes representing 13 countries. This was the first international athletic event held in the valley.

The 54-year-old later participated in the marathon, completing a half-marathon (21 kilometres) within two hours. Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty also joined Abdullah at the flag-off ceremony. The CM Abdullah tweeted that he participated in the run without any proper training or plan and completed the half-marathon at an average pace of 5.54 minutes per kilometre. "I've never run more than 13 KM in my life & that too only ever once. Today I just kept going, propelled by the enthusiasm of other amateur runners like myself," Abdullah tweeted.

SHER SINGH, TAMSİ SINGH RUN AWAY WITH TITLES IN INAUGURAL KASHMIR MARATHON

Srinagar: Sher Singh and Tamsi Singh on Sunday won the men's and women's full-marathon races (42 km), in the inaugural Kashmir Marathon, the Valley's first international athletic event in which nearly 2,000 athletes from various parts of the country and abroad took part. In the 18-35 age category, Sher Singh clocked 2:23:22 to emerge the winner, one minute and 42 seconds ahead of second-placed Mann Singh. In the women's event in the same age group, The event which saw the participation of elite long-distance runners from India, Europe & Africa was held in two categories.

HOPE KASHMIR MARATHON BECOMES ONE OF TOP EVENTS IN WORLD: CM ABDULLAH

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah took centre stage on Sunday as he led the way in the Kashmir Marathon, the valley's first international athletic event, by running 21 kilometres (half marathon) alongside nearly 2000 athletes from various parts of the country and abroad. A fitness enthusiast himself, Abdullah expressed optimism for the Kashmir Marathon's future, envisioning it as a prominent fixture in the global athletic calendar. "I am thankful to the people of Srinagar for the way they came out to encourage the runners."

Pak terror groups attempt to exploit online platforms for recruitment efforts



Agencies

Srinagar

In a concerning shift in tactics, Pakistan's intelligence agency and terror groups are trying to ramp up recruitment efforts in Jammu and Kashmir through digital platforms, as direct interactions become increasingly difficult due to heightened security measures, officials said on Sunday.

These groups are now primarily using social media platforms and messaging apps such as X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and

Telegram to target vulnerable youth, according to an official.

They are using fake profiles and Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to evade detection. Once identified, these individuals are drawn into private groups where they are exposed to manipulative content, including fabricated videos depicting atrocities allegedly committed by security forces, the officials said. This strategy is employed by handlers linked to Pakistan's (ISI) to incite hatred and foster a narrative conducive to recruitment.

Quick commerce face antitrust heat over pricing tactics

Agencies

New Delhi

India's biggest group of retail distributors has asked the antitrust authority to investigate three quick commerce companies - Zomato's Blinkit, Swiggy and Zepto - for alleged predatory pricing, a letter showed on Sunday.

Quick commerce is a new shopping rage in In-



dia, with companies promising deliveries of anything from groceries to electronics within 10 minutes, reshaping how Indi-

ans shop and challenging e-commerce giants such as Amazon.

In a letter dated Oct. 18, All India Consumer Prod-

ucts Distributors Federation (AICPDF), which represents 400,000 retail distributors of major companies including Nestle and Hindustan Unilever, told the antitrust body quick commerce firms were practising predatory pricing - or offering deep discounts and selling below cost to lure customers.

Zomato's Blinkit, Zepto, and Swiggy, which

runs the Instamart delivery service and is backed by SoftBank, did not respond to Reuters queries.

The letter said several consumer goods companies were dealing directly with quick commerce firms to increase their reach, sidelining the traditional salespeople who for decades went from one shop to another to deliver orders.

Centre set to exempt GST on key insurance policies: Mamata

PTI

Kolkata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee claimed that the Centre's likely decision to exempt GST on term life insurance premiums and premiums paid by senior citizens for health coverage is the result of sustained efforts by the state government.

She said the central government appears to be "under pressure" to cut taxes to benefit the common people.

"Our sustained efforts appear to be paying dividends - the central government looks like it is being further pressured into finally succumbing to our demands to withdraw/modify the unjust 18 per cent GST on health and life insurance products/policies," Banerjee wrote on X on Saturday.

BJP's 'dirty politics' behind Delhi's air, water woes, says Atishi

PTI

New Delhi

The "dirty politics" of the BJP is responsible for growing air and water pollution in Delhi, Chief Minister Atishi said on Sunday.

The air quality in the national capital has started deteriorating with the onset of winter while thick layers of toxic chemical froth was seen covering the Yamuna river's surface at various



Chief Minister Atishi & Satyendar Jain leave after addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Sunday.

places, especially Kalindikunj.

Atishi gave a clean chit to AAP-ruled Punjab and blamed 'parali' (paddy stubble) burning, diesel buses and brick kilns in BJP-ruled Haryana for poor air quality in Delhi.

She also alleged that thousands of diesel buses from UP reaching the Kaushambi bus depot on the Delhi-Ghaziabad border, brick kilns in NCR and thermal plants in the region also contributed to air pollution in Delhi.

2 bodies recovered from house collapse site in MP

PTI

Morena (MP)

The bodies of a woman and her daughter were found on Sunday morning in the debris of a house which collapsed in Madhya Pradesh's Morena city, police said.

The police earlier said the house collapsed around Saturday noon possibly due to the explosion of an LPG cylinder.

After the rescue operation that lasted for 21



A victim being carried after an explosion occurred at a house.

hours, the bodies of a mother-daughter duo were recovered from the debris of the collapsed house on Sunday morning and sent for postmortem.

SECURITY LAPSES

50% of healthcare staff feel workplace is unsafe

PTI

New Delhi

More than half of the healthcare workers who participated in a survey feel that their workplace is "unsafe", particularly in state and central government medical colleges.

Led by experts from the Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMC), Safdarjung Hospital and AIIMS, New Delhi, the study highlighted "significant gaps" in the security infrastructure within Indian



People raise slogans near the fasting mancha of junior doctors observing fast-unto-death in protest at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, in Kolkata, Sunday.

healthcare settings.

The "Workplace Safety and Security in Indian

Healthcare Settings: A Cross-Sectional Survey" published in a recent issue

of the journal 'Epidemiology International' underscored the urgent need for

improving the prevailing safety and security measures in healthcare settings. The cross-sectional survey was conducted among 1,566 healthcare workers from diverse medical institutions across India using a pre-tested, self-administered online questionnaire, which assessed various dimensions of workplace safety. Logistic regression was used to find differences among groups.

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POCSO case booked against Ekta Kapoor and her mother

Mumbai: Producer Ekta Kapoor and her mother, Shobha Kapoor, have landed in legal trouble. A case has been filed against them under the POCSO Act for showing inappropriate scenes involving minor girls in an episode of the ALT Balaji's web series Gandii Baat. Ekta's drama film Love, Sex aur Dhokha 2 released in theatres on April 19.

CRUCIAL READ

Minor girl set ablaze for demanding ex-boyfriend to marry in AP, CM expresses grief

Badvel: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly burnt to death by her former boyfriend near here over repeated demand to marry her, police said on Sunday. J Vignesh allegedly poured petrol and set the minor girl ablaze on the outskirts of Badvel in Kadapa district. Vignesh was booked under various sections, including (POCSO).

Man kills grandmother, offers blood on Shivaling in Chhattisgarh

Durg: A shocking case of suspected human sacrifice has come to light in Chhattisgarh's Durg district where a man attempted suicide after killing his grandmother and offering blood on a 'shivling'. The incident, which appears to be the outcome of superstition, took place on Saturday evening.

Loud explosion reported outside CRPF School in Delhi

New Delhi: The explosion outside the CRPF Public School in Delhi's Rohini earlier today was a directional blast and heard at least two kilometres away from the site. The explosives were positioned in a manner to create a shockwave effect, which shattered windows of adjoining buildings.



Jaipur rolls out Red Carpet for CM

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, committed to making Rising Rajasthan 2024 a success, was accorded a grand welcome upon his return to Jaipur after visiting Germany and the UK on Sunday. After arriving at the airport, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma received an unprecedented reception at Jawahar Circle, Statue Circle, Chomu House Circle, and then at the BJP State Office.

The BJP government has signed MoUs worth more than Rs 15 lakh crore for investment in Rajasthan. Major companies from Germany, Japan, Britain, the United Arab Emirates, and Singapore are showing interest in investing in the state. The BJP government's goal is to grow Rajasthan's economy from \$180 billion to \$350 billion.

CM Sharma stated that Jaipur will be developed into a sports hub. To this end, MoUs have been signed with the parent company of the Rajasthan Royals. Germany and Singapore have also been invited to become partner countries for the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024. The Rajasthan government has signed MoUs worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore with the Vedanta Group.

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma remarked that the Congress party

● CM Sharma is working tirelessly to realise the dream of a developed Rajasthan: Madan Rathore

● The BJP government has signed investment MoUs exceeding Rs 15 lakh crore for Rajasthan, says CM



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being greeted by the people at the Jaipur Airport as he returns from the Germany and the UK tour on Sunday. Heeralal Nagar and others were present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being welcomed by Jogaram Patel at Jaipur Airport on Sunday. Manju Sharma & others were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being greeted by Madan Rathore at the Jaipur Airport on Sunday. Dr PC Bairwa was also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being extended a warm welcome by the CEO & Managing Editor of First India News & Sach Bedhadak, Pawan Arora at Jaipur Airport on Sunday. Jogaram Patel and others were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma greets the crowd in Jaipur.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being welcomed with a huge floral garland presented by party workers during a programme in Jaipur. Dr PC Bairwa, Madan Rathore, Balmukund Acharya, Gopal Sharma and others were present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being felicitated with a huge garland after returning from Germany & UK tour during a programme in Jaipur on Sunday. Madan Rathore and others were present.

even announced the cancellation of the Yamuna water agreement during the Haryana elections, intending to deprive the people of Shekhawati of water. "During the election campaign, I remarked, 'If you come to power, will you cancel

it?' This has revealed the true intentions of Congress leaders to the public. They did not even intend to provide water to the people of Shekhawati."

BJP State President Madan Rathore said that CM Bhajan Lal Sharma

is working tirelessly to realize the dream of a developed Rajasthan. "On one hand, there was the previous Congress government, during which investors lacked trust in the administration. Although the Congress government

MoUs for investment, it failed to bring them to fruition due to govt's instability."

Deputy CM Dr PC Bairwa, along with Ministers Jogaram Patel, Jhabar Singh Kharra, Heeralal Nagar, Madan Dilawar, Avinash Gehlot,

MP Ghanshyam Tiwari, Manju Sharma, Damodar Agarwal, former MP Ramcharan Bohra, former state president Dr Arun Chaturvedi, Ashok Parnami, MLA Kailash Verma, Gopal Sharma, Bal Mukund Acharya and others were present.

'₹ 56 cr drain & road projects set for Ajmer'

First India Bureau
Ajmer

Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani announced that in just 10 months, the state government has approved Rs 56 crore for drain and road construction in Ajmer North. He noted that no drain will remain unpaved, with Rs 6.32 crore worth of work already completed and tenders for Rs 10 crore issued.

Devnani inaugurated drain projects worth Rs 79 lakh in Dwarka Nagar



Vasudev Devnani inspects Kachehri Road drainage and Agra Gate to Agarsen Circle road in Ajmer on Sunday.

and Rs104 lakh in Pratap Nagar.

Ajmer received development proposals worth Rs 1,500 crore in the state's first budget, aiming to position it as a leading city.

Divine Blessings



Union Minister for Culture & Tourism, GS Shekhawat offers prayers at the Radha Rani Temple located at Barsana village in Mathura district on Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife, Naunand Kanwar, and daughters, Suhasini & Surangma Shekhawat. "I had the immense fortune of visiting the famous Shri Radha Rani Temple in Barsana with my family," he posted on X.

Engaging Exchange...



Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat being felicitated by the delegates of Indian Himalayan Council of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition, who called upon him in New Delhi on Sunday. Taking to Twitter, Shekhawat said, "Pleased to have met and had a warm conversation with the delegates of Indian Himalayan Council of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition."

Col Rathore seeks Suresh Prabhu's guidance on development issues



Rajyavardhan Rathore interacts with former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu during the latter's visit to Rathore's residence in Jaipur on Sunday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Cabinet Minister in the Rajasthan Government and popular BJP MLA from Jhotwara, Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore, on Sunday, during a courtesy meeting with former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu, sought his guidance on various development issues.

Rathore discussed contemporary topics, includ-

ing state-run development schemes, industrial progress, and global investment through the Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit. He outlined the steps taken for Rajasthan's economic development. "Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance, we are advancing towards building a developed India and a prosperous Rajasthan, with the goal of *Antyodaya to Sarvodaya*," he said.

Serious about e-filing, Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant tasks a Principal Secretary to examine the system

Rajendra Chhabra
Jaipur

Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant has tasked a Principal Secretary with examining how to enhance the e-filing system and expedite the disposal of files. This officer has set aside all other responsibilities to focus solely on this study, which he has to present at the upcoming Committee of Secretaries (CoS) meeting. Since assuming office, Chief Secretary Pant has

worked tirelessly to improve administrative efficiency. He emphasises that files should not remain on any officer's or clerk's desk for long and should be processed as swiftly as possible. A monitoring system has been established to track how long files are held at each stage and to ensure timely action. CS has created this monitoring system. Experts have noted positive outcomes from this system.

However, during the last Committee of Secretaries meeting, the Princi-



Notably, the CS holds weekly review meetings with officers, initially attended by Joint Secretaries from depts, known as Senior Officers Meetings (SOM)

pial Secretary raised some concerns. He pointed out that the emphasis on rapid file disposal compromises work quality. Officers and clerks cannot read files thoroughly or contribute effectively, focusing in-

stead on moving files to the next desk. Senior officials have developed a shorthand method for expedited processing by simply writing "speak" on the files. The officer empha-

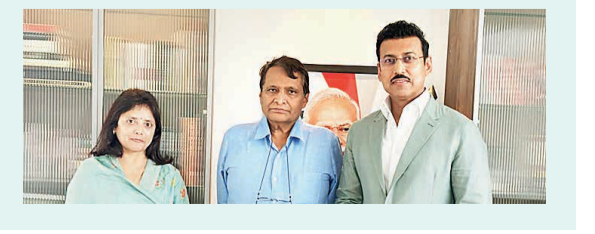
sioned that performance should not be evaluated solely based on file disposal speed. He noted that some desks handle only 10 or 20 files a day while others may receive up to 200, and many officers also need to be in the field, especially collectors. Therefore, applying a uniform standard for file disposal timing is neither practical nor fair. Interestingly, after considering his points, the Chief Secretary tasked him with suggesting improvements to the system. Senior officers who

attended the CoS are now engaging in discussions about the matter.

It is worth noting that the CS holds a weekly review meeting with officers. Initially, Joint Secretaries from departments participated in these meetings, called Senior Officers Meetings (SOM). However, the format has changed and now only Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, and Secretaries are called for the meeting. This has been renamed as the "Committee of Secretaries" (CoS).



Meeting our dear family friends, Col. @Ra_THORE and his wife, Dr Gayatri, was a truly delightful moment. I am grateful to them for the sumptuous and superb Rajasthani meal at their residence and their unparalleled hospitality. It was a day filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories.
Suresh Prabhu@sureshprabhu





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INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS!

The highly anticipated Youth Festival Plus 2024 kicked off on Saturday at the Maheshwari Public School Auditorium in Jawahar Nagar, celebrating youth empowerment and artistic expression. P10-11



Gaurav Gaur with stunning 29 finalists of Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11

SASH TO SUCCESS!

The Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11 sash ceremony was held at Shakun Hotels & Resorts, Jaipur, on Sunday, unveiling 29 finalists for the upcoming grand finale on October 27, 2024!



Top to Bottom: Aakriti Sanweliya, Manish wadhvani, Neha Shekhawat & Urvashi Soni



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The Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11 finalists were unveiled in a grand sash ceremony held at Shakun Hotels & Resorts, Jaipur, on Sunday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event, presented by Bharat24 and First India News, and powered by FasDes and Studio Reality Group, marked the beginning of an excit-

ing journey for the top 29 finalists selected from across Rajasthan.

While addressing the audience, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra lauded the platform for empowering young women and appreciated Gaurav Gaur, Founder and Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, for his dedication. He said, "Gaurav Gaur has transformed Elite Miss Rajasthan into one of the most prestigious platforms in the state, nurturing and empowering aspiring models. The contribution of mentors like Akanksha Bhalla is commendable, as they continuously guide these young women towards success. I wish all the participants the best of luck for the upcoming grand finale and may they shine in all their future endeavours."

Gaurav Gaur expressed his pride in the growth of the pageant, which continues to be a significant platform for aspiring models across Rajasthan. The finalists are now set to embark on an intensive seven-day training and grooming program from October 20 to 27, under the mentorship of top supermodels like Akanksha Bhalla, Sneha Sharma and Pihu Chaudhary. The program will prepare them for the grand finale, which will be held on October 27 at Alankara Resort, Jaipur.

With 26 trophies and 53 sashes presented during the

ceremony, along with 16 special subcategory titles, the event showcased the finalists' diverse talents and commitment. The grand finale promises to be a spectacular celebration of talent, beauty and grace.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra addressing the audience

NAM KHAN



SANTOSH SHARMA & PANKAJ SHARMA



Pawan Arora along with MP Manju Sharma, CA Amit Gattani, Neeraj K Pawan, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Girish Tiwari, Maulashree and Naveen Sharma felicitate winning team in senior category Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya



Pawan Arora along with MP Manju Sharma, CA Amit Gattani, Neeraj K Pawan, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Girish Tiwari, Maulashree and Naveen Sharma felicitate Jaysree Periwai Global School as winners in junior category



Pawan Arora along with MP Manju Sharma, CA Amit Gattani, Neeraj K Pawan, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Girish Tiwari, Maulashree and Naveen Sharma felicitate Maheshwari Girls Public School as second runner up

FIRST INDIA PLUS ENTERTAINMENT, PRESENTS YOUTH FESTIVAL PLUS 2024

Inspiring Future Generations



Pawan Arora, Dr Somya Gurjar & Chavvi Rajawat felicitate Mahendra Surana

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The highly anticipated Youth Festival Plus 2024 kicked off on Saturday at the Maheshwari Public School Auditorium in Jawahar Nagar, celebrating youth empowerment and artistic expression. Presented by First India Plus Entertainment, the festival welcomed over 1,000 enthusiastic students from more than 50 schools and colleges across Rajasthan. Special commendation goes to Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India, for his initiative in launching this remarkable platform for young talents. The event began with an inspiring address from Chief Guest Dr Somya Gurjar, Mayor of Jaipur Municipal Corporation, urging students to pursue their artistic dreams. Notable Guests of Honour, including Chavvi Rajawat and Madhusudan Bihani, emphasized the importance of nurturing the creative spirit among youth. Performances included a captivating Ganesh Vandana by specially abled children of Umang School and a vibrant Latin dance showcase. In the dance competitions, Jaysree Periwai High School triumphed in the Interschool category, while Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya secured victory in the Inter College category, winning ₹11,000. The festival set a remarkable standard for youth creativity in Rajasthan. City First highlights some more glimpses of the event!



Pawan Arora greets Mayor Dr Somya Gurjar



Pawan Arora greets jury member Girish Tiwari



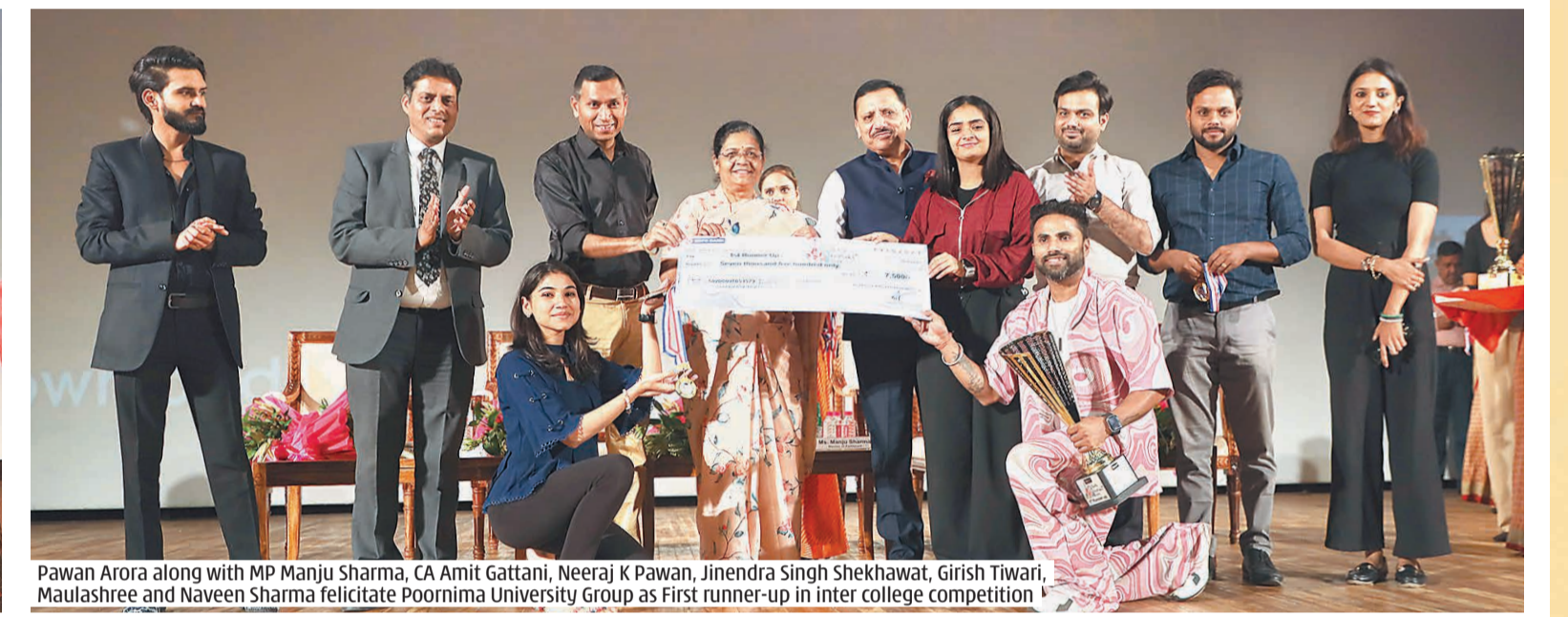
Avani Lekhara (Youth Plus Icon)



Mukti Saxena being felicitated by Dr Somya Gurjar & Chavvi Rajawat as Pawan Arora applauds. Also seen is Abhishek Poddar



Dr Somya Gurjar greets jury member Maulashree



Pawan Arora along with MP Manju Sharma, CA Amit Gattani, Neeraj K Pawan, Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Girish Tiwari, Maulashree and Naveen Sharma felicitate Poomima University Group as First runner-up in inter college competition



Neeraj K Pawan addressing the audience



MP Manju Sharma addressing the audience



CA Amit Gattani addressing the audience



Dr Suresh Chandra Padhy felicitated by Vishal Mathur & Prerana Bhatti



Abhishek Poddar felicitated by Vishal Mathur & Ashok Rathore



Pawan Arora felicitate the specially abled children of Umang School for their mesmerizing Ganesh Vandana performance. Also seen are Dr Somya Gurjar and Chavvi Rajawat



Pawan Arora & Mayor Dr Somya Gurjar greeted Ashwath Dwivedi & Shaurya Malik from Creative House



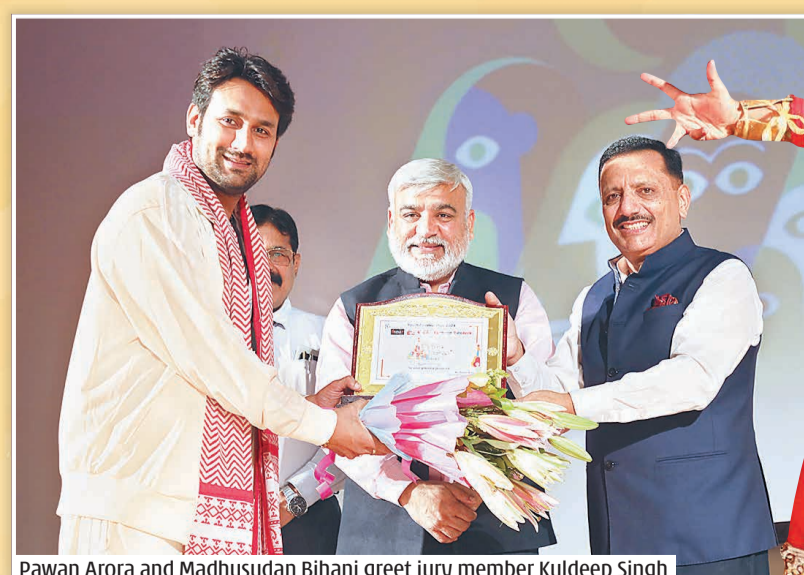
Pawan Arora along with (L-R) Dr Suresh Chandra Padhy, Madhusudan Bihani, Dr Somya Gurjar, Chavvi Rajawat and Abhishek Poddar



Pawan Arora, Suresh Chandra Padhy and Madhusudan Bihani felicitate jury member Naveen Sharma



Pawan Arora greeted by Madhusudan Bihani



Pawan Arora and Madhusudan Bihani greet jury member Kuldeep Singh



Majestic dance performance



Padmanabh Singh (Brand Ambassador)



Dr Somya Gurjar greets jury member Meha Jha Kasliwal



Chavvi Rajawat felicitated by Dr Swati Malik



Dr Swati Agarwal felicitated by Chavvi Rajawat and Abhishek Poddar



Neha Nahata addressing



Beautiful Ganesh Vandana dance performance by specially abled children of Umang



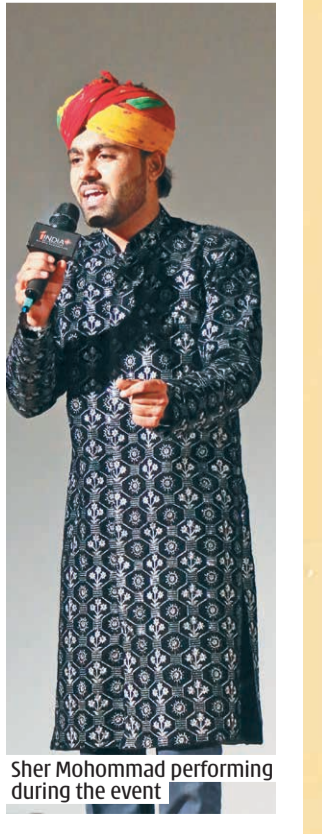
A captivating performance by the students



A still from the cultural evening



Girish Tiwari performed Salsa, Bachata and Kizomba with students (L-R) Esha Lalpuria, Devanand Das, Smriti Jasoria, Ali Ansari, Prerna Bagri, Disha Maheshwari, Vinay Jorra during the event



Sher Mohammad performing during the event

MEET & GREET!

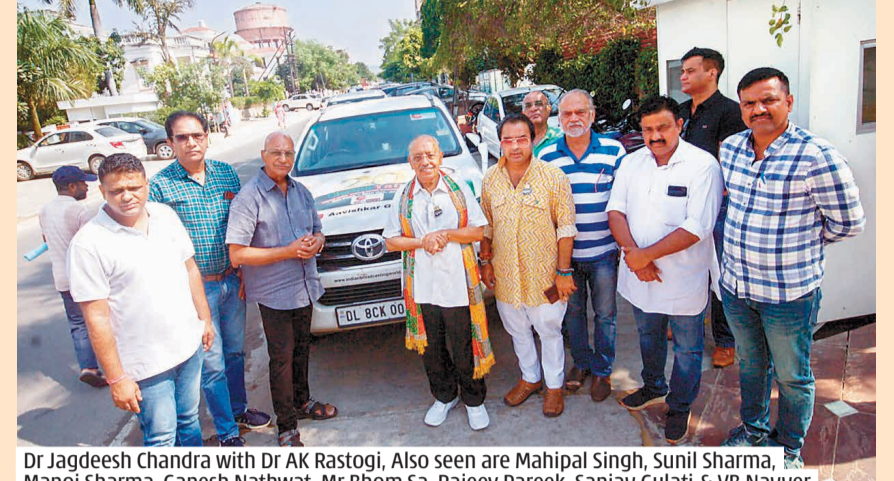


Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Pawan Tank, Director and Founder of Miss and Mrs India Glam, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Sunday. During the meeting, Tank expressed his deep appreciation and paid his gratitude to Dr Chandra for his pivotal role in the smooth execution and remarkable success of the prestigious Dandiya Maharaas 2024.

COURTESY MEETING!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greeted by Dr AK Rastogi. Also seen are Mahipal Singh, Sunil Sharma, Manoj Sharma, Ganesh Nathwat, Mr Bhom Sa, Rajeev Pareek, Sanjay Gulati & VB Nayyar



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Dr AK Rastogi. Also seen are Mahipal Singh, Sunil Sharma, Manoj Sharma, Ganesh Nathwat, Mr Bhom Sa, Rajeev Pareek, Sanjay Gulati & VB Nayyar

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by a delegation led by Dr AK Rastogi, National President of the Cable TV Operators Association, during a courtesy visit at his residence on Sunday. The delegation was part of the 20th Chetna Yatra, which commenced in Delhi and reached Jaipur after passing through 400 cities. The Yatra aimed to raise awareness about cable operators' laws and rights. During the visit, Dr Chandra congratulated Dr Rastogi and the delegation for their efforts. Mahipal Singh of the First India family was also present, acknowledging Rastogi's contributions to the cable industry over the years.

SUNIL SHARMA

Karwa Chauth Celebrations

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First India News Channel hosted a Karwa Chauth special event, "Chand Chupa Badal Mein," filled with joy and celebrations. The program saw the enthusiastic participation of several couples who engaged in various fun activities such as games, dance, singing and couple performances.

The event began with anchors Shweta Mishra Awasthi and Jayati Mishra sharing amusing and heart-felt stories from their lives, connecting with the audience on a personal level. This set the tone for a lively program, where participants took part in a series of entertaining tasks and performances, showcasing their



Megha Gupta, Akshita Garg, Nehal Nair, Jayati Mishra, Shweta Mishra Awasthi, Kriti Jain Agarwal, Dr Apoorva Singh, Neelima Baid, Pragna Sharma, Ritu Sharma, Ankita Pradhan & Pinky Gaur



Shweta Mishra Awasthi felicitates Shweta Mehta Modi while Jinendra Singh Shekhawat felicitates Hardik Modi

talents and winning hearts. Senior Editor Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Associate Editor Shweta Mishra Awasthi and anchor Jayati Mishra presented awards to the winning couples across various categories. The winners were also honoured with sashes, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Jinendra Singh Shekha-

wat praised Programming Head Hemant Sharma, the camera crew, and the entire programming team for their excellent organization and decoration, which contributed to the program's success. The celebration was a memorable and joyous occasion, leaving the couples with fond memories of the special day.

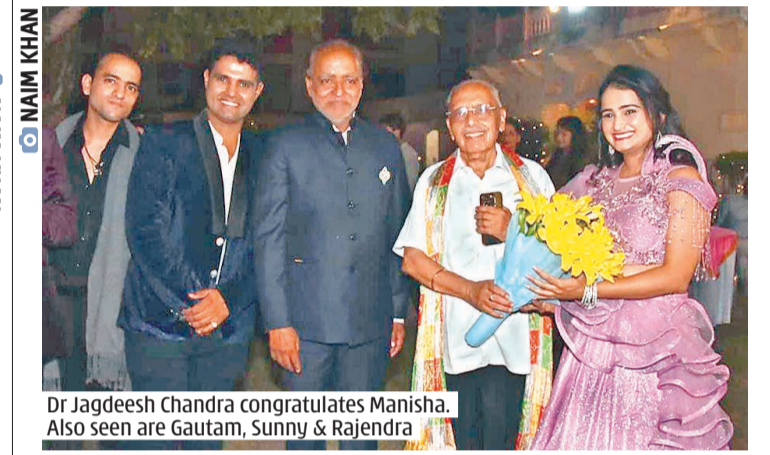


Priyanka & Piyush Tharwani, Ruchi & Shubham Jain, Shweta Mehta Modi & Hardik Modi, Priyanka & Nitin Setia, Sonam & Nitin Satwani, Abha & Kshitij Sharma, Ankita Karoda & Vikram Saini



Ankita Karoda, Ruchi Jain, Priyanka Sethiya and Muskan Banu enjoyed creating intricate mehendi designs during the event

PRE-WEDDING BLISS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulates Manisha. Also seen are Gautam, Sunny & Rajendra



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Pooja Ahuja, Swati Mehta, Geeta Ahuja, Hetvik Sharma, Yanaira Mehta, Naman Mehta, Sunny Ahuja, Priyanshi Ahuja, Gunwanti Ahuja, Vicky Ahuja, Rajendra Ahuja, Anjali Sharma, Gautam Ahuja, Abhishek Sharma & Vijay Ahuja

The pre-wedding festivities of Manisha Ahuja, daughter of Pooja and Vijay Ahuja, were celebrated with immense joy and warmth at Gold Star, on Saturday. The celebration was graced by Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who attended as a special guest and showered his blessings upon Manisha, wishing her a beautiful life ahead as she embarks on this new journey. Friends and family including Swati Mehta, Geeta Ahuja, Hetvik Sharma, Yanaira Mehta, Naman Mehta, Sunny Ahuja, Priyanshi Ahuja, Gunwanti Ahuja, Vicky Ahuja, Rajendra Ahuja, Anjali Sharma, Gautam Ahuja & Abhishek Sharma gathered to partake in the festivities, which included a delightful dinner and moments filled with laughter and love. The atmosphere was filled with happiness and affection, making it a memorable occasion for everyone present, reflecting the love and support surrounding the couple as they prepare for their future together.

MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Monu Verma, Divyanshi Pawar & Divyansha Sharma

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Monu Verma, Founder & Director of Queen of India, along with Divyansha Sharma & Divyanshi Pawar, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Saturday.

HERITAGE REVIVAL!



SUNIL SHARMA

During the event On the third day of the 27th Lokrang Mahotsav, organised by JKK, a large crowd gathered at the National Handicraft Fair to purchase artisans' products on Sunday. The main stage showcased captivating performances, including Kuchamani Khayal and folk dances such as Kalbelia and Chari. Madhavi Mewal and Fakira Khan Bhadrash of Barmer delighted audiences with folk singing at the Lok Gayan Sabha. Artists from multiple states, including Rajasthan, Bihar & Odisha, presented traditional dances and music, highlighting the cultural diversity of India. The event culminated in a lively atmosphere, with folk songs echoing throughout Shilpgram, leaving visitors with lasting memories.



Fakira Khan Maniyar and his group delivered an enchanting vocal performance

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



The seventh inter-school conversation competition on "Explanation of Karma Theory in Jainism" took place on Saturday, at Mahaveer Public School, sponsored by the Bhanwar Devi Baj Memorial Educational Endowment. The event commenced with the lighting of a lamp in honour of Goddess Saraswati and Lord Mahaveer. Eight students from classes 9 to 12 participated, showcasing their understanding of the topic. Devansh Godha, a 10th-grade student, distinguished himself by winning the second prize, earning recognition for his insightful presentation. The competition fostered a spirit of learning and engagement among the students.



The second edition of the Late Justice Anshuman Singh Memorial Golf Cup was held at Rambagh Golf Club, Jaipur on Sunday. Padmanabh Singh graced the prize distribution ceremony as the Chief Guest. Over 160 golfers, including international players, participated. Lakshay Dev won the gross category, while Anas Shamshi and Deep Karan Thakkar were runners-up. Special titles included Jaswant Singh for 'Eldes Golf' and Naitik Chauhan for 'Youngest Golfer.'

EDGE THRILLER!



Kriti Sanon, Shaheer Sheikh & Kajol

Netflix's much-awaited thriller Do Patti made a grand debut in Jaipur, with stars Kajol, Kriti Sanon, and Shaheer Sheikh visiting the iconic Raj Mandir Cinema on Sunday. The event featured an immersive fan experience, where over 600 fans explored a maze of mirrors, reflecting the film's complex and mysterious plot. The trio engaged with fans, unveiling the trailer and a special song, "Akhiyaan De Kol," which perfectly captured the film's suspenseful vibe. Directed by Shashanka Chaturvedi, written by Kanika Dhillon, and produced by Katha Pictures and Blue Butterfly Films, Do Patti promises to be a gripping, edge-of-the-seat drama. Catch it exclusively on Netflix, streaming from October 25. **NAIM KHAN**



The Youth Festival at St Teresa School, Mansarovar, began with a lively inaugural meet featuring performances such as retro-themed, robotics, solo dances & human puppet show. This aimed at enhancing student skills, will continue until October 22. Principal Sr Jomy appreciated the students' participation on the first day and encouraged them to keep up the enthusiasm for the remaining days.



Manipal University Jaipur hosted its 11th Convocation on Sunday, celebrating the achievements of over 3,000 graduates. The event featured Chief Guests Prof Anil Sahasrabudhne & Suresh Prabhu. Graduates from diverse fields were awarded degrees, with special recognitions for gold medalists and sports achievers. The university's leadership highlighted its academic excellence.