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PARALYMPIAN STARS SHINE AT DILLI DARBAR!

PM Modi hosts Paralympic heroes, praises them for record 29 medals



First India Bureau
New Delhi



PM Narendra Modi interacts with the para-athletes who represented India in Paris, in Delhi on Thursday. (T) PM Modi meets javelin thrower Navdeep Singh who won silver medal.

India has registered their best Paralympics campaign at Paris 2024. They have won a record 29 medals (7 gold, 9 silver, 13 bronze) which no other Indian contingent could achieve before at the showpiece event. PM Narendra Modi met India's trailblazing Paralympians at his residence on Thursday to congratulate them for their record-smashing haul at the recently-concluded Paris Games.

Modi hailed the performance of the athletes and congratulated the players, "This achievement is due to the unwavering dedication and indomitable spirit of our athletes. Their sporting performances have given us many moments to remember and inspired several upcoming athletes." In a 43-second video shared by the sports ministry, the PM can be seen congratulating the medal winners before an interaction with them. Sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) head Devendra Jhajharia were also present during this interaction.

WE ARE PREPARING FOR ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY & AIR TAXIS WILL BE A REALITY SOON, SAYS MODI

PM Narendra Modi on Thursday highlighted the growth of the Indian civil aviation sector and said air travel has become inclusive with the regional air connectivity scheme. Addressing the conference he said that a growing middle class and their demand are driving forces for the civil aviation sector, and UDAN has made air travel inclusive. The government is preparing the country for advanced air mobility, and air taxis will be a reality soon.



PM Modi being felicitated at 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conf on Civil Aviation, as Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu looks on, on Thursday.



Mamata Banerjee waits to meet protesting doctors over rape & murder case, at Nabanna on Thursday.

I am ready to quit: WB CM Mamata Banerjee

Docs blame govt after talks fail, say never sought CM's resignation

First India Bureau
Kolkata

The agitating junior doctors on Thursday blamed WB administration for its rigidity in not allowing live streaming of the meeting to resolve the RG Kar stalemate and asserted that they never sought the resignation of CM Mamata Banerjee, as offered by her.



WB CM and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee addresses presser over rape and murder of a medic, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Dubbing Banerjee's remarks blaming medics for the impasse as unfortunate, the doctors said their 'cease work' and agitation would continue until their demands are met. State administration was adamant about not allowing live streaming of the meeting. Our demands are justified. We wanted live streaming for the transparency of meeting, docs told reporters.

GUV: I WILL 'SOCIALY BOYCOTT' THE CM

"In solidarity with the Bengal society, I resolve that I will socially boycott the CM. Socially boycott means I will not be sharing any public platform with CM nor will I participate in any public program which involves CM Banerjee," said Governor CV Ananda Bose.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 'I tried thrice to hold talks with junior doctors. I waited for over 2 hours in Nabanna,' says Banerjee
- Junior doctors were apprehensive that recorded meeting can be 'edited'
- The protesting junior doctors on Wednesday shared their list of five demands in an email sent to the state government

IN BRIEF

India's retail inflation rises marginally to 3.65% in August
New Delhi: India's retail inflation rose to 3.65% in August, higher than 3.6% reported in July, according to data from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The inflation was within the RBI's medium-term target of 2-6%.



SC to deliver verdict on Kejriwal's plea today
New Delhi: The Supreme Court will deliver today its verdict on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's petitions seeking bail and challenging the upholding of his arrest in the CBI case in connection with alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

4.7 magnitude quake hits Los Angeles in United States

California: A 4.7-magnitude earthquake shook parts of Southern California early Thursday. The quake was centered in the Malibu area. Shaking from the earthquake was reported in Malibu, Hermosa Beach, La Mirada, Anaheim, Hollywood Hills.

'Alleged involvement in crime no ground for demolition of property'

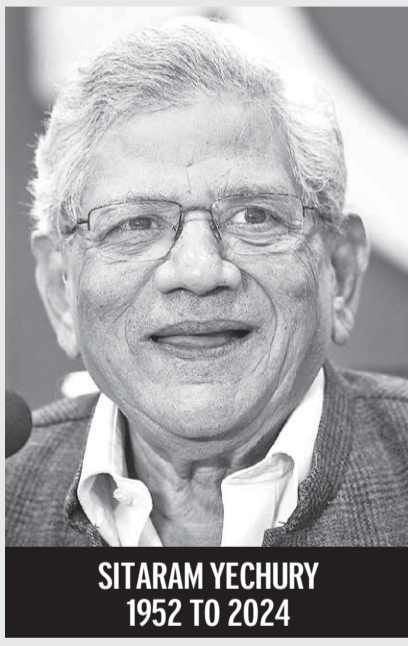
New Delhi: A three-judge bench of the SC on Thursday said that "alleged involvement in crime is no ground for demolition of a property" and that it "cannot be oblivious to such demolition threats inconceivable in a nation where law is supreme".

Seven killed after 400-year-old Rajgarh Fort wall collapses

Datia: As many as 7 people lost their lives, 2 were injured after an old wall of Rajgarh Fort adjacent to a house collapsed Thursday in Datia town of MP due to heavy rains. CM Mohan Yadav announced an assistance of ₹4 lakh each to kin of victims.

SUPERB PARLIAMENTARIAN SITARAM YECHURY NO MORE!

• CPI(M) General Secretary and Left Front leader Sitaram Yechury dies after prolonged illness • Yechury's family donates body to AIIMS in New Delhi for research purposes



SITARAM YECHURY
1952 TO 2024

CPI(M) general secretary and former Rajya Sabha MP Sitaram Yechury, 72, passed away on Thursday following prolonged illness. He was admitted in the intensive care unit of AIIMS, Delhi and was being treated for acute respiratory tract infection. Over the past few days, he had been on respiratory support, under treatment by a multidisciplinary team of doctors. He is survived by his wife Seema Chishti, editor of The Wire, his daughter Akhila and son Daanish. P6

A LEADING LIGHT OF THE LEFT: POLITICAL LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE

President Droupadi Murmu, PM Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Sonia Gandhi, JP Nadda, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Nitin Gadkari, Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, Pinarayi Vijayan, Jairam Ramesh, RN Ravi and others condoled the death of veteran CPI(M) leader.

RAKSHA MANTRI AT TARANG SHAKTI EXERCISE Amid global challenges, we need to hold each other's hands: Singh

Shivprakash Purohit
Jodhpur

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said India's aim is to walk hand in hand together at a time when some countries are at war with each other. He also asked friendly nations to elevate their partnership and collaboration to new heights in view of the evolving global challenges.

"Today, there is a competition in the world to get ahead of each other, wars are going on between countries at different places. In this changing situation, India's goal is that we hold each other's hands and walk together," he said at "Tarang Shakti" — the



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, CDS General Anil Chauhan, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari & others witness an aerial display during the 'Tarang Shakti' exercise, in Jodhpur on Thursday.

We want our cooperation to be not limited to just political or technical synergy but to transform into a heart-to-heart synergy.

RAJNATH SINGH, DEFENCE MINISTER

largest multilateral air exercise in India hosted by the IAF. He urged the

foreign dignitaries to explore and study India's aerospace sector. P8

Bhagwat on Raj tour, will reach Alwar today

First India Bureau
Jaipur

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will reach Alwar today and stay here till September 17 during which he will participate in several programmes. In the first phase of his tour, he will visit shakhas near Adarsh School and Nursing College and also meet volunteers on September 15. Preparations are on at the Naveen Higher Secondary School at Bhagat Singh Circle where 5,000 volunteers are expected to gather.



DAY 2 IN JAPAN: CM BHAJAN LAL SHARMA HOLDS TALKS WITH MINISTERS

CM connects with Honda, Wafuku Group, TOHO Group

• Rajasthan figures prominently in Honda's long term and future expansion plans, said officials of Honda Motor during the meeting with Government of Rajasthan delegation

• Wafuku Group expresses interest in setting up a hospital & Japanese language school in Rajasthan which is estimated to train about 10,000 people in 5-6 years

First India Bureau
Tokyo

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma held talks with Ministers of Japan government and sought Japan's continued support in facilitating investments in Rajasthan on Thursday, reports Aishwary Pradhan. This includes holding meetings with Ishii Taku, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Ishibashi Rintaro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Sibi George, Ajitabh Sharma and other Japan Govt officials during the investors' meeting in Japan on Thursday.

for Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). CM Sharma invited them

to attend upcoming 'Rising Rajasthan', which is scheduled to be held in Jaipur in December this

year. Expressing confidence in Rajasthan's fruitful business collaboration with the Japanese

CM'S FOREIGN VISIT GETS A FRESH UPDATE

According to reliable sources CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's return from Japan to Delhi has been moved up to Friday due to urgent work. He will now arrive in Delhi on Saturday morning and stay for one day in Delhi.

Putin calls PM Modi a 'great friend', invites him for meeting on sidelines of BRICS

First India Bureau
St Petersburg

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Thursday met Russian President Vladimir Putin amid efforts to resolve the Ukraine conflict, at the Konstantinovsky Palace in St Petersburg. During the talks, Putin hoped PM Narendra Modi will travel to Russia next month to attend the annual BRICS summit at Kazan. The



NSA Ajit Doval during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Konstantinovsky Palace, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Russian President also proposed a bilateral meeting with Modi on October 22 on the sidelines of the BRICS summit to analyse bilateral engagement and to discuss "future-oriented" actions.

How AI Can Be a Positive Influence & Spiritual Guide



Deepak Chopra

The writer is MD, FACP, FRCP founder of the Chopra Foundation, a non-profit entity for research on well-being and humanitarianism, and Chopra Global



Even though artificial intelligence is widely considered one of the greatest innovations since the advent of the personal computer, its future is overshadowed by fear and foreboding. The specter of machines taking over our future in a dangerous, even devastating way has gained more currency than the promise of AI in everyday life.

I wanted to reverse this gloomy, anxious mood and wrote a new book, Digital Dharma, to offer a positive path for using AI. My core idea is that anyone can use the free chatbots that are widely available to perform four crucial, valuable roles in our lives. Sitting down at your computer or smartphone for as little as a few minutes, up to extended interactions, you can ask AI to help your life. The four roles I'm referring to are the following:

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

This is the most common role since people use AI as part of online searches and information gathering.

PERSONAL CONFIDANT

In this capacity, an AI "friend" serves the same purpose as a real friend: Seeking and getting advice, sharing personal secrets, and opening up emotionally. Although not as advanced as search engines, AI "friendship" has the advantage of offering objective advice, keeping secrets, never arguing or becoming over-emotional, being constantly available, and maintaining a congenial façade.

THERAPIST/HEALER

Countless people need therapy who do not receive it, so there is no question

EXAMPLE OF AN ACTUAL PROMPT (INSTRUCTION TO AI) AND RESPONSE

Please give me a mantra to meditate with today. Add a short description of what this mantra is supposed to be good for...

ChatGPT: Certainly. Here's a mantra for your meditation today.

Mantra: Om Shanti (pronounced Ohm Shan-tee)
Description: Om Shanti is a powerful and soothing mantra that translates to "Om, peace" in English. This mantra is intended to bring a sense of inner peace and tranquility to your meditation practice. It helps calm the mind, reduce stress, and promote a state of deep relaxation. Or consider the category of inspiring quotes. This is self-descriptive, so no explanation is needed. The only trick is to develop a prompt that gives AI-specific instructions beyond Please give me an inspiring quote for the day. Ask for a specific source: I never tire of inspiration from mystic and spiritual poets: Rumi, Hafiz, Tagore, Kabir, and Mirabai are good places to start. Here's a sample of Hafiz, the renowned Persian poet. AI finds a quote in a few seconds and offers a comment on the quote.

ChatGPT: "Even after all this time, the Sun never says to the Earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights up the whole sky."

Hafiz's poetry often revolves around themes of love, spirituality, and the beauty of life. This quote reminds us of the selfless nature of love and how it can illuminate our world when given without expectation of anything in return.

of urgent need. AI bots exist that can access sound psychological advice and feed it to the "patient" by talking to a "therapist." Standard chatbots are reasonably good at this if prompted to speak as if they are a psychologist or therapist.

The AI advantage: It is free; the "therapist" is available around the clock, and flexible to any situation. What "patients" primarily want is to be understood. By giving standard therapeutic responses (How do you feel? When did this start? Tell me more. What do you want from therapy? etc.), AI mimics an intimate psychological interaction.

GURU

In this, the most advanced role, AI opens a path to wisdom, insight, intuition, and expanded consciousness. Stripped of religious/spiritual connotations, the

future exists to make a person more self-aware. Unlike the previous roles, guru is purely about consciousness, a mystery that can only be solved through personal experience. The portal to this mystery is Dharma, the ancient Indian teaching of an ideal solution in every situation, made accessible by wisdom and awakened awareness. Finding your own correct, personal path makes Dharma useful as a guide, and AI for the first time makes Dharma part of the digital realm.

Let me go into the kind of practical applications that stem from these four roles. I'm proposing seven strategies that can be selected and followed as a personal path, depending on your goals. Everyone is invited to explore these strategies one at a time in any order and according to a flexible timetable. The seven strategies are:

- Embrace change
- Put your ego on hold
- Bend and bounce back
- Trust the process
- Be inward bond
- Project the truth
- Defuse your negative beliefs

This is what opens the portal to Dharma, set out as a practical agenda. No discipline is involved, only the willingness to expand your awareness in these seven areas, which align with everyone's daily life. You are constantly making decisions based on the criteria about truth, trust, ego, and flexibility. Besides making conscious choices that favor your own Dharma, each strategy addresses the hindrances and obstacles that hold you back, including each strategy addresses areas where each person is acting out unconscious behavior based on...

- Habit
- Reflexive reactions
- Old conditioning
- Second-hand beliefs
- Negative emotions
- Ego
- Past trauma, bad memories

These are major topics centered on the possibility of a higher way of life and the success such a life is meant to bring. To give a sense of what that means on a daily basis, let's take the role that seems at first glance to be the most improbable one that AI can perform: guru. I'm not using this term to advocate finding a traditional Indian guru, religious teacher, mystical savant, or supposed higher being. The distrust and misunderstanding surrounding most people's idea of a guru is well founded in many cases.

An AI guru is none of these. Then what is it? It is an opening to immediate, reliable, helpful wisdom. AI has the ability to access an immense legacy of spiritual teachings from every tradition going back millennia, at the touch of a button. It has no agenda and seeks no followers. Therefore, you are not placed in the powerless, dependent position that many spiritual/religious relationships entail.

The menu of options that are open to you takes advantage of AI's enormous fund of information and knowledge. Every day, you can ask AI for any of the following:

- A daily mantra
- An inspirational quote
- Personal affirmations
- Inner reflections

Any of the popular chatbots like ChatGPT or Gemini is perfectly suited to fill these roles.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IN-DEPTH

TACKLING AMR IS A GLOBAL PRIORITY: WHO'S WARNING

The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a stark warning about the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), which poses one of the most significant risks to global health. The overuse and misuse of antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents have led to the rise of drug-resistant bacteria, making it harder to treat infections. This has the potential to roll back decades of medical progress, particularly in treating diseases like tuberculosis, pneumonia, and sepsis.

India is not untouched by the AMR threat with E. coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae having reduced resistance. If left unchecked, AMR could cause millions of deaths by 2050, turning once-treatable infections into deadly pandemics. It also threatens modern medical practices, such as surgeries and cancer treatments, which rely on effective antibiotics for infection control.

The WHO's warning calls for urgent action, including better regulation of antibiotics, increased funding for research into new treatments, and heightened public awareness about responsible drug use. Combating AMR must become a global priority.

HARRIS OUTSHINES DONALD TRUMP

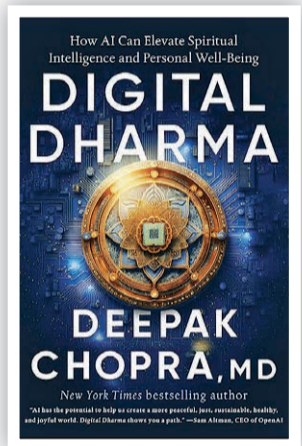


Kamala Harris' first televised debate against Donald Trump will be remembered as a defining moment in American political history. From the outset, Harris displayed a poise and command of facts that contrasted starkly with Trump's often brash and interruptive style. Her calm demeanor and razor-sharp responses allowed her to shine in a high-pressure environment, particularly when addressing key issues such as healthcare, immigration, and racial justice. Trump's unsubstantiated claim that Haitian immigrants were eating pets in Ohio's Springfield left viewers stunned.

Harris effectively used her prosecutorial background, deploying a methodical approach to disarm Trump's aggressive rhetoric. She didn't shy away from holding him accountable for his administration's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change policies, and controversial stances on race relations. With each exchange, Harris managed to pivot towards broader, unifying themes that resonated with a divided electorate. Her ability to remain composed, even when interrupted by Trump, further highlighted her resilience and readiness for leadership.

Where Trump relied on his familiar playbook of grandstanding and bluster, Harris presented herself as a future-oriented leader, equipped with empathy and toughness necessary to tackle America's challenges. Her performance not only energized Democratic base but also demonstrated her ability to win over undecided voters. She landed blows with comments on thinning crowds at Trump's "boring" rallies and what European leaders thought of him.

In a debate that could have easily been overshadowed by the unpredictable nature of Trump's style, it was Harris who stole the show with her grace under fire and substantive arguments, solidifying her place on the national stage



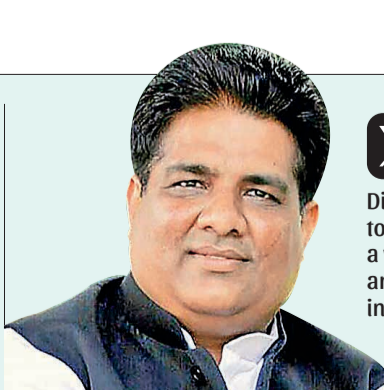
EVERYDAY WITH MAGIC OF AI

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TOP TWEETS
 Clean and green LPG is transforming lives of our mothers & sisters across India under the leadership of PM @narendramodi ji. In July 2024, LPG consumption jumped by 10.1%, with prices falling sharply. With 32.73 crore connections nationwide, including more than 10.33 crore free Ujjwala connections.

Hardeep Singh Puri @HardeepSPuri



SPiritual SPEAK
 Ganpati Bappa Morya! Ganpati is the God of auspicious beginnings. He is a symbol of positivity. Different arms of the country coming together to mark Ganesha's greatness is a welcome sign for a healthy democracy, and reflective of our traditions that believe in celebrating together.

Bhupender Yadav @byadavbjp

However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do you if you do not act on upon them?
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

There is always a story, a story of pain, struggle, acceptance, and ambition behind each success and failure, for that matter.

Dr JACDESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Honda officials highlighted Rajasthan's key role in their expansion plans

CM discusses investment with major Japanese firms in Tokyo

Aishwary Pradhan
Tokyo

On his second day in Tokyo, the Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma led a delegation that engaged in a series of one-on-one interactions with senior officials from major Japanese firms, including Honda Motor Company Limited, Wafuku Hospitals and Home Care Group, & TOHO Group.

During the meeting with Honda, firm officials expressed gratitude for Govt of Rajasthan's support for their existing facility and highlighted the state's significance in their long-term vision and expansion plans.

The CM discussed EV sector investment opportunities and proposed a site in the Jodhpur Pali Marwar Industrial Area (JPMIA). Wafuku Hospital and Home Care Group showed interest in setting up a hospital and Japanese language school in Rajasthan, aiming to train 10,000 people in 5-6 years. The delegation also met TOHO Group officials, inviting them to expand their operations in Rajasthan.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma offers floral tributes to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi at the Freedom Plaza in Edogawa city in Tokyo on Thursday.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma during a meeting with the officials from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo on Thursday. Indian Ambassador to Japan, Sibi George, Dr PC Bairwa, Shikhar Agrawal, Ajitabh Sharma and others were present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma greets the Executive Vice-President of Honda Motor Co., Ltd., Aoyama, at a meeting held in context of Rising Rajasthan Summit in Tokyo. Also seen here is Dr PC Bairwa.

CM HAILS BARMER GIRL FOR TRANSLATION

Kumari Pempo from Dhorimanna, Barmer, received high praise from Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma for her exceptional translation skills during his visit to South Korea. She facilitated communication between the South Korean government and Indian officials. Pempo, who previously studied at Ewha Womans University on a South Korean scholarship and worked in Chennai, has now moved to Korea for further opportunities.

Drainage planning will be done alongside road devp, says Diya

Nirmal Tiwari and
Jitendra Madhani
Jaipur

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari has stated that developing excellent drainage and sewage systems alongside roads is a government priority, which will address issues of waterlogging and frequent road damage. She emphasised that the government is working on a robust plan for this purpose. On Thursday, she addressed the foundation stone-laying ceremony for high-level water tanks in Ward 5 and Ward 12 of the Vidyadhar Nagar Assembly area. She performed the rituals and laid the foundation for high-level tanks in Ward 12 at Benar Road, Pawanpuri, and in Ward



Diya Kumari during the 'Bhoomi Pujan' for the foundation laying ceremony of the construction of elevated water reservoir in Ward No.12 of Vidyadhar Nagar area in Jaipur on Thursday.

BENEFITS TO LOCAL COLONIES

In Ward Number 5, around 20,000 residents across various colonies, including GDA Scheme Quarters, Surya Nagar Extension, and Shiram Vihar, will benefit from the new uninterrupted water supply. In Ward 12, residents of Balaji Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, and surrounding areas will also gain from this improvement.

5 in front of the Councillor's office at Bhardana. She that these high-level tanks will provide

an uninterrupted water supply to people, resolving a significant drinking water issue in the area.

4,000 kg 'Langar' at Ajmer Sharif to mark PM's B'day

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Ajmer Sharif Dargah will mark PM Narendra Modi's 75th birthday on Sept 17 by preparing and distributing approximately 4,000 kg of vegetarian 'Langar.' This extensive distribution will include rice, ghee, and dry fruits to devotees and the needy across various religious places. The Gaddi Nashin-Dargah Ajmer Sharif, Syed Afshan Chishty, highlighted that the 'Langar' is organised by Indian Minority Foundation & Chishty Foundation of Ajmer Sharif. The 'Langar' honours PM's dedication to service.



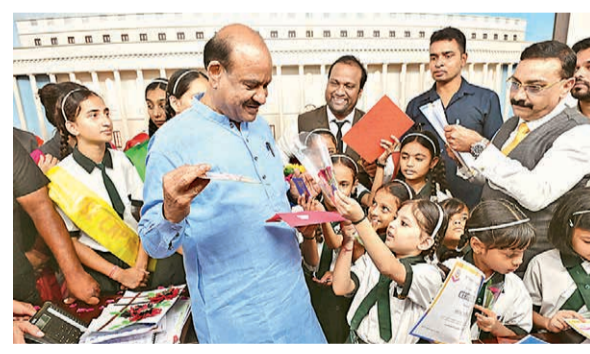
Kota: Birla lends a patient ear to people's issues during 'Jansunwai'

Bhanwar S Charan
Kota

LS Speaker Om Birla held a public hearing at his camp office in Shakti Nagar, where numerous people presented their issues. Birla addressed their concerns, directing officials to take appropriate actions. Social workers honoured him for his development initiatives in various panchayats, while farmers reported crop damage from excessive rains & sought compensation. Birla also celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi at multiple city locations, performing Ganesh Aarti. He emphasised the festival's significance in our culture, highlighting Lord Ganesha as a symbol of good fortune & social harmony.



Om Birla addresses people's concerns during a 'Jansunwai' at Camp Office located at Shakti Nagar in Kota on Thursday.



Om Birla affectionately receives flowers & handmade cards from kids, who called upon him at Camp Office in Kota.

VP Dhankhar to visit Ajmer and Nagaur today

First India Bureau
Ajmer

V-P Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit Central University in Ajmer today. He is scheduled to arrive at Kishangarh Airport at 10:20 AM before heading to the University. There, he will engage with students, teachers, and deliver a talk on 'The Role of Higher Education in Developed India @2047.' Dhankhar will also tour key facilities on varsity campus. He will visit Veer Tejaji Temple in Surasura & then visit Kharanal in Nagaur. His wife, Dr Sudesh Dhankhar, will accompany him, informed DM Lok Bandhu.



FIRST INDIA NEWS TO ORGANISE INFRA AND INDUSTRIAL CONCLAVE IN BHIWADI ON SATURDAY

First India Bureau
Jaipur

First India News will be organising an Infra and Industrial Conclave-2024 at Tivoli Heritage Palace in Bhiwadi on Saturday. The event is being presented by the Bhiwadi Manufacturers Association and will discuss opportunities and challenges faced by the industry, which will be followed by an award ceremony. CEO and Managing Editor First India News Pawan Arora said the chief guest at the event



Bhupender Yadav



Sanjay Sharma



Jhabar Singh Kharra



Mahant Balaknath Yogi

will be Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav. The guests of honour will be Minister of State for Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Department of Science & Technology Sanjay Sharma, Minister



of State for Urban Development and Housing, De-

partment of Local Self Governance Jhabar Singh Kharra, and Tijara MLA Mahant Balaknath Yogi, said UDH principal secretary Vaibhav Galriya, RIICO MD Inderjeet Singh, Commercial Tax Department Commissioner Prakash Rajpuro-

hit, Alwar district collector Artika Shukla, Khairthal Tijara district collector Kishore Kumar, Alwar SP Anand Sharma, Bhiwadi SP Jyeshtha Maitrei, and Khairthal Tijara SP Manish Kumar will be the special guests during the event.

GS Dotasra slams State govt's poll handling & performance

First India Bureau
Laxmangarh

In a recent statement regarding by-elections in the state, Congress State President Govind Singh Dotasra commented on the State government's approach to conducting elections. Dotasra remarked that the government is unable to hold elections simultaneously. He criticised the State government's performance over the past nine months, describing it as a failure. Dotasra reprimanded Nagar Palika Engineer



Govind Singh Dotasra addresses public concerns during a 'Jansunwai' in Laxmangarh on Thursday.

JEN Paras during a public hearing for declaring an old building dilapidated without a proper survey. He instructed

SDO Mohar Singh Meena to file an FIR with the ACB, stating such declarations require a Collector's committee report.



City First

JAIPUR, FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 13, 2024



SWIFT SURPRISE!

Taylor Swift sparked rumours of a possible Reputation re-release at the 2024 MTV VMAs with her bold red carpet appearance, reminiscent of her iconic Reputation era style.

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Versatile Visionary!

City First proudly shares the journey of Himanshi Chhallani, a supermodel, actor and engineer from Beawar, Rajasthan. Balancing corporate work with modelling, Himanshi's story is one of passion and resilience!



Mitali Dusad

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Himanshi Chhallani, a prominent figure in the world of fashion and modelling, embodies a dynamic blend of professionalism and passion. Hailing from Beawar, Rajasthan, Himanshi is not only a supermodel and actor but also a skilled engineer working in the corporate sector. Her journey reflects an inspiring balance between her career and her love for modelling. "Fashion and modelling are what truly excite me. Each day, I eagerly look forward to shoots, acting and walking for esteemed designers. I believe modelling is my calling and I'm determined to excel in it," Himanshi shared.

A state-level volleyball player with a deep enthusiasm for sports, Himanshi's active lifestyle extends to her personal life as well. Despite not being a fan of chai, she embraces the concept of "chai pe charcha" as a way to network and build lasting connections. "Come along and network; you never know, we might create a lifelong bond," she invited with her characteristic charm.

Himanshi's ascent in the modelling industry was significantly bolstered by her role as a finalist in Miss Universe India Rajasthan. She credits much of her success to Nikhil Anand, the National Director of Miss Universe India and owner of Glamanand

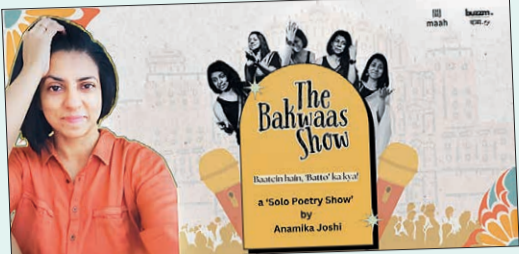
Group. "Nikhil Anand Sir's mentorship has been pivotal in my journey. His guidance has helped me build confidence and achieve remarkable milestones in my career," Himanshi explained.

Her journey also reflects a resilient spirit. Having moved to a new city with nothing but a bag and big dreams, Himanshi embraces challenges as essential to growth. "Life without challenges feels incomplete. The obstacles I faced in the new city were tough but transformative, making me feel more alive," she revealed.

With a strong belief in healthy living, Himanshi advocates for a balanced lifestyle. "Eating healthy, working out and staying fit are crucial for maintaining both physical and mental well-being," she advised. Looking forward, Himanshi aspires to continue loving her work and striving for personal and professional growth each day. "I aim to fully embrace what I do and find joy in every moment, always seeking to learn and grow," she concluded.



WHAT'S NEXT?



'The Bakwaas Show' by Anamika Joshi (Batto): Meet Batto, a talented poet from Jaipur now living in Mumbai. His impactful poetry resonates with millions, transforming complex emotions into simple yet profound expressions that touch the heart.

When- 15 September, 6:00 PM
Where- Maah, Jaipur



Daily Ka Kaam Hai By Aakash Gupta: From childhood tales to his first MNC job, this show dives into Aakash's personal and awkward moments, revealing how navigating embarrassing and tragic situations is part of his daily life!

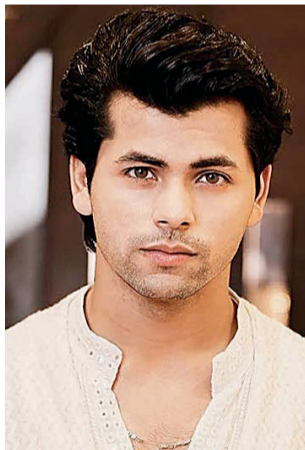
When- 15 September, 8:00 PM
Where- Maharana Pratap Auditorium, Jaipur



Best of Gupta Ji- A Comedy Special By Appurv Gupta: "Best of Guptaji" by Appurv Gupta is a laughter-packed show featuring his finest bits from the past year. His relatable humour and quick wit guarantee an unforgettable night filled with joy and hilarity!

When- 22 September, 6:00 PM
Where- KnightHouse, Jaipur

BIRTHDAY FORECAST!



SIDDHARTH NIGAM
Virgo
September 13

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Today marks a fresh beginning for you, Virgo. Past accomplishments boost your confidence and optimism for the future. Look forward to travel and educational advancements ahead, with promising romance on the horizon. Treat yourself to a facial, massage, or new clothes to align your appearance with your inner self.



Is Photography Dead? A CRITIQUE

The question, of whether photography is dead or not is highly provocative besides being complex as it brings out a plethora of emotions.

- Is photography as a profession dead? That's a million-dollar question.
- Is the passion associated with it also dead? No, certainly not. In fact, it's very much alive and kicking.
- Is photography as it has been understood and practiced since ages, same or dead? Yes, it certainly is dead.
- Over the last century, the science behind photography has undergone a massive change. Take, for example, today's way of clicking and preserving photographs for the future are drastically different from what they used to be earlier.
- Clicking photographs using the handy point-and-shoot cameras of yore has given way to mobile phones.



Sabyasachi Dutta

Country General Manager of a British MNC in India

- Storing printed photographs, which people used to lovingly arrange in albums, has been replaced now by storing them as .jpg or .png files in private external devices or uploading them on cloud storage.

As for cameras and imaging, the business has got strategically repurposed. 78% of a renowned Japanese company's sales came from the enterprise segment dominated by diverse niches like weddings, videoblogging activities, and sporting events. This is where the core has shifted. Then there are other applications where adaptive versions of photography are used viz. security systems, surveillance or espionage, space photography, etc.

It's also noticed that many renowned photographic product companies of the past have either lost into oblivion or transitioned their focus to alternate business models. Some of them have now tied-up with mo-

bile phone manufacturers sharing their proprietary knowledge and brand name as camera sales nose-dived globally. They did so to survive and stay relevant.

The advent of smartphones with high-quality built-in cameras made photography accessible to everyone, leading to a rapid fall of camera sales as folks discarded the need to know the intricacies of fine photography and the burden of having an additional gadget.

The deep impact of social media platforms that arguably prefer quantity over quality, favouring ephemeral content over artistic photography – that once demanded special attributes – is a big disappointment now.

With the exponential progress of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) algorithms, now one can create not just still images but even smooth videos from text prompts sans camera. It may not be surprising if one successfully makes a complete movie soon without using any human actors or requiring any shooting paraphernalia.

Having said that, many aficionados strongly believe photography will survive and remain a powerful form of artistic expression capturing and preserving life's special moments.

While the landscape of photography has undoubtedly changed, declaring it 'dead' will be an overkill. Like many other art forms, photography too will evolve with technology and societal shifts and it can be quite confidently said that it's going to remain an integral part of human life.



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WHAT'S JAIPUR WATCHING TODAY?

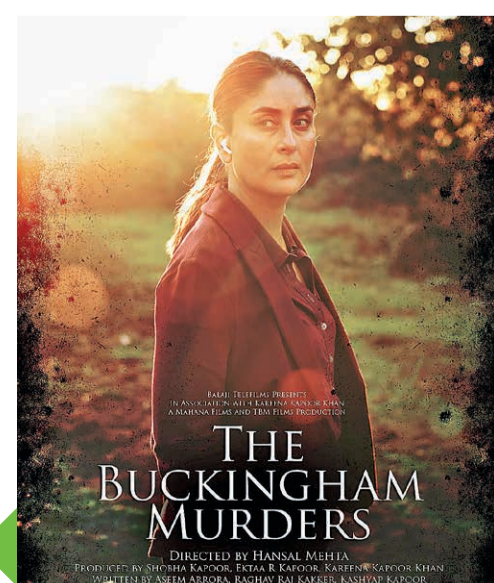
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Director: Venkat Prabhu
Cast & Crew: Vijay, Prabhu Deva, Kokila Mohan, Yogi Babu



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Movie: The Buckingham Murders
Director: Hansal Mehta
Cast & Crew: Kareena Kapoor Khan, Ranveer Brar



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Swift Surprise!

Taylor Swift ignited speculation about a possible re-release of her Reputation album during the 2024 MTV VMAs with her striking red carpet look. Known for dropping hints regarding her personal and professional life, Swifties quickly noted that her outfit seemed to signal an announcement related to the 2017 album. Many fans have eagerly anticipated her re-recorded version since she announced plans to revisit her past work.

On the red carpet, Swift turned heads in a black and yellow corset plaid gown designed by Christian Dior, complemented by fingerless leather gloves and thigh-high boots, evoking the essence of her Reputation era. Online, fans enthusiastically shared their thoughts, with one stating, "Her outfit screams reputa-

tion!" Despite high hopes that she would reveal the album's re-release during the ceremony, no announcement was made.

Swift has already re-recorded her first six albums, with only Reputation and her self-titled debut from 2006 left to revisit. Later in the evening, she changed into a sequin short dress adorned with UFO imagery, potentially referencing her new song, "Down Bad," which features UFO visuals from her Eras Tour. In addition to her fashion moments, Swift won seven awards, including Video of the Year for "Fortnight," expressing gratitude to her fans, crew, and boyfriend, Travis Kelce.



Taylor Swift



Vijay Verma

Sacred Games Snub!

Vijay Verma, known for his remarkable performances in Gully Boy and Darlings, was originally cast in the critically acclaimed series Sacred Games, alongside Saif Ali Khan and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. However, the actor was unexpectedly dropped from the project after completing his costume measurements, and then I got dropped," sharing his frustration about facing similar setbacks early in his career.

Despite these challenges, Vijay's breakthrough came after his role in Gully Boy, which opened doors to numerous opportunities. His ability to portray devious and complex characters was fully realized in his gripping performances in Darlings and Dahaad, solidifying his reputation as one of

Bollywood's most versatile actors.

Continuing to rise in the industry, Vijay's latest project, IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack, which was released on August 29, 2024, showcases his talent alongside an ensemble cast that includes Pankaj Kapur, Dia Mirza, and Naseeruddin Shah. Directed by Anubhav Sinha, the gripping series is another feather in Vijay's cap, demonstrating his ability to take on varied and intense roles.

Looking ahead, Vijay has more exciting projects lined up, such as Jaane Jaan and Murder Mubarak, both of which are eagerly anticipated by fans and critics alike. His journey, marked by resilience and versatility, has established him as one of the most compelling actors in the industry today, proving his range and dedication with every new role he takes on.

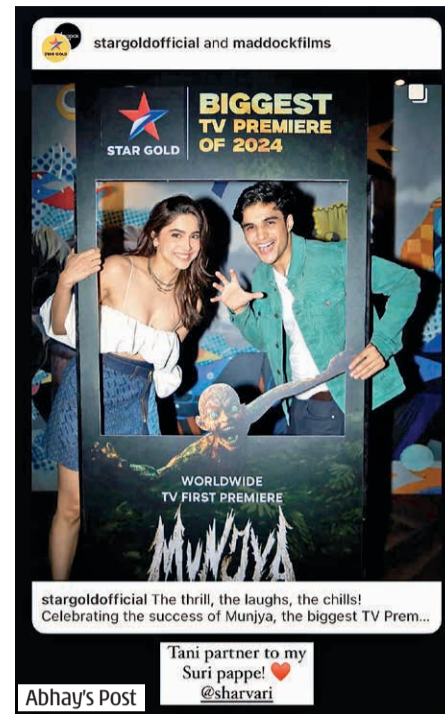
CO-STARS UNITE

Abhay Verma, the star of the horror-comedy Munjya, recently celebrated the film's success at its biggest TV premiere of 2024 alongside co-star Sharvari and their team. The actor expressed his delight in working with Sharvari, affectionately referring to her as his "Tani partner" from the iconic film Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi. Although Munjya initially struggled at the box office, it has since become a sleeper hit on OTT platforms, garnering immense love from fans.

Sharing his joy on Instagram, Abhay posted pictures from the celebration, showcasing the pair stylishly posing together and enjoying their time at

the bash. In one post, he expressed gratitude to the audience, stating, "Love you all for making Munjya's premiere the biggest." He emphasized their bond with the caption "Tani partner to my Suri pappe @sharvari," referencing the beloved characters from Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi, where Shah Rukh Khan played Surinder Sahni and Anushka Sharma portrayed Taani Gupta Sahni.

The celebration continued with the team cutting a cake, with Abhay remarking, "This felt more than cutting my birthday cake." Munjya, directed by Aditya Sarpotdar, draws on Indian folklore, telling the story of a young man navigating a vengeful spirit's wedding mystery while protecting the woman he loves.



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Abhay's Post



Kareena Kapoor Khan & Saif Ali Khan

Navigating Love Conflicts

Saif Ali Khan recently revealed a relatable secret to making up with his wife, Kareena Kapoor Khan, after a fight. The popular Bollywood couple, who share two children, Taimur and Jeh, showcased their strong bond while discussing their relationship. When asked about the easiest way to apologize to Kareena, Saif humorously stated, "Apologise profusely," highlighting the importance of acknowledging conflicts.

In a light-hearted segment, he addressed a hypothetical scenario where Kareena was not speak-

ing to him, responding, "We're always talking even when we are not talking. We are not talking," showcasing their deep connection. Married since 2012, the couple often shares glimpses of their life on social media, delighting fans with their playful banter.

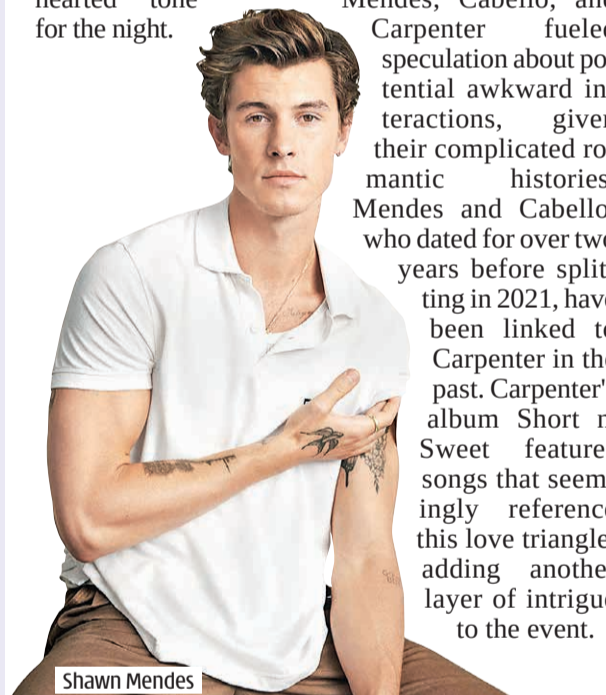
On the professional front, Saif is gearing up for the release of Devara on September 27, where he plays an antagonist opposite Jr. NTR, alongside Janhvi Kapoor. Meanwhile, Kareena is making headlines for her upcoming film, The Buckingham Murders, set to release this weekend, and is currently exploring new scripts for future projects.

SHAWN'S Playful Entrance

Shawn Mendes brought humour to the 2024 MTV Video Music Awards with a cheeky social media post, jokingly declaring he was "pulling up to my funeral" before his performance. The 26-year-old singer shared this quip recently, showcasing his stylish black suit and button-down shirt while holding a guitar. His post was accompanied by Elvis Presley's classic "Can't Help Falling in Love," setting a light-hearted tone for the night.

Held at UBS Arena in Long Island, New York, the awards show featured several stars, including Mendes' rumoured ex-girlfriend, Sabrina Carpenter, and his on-and-off partner, Camila Cabello. Mendes and Cabello both opted for an all-black theme; Cabello wore a gothic one-shouldered gown, while Mendes sported a sleek black suit. Carpenter stood out in a strapless white gown adorned with silver beading.

The presence of Mendes, Cabello, and Carpenter fueled speculation about potential awkward interactions, given their complicated romantic histories. Mendes and Cabello, who dated for over two years before splitting in 2021, have been linked to Carpenter in the past. Carpenter's album Short n' Sweet features songs that seemingly reference this love triangle, adding another layer of intrigue to the event.



Shawn Mendes

Katy's VMA Glory

Katy Perry celebrated a significant milestone at the 2024 MTV Video Music Awards, taking home the award for Most Iconic Performance for her empowering anthem "Roar," released in 2013. In an emotional moment on the red carpet, Perry dedicated her win to her daughter, Daisy, whom she shares with actor Orlando Bloom. Expressing her gratitude towards her dedicated fanbase, affectionately known as "KatyCats," she shared her joy upon learning that the award was fan-voted, exclaiming, "Don't make me cry" as tears of happiness filled her eyes.

Perry dazzled the audience with a spectacular performance, which included flying and sliding with the help of drones while belting out her greatest hits. Addition-

ally, she was honoured with the prestigious MTV Video Vanguard Award, recognizing her long-lasting influence on music and pop culture. Reflect-

ing on her journey, Perry remarked, "It's incredible to see that I started on MTV with 20 seconds and now I'm going to have 10 minutes. Life is happening!"

As she encouraged her fans to "be present every single day," Perry added another accolade to her collection, making her one of the many female icons to receive the Vanguard award, joining the ranks of Shakira, Nicki Minaj, and Missy Elliott. With five VMAs to her name, Perry continues to inspire and captivate audiences around the world.



Katy Perry

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Radha and Krishna, resplendent in their regal attire



During the 'abhishekam'

GREETINGS!



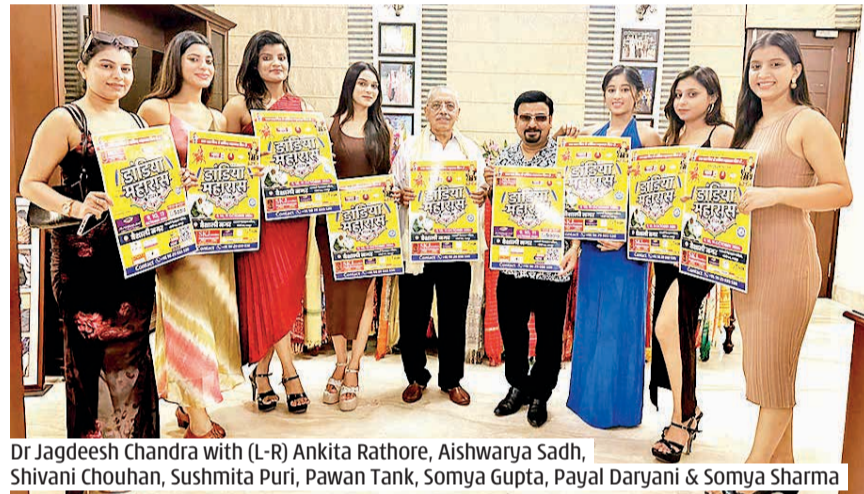
Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Harjyot Malik, renowned footwear designer and Tripat Kaur, as they reached the former's residence to congratulate for his birthday, which was on September 7.

The Shri Shri Krishna Baram Temple witnessed a grand celebration on the occasion of Radhashtami, marking the divine appearance day of Shrimati Radha Rani. Devotees gathered in large numbers to offer their prayers and seek blessings from the enchanting deities of Radha and Krishna. The Sudharma Hall saw an elaborate abhishekam of the divine couple, where 108 pots (kalash) filled with coconut

water, pancharit, pan-chagavya and fruit juices were used to perform the sacred ritual, followed by a magnificent aarti. Radha and Krishna, beautifully adorned in regal attire, were carried in a grand palanquin, offering devotees a divine spectacle. Devotees chanted the Hare Krishna mantra, danced and showered flowers, filling the atmosphere with devotion and bliss. Temple president Amitasana Das extended his heartfelt Radhashtami wishes

and explained that in Kaliyuga, Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is considered the combined form of Radha and Krishna, with the word 'Hare' representing Goddess Radha's divine energy and essence. —City First

POSTER LAUNCH!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Ankita Rathore, Aishwarya Sadh, Shivani Chouhan, Sushmita Puri, Pawan Tank, Somya Gupta, Payal Daryani & Somya Sharma

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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Pawan Tank, Director and Founder of Miss and Mrs India Glam, along with Miss India Glam models Ankita Rathore, Aishwarya Sadh, Shivani Chouhan, Sushmita Puri, Somya Gupta, Payal Daryani & Somya Sharma at his residence on Sunday. In

their presence, Dr Chandra launched the poster for the upcoming SKJ Jewellers Dandiya Maharas 2024" with Bharat24 and First India News as Media Partners. This grand event, celebrating women with the theme of "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," will take place from October 9-11 at Janaki Paradise Complex, Jaipur. The event will feature vibrant Dandiya and Garba performances, with participants having the chance to win prizes, including a 100-yard plot and rewards worth lakhs. A special "Dandiya Queen 2024" fashion contest will also be held. Organised by Pawan Tank, the event aims to promote social harmony, women empowerment, and the "Clean Jaipur-Healthy Jaipur" campaign while embracing Rajasthani culture and tradition.

JAIPUR'S ATHLETES MAKE HISTORY

Silk Route Champions



Team Jaipur Runners Club



Pooja Haritwal, Sandeep Yadav, Richika Goyal, Kalyan S Dodwadiya, Rajesh Choudhary, Col. Ashish Dhingra, Hemant Sharma & Deen Dayal Mathuria

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The Jaipur Runners Club has achieved a remarkable feat at the Ladakh Marathon, competing against participants from around the globe and bringing laurels to the city. A felicitation ceremony was held on Wednesday at Maharaaja Café, Birla Auditorium, to honour the participants. The event was attended by the club's co-founders Mukesh Mishra and Ravi Goenka, Executive President Deepak



Rajesh Chaudhary (Winner) Mukesh Mishra, Rajesh Chaudhary & Pooja Haritwal caught in a joyous moment

Sharma, Vice President Nitin Gupta and Secretary Nipun Wadhwa, along with the club's directors and members. At the marathon, Rajesh Chaudhary completed the challenging 122 km Silk Route Ultra Marathon in 17 hours and 25 minutes, setting a new personal record. He secured the 6th overall position and 2nd in the non-

Ladakh category. Chaudhary also completed the 42 km full marathon, making his performance even more commendable. The Silk Route Ultra Marathon starts at an altitude of 10,500 feet, crosses the Khardung La Pass at 18,000 feet, and finishes in Leh Market. Out of 64 runners, only 34 could complete this grueling race, considered one of the toughest in the world. Chaudhary attributed his success to the unwavering support of his loved ones, which kept him motivated throughout the challenge. Another notable performance was from Sanjeev Kulhari, who successfully completed the 72 km Khardung La Challenge, known as the highest ultra marathon in the world. This race starts from Khardung Village and ascends to Khardung La Pass, situated at an altitude of 5,370 meters. Co-founder Mukesh Mishra remarked, "Rajesh Chaudhary's outstanding completion of the 122 km race in just 17 hours is a remarkable achievement. Sanjeev Kulhari and other members have made the club proud with their stellar performances at Ladakh".

RESTORING MOBILITY!



The world-renowned Jaipur Foot rehabilitation camp has begun in Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania, organised by Kalpataru Projects International Ltd and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) on Thursday. Bhupendra Mehta, Secretary of BMVSS, led a seven-member team of skilled technicians to provide artificial limbs at the 30-day camp held at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital. Around 300 people will receive Jaipur Foot, enabling them to walk again. Kalpataru Projects International, known for its work in Tanzania, initiated this camp to support the disabled community. The Jaipur Foot praised for its advanced technology and durability, is highly respected in Tanzania and other African countries. BMVSS Founder DR Mehta mentioned that a similar camp in Dar-es-Salaam in 2019 benefited 551 people. He praised Kalpataru International for their support, adding that BMVSS has conducted rehabilitation camps in 42 countries, helping 45,000 people globally. This initiative continues to strengthen India's goodwill abroad.

In observance of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, Manipal University Jaipur's Department of Psychology organised a two-day event titled "Revive."

The event aimed to raise awareness about suicide, reduce stigma, and promote mental well-being under the theme "Start the Conversation." Activities included slogan and poster competitions, positive affirmations, and a signature campaign. On September 11, Dr Jaishree Jain, Senior Clinical Psychologist, led an interactive session discussing suicide prevention strategies. The program saw enthusiastic participation from students and staff.



Dr Vineeth, Dr Trishu Sharma, Dr Jaishree Jain & Dr Geetika

Empowerment Summit



(L-R) Tushar Sogani, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, Deepak Sood & Vishnu Mohan Jha

At the Startup Summit and Expo, Chai Sutta Bar Co-Founder Abhinav Dubey said his startup's mission to generate employment and connect people with local traditions through its use of earthen cups on Thursday. Speaking at the Rajasthan Innovation Center, He emphasised the startup's social contributions and resilience. YouTuber Dilraj Singh discussed the importance of high-quality content for success on social media, urging persistence and smart work. Gaurav Goel of TopRankers advised on leveraging Tier 2 cities for startup growth, while Startup India's Suhani Kumar announced the upcoming digital platform 'Bhaskar' to support the startup ecosystem. Thrillophilia's Chitra Gurnani Daga and Kuk-Clean's Kirti Yadav shared insights on risk-taking and pursuing business ideas. Guests including Tushar Sogani, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, Deepak Sood and Vishnu Mohan Jha were also present.



Shri Hari Vaishvik Vaishnav Sansthan and Khanak Chitra Entertainment will organise a Bollywood-style Garba at Moti Dungi Temple on October 7-8. The poster was launched at Ganesh Temple, with attendees like Archana Das, Director Khanak Chitra Entertainment, Nandkishore Bhinda event partner, JD Maheshwari, Anita, Khanak, Kannu Mehta, Poonam, Swati, Pawan Goyal and Nirupama and others. Prior to the event, 10-day Garba classes will be held from September 20 at Hotel V One Pride, Jaipur, from 3 to 6 pm. The two-day event will include Hi-Tea, a photoshoot and surprise gifts for the top five participants, making it a fun and engaging celebration.



Saty Foundation Charitable Trust organised an impactful awareness session on Tuesday, for the youth of Poddar Group of Institutions to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. Dr Tulsee Giri Goswami and Dr Prakash Giri led the session, focusing on the 2024 theme, "Changing the Narrative on Suicide." The event, attended by UG and PG students, staff, and Dr Anand Poddar, was praised for raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, reinforcing the foundation's commitment to advocacy.



A press conference was organised at ITC Rajputana, Jaipur Palace Road on Thursday. Rajasthan will host its fourth edition of the Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart (RDTM) from September 13-15, organised by the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR) and the Rajasthan Tourism Department. Deputy CM Diya Kumari will inaugurate the event at the Rajasthan International Center. Over 200 stalls and 600 heritage hotels will be featured at the Birla Auditorium, with B2B and B2C meetings starting at 5 PM.