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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 (MoS-

PI). The inflation was within the RBI's medi-

# **PARALYMPIAN STARS SHINE AT DILLI DARBAR!**

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



PM Narendra Modi interacts with the para-athletes who represented India in Paris, in Singh who won silver medal.



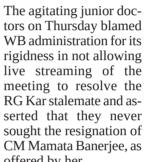
Delhi on Thursday. (T) PM Modi meets javelin thrower Navdeep



# I am ready to quit: WB CM Mamata Banerjee

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

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Dubbing Banerjee's



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

RG Kar stalemate and asoffered by her.

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 'SOCIALLY**

**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

Bhagwat on Raj

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Alwar today

# um-term target of 2-6%.

SC to deliver verdict on Kejri'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 talleged 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 threejudge 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.

#### New Delhi India has registered their

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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.

### **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



PI(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.

#### 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 Rainath** 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.

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

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

#### RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will reach Alwar today and stay here till September 1/ 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

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hief 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, Parlia-

mentary 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, In- to attend upcoming 'Risfrastructure, Transport ing Rajasthan', which is and Tourism (MLIT). scheduled to be held in fruitful business collabo-CM Sharma invited them Jaipur in December this ration with the Japanese

year. Expressing confidence in Rajasthan's

#### **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.

firms, CM highlighted key sectors that the state is seeking investment in. This includes automotive, EV, energy storage, infrastructure, renewable energy, tourism, chemicals among others.

### on PM Modi's Kyiv visit Putin calls PM Modi a

**Ajit Doval briefs Putin** 

'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 Vladmir 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 "futureoriented" actions.





Weather Update SDRF engages in rescue operations in Deeg, Dholpur & Sawai Madhopur dists

# Rain wreaks havoc in Eastern Raj

Deeg, Dholpur and

Sawai Madhopur

Heavy rains lashed Deeg, Dholpur and Sawai Madhopur on Thursday leading to a flood-like situation and also exposing the ill-preparedness of the district administration. In Deeg, the city and villages

were waterlogged. With knee-deep water in front of Mukut Mukharvind temple, devotees faced problems as the district administration had no arrangements to drain out water. Irrigation Department Assistant Engineer Devendra Singh said that it has been raining incessantly for 22 hours and both the reservoirs of Deeg palace are full. In Dholpur, around 100 people were taken to Ambedkar Park from waterlogged Tilwa Adda and Dhanora Road. Administration made arrangements for food and water.

In Dholpur two children died after being buried under debris in Gogli village while several incidents of house collapse in Ghadiljha, Kanthari and Sampu were reported.

In Barmer, two brothers from Bakhisar Police Station area drowned while bathing in a water pit to make a video on the outskirts of Navapur village. Local divers conducted a rescue operation for four hours to recover bodies.



SDRF officials rescuing stranded kid and her mother in Baseri of Dholpur on Thursday as water flooded the entire area.



Due to water logging on the route of 'Parikrama marg' of Poonchari Ka Lautha, Goverdhan Parvart in Bharatpur district, devotees are facing problems.



SDRF officials transporting the stranded people to safer places in Sawai Madhopur on Thursday.



Vasudev Devnani and other senior officials during his tour of city in Ajmer on Thursday.

Ajmer: Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani visited Ajmer city and inspected the flood-affected areas. Devnani went to Ana Sagar Lake to assess the situation, accompanied by senior district officials. During the inspection, he provided necessary directives to address the issues caused by

flooding. Devnani also listened to public grievances and stated that the govt and administration are fully prepared to handle the situation and are working to restore normalcy. He urged officials to expedite the water drainage process and prioritize relief efforts in the affected areas. The Collector Lok Bandhu, ADA Commissioner, and Municipal Commissioner were among the officials present during the visit. - Shubham Jain

#### STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADDRESSES **ROAD DAMAGE AND WATERLOGGING ISSUES**

The State Human Rights Commission has taken suo moto cognizance of issues related to damaged roads and waterlogging in major cities across the state. Commission Chairman Justice G.R. Moolchandani acknowledged severity of situation, stating, "The recent rains have led to severe waterlogging conditions," and noted, "Residents are facing difficulties due to the damaged roads." Justice Moolchandani emphasized that "Jaipur is crown of Rajasthan" and highlighted that "millions of domestic & foreign tourists visit here." He expressed concern over tarnished image of the capital due to these issues. The Commission Chairman has issued notices to the concerned officials, demanding a compliance report by noon of Sept 30.

#### **BOULDER FALLS ON TEMPLE ROUTE AT R'BORE TIGER PARK AMID HEAVY RAINFALL**

A major incident has occurred at Ranthambore Tiger Park. Due to ongoing heavy rainfall, a boulder has fallen onto the temple route near the Mishrdarra Gate at Gomukh. The intense water flow has led to 3 to 4 feet of water accumulation on the road. As a result, several pilgrims were trapped in the temple, while others were redirected to Jogi Mahal. Field Director Anoop KR and DCF Dr. Ramanand Bhakar arrived on the scene to assess the situation and advised the forest staff to exercise caution. The temple route is currently closed to all visitors, and efforts are underway to remove the boulder. Safari operations have been suspended until further notice.

Illegal wildlife trade uncovered in Kota, 5 arrested



Arti Dogra CMD Jaipur Discom during the meeting on Thursday.

### Dogra instructs engineers to prioritise fieldwork

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Jaipur

Chairperson Discoms and CMD Jaipur Discom Arti Dogra held a meeting in which she took feedback from superintending engineers of each circle on Thursday. She asked them to pay special focus on the field only being the field officers and do timely inspection on the field along with being in the office.

She told the technocrats that they can call her directly on having any kind of problem in the field. Most of the technocrats were happy

after the first meeting with the CMD as there was no direct interaction with the CMD for the last nine months. She said that it is the responsibility of each personnel of the corporation to provide better services to the customers and immediately resolve their problems. She also warned that any kind of carelessness will not be tolerated. SEs working in the field should ensure that consumers should not face problems in works such getting meters changed, getting new connection and restoration of power supply.

#### **BJYM workshop**



BJYM organised a workshop of Jaipur District North at Shri Krishna College in Manoharpur, Shahpura, which was presided over by Yuva Morcha State President Ankit Chechi. During this MP Rao Rajendra Singh and workers of Yuva Morcha including Mannat Arora, Mahendra Kasana, Shyanu Yaday were present.

#### CBIC chairman to officers...

### Support taxpayers, do not find faults in them

Vimal Kothari Jaipur

Central Board of Indirect iaxes (CBIC) Chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal in a review meeting on Thursday instructed the officers to ensure maximum compliance of the law by supporting the taxpayers and not pointing out their mistakes. During his one-day visit to Jaipur, he asked the officers to focus on rev-

The meeting was attended by State Chief Commissioner CGST Mahendra Ranga, Principal Commissioner CGST Jaipur C K Jain, Commissioner CGST Alwar Sumit Kumar Yadav, Commissioner

enue collection.



CBIC Chairman Sanjay K Agarwal

Jodhpur S Anantha Krishnan, CGST Commissioner Udaipur DS Meena and other senior officers. Agarwal also addressed the review meeting of Customs Commissionerate, in which Principal Commissioner Sugriv Meena and senior officers of department were present.



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5 people have been arrested for allegedly being involved in illegal trade of animal organs and a substantial quantity of monitor lizard genitalia, deer antlers & jackal skin seized from them, forest

officials said on Thursday.

They said action was taken during a raid carried out on 4 establishments in the city's Ghantaghar and Gumanpura areas based on inputs from WCCB, New Delhi. Illegal wildlife products such as the genitalia of monitor lizards, turtle parts, deer antlers and iackal pelts were found in these establishments and

seized, the officials said.

#### DIMPLE MEENA MURDER: KIRODI MEENA MEETS PROTESTING FAMILY AT SHAHEED SAMARK

staging a sit-in at Shaheed Smarak in Jaipur. He asked about their demands. He said, 'The familv members are staging a sit-in from June 5 and have assured them to fix a meeting with the chief minister. Their fair

demands will be met."



#### SI PAPER LEAK CASE: COURTS SENDS EX-RPSC MEMBER RAIKA. HIS SON & DAUGHTER TO JAIL

Jaipur: The court has sent nine accused of rigging the SI recruitment exam to jail. After interrogation, the SOG presented the nine in the court on Thursday. The court has sent former RPSC member Ramu Ram Raika, trainee SI Devesh Raika, Shobha Raika, Manju, Avinash, Brijendra, Ritu Sharma, Anil, Arjun to jail. Former RPSC member Ramu Ram Raika was taken on 10-day remand by SOG. His son, trainee SI Devesh Raika and daughter Shobha Raika, was taken on a nine-day remand for interrogation. The SOG will present former RPSC member Babulal Katara in the court today after completion of his three-day remand period. Raika was arrested on September 1 in the SI Recruitment-2021 paper leak case. He was made a member of RPSC in 2018 during the then Vasundhara Raje government.

#### YOUTH IN JAIPUR **KIDNAPPED OVER LOVE TRIANGLE**

Jaipur: A 12th-

grade student was kidnapped in Adarsh Nagar area of Jaipur and held captive with the kidnappers demanding a Rs10 lakh ransom. The kidnappers allegedly were the boy's classmates. The kidnapping stemmed from a love triangle, the victim was loved by a girl who had spurned

the accused. After the family members learnt about the kidnapping, the victim's family filed a complaint following which DCP East Kavendra Sagar quickly intervened. The police contacted the accused via the victim's WhatsApp, leading to the student's release in Transport Nagar.

#### STUDENT STABS, INJURES FELLOW STUDENT IN KOTA Kota: A private school student attacked another

student with a sharp object outside school located near Chambal Garden in Kota. The injured student, who sustained a wound to the abdomen, has been admitted to a private hospital. According



to the injured student and his family, the attacker was a fellow student from same school who struck him with a knife outside school gate following an argument. Gul Mohammad

### ED HELD ONE MORE FOR

FRAUD WITH FOREIGNERS Jaipur : In a significant development, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) made a major arrest in Jaipur on Thursday related to a fraud case involving foreign nationals. The alleged mastermind, Mahmood Khan, has been apprehended in the arrest. He is accused of defrauding foreign nationals of approximately Rs 54 crore. The ED's action falls under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

#### **TEACHER BOOKED FOR BEATING STUDENT**

Sanchore: A headmaster of the **Govt Upper Primary** School in Daman village of Bagoda region in Sanchaur district, beat a sixth-grade student with a stick for not doing his homework and made him stand as a 'rooster' for an hour. The beating resulted in an injury to one of the child's eves. Upon receiving the report, the child's father, Chandan Singh, took him to various hospitals for treatment.

#### **BARMER COLLECTOR VISITS FIELDS**

### Tina Dabi directs officials to complete e-Girdawari, says use Raj Kisan app

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armer District Collector Tina Dabi visited agriculture fields in the Dhorimanna area on Thursday to inspect the e-Girdawari process for the Kharif season.

She instructed the officials to effectively monitor and complete the e-Girdawari process on a priority basis.

During her visit, Dabi



Tina Dabi, Barmer District Collector.

land records and maps. cross-checked the e-

Girdawari records with least 5 percent of the Girdawari work should The collector said that at be conducted through the e-Girdawari system by the farmers themselves. She also instructed for

extensive promotion of

the e-Girdawari process. Dabi stated that according to the budget announcement for 2024-25, the Girdawari work should be carried out by farmers themselves for as many khasras as possible and farmers should be encouraged to use the online app for Girdawari. The Revenue Department has launched Raj Kisan app for this purpose.

WCD tightens noose around erring company

> Tripti Gautam Jaipur

After the complaints of embezzlement against Sai Trading Company in distribution of nutritious food, a panel of WCD Dept started investigation in which it was found that company had embezzled more than Rs 60 lakh. It is expected that the amount of scam will further escalate. The dept has stopped payment of more than Rs 50 crore to Sai Trading Company and company representatives are making efforts to get payment released at earliest.

### RDTM to begin today to promote culture, tourism

**Nirmal Tiwari** 

Jaipur

The three-day Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart (RDTM) will be inaugurated today. Union Tourism Minister and Deputy Chief Minister will be the chief guests. The event aims at promoting wedding and event tourism.

Tourism Secretary Ravi Jain, on Thursday, said that the discussions done during three days will be documented to be used as suggestions in future tourism and other related schemes. More than 200 stalls and 600 properties



will be showcased in the fourth RDTM. FHTR President Kuldeep Singh Chandela said that the 4th edition of RDTM is being organized by the Hotels and Restaurants Association of Rajasthan, Indian Heritage Hotels Association, Rajasthan Association of Tour Operators and Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India.

Col Kirori Bainsla remembered on his birth anniv

> **Yogesh Sharma** Jaipur

The birth anniversary of Col Kirori Bainsla, a pivotal figure in Gurjar reser-

vation movement was observed on Thursday. Bainsla,

widely recognized as the founder of this movement, played a crucial role in elevating the Gurjar, Rebari, Raika, and Devasi communities to SBCs and MBCs.

In a tribute, former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot paid his respects.





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# Ministers tour districts to hear public concerns

Minister in-charge of Jhujhunu Avinash Gehlot stressed on the importance of 'One Nation One Election' in Rajasthan

First India Bureau Jhunjhunu/Pali/Baran

Minister in-charge of Jhujhunu Avinash Gehlot, during his visit to the district on Thursday, discussed the implementation of budget announcements with district level and block level officials here. Talking to the media, he stressed on the importance of One Nation One Election. "Our government announced it in the budget and we want to implement 'One State One Election' in Rajasthan. Discussions are on to conduct the elections of Nagar Nigam, Panchayati Raj and Cooperatives simultaneously and a notification will also be issued soon," he said.

Regarding the new districts created by the previous government, Gehlot said that districts were created to gain political mileage. "Criteria should be decided for new districts. There should be one district for a population of 15 to 20 lakhs. The new districts should provide convenience to the public and do good work," he said.



Jhabar Singh Kharra listening to a student while visiting the water-logged areas of Pali on Thursday.

#### **JHABAR SINGH KHARRA VISITS PALI**

Pali: UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra on Thursday directed that the state budget announcements are completed within the timeline. "For this, work in a planned and timely manner as well as regular monitoring is important," he said. Chairing a meeting of officials in Pali, the Pali in charge minister said that Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma aims for all tasks to be completed within the designated timeframes to accelerate the state's development. He said that all officials and staff should serve the public diligently.



Otaram Devasi was in Baran to hold review meeting of district officers on Thursday.



Avinash Gehlot holds a meeting during his visit to Jhunjhunu on Thursday

# ACB summons JMCH Mayor in corruption case

**Navin Sharma** 

The challenges facing Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC) Heritage Mayor Munesh Gurjar continue to mount. Following an earlier notice from the Department of Local Bodies (DLB), the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) issued a fresh summons on Thursday, requiring her to appear in court on September 19.

The notice, addressed to Gurjar at the JMC (Heritage) office, states that charges have been

employees

Jaipur



Munesh Gurjar

substantiated under the Prevention of Corruption Act. With the department of local self-governance

granting approval for prosecution, the High Court has also directed the submission of a charge sheet within two weeks, by September 19. As a result, Mayor Gurjar is now obligated to appear in court on September 19 at 10 a.m.

Actually, the hearing is to be held after two weeks, taking on record the sanction for prosecution against Munesh Gurjar. On Monday, Justice NS Dhaddha had given this direction on the petition of Sudhanshu Singh Dhillon.

Dr Somya named General Secy of Mayors' Council

> First India Bureau Jaipur

Dr Somya, the Mayor of

Jaipur Municipal Corporation Greater, has been appointed as the General Secretary of

the All India Council of Mayors. In her new role, she will oversee and coordinate the council's initiatives at a national level, fostering collaboration mayors across the country. This prestigious appointment is a milestone

#### Devnani receives souvenir Govt extends HRA for govt of Rajasthan Ratnakar

Rajendra

Dr Rituraj Sharma Neeti Gopendra Bhatt New Delhi

The state govt has Rajasthan Assembly amended the House Rent Speaker Vasudev Dev-Allowance rules to clarinani was recently prefy and streamline the sented with a souvenir claim of HRA by governduring his stay in New ment employees. Under Delhi. The souvenir was the amendment, if a govhanded over by Gopenernment employee goes dra Nath Bhatt, Media on leave or temporary Coordinator of the ortransfer, he will be entiganization and Member tled to HRA at the same of the Press Gallery Adrate at which he was visory Committee of the drawing before the leave. Rajasthan Legislative However, if the leave ex-Assembly. ceeds 120 days, specific Gupta, Chairman of the organization, shared that conditions will have to be followed for the payment the souvenir features of this allowance. messages of well-wishes.



Gopendra Nath Bhatt presenting Rajasthan Ratnakar souvenir to Speaker of Rajasthan Assembly Vasudev

#### Gurjar defies police over no. plate issue

in her career.

First India Bureau Bhilwara

In protest against action on vehicle number plates in Bhilwara, Congress National Secretary Dheeraj Gurjar has dared the police to show guts and catch a vehicle with 'Gurjar' written on it. Gurjar said that he was not fighting this battle because people would say that even after losing the election, he hasn't cooled down. Some workers had complained to Gurjar that police targeted and stopped vehicles with Gurjar written on them.

#### JDA gives responsibility of zones to addtl commissioners



**Abhishek Shrivastava** 

Jaipur

A major change has been brought about in the JDA after 14 years under which the responsibility of the zone has been given to the additional commissioners. All files of the zone will go from the zone deputy commissioner to the additional commissioner, who would also monitor the functioning of

the zone. JDC Anandi has issued orders under Additional Commissioner Priya Balram Sharma has been entrusted with the responsibility of administration and zones 1,2,4,9,10. Usually, the most senior additional commissioner in JDA gets the responsibility of administration, but Sharma is junior to both the additional commissioners.

Additional Commissioner Shiv Prasad Singh has been given charge of LPC, PRN and Rehabilitation and Zone 5,12, Rajendra Singh Kaviya has been posted as Land and Land Acquisition Officer, Vehicle Cell, Zone 8,11, Deputy Commissioner Shyam Sundar Vishnoi Zone 4 and likewise.





# 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

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ven 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 Alspecific 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. Al 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.

ist 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

of urgent need. AI bots ex-

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

therapist.

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:

#### strategy addresses the hindrances and obstacles that

Habit Reflexive reactions

havior based on...

Embrace change

• Trust the process

Be inward bond

Project the truth

beliefs

• Put your ego on hold

Bend and bounce back

Defuse your negative

portal to Dharma, set out as

a practical agenda. No dis-

cipline is involved, only the

willingness to expand your

awareness in these seven

areas, which align with

everyone's daily life. You

are constantly making deci-

sions based on the criteria

about truth, trust, ego, and

flexibility. Besides making

conscious choices that favor your own Dharma, each

hold you back, including each strategy addresses ar-

eas where each person is acting out unconscious be-

This is what opens the

- Old conditioningSecond-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 entrail.

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
- Personal affirmationsInner reflections

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

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#### IN-DEPTH

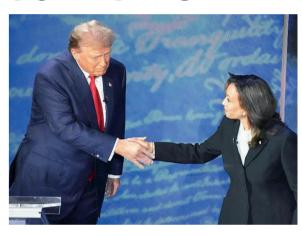
# TACKLING AMR IS A GLOBAL PRIORITY: WHO'S WARNING

he 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



amala 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

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

solidifying her place

on the national stage

arguments,

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.

# TOP TWEETS of fa

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.



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

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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Haryana Polls Savitri Jindal, Cong's Aditya Surjewala, BJP's Shruti file papers

# India's richest woman Savitri Jindal to contest as Independent

The BJP's Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal's mother Savitri Jindal, who was an aspirant of a poll ticket from the party for the Haryana Assembly elections, filed her nomination from the Hisar seat as an Independent on Thursday.

On the last day of the filing of nominations, 74-year-old Savitri, the wife of noted industrialist late O P Jindal, entered the fray against Haryana Minister and sitting MLA from Hisar Kamal Gupta.

After filing her nomination, she said, "I have pledged to serve Hisar for its development and transformation. The people of Hisar are my family and Om Prakash Jindal had established my relationship with this family."

"The Jindal family has always served Hisar. I am fully dedicated to living up to the expectations of the people and maintaining their trust," Savitri Jindal. "It won't be con-



Forbes India has listed Savitri Jindal as the richest woman in the country this year having a net worth of USD 29.1 billion.

#### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF HARYANA POLLS

- BJP's Shruti Choudhry filed her papers from the Tosham seat in the presence of her mother and Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Choudhry and the BJP's Haryana incharge Biplab Kumar Deb
- Congress Leader Randeep Surjewala's Son Files Nomination Aditya Surjewala filed his papers from the Kaithal assembly seat. He was accompanied by his father and the Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Surjewala
- sidered so. I had only campaigned for my son (Naveen Jindal in the Lok
- Congress names 7 more candidates, fields journalist from Rania Congress names candidates for 89
- JJP-Azad Samaj Party alliance names 13 more candidates

seats, leaves 1 for CPI

- AAP fields candidates from all 90 seats in Haryana Assembly polls
- INLD releases third list for Haryana Assembly elections, Devi Lal's grandson to contest from Dabwali

Sabah polls). I have not taken any membership (of the BJP)," she had said.

### PM Modi, Amit Shah, Nadda among BJP's 40 star campaigners

Chandigarh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J P Nadda, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath are among the party's 40 star campaigners for the Haryana Assembly polls.

Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari, M L Khattar, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Dharmendra

Other star campaigners include the party's chief minister in Harvana Nayab Singh Saini, and Rajasthan's

Bittu, Rao Inderjit Singh

and Krishan Pal Gurjar

also figure in the list.

Bhajan Lal Sharma. BJP leaders, including Piyush Goyal, Hardeep Singh Puri, Sudha Yadav, Vasundhara Raje Scindia, Smriti Irani, Anurag Thakur, Diya Kumari, Hema Malini, and Babita Phogat, are also among the list of the BJP's star



#### **Over Remarks In US**

### 'Despicable, Condemnable': Vice President slams RaGa

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday said there was nothing more condemnable and intolerable than one in constitutional position becoming part of enemies of the nation, in an apparent attack on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi over his remarks made in the United States.

Dhankhar's assertion came a day after the BJP hit out at Gandhi over his meeting with US lawmaker Ilhan Omar and others during his visit to the country, alleging that the Congress leader is indulging in "dangerous and mischievous" activities by reaching out to people abroad who are known for their anti-india stand.

Dhankhar said every Indian outside the country has to be an ambassador of the nation. "How painful that one who holds a constitutional position is doing just the reverse of it. Nothing can be more condemnable, despicable and intolerable than that you become part of enemies of the nation," he said. He



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar meets actor Randeep Hooda, in New Delhi.

#### RAHUL GANDHI COMMITTED 'RASHTRADROH' WITH FOOLISH REMARKS: BJP'S SAMBIT PATRA

New Delhi: The BJP on Thursday upped the ante against Rahul Gandhi, saying the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha has committed "treason" with his foolish remarks in the US. "Rahul Gandhi has committed 'rashtradroh' (treason) in the US. The entire country is hurt by the kind of image of India he has projected in the US," BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said. The Lok Sabha MP said Gandhi's "arrogance" of being the leader of opposition is reflected in Parliament and his "foolishness" in the US. "When caste is pitted against caste, religion is pitted against religion and harsh comments are made about Sikhs in a foreign country, it is called 'rashtradroh'," the BJP spokesperson said. Patra said people who do not know how to project India in the right perspective in a foreign land and consistently try to defy "our motherland" should not be taken very seriously.

Indians, we will never on Thursday also said, "If side with the enemies of the nation." Vice Presialso said, "If we are true dent Jagdeep Dhankhar enemies of the nation."

we are true Indians, we will never side with the

### Kharge criticises Modi govt's 100-day agenda, lists failures

New Delhi

Congress President and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge criticised the 100-day agenda put forward by the ruling BJP-led coalition government and listed down seven instances where he claimed the centre had tailed in 95 days since forming the government.

The Congress President said, "Even before the elections, you had loudly trumpeted the 100day agenda. 95 days are over, your coalition government is vacillating. Let's do a little Recap."

In his tweet, Kharge listed seven instances, ranging from Budget and calling it "anti-people" to the buildings, statues and airport, stating that "they all had flaws." He further denounced the railway



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge addresses a press conference ahead of Assenbly polls, in Srinagar.

of derailment incidents and severe floods and the states not being provided with adequate relief.

"Your government brought an anti-people Budget to break the backbone of the poor and middle class... Be it the statue of revered Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the roof Narendra Modi ji, your government brought an anti-people Budget to break the backbone of the poor and middle class. Terrorist attacks took place in J&K, especially in Jammu, where many bravehearts of the **Indian Army were** martyred. It has been 16 months, Manipur is burning and Pradnan Mantri ji, you have no time to even look at the state. **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE** 

security following a lot of the airports, the new Parliament or Lord Ram Temple in Ayodhya, expressways, bridges, roads, tunnels, whatever you have claimed to have built, they all had flaws. Railway security has been in serious peril. Cities are flooded and states have not been provided adequate relief," he said.

#### DGCA orders audit of all pilot training schools

**Agencies** New Delhi

Following a spate of accidents involving trainer aircraft in recent months, aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Thursday announced a comprehensive special safety audit of all flying training organisations (FIUS), schools, across the country. The special audit will be completed in three phases between Septem-

ber and November. "This audit aims to thoroughly assess the safety standards, operational procedures, and systemic deficiencies within flying training organisations to ensure the highest levels of safety and compliance," the DGCA said. The last such special audit was conducted two years ago.

# J&K: Thakur slams Cong's 'anti-sanatan mentality'; lauds BJP's achievements

Bilaspur

BJP MP and former Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, accusing its government of damaging Himachal Pradesh's economy and mishandling law and order.

In a public statement, Thakur also praised the BJP's achievements, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, following the removal of Article 370. He said, "The dictatorial Congress and the deteriorating law and order situation have destroyed the economy, laws, and schemes." He further criticised the Himachal Pradesh government, claiming that Hindu organisations are being silenced. "Today, Hindu organisations have to raise their voices for their rights



BJP MP Anurag Thakur with party candidate Yudhvir Sethi during the latter's nomination rally for J&K elections, in Jammu, Thursday

streets. And during peaceful demonstrations, lathi charges and water cannons

are used," Thakur added. He went on to allege that the Congress government has an "anti-Sanatan mentality," adding that the "voice of Hindus" was being "crushed" in Himachal Pradesh. Thakur said, "It is unfortunate that the Hindu organisations

and come out on the crushed in the \*devi bhoomi\* (holy land) of Himachal Pradesh today." Turning to the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, Thakur said that the BJP had been proactive in announcing candidates for elections. the Bharatiya Janata Party was the first to announce the seats, and there is a lot of enthusiasm among the people," he said.

**ONLY PDP CAN FIGHT BJP'S ONSLAUGHT ON J-K'S IDENTITY:** MEHBOODA MUFTI



Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti Thursday said her PDP is the only party that can fight the BJP's onslaught on the identity, resources and jobs of the people of the Union Territory. She said when her People's Democratic Party (PDP) was in power, it took the people of J-K, especially south Kashmir, out of the difficult times when the area faced the worst impact of POTA and Special Task Force. "The PDP represents the sentiments of the people of J-K," she said.

#### **FAREWELL TOVARISH**

### Visionary pragmatic strategist of UPA era Sitaram Yechury passes away

New Delhi

olyglot, amiable and an eclectic conversationalist who could hold forth on film songs as much as politics, CPI-M's fifth general secretary Sitaram Yechury was the pragmatic leader with friends across the political spectrum. The three-time party chief, who passed away on Thursday after prolonged illness at Delhi's AIIMS, took over the reins of the party when Left fortunes were on the

decline. He was 72. Quite unlike his prede-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted this picture on his X account expressing grief over the passing away of Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury at the age of 72 due to pneumonia, on Thursday.

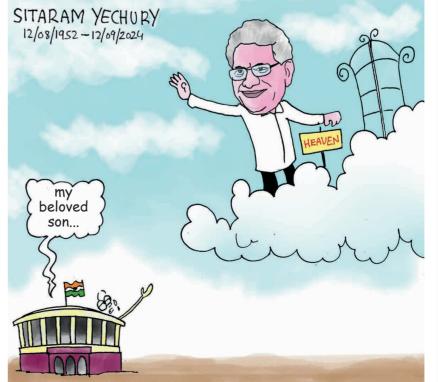
from whom he took over in April 2015 and who

cessor Prakash Karat, was known for hardline positions, Yechury thrived on the challenges of coalition politics. In this way, he was more akin to his mentor, the late party leader Harkishan Singh Surjeet. While Surjeet was a

key player in the coalition era during the National Front government of VP Singh - formed in 1989 - and the United Front government of 1996-97, both supported from outside by the CPI-M, Yechury was the go to man in the UPA years 2004-2014. from Yechury was a trusted ally of UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi in Manmohan Singh's 10 years

as PM.

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#### Bio-E3 policy in India to bring bio-revolution: Jitendra Singh

**Agencies** New Delhi

The government's Bio-E3 policy marks a crucial step in positioning India as a global bio-economy leader and is set to spark a "bio-revolution" in India similar to the IT revolution in the western world, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

The BioE3 policy was formally launched last month and aims to facilitate sustainable and efficient utilisation of biological resources for innovation, scaling-up and biomanufacturing of specialty chemicals, enzymes, biopolymers and more.

**SHEKHAR** 

# India handled inflation much better than US, Germany: SBI

New Delhi

India has demonstrated a largely successful inflation targeting regime compared to advanced economies such as the USA, Germany, and France, according to a research report by the State Bank of India (SBI).

The report credits government initiatives, the RBI, and banks for addressing these issues over the past decade, allowing for better policy transmission and improved inflation management.

"The success of Inflation Targeting in India is largely a byproduct of a vibrant financial ecosystem where RBI, Government and the Banks are working closely in unison in ushering in market reforms" said the report

The report highlighted that India experienced minimal deviations from its inflation targets between 2021 and 2024, setting it apart from other global economies facing greater inflationary chal-

It added that during 2021-2024, India recorded one of the lowest deviations from its inflation targets, highlighting the effectiveness of its inflation control measures. This success, the report points out, is largely a result of coordinated efforts between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the central government.

"India had a largely successful inflation targeting regime. Compared to advanced economies like the USA, Germany" said the report.



As per the report the synchronization of monetary and fiscal policies, particularly during the pandemic, played a key role in maintaining price

stability.

It also emphasized that India's pre-inflation targeting regime faced several challenges that hindered the effective transmission of monetary policy. These challenges included sustained fiscal dominance, the presence of a large informal sector, significant informal financing, and inefficiencies in how banks priced their loan products.

"Effectiveness of monetary policy in India's pre-Inflation Targeting regime was constrained by several India specific factors that affected transmission of the policy impulses through the interest rate channel" the report added.

key arguments in the report is that the RBI's inflation targeting has anchored inflationary expectations, even as food inflation remains high. The notion that headline inflation should exclude food prices was dismissed as counterfactual by the report.

According to the study, the RBI's success in targeting inflation, despite food price volatility, has prevented a spill-over from food inflation to core inflation.

The report stressed

However, one of the that the RBI's consistent communication of its inflation target--set at 4 per cent--has been crucial in successfully anchoring inflation expectations. By reinforcing its commitment to this target, the RBI has helped stabilize inflationary trends across the broader economy.

> The SBI report reinforces India's effective monetary policy framework, particularly in light of the global inflationary pressures seen in advanced economies like the US and Germany.

# 'TAKE A DEEP BREATH'

# BJP lashes out at critics after row over PM Modi's Ganpati puja visit to CJI's residence

BJP vs Opposition after PM Modi visits Chief Justice's home

New Delhi

With a row erupting over Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending the Ganpati Puja celebrations at Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud's residence, the BJP and its ally hit out at the opposition parties on Thursday, calling their reactions "reckless" and said casting "baseless aspersions" on the highest court sets a dangerous precedent.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, Lok Sabha MP and national spokesperson Sambit Patra hit back at the opposition and asked if the then Chief Justice of Inthe Iftar party hosted by er) Illhan Omar, who is CJI's residence. tnen Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

"They do not have any objection to the prime minister meeting the chief justice of India but



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends 'Ganpati Poojan' at the residence of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud (R), in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Ganpati Puja," he said and accused the opposition leaders of indulging

"I am surprised that if the prime minister meets the chief justice of India, you raise an objection. But when he (Rahul Ganwith Pok. in America. you have no objection," Patra added.

Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday participated in the Ganpati Puja at the CJI's residence here. In a video, Chandrachud and his wife Kalpana Das were seen welcoming Modi at their house.

Several opposition leaders and some lawyers of the Supreme Court reacted sharply to Modi at- ma to these left liberals. dia (CJI) did not attend dhi) meets (US lawmak-tending the puja at the Also it was not socialising

> Stamming the critics, BJP national general secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh said though left liberals have started crying over the prime minister at-

tending the event at the CJI's residence, "it was not socialising but a devoted Ganapathi Pooja".

"Started crying! Civility, cordiality, togetherness, co travellers in nations journey are all an anathebut a devoted Ganapathi Pooia is very hard to digest. SCBA is not a moral compass. Take deep breath once," Santhosh said in a post on X reacting to Jaising's comments.



**Ganpati Utsav is being** celebrated and people visit each other's house... I don't have information whether the prime minister has visited anyone's house. However, the PM visited the CJI's residence. **SANJAY RAUT** 

The CJI has compromised the separation of powers between the executive and the judiciary. Lost all confidence in the independence of the CJI. The SCBA (Supreme **Court Bar Association)** must condemn this.

INDIRA JAISING, LAWYER

PM Modi and the CJI's courtesy meeting reflects the "beauty of democracy" and it makes India better than other countries. Can't different pillars of democracy meet, converge, shouldn't they be friends? **SAMBIT PATRA, BJP** 



the SEMICON 2024 conference, in Greater Noida.

### **Previous govts** failed to provide edu to poor: Yogi

Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday slammed the previous governments and alleged that they failed to provide education for the underprivi-

leged in the state.

Adityanath said this as he unveiled a plan for the expansion of the state-run Atal Residential Schools from the current 18 to 2,000 in a phase-wise manner. The UP government runs these schools to tyanath recalled the forprovide free-of-cost education along with residential facilities and study materials to meritorious children from economically weaker sections and underprivileged classes.

CM Yogi Adityanath said, "The previous governments had the resources but failed to provide education for the underprivileged."

"The establishment of Atal Residential Schools aims to challenge the very foundations of those who seek to create chaos, anarchy, and mafia influence in the realm of education," Adityanath said, according to an official statement.

Invoking Atal Bihari Vajpayee's thoughts, Adimer PM often said that "no force in the world could prevent a society that successfully combats illiteracy and deprivation from becoming secure and prosperous"

First India Bureau

Jodhpur

#### CS Vigneshwar, Sai Giridhar are FADA's Prez, VP

New Delhi

The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), the apex

national body of automobile retail in India, today nounced the appointment CS Vigneshwar of CS Vigneshwar as FADA's 37th President

and

the

Giridhar as Vice

President FADA for the years 2024-26. The decision was made

at the 315th Governing Council Meeting. FADA places on record its deep gratitude for the immense contribution of its outgoing President, Manish Raj Singhania, whose leadership has been instrumental in advancing key industry reforms.

Vigneshwar is the Managing Director of Anaamalais Toyota based out of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu and has other dealerships of Volvo Eicher Commercial venicles and Ather Energy.

Sai Giridhar is the Managing Director Saisha Motors Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur.

**District Cricket Association elections** 

Probe into allegations

#### S Jaishankar discusses health Coop with WHO chief

PTI Geneva

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Thursday and discussed India's cooperation with the global health body, including in the areas of traditional medicine and public health initiatives.

Jaishankar arrived here from Germany on the final leg of his threenation tour that also took

him to Saudi Arabia. "Delighted to see @ DrTedros, DG of World Health Organisation this afternoon. Discussed our cooperation in WHO including on traditional medicine and public health," he posted on X, sharing some photographs of the meeting.

In another X post, Jaishankar said he met with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk and shared India's perspectives.

# UP sees surge in IAS transfers on marriage grounds

Dr Ahtesham Siddiqui

Lucknow

The number of IAS officers in Uttar Pradesh's bureaucracy is on the rise. The DOPT has recently allocated IAS Bharti Meena, who was previously in Assam-Meghalaya cadre, to UP cadre on marriage grounds.

Her husband, Rajkumar Meena, an IPS of-

Shimla

the

mosque issue in Shimla, a

Muslim welfare commit-

tee on Thursday urged the

municipal commissioner

to seal the unauthorised

portion and also offered to

demolish it in accordance

The panel comprised

the Imam of the mosque

and members of the Waqf

with a court order.

mid escalating

tensions over

Sanjauli

ficer from the 2022 batch, is currently posted as ACP in Prayagraj.

IAS Bharti is a native of Bharatpur, Rajasthan, while her husband Rajkumar hails from Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Meena is yet to join her new posting in UP, but her posting order will be issued soon, perhaps in or around Prayagraj district. UP is favored by

board and the mosque

management committee.

committee made the re-

quest in a representation

to Shimla Municipal

Commissioner Bhupen-

dra Attri and said Mus-

lims living in the locality

are permanent residents

of Himachal Pradesh and

it was taking the step to

preserve harmony and

mission from the Shimla

municipal commissioner

brotherhood.

A delegation of the



**AMID SHIMLA 'ILLEGAL' STRUCTURE ROW** 

'Seal illegal part': Muslim panel to civic body

IAS Bharti Meena

many IAS and IPS offic- from the 2023 batch. ers, often referred to as a "marriage ground" state

in the bureaucracy. Several other IAS/IPS officers from different states are expected to move to UP on marriage grounds.

For instance, in August, IAS Devyani from Maharashtra's 2021 cadre joined UP and married IPS Shivam Ashutosh

Previously, IAS Dr. Aparajita Singh, CDO of Shahjahanpur from the 2019 batch, joined UP cadre after marrying IPS Devendra Kumar who is from the 2021 UP cadre.

Similarly, IAS officer Pratibha Singh, from the 2020 batch, joined UP after marrying IPS Aditya Langhe, SP of Chandauli.

tions have caused a stir in the sports community. A memorandum detailing the alleged irregularities was submitted to District Collector Gaurav Agrawal on Thursday by Player Association Sec-

Gaurav Singh Chouhan. memorandum, The According to the Imam signed by officials from of the Sanjauli mosque, about 22 major cricket clubs, outlines the spe-"There is no pressure on us, we have been living cific complaints regarding the election process.

retary Prashant Jakhar

and Sunrisers Club's

In response, District



Cricket club members submiit memo to Jodhpur Collector Gaurav Agrawal.

Collector Gaurav Agraw-

al, assured that the complaint would be taken seriously and a prompt investigation into the election process would be conducted. He stated that if fraud is confirmed, strict action would be taken against those responsible.

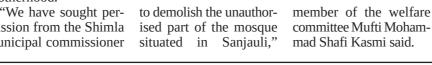
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Muslim people demonstrate against the new Waqf bill at

Khairuddin mosque, in Amritsar, Thursday

here for decades and this decision has been taken as a Himachali. We want to stay in peace and Muslim

brotherhood should prevail." Attri said, 'The delegation of Welfare Committee requested sealing of the unauthorised portion of the mosque till the case is decided."

# 2ND FRONT

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 Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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

# **CM discusses investment with** major Japanese firms in Tokyo

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 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.



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 boards a Bullet train to Osaka from Tokyo on Thursday.

## **Defence Min: IAF & Defence** sector becoming self-reliant

2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 'Tarang Shakti' is being held in Jodhpur

Shivprakash Purohit

Jodhpur

Defence Minister Rainath Singh on Thursday attended the multilateral aerial exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2024'. In his address, the Defence Minister said, "Indian Air Force and defence sector are moving ahead rapidly with resolution of self-reliant India."

In his address to senior defence officers and senior defence officers of participating countries, Singh said, "We have become self-sufficient to a large extent in things like Light Combat Aircraft, Censors, Radars and Electronic warfare, and we are constantly striving to move ahead in these areas." 'Tarang Shakti' has been organised in two phases. Its first phase was organised in Sulur, while its second phase is being organised in Jodhpur.

Highlighting India's progress in achieving self-reliance, he said India was once primarily known as an importer of arms and equipment and now exports defence equipment to approximately 90 countries.

The Prachand heli-



Rajnath Singh addresses during the 'Tarang Shakti' Exercise, in Jodhpur on Thursday.



during the 2nd phase of multinational air exercise 'Tarang Shakti' Exercise.

When an exercise of such complexity and scale occurs, participating nations and their soldiers gain invaluable insights from each other's work cultures, air combat experiences, and warfighting principles. RAJNATH SINGH,

The multi-nation air exercise, held after 61 years, will lay a strong foundation for our future collaboration. It is a matter of pride for us to have successfully organised Tarang Shakti. VIRENDRA CHAUDHARI, IAF CHIEF

aircraft demonstrated their capabilities, while copter & Tejas combat a troop of Female Agniveer IAF women performed a drill during the

### Drainage planning will be done alongside road devp, says Diya

**Nirmal Tiwari and** 

Jitendra Madhani Jaipur

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari has stated tnat 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 Shriram 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-

an uninterrupted water supply to people, resolving a significant drinking level tanks will provide 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 LS Speaker Om Birla **Modi's** 75th birthday on Sept 1/ by

preparing and distributing proximately

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. 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

will mark PM Narendra held a public hearing at his camp office in Shakti Nagar, wnere 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

V-P Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit Central University in Ajmer today. He is

Kishangarh Airport at 10:20 AM before head-



ing 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 Dr Sudesh wife, Dhankhar, will accompany him, informed DM Lok Bandhu.

### FIRST INDIA NEWS TO ORGANISE INFRA AND INDUSTRIAL CONCLAVE IN BHIWADI ON SATURDAY poll handling & performance

First India Bureau

Jaipur

irst 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

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



Sanjay Sharma



of State for Urban Development and Housing, De-



Jhabar Singh Kharra





Mahant Balaknath Yogi

hit, Alwar district collec-Artika 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**

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.

Nagar Palika Engineer survey. He instructed



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

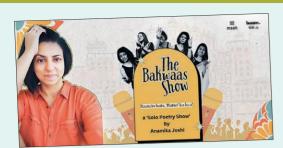
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SDO Mohar Singh Meena to file an FIR with the ACB, stating such declarations require a Collector's committee report.





#### **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
- O Where- Maah, Jaipur

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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

Today marks a fresh beginning for you, Virgo. Past accomplishments boost your confidence and optimism for the future. Look forward to tra 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.

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# Is Photography Dead? A CRITIQUE



he question, of whether photography is deador 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 ■ Is the passion associated with it

also dead? No, certainly not. In fact, it's very much alive and ■ Is photography as it has been understood and practiced since

tainly 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.

ages, same or dead? Yes, it cer-

Clicking photographs using the handy point-and-shootcameras of yore has given way to mobile



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 espio-



bile phone manufacturers sharing their proprietary knowledge and brand name as camera sales nosedived 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

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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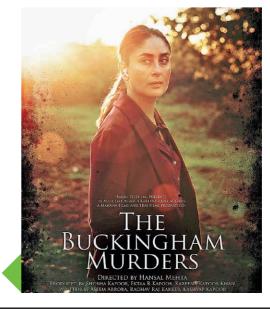


Movie: Thalapathy is the G.O.A.T. **Director:** Venkat Prabhu Cast & Crew: Vijay, Prabhu Deva, Kokila Mohan, Yogi Babu



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

















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noted that her outfit seemed

turned heads in a black and

thoughts, with one stating,

"Her outfit screams reputa-

past work.

# Bolly To Holly To

aylor Swift tion!" Despite high ignited hopes that she speculation would reveal the about a posalbum's re-resible re-re- lease during the lease of her Reputation al- ceremony, no bum during the 2024 MTV announce-VMAs with her striking red ment carpet look. Known for made. dropping hints regarding Swift has her personal and profes-

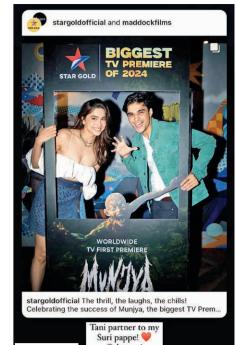
already re-recorded her first six albums, with only to signal an announcement Reputation and her selfrelated to the 2017 album. titled debut from 2006 left Many fans have eagerly anto revisit. Later in the ticipated her re-recorded evening, she changed into version since she an- a sequin short dress nounced plans to revisit her adorned with UFO imagery, potentially refer-On the red carpet, Swift encing her new song, "Down Bad," which yellow corset plaid gown features UFO visuals designed by Christian Dior, from her Eras Tour. In complemented by finger- addition to her fashion less leather gloves and moments, Swift won thigh-high boots, evoking seven awards, includthe essence of her Reputa- ing Video of the Year tion era. Online, fans enthu- for "Fortnight," exsiastically shared their pressing gratitude to her fans, crew, and boyfriend, Travis Kelce.

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

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

bhay Verma, the star 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.



# Kareena Kapoor Khan & Saif Ali Khan

### **Navigating Love Conflicts**

recently 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," tance of acknowledg.

> ing conflicts. In a light-heartaddressed a hyreena was not speak-

aif Ali Khan ing to him, responding, "We're always talking vealed a re- 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

On the professional front, Saif is gearing up for the release of Devara on September 27, where he plays an antagonist opposite Jr. NTR, alonghighlighting the impor- side Janhvi Kapoor. Meanwhile, Kareena is making headlines for her upcoming film, The ed segment, he Buckingham Murders, set to release this weekpothetical sce- end, and is currently exnario where Ka- ploring new scripts for future projects.

# SHAWN'S Playful Entrance Held at UBS Arena in

hawn 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 lighthearted tone

Long Island, New York, the awards show featured several stars, including Mendes' rumoured exgirlfriend, Sabrina Carpenter, and his on-andoff 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

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.

Carpenter for the night. Shawn Mendes

# **Sacred Games**

Varma, 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 trials. Recalling the experience, Vijay said, "I did my costume measurements, and then I got dropped," sharing his frustration about facing similar setbacks early in his career.

Taylor Swift

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.

# Katy's VMA Glory

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 "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-

aty Perry celebrated ally, she was honoured with the ing on her journey, Perry prestigious MTV Video Vanremarked, "It's incredible to see guard Award, recognizing her that I started on MTV with 20 long-lasting influence on music seconds and now I'm going and pop culture. Reflectto have 10 minutes. Life is



# A SACRED UNION OF DEVOTION & JOY



During the 'abhishekam he Shri Shri ered in large numbers to offer water, panchamrit, pan-devotees a divine spectacle. and explained that in chagavya and fruit juices their prayers and seek blessings from the enchanting deiwere used to perform the saties of Radha and Krishna. cred ritual, followed by a tion on the occasion of Rad- The Sudharma Hall saw an magnificent aarti. Radha and elaborate abhishekam of the Krishna, beautifully adorned divine couple, where 108 pots in regal attire, were carried in (kalash) filled with coconut a grand palanquin, offering in regal attire, were carried in

**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

Kaliyuga, Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is considered the combined form of Radha and Krishna, with the word 'Hare' representing Goddess Radha's divine energy and



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.

Krishna Balaram

Temple witnessed

a grand celebra-

hashtami, marking the divine

appearance day of Shrimati

Radha Rani. Devotees gath-



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Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Pawan Tank, Director and Founder of Miss and Mrs India Glam, along with Miss India Glam models An- Maa Ke Naam," will kita Rathore, Aishwarya take place from October Sadh, Shivani Chouhan, 9-11 at Janaki Paradise Sushmita Puri, Somya Complex, Jaipur. The Gupta, Payal Daryani & event will feature vi-

their presence, Dr Chandra launched the poster for the upcoming SKJ Jewellers Dandiya Ma-2024" with haras Bharat24 and First India News as Media Partners. This grand event, celebrating women with the theme of "Ek Ped residence on Sunday. In ba performances, with ture and tradition.

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 em-Somya Sharma at his brant Dandiya and Gar-bracing Rajasthani cul-

### JAIPUR'S ATHLETES MAKE HISTORY

# Silk Route Champio



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



he Jaipur Runners Club has achieved a remarkable feat at the Ladakh Marathon, competing against participants from around the globe and bringing laureis to the city. A felicitation ceremony was held (Winner) on Wednesday at Maharaja Café, Birla Auditorium, to honour the partici-

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 posi-

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. Anothtion and 2nd in the non- er notable performance

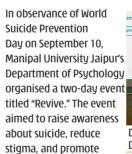
was from Sanjeev Kulhari, who successfully completed the 72 km Khardung La Challenge, known as the highest ultra marathon in the world. This race starts from Khardung Village and ascends to Khardung La Pass, situated at an altitude of 5,370 meters.

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.





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.

pants. The event was at-

tended by the club's co-

founders Mukesh Mishra

and Ravi Goenka, Execu-

tive President Deepak

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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.

### **Empowerment Sumn**



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



Shri Hari Vaishvik Vaishnav Sansthan and Khanak Chitra Entertainment will organise a Bollywood-style Garba at Moti Dungri 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.



Satya 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.

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 highquality 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.