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HAPPY 74TH BIRTHDAY, PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

Celebrating

THE MOST LOVED LEADER!



HAPPY
Birthday

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

KARTIKEY DEV SINGH

September 17 celebrates the birthday of PM Narendra Modi, marking a significant occasion for both India and the global stage. Born in 1950, Narendra Damodardas Modi has evolved from a regional leader to a prominent international figure, earning widespread admiration for his impactful leadership. His assertive and strategic approach has notably shaped India's foreign policy. As he enters the 'Amrit Kaal', this milestone offers a chance to reflect on his achievements and the evolving role India plays in global diplomacy under his guidance. Recently, PM Modi has gained recognition for his role as a potential peacemaker in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, with both nations seeking India's mediation. Modi's neutral stance and global influence position him as an effective intermediary, showcasing India's rising role in global peacebuilding.

Beyond Europe, Brunei and Singapore are looking to India as a key partner for economic and strategic growth. Modi's strengthened "Act East" policy enhances ties with ASEAN, counterbalancing China's regional influence. For these Southeast Asian nations, India's market potential and strategic position are valuable assets.

Similarly, the United States, under Modi's leadership, views India as a crucial ally to counterbalance China's influence in the Indo-Pacific. The strategic partnership between the two democracies spans defence, trade, and technology, reflecting a shared commitment to global stability and prosperity.

As polls commence in Jammu and Kashmir on September 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasized the significant milestone of restoring democracy in the region after a decade-long hiatus. This event is a key component of Modi's broader vision for "Viksit Bharat 2047," which envisions India as a fully developed nation by its 100th year of independence. This ambitious plan focuses on fostering inclusive growth, advancing technology, and fortifying democratic institutions to ensure balanced and

sustainable development across all regions.

Modi's vision extends beyond political reforms to include economic goals such as achieving a USD 5 trillion economy. This target reflects a commitment to robust economic expansion and global competitiveness. Additionally, Modi's ongoing efforts to implement 'One Nation, One Election' aim to streamline the electoral process, reduce political fragmentation, and enhance governance efficiency. Modi has outlined his vision for the India of tomorrow which resonates with the philosophy of "Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas".

The comprehensive vision laid out by Modi builds on the heritage of India's rich social and cultural diversity, its tradition, the strength of our human resource and the aspirations of the

On PM Modi's 74th birthday, First India releases a special compilation titled 'Untold Stories of PM Modi.' This collection, featuring insights from over 500 narrators across 100 issues, celebrates the enduring legacy and impactful leadership of our visionary leader

youth and women. The concept of Brand India encapsulates all the sectors that have the potential to make India a global power. The 5-Ts of Brand India are Talent, Trade, Tradition, Tourism and Technology.

The concept of Rainbow of India envisions 7 key focus areas which will be the overarching theme of all initiatives to make India a developed nation. These themes are India's Culture, Agriculture, Women, Natural Resources, Youth power, Democracy and Knowledge. Finally, Modi outlined an 8-point key development model, with detailed initiatives on each, to put India back on a high growth path and deliver good governance to the citizens.

In conclusion, PM Modi's birthday highlights his crucial role in elevating India's global standing. His leadership is shaping international dynamics and strengthening India's position in regional and global partnerships. As countries like Russia, Ukraine, Brunei, Singapore, and the US seek India's cooperation, Modi's 3rd term reflects India's growing significance in 21st-century geopolitics.

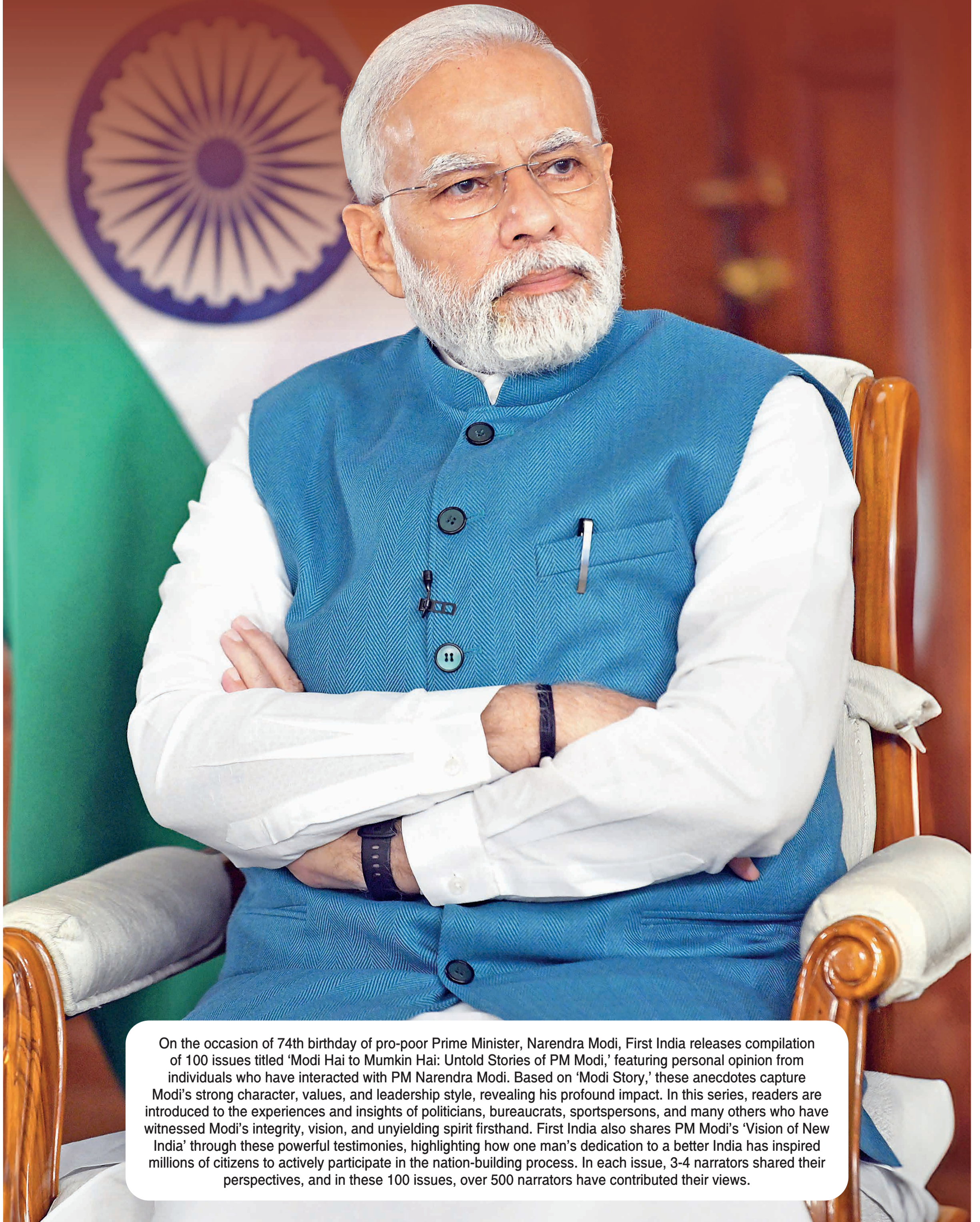
First India wishes him a very happy birthday and continued success.



A compilation of 100 First India edits on the man who has re-written the history of modern India

**'MODI HAI TO MUMKIN HAI...'
UNTOLD STORIES OF PM NARENDRA MODI**

NaMo: THE PRO-POOR PM!



On the occasion of 74th birthday of pro-poor Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, First India releases compilation of 100 issues titled 'Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai: Untold Stories of PM Modi,' featuring personal opinion from individuals who have interacted with PM Narendra Modi. Based on 'Modi Story,' these anecdotes capture Modi's strong character, values, and leadership style, revealing his profound impact. In this series, readers are introduced to the experiences and insights of politicians, bureaucrats, sportspeople, and many others who have witnessed Modi's integrity, vision, and unyielding spirit firsthand. First India also shares PM Modi's 'Vision of New India' through these powerful testimonies, highlighting how one man's dedication to a better India has inspired millions of citizens to actively participate in the nation-building process. In each issue, 3-4 narrators shared their perspectives, and in these 100 issues, over 500 narrators have contributed their views.



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PM MODI INAUGURATES 4TH GLOBAL RENEWABLE ENERGY MEET



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Acharya Devvrat, Pralhad Joshi, Chandrababu Naidu, Bhajan Lal Sharma, Mohan Yadav, Bhupendra Patel, CR Paatil, Vishnu Deo Sai, Svenja Schulze and others during the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST 2024), at Gandhinagar, in Gujarat on Monday.

First India Bureau
Gandhinagar

PM Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet (RE-INVEST 2024) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Monday and said that the world knows that India is the best bet in the 21st century, at the expo, held at Mahatma Mandir, showcased contributions from public and private sectors, state governments, and start-ups. Modi said, "Gujarat is that state that started the first solar power policy in India. We created among the earliest climate change department. Gujarat was already installing solar power plants where there were just talks about the solar power elsewhere."

INDIA BEST BET IN 21ST CENTURY!

India's solar revolution a golden chapter, says PM Modi

“Mahatma Gandhi was leading the minimum carbon footprint life. He had said that resources are adequate to meet our need, but not our greed. His vision has stemmed from the India's great history.”

NARENDRA MODI,
PRIME MINISTER

CM SHARMA HIGHLIGHTS RAJ'S LEADING POSITION IN RENEWABLE ENERGY AT GLOBAL RE-INVEST 2024

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma spoke on State's leading position in renewable energy production in country & highlighted State's efforts in this sector at RE-INVEST 2024 in Gandhinagar on Monday. Rajasthan was awarded by MNRE, CM Sharma received award from Pralhad Joshi, also present were Chandrababu Naidu, Vishnu Deo Sai and others. P12



Rajasthan was awarded by MNRE, Gov for highest solar capacity and 2nd highest renewable energy capacity achievement & contribution in achieving India's 200 GW renewable energy capacity

Modi inaugurates Phase-II of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project

India's first Vande Metro renamed Namoo Bharat Rapid Rail



PM Narendra Modi interacts with youth during the inauguration of the Phase-II of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project, in Gandhinagar on Monday. (R) PM Modi swipes a smartcard on an automated gate, in presence of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat, CM Bhupendra Patel and others.

PM NARENDRA MODI'S 74TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Modi will inaugurate the first phase of India International Convention Centre, known as 'Yashobhoomi', in Dwarka
- Prime Minister Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana will be launched
- PM Narendra Modi will be visiting Odisha to initiate the 'Subhadra Yojana'
- BJP to launch the 'Seva Pakhwara', where workers organize blood donation camps, cleanliness drives across nation
- Ajmer Sharif Dargah will distribute 4,000 kg of vegetarian "Langar" food



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IN BRIEF



INDIA VS CHINA IN HOCKEY FINAL TODAY
India beat South Korea 4-1 in the semi-final in Hulunbuir in China. Harmanpreet, Jarmampreet and Uttam scored against South Korea. India will face China in the final of the tournament at 3:30 pm in China today.

Again! Trump safe after 'assassination attempt'

Florida: Donald Trump was the target of what the FBI said "appears to be an attempted assassination" at his golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida, just 9 weeks after the Republican presidential nominee survived another attempt on his life. Trump said he was safe and well. P11

₹11L reward to 'chop off' RaGa's tongue: Sena MLA

Mumbai: MLA of Maharashtra CM-led Shiv Sena, Sanjay Gaikwad, on Monday, announced a reward of ₹11 lakh to anyone who will "chop off tongue" of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his statements in the US.

Will bury terror in J&K, nobody dare revive it, says Amit Shah

First India Bureau
Kishtwar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said there were attempts to revive terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and added that it will be "buried to such a level" in the Union Territory that it can never rise again. Addressing a rally at Padder-Nagseni in Kishtwar, campaigning for the BJP candidate Sunil Sharma, Shah said National Conference-Congress alliance would not be able to form the government in Jammu and Kashmir. "We will bury terrorism to such a level where it will never come out again. This is the Modi government and nobody has power to do so." P10



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Dr Jitendra Singh, Sunil Sharma and others during a public meeting ahead of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, in J&K's Kishtwar district on Monday.

“Don't worry, I am watching the situation in Kashmir and be assured that neither Abdullah's nor Rahul's party are going to form the government in J&K.”

AMIT SHAH,
UNION HOME MINISTER

CAMPAGNING ENDS FOR 1ST PHASE OF ASSEMBLY POLLS IN J&K, VOTING ON 24 SEATS TOMORROW

→ Campaigning for the first phase of the Assembly elections ended on Monday evening, with political parties making the final dash to win over electors who will vote on 24 seats out of the 90 in Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on September 18. These will be the first Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir in a decade, and the first since the abrogation of Article 370 by the Narendra Modi government on August 5, 2019.

Unveiled: 100 First India edits Untold Stories of PM Modi



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma unveiled a compilation of 100 First India edits titled 'Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai: Untold Stories of PM Modi', which was presented to him by CMD & Editor-in-Chief Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and CEO and Managing Editor Pawan Arora, at CMR on Monday, on the momentous occasion of PM Modi's 74th birthday, which is today. Also seen are Anita Hada, Kavita Pant and Vinod Sharma.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma in conversation with Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Pawan Arora. Also seen are Anita Hada and Kavita Pant.

Kejriwal to meet L-G today, likely to resign as CM

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal is scheduled to meet Lieutenant-Governor (LG) VK Saxena likely to tender his resignation at 4.30 pm today, paving the way for the appointment of new Chief Minister of Delhi in his stead. Even as AAP leaders have remained tight-lipped on the subject, there has been considerable speculation over who would take over from the AAP supremo for the remainder of his govt's tenure. P9

CM SHARMA MEETS MOHAN BHAGWAT IN ALWAR

Hindus are 'Karta-Dharta' of nation: Bhagwat

Ashvini Yadav
Alwar

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached Alwar on Monday and met with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat, who is on a four-day visit at RSS office. This brief meeting is being considered significant. After returning from Ahmedabad, the Chief Minister went directly from Jaipur Airport to the Alwar helipad and then to the RSS of-



RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma

Meanwhile, speaking at a gathering of RSS volunteers in Alwar's Indira Gandhi stadium, Bhagwat said that the nation has to be strengthened. Articulating the essence of Hinduism as a universal, human-centric religion that prioritizes

the welfare of all, RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that the Hindu society is the 'Karta-Dharta' of the country. "We have said in the prayer itself that this is a Hindu nation because Hindu society is responsible for this. If something good happens to this nation, then the glory of Hindu society increases," he said. He explained that what is commonly referred to as the Hindu religion is, in essence, a universal human religion. "It embodies a global ethos focused on the well-being of everyone. To be Hindu means to be the most generous person in the world, one who embraces all, holds goodwill towards all, and descends from noble ancestors," RSS chief said. Bhagwat called on RSS volunteers to embody and promote five key principles: social harmony, environmental stewardship, family values, self-awareness and civic discipline. He emphasized that adopting these principles in daily life would inspire society to follow suit.

MEA condemns comments on Indian Muslims

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The External Affairs Ministry on Monday condemned comments made by Iran's Supreme Leader regarding Muslim community in India and urged countries to "look at their own record" before commenting on others. In a statement, MEA rejected his remarks about "suffering" of Muslims in India, describing them as lacking an understanding of situation in nation. These are misinformed and unacceptable," it said. P11

Cultural Celebrations

Despite a few challenges, including minor disruptions, overall atmosphere remained festive and peaceful

City celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi with enthusiasm

Eid Milad-un-Nabi celebrations were marked by vibrant processions that echoed the city's rich cultural and religious tapestry. Festivities saw a significant turnout as a large number of people gathered to commemorate birth of the Prophet Muhammad.



Scores of people took part in religious processions on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi in Jaipur on Monday. Significant security measures were also put in place by the govt in order to ensure a peaceful atmosphere and avoid any incidents. **NAIM KHAN**

Cops step in as tensions erupt at Baran's Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession over route dispute

First India Bureau
Baran

The Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession in Baran saw tensions flare when participants clashed with police over the route of the procession.

The confrontation occurred at Pratap Chowk when some members tried to divert the procession from its designated path. However, the situation was brought under control by the police and any escalations in the matter were prevented.



The procession in Baran was resumed peacefully following discussions after a brief delay.

Senior police officials including SP Rajkumar Chaudhary, ASP Rajesh Chaudhary, and CI Ramvilas Meena were present.

Meanwhile, a video surfaced on social media purportedly showing stone-pelting during the procession, prompting a heightened police security.

SP Rajkumar Chaudhary said that there was a brief dispute at Pratap Chowk over the route, with some participants wishing to take an alternate path. However, after discussions, the procession concluded peacefully. Additional police forces were deployed in the area as a precaution.

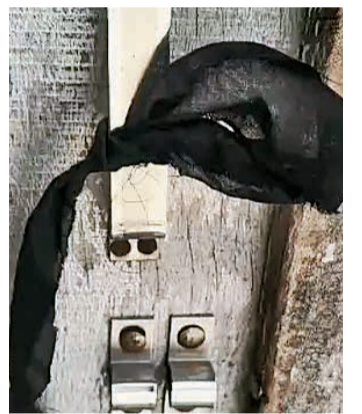
Kotri residents shut down shops, in protest over stone-pelting on Hindu procession in Jahazpur

First India Bureau
Bhilwara

Following an incident of stone-pelting during a procession in Jahazpur, the town of Kotri in Bhilwara has observed a complete shutdown. Residents are expressing their protest peacefully by reciting Hanuman Chalisa. Except for medical and essential goods stores, all shops in Kotri remained closed on Monday. The local population is demanding action against the accused, including demolition of illegal encroachments and arrests.



In a different kind of protest, villagers locked their homes, tied black cloth on doors, & went 2 km away to a temple for prayers. A similar protest was held during a communal incident in 2002.



On Saturday evening, a Hindu procession was attacked in Jahazpur. According to reports, the Hindu community i had

taken out the procession on Jaljhulani Ekadashi. On reaching near the Jama Masjid, the Hindus devotees were pelted

with stones from inside the mosque for about 20-25 minutes. This sparked major unrest and protests in the area.

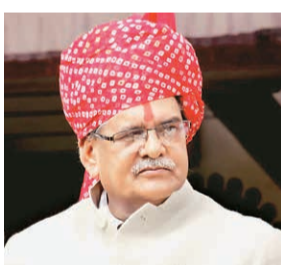
Charitable actions keep people remembered forever: GC Kataria

First India Bureau
Pali

Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria laid the foundation stone of a new building and dining hall at the Shri Guru Pushkar Jain Sadhana Kendra Institute in Pali on Monday.

Kataria, who was the chief guest for the event, performed worship and laid the foundation stone along with the donor family. Addressing the gathering, Kataria praised the donors for their contribution and highlighted the importance of charity in societal upliftment.

He said that donations made for the betterment of society are never in



Gulab Chand Kataria

Praising the donors, Kataria emphasized the lasting impact of charity on society

vain and asserted that true greatness is not achieved merely by amassing wealth but by contributing to social causes.

He noted that individuals are remembered for their charitable deeds even after they are gone.

Govt to withdraw cases against BJP leaders

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Bhajan Lal government has decided to withdraw cases against BJP leaders calling them those of political animosity.

During the Congress government, cases were registered against many BJP leaders. In this list, compoundable cases, which can be easily withdrawn or in common parlance, considered as political vendetta, such cases are also registered against state government ministers. Most cases are registered against Madan Dilawar and Kirori Lal Meena. Other leaders in the list are Jawahar Bedham, Kanhaiyalal Choudhary, Sanjay Sharma and Jhabar Singh Kharra.

Rathore attends event, meets locals in Pali dist



Madan Rathore met public representatives and heard their grievances at his residence in Pali on Monday.

First India Bureau
Pali

BJP State President Madan Rathore was on a tour of Pali, and on Monday he participated in the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the new building at the Shri Guru Pushkar Jain Sadhana Center.

Rathore also attended other private events in

the city and departed for Jaipur at 5 PM. During his visit, he met with Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulabchand Kataria and attended the ceremony at the Jain Sadhana Center.

Additionally, he met with former Member of Parliament Pulp Jain and former MLA Gyanchand Parkh.

CM to hand over job cards to 7000 youth today

Dinesh Kasana
Jaipur

A state level Mukhyamantri Rojgar Utsav will be organised at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur on Tuesday. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will handover appointment letters to more than 7000 youth in the function.

This Rojgar Utsav will be organised in other districts also. The state government is committed to provide employment to the youth of Rajasthan, said the chief minister. Jaipur district collector Jitendra Soni has personally monitored the preparations for the function.

The CM will also encourage the newly appointed personnel by interacting with them through virtual medium.

State's Rajkisan Saathi 2.0 project gets awarded



Devendra Fadnavis presented the award to IAS Inderjeet Singh in a recent event.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Inderjeet Singh, an IAS officer from the Rajasthan cadre, has been awarded Silver in the National Award for e-Governance for the 'Rajkisan Saathi 2.0' project.

This initiative, a collaboration between the Department of Agriculture and the Department

of Information Technology & Communication, aims to enhance 'ease of farming' through comprehensive IT support for all farmer-related services.

The award, presented by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances of the Government of India, recognizes 'Govt Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation.'

POOR ADMINISTRATION

RCA polls delayed again, Bihani shifts stance

Naresh Sharma
Jaipur

The ad hoc committee formed to conduct the elections of Rajasthan Cricket Association is now showing reluctance in holding the elections. The committee's convener and BJP MLA JaidEEP Bihani is repeatedly changing his stance regarding the elections.

The ad-hoc committee was appointed by the government following the resignation of Vaibhav Gehlot from the RCA



RCA ad hoc committee convener JaidEEP Bihani speaking with the media in Jaipur on Monday.

president's post. The Registrar of Cooperatives dissolved the previous executive committee and appointed Bihani's

panel with the mandate to organize elections within three months.

However, the committee has failed to meet this

Bihani, a BJP MLA, also mentioned that the decision to extend the committee's term would be made by the government, suggesting that the committee's role in determining the election timeline was not their concern

deadline, and despite an extension, a date for elections remains undecided.

After a meeting of the RCA ad-hoc committee

on Monday, Bihani stated that they are writing to the Registrar and Sports Secretary to collect lists of districts before proceeding further.

When pressed for a specific election date, Bihani responded that no date could be provided at this time.

He claimed that the matter of scheduling elections falls under the purview of the Sports Council, rather than the ad-hoc committee. This contradicts the committee's primary role, which is solely to conduct elections.

Condolence Meet



Former CM Vasundhara Raje offered floral condolences to former cabinet minister Sundarlal Kaka who recently passed away. Raje reached Kaka's ancestral village Kalwa in Buhana, Jhunjhunu to pay homage on Monday.

Munesh Gurjar to be suspended after reply: Kharra

Bharat Dixit
Jaipur

Urban Development and Housing Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra said that Jaipur Municipal Corporation Heritage mayor Munesh Gurjar will be suspended whatever is her reply. The action of suspension will be taken after her reply.

Earlier, Following the approval from UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, a sanction order was issued. The ACB has been asked to present the chargesheet against Munesh Gurjar.



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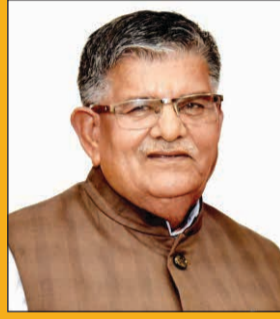


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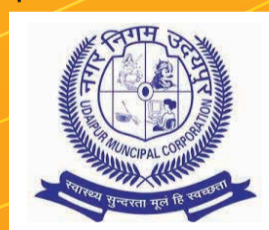
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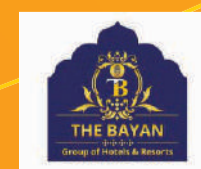
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Textile Sourcing Meet 2024 Facilitating interaction

'Collab, innovation to propel India's global leadership'

Divya Kanwalia
Jaipur

The two-day Textile Sourcing Meet 2024 at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC) was inaugurated by Chief Guest KK Vishnoi, Minister of State, and Guest of Honour Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, on Monday.

KK Vishnoi praised the event for uniting participants from across India, describing it as "a vision that speaks to the common man."

He highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal for a developed India by 2047 and expressed pride in the new generation's creativity, particularly their ef-



KK Vishnoi and Pawan Arora cutting the ribbon at the two-day Textile Sourcing Meet 2024 at RIC in Jaipur; also seen are Zakir Bhai, Vimal Shah, Sonil Jain, Lalit Arora and others. **SUNIL SHARMA**

orts to turn waste into products. He also acknowledged the pivotal role of women in the industry, encouraging them to continue contributing through self-help groups. Addressing the gathering, Pawan Arora emphasized significance of

bringing buyers & sellers together under one roof, noting how they support each other in their endeavours. He highlighted that their united efforts not only foster personal growth but also contribute to nation's progress, reflecting a strong sense

of unity. Arora, who has a personal connection with the entrepreneurs of textile industry, spoke passionately about industry's importance to him, stressing need for technological innovation to make India a global leader in the sector.

Dogra calls on employees to join PM-Surya Ghar initiative

First India Bureau
Jaipur

DISCOMs Chairman Arti Dogra has encouraged the departmental employees to consider rooftop solar installations at their homes as part of the PM-Surya Ghar free electricity scheme.

Dogra issued an open letter to employees of the department in this regard. The scheme is a commendable initiative by the central government aimed at increasing the use of renewable energy across the country and state.

Dogra highlighted that the scheme offers a maximum subsidy of Rs 78,000 from the central government and provides an opportunity for consumers to gain financial benefits from producing more energy than they consume.

Avinash Gehlot immerses Ganesh idol in Hathi Gaon

Raj Tourism officials discuss devp strategies with finance dept

First India Bureau
Jaipur



Avinash Gehlot & others participated in a Lord Ganesh immersion ceremony at Hathi Gaon, Amer on Monday. **MUKESH KIRADDO**

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

Cabinet Minister Avinash Gehlot immersed Ganpati idol in a pond in Hathi Gaon, Amer with full rites and chanting of mantras. On reaching the village, Chanda, Pushpa and male elephant Babu welcomed Gehlot by garlanding him. The members of the Elephant Development Commit-

tee welcomed and tied him a turban.

Gehlot rode an elephant to immerse the idol. He prayed for peace and prosperity in the state. He also enquired from the elephant owners about their maintenance. Elephant Owner Village Development Committee Chairman Ballu Khan along with mahouts and other officials were present.

Rajasthan's Department of Tourism Secretary, Ravi Jain, and Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation's Managing Director, Sushma Arora, met on Monday at the state secretariat to discuss the development of tourism initiatives in the region. The meeting also addressed key financial approvals. Joint Director of the Tourism Department, Rajesh Sharma, and Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Finance, Akhil Arora, were also present at the discussion.



IN BRIEF

7 shops fined ₹3.5 lakh over adulteration of eatables in Baran



Baran: In Baran, seven shop owners have been fined a total of Rs 3.5 lakh after their product samples failed quality tests. Food Safety Officer Govardhan Singh stated that the fines were part of a special campaign initiated under the guidance of District Collector Rohitashva Singh Tomar and Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) Dr. Sampatraj Nagar.

Cong's Sangeeta Garg coordinator for Tigaon ahead of Haryana polls



Jaipur: Ahead of the upcoming Haryana elections, the Congress has appointed Sangeeta Garg as the coordinator for the Tigaon Assembly constituency, which falls under the Faridabad LS seat. In response to her appointment, Garg expressed her gratitude to the party leadership and vowed to work diligently to meet their expectations. She also underscored the increasing dissatisfaction with the BJP among Haryana's farmers, women, & youth.

Col Rathore leads Investor outreach in UAE, Qatar for 'Rising Rajasthan'

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A high-level delegation from the Government of Rajasthan, led by Minister for Industry & Commerce, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, is set to hold investor roadshows in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar from September 17-19. The delegation aims to invite Gulf investors to participate in the 'Rising Rajasthan' Global Investment Summit 2024, which will take place in Jaipur this December.

The delegation will host two key investor



Col Rajyavardhan Rathore

meetings in Dubai and Doha, engaging with business leaders, government officials, investment funds, and chambers of commerce from

both countries to discuss potential business opportunities in Rajasthan. The focus will be on securing investments in sectors such as chemicals and petrochemicals, oil and gas, real estate, logistics, and hospitality.

Prominent business groups and trade associations scheduled to meet with the Rajasthan delegation include Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Lulu International, DP World, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), Mubadala Investment, and chambers of commerce from both the UAE and Qatar, among others.

PHED engineer held in ₹1.5L bribery case



First India Bureau
Alwar

In a major anti-corruption operation, the Anti-Corruption Bureau



(ACB) in Jaipur arrested **Divyank Tyagi**, an Executive Engineer (XEN) with the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), in Alwar. Tyagi was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 1.5 lakh, allegedly taken in exchange for approving a

bill. Following his arrest, ACB officials raided his residence and seized over Rs 50 lakh in cash. The operation was conducted under the directives of ACB Director General Ravi Prakash Mehra.

Divyank Tyagi, XEN of PHED Alwar, has been serving in the Alwar region for several years. Prior to the formation of the new district, he was responsible for overseeing Bhiwadi. Currently, he holds charge of the Umrain and Malakheda areas. Recently, it has been alleged that Exidhan demanded a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh in exchange for approving a contractor's bill.

JAIPUR YOUTH ABDUCTED, RS 20 LAKH RANSOM DEMANDED

Jaipur: In a shocking case from Jaipur, a young man was abducted after being lured under the pretense of a party invitation. The kidnapers demanded a ransom of Rs 20 lakh from his family and sent a video showing the victim being assaulted as proof of their threats. The incident took place in the Sadar police station area. Fortunately, the victim managed to escape from his captors and reported the crime to the police. A case has been filed against two acquaintances, and the Sadar police are actively investigating the matter.

ELDERLY PERSON RAPES 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN NAGOUR



Nagaur: An elderly person raped a 12 year old minor in Nagaur. The accused is said to be the relative of the victim. The elderly person raped the minor girl on seeing her alone in the house. The father of the victim has lodged an FIR at the police station. Police got the medical examination of the victim done and arrested the accused.

Heavy rain likely in Raj on September 18, 19

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Heavy rain is likely in Rajasthan on September 18 and 19 during which the eastern parts will see an increase in rain and thunder activities. According to the Jaipur Meteorological Center, a deep depression formed over West Bengal and Jharkhand today and it is likely to move towards the west in the next 24 hours and weaken and become a 'depression'.

On the other hand,



there is a possibility of heavy rain with thunder, lightning at some places in Bharatpur, Jaipur division on September 18.

There is also a possibility of light to moderate rain with thunder in Kota, Udaipur division at some places, it said.

Sirohi accident toll touches 9, CM condoles deaths

First India Bureau
Sirohi

The death toll in the road accident after collision between a tanker and another vehicle in Pindwara of Sirohi has reached nine. The dead include a child, three women and five men. About 15 people were injured and two seriously injured were referred to Udaipur. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, MLA Samaaram Garasiya, former MLA Sanyam Lodha expressed condolences. Garasiya said, "Vehi-



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cles will not go in the wrong direction if the cut is closed."

Transport Secretary Shuchi Tyagi has written to the Sirohi Collector

and a joint investigation committee of five officers will probe the matter. The committee will submit its report by September 30.

CONSTABLE KILLED AS CAR FALLS INTO GORGE AFTER COLLIDING WITH A MARE IN KOTA

Kota: A Rajasthan police constable was killed when his car plummeted into a gorge after colliding with a horse here on Monday, police said. The accident occurred on State Highway 52 around 4 am when Dalchand Gurjar (40) was returning to his duty at Sangod police station here after a vacation, they said. Gurjar's car veered off road and plunged into a gorge after striking the horse, which had been hurled onto the road by another unidentified vehicle, Station House Officer Suresh Meena said. The victim succumbed to his injuries on the spot, Meena said. A case of negligent driving has been registered against the driver of the unidentified vehicle, he said. The body has been handed over to his family members after a postmortem examination on Monday afternoon, the officer added.



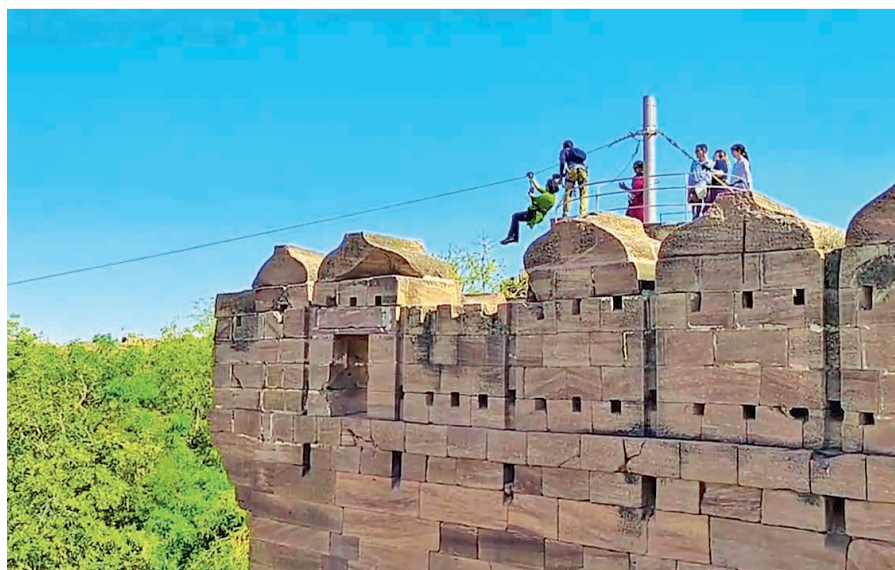
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NEW TOURISM HOTSPOT

Chatur Sagar lake set for new ropeway

Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur

Jodhpur, popularly known as the Sun City, is preparing to unveil a fresh tourism attraction. After the successful installation of ropeways at Mehrangarh Fort and Kailana Hills, a new ropeway project is set to be introduced at the historic Chatur Sagar Lake near Sivanchi Gate. Kailana Lake is a man-made lake located at the west of Jodhpur, the lake falls towards the Jaisalmer.



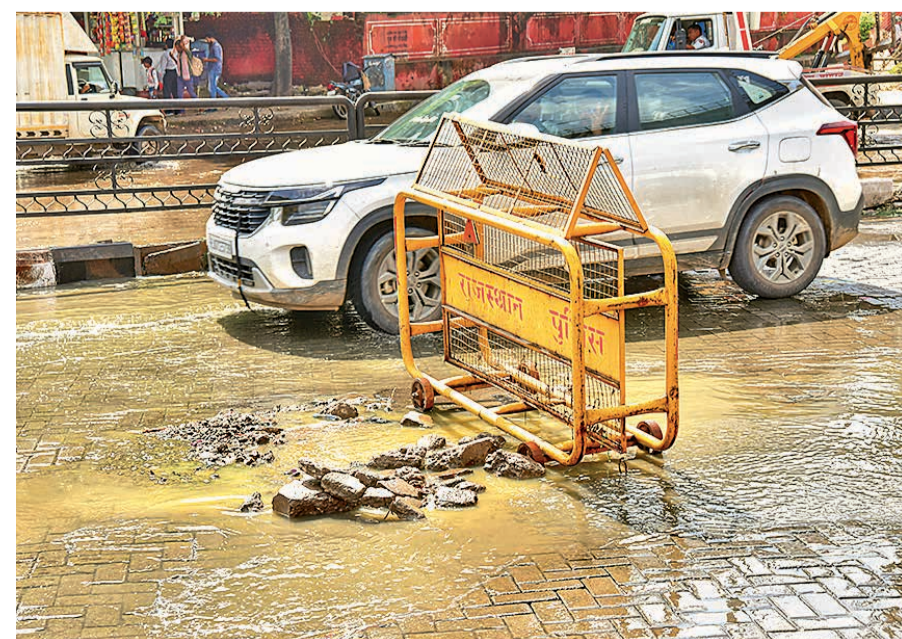
Mehrangarh Fort

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The initiative, spearheaded by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, aims to transform the 250-year-old lake into a vibrant tourist destination. Previously impacted by encroachments, Chatur Sagar is surrounded by lush greenery and is now on the path to restoration.

A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the ropeway has been completed, with a proposed budget of Rs 6.53 cr. The DPR has been submitted to Shekhawat, who will oversee allocation of funds for the development.

Monsoon troubles!



Sewage chambers at many places have been found overflowing on Monday at Khasa Kothi after incessant and heavy rains lashed the city. **SANTOSH SHARMA**

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BANGLADESH TURMOIL

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIA



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One of the biggest achievements of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been the impressive economic progress over the last decade or so. During her tenure from 2009-2024, Bangladesh's economy had grown at an average rate of 6.3 per cent per annum, which is among the highest in the world. Indo-Bangladesh relations and bonding has emerged stronger during last fifteen years regime of Sheik Hasina and both countries have become close trading partners. However, two issues have remained a reason of political and public divide and a reason of discord and dissent in Bangladesh since its independence from Pakistan in 1971. These are inclusion of word Secular in constitution by Awami League government and declaration of Islam as state religion by the BNP and Jamaat led governments. There is also a clear divide of public opinions on role of India in formation of Bangladesh. These two reasons in the backdrop and the Hasina's government's new policy for reservation for freedom fighters families (primarily Awami League supporters) have triggered the latest protests. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has fled amidst escalating violent protests over the job quota leading to major turmoil in the country that has made India's neighbourhood vulnerable to security risks. The army took over control of the country and put an interim government under Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus in place comprising civil-society representatives, two student leaders of the protestors and reps from all major political parties sans Awami League. At this stage the primary concern is the rise of extremist groups and the po-

tential for increased terrorism and insurgency, the possibility of refugee influxes and the associated social and economic challenges. The turmoil in Bangladesh has led to significant disruptions in trade and supply chains, particularly affecting the textile sector. Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami supremo Shafiqur Rahman favours harmonious and stable ties with India with expectations of non interference in their internal affairs. The first telephonic call in the backdrop of turmoil in Bangladesh between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chief Adviser of the new interim government of Bangladesh, Muhammad Yunus, have been very reassuring on safety and security of the "Hindus and all other minority communities" in Bangladesh. His assertion that all citizens of the 'new' Bangladesh will have equal rights is definitely a positive development

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eggs in one basket" by supporting one party and family in the country in an apparent reference to Hasina and her party, AL. Senior BNP leader urges India to take a re-look at its relations with Bangladesh sans Sheikh Hasina. The growing cold war between the U.S. and China has now reached the shores of Bangladesh. The pulls and pushes of global geopolitics will make domestic reforms and peaceful change more complicated for Bangladesh. Bangladesh is indeed in a delicate geopolitical quagmire, and it needs a delicately crafted foreign policy to navigate to safe harbors.

SIGNIFICANCE OF BANGLADESH FOR INDIA
The country acts as an important corridor for trade and transportation, linking India's Northeast with the rest of the country and facilitating access to international markets. Bangladesh is India's biggest trade partner in South Asia and India is the second largest trade partner of Bangladesh in Asia. A stable and friendly Bangladesh is crucial for regional security. Cooperation on counter-terrorism and other security matters is essential for peace. Ac-

collaboration between India and Bangladesh is vital for the success of regional forums like BIM-STEAC and SAARC.

MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR INDIA

The nature of the new government, whether it is led by opposition parties or the military will significantly impact India's strategic interests.

A less friendly administration could revive anti-India militant groups, intensifying border tensions. Rising Islamist extremism could increase risks for Hindu minorities. India must manage citizenship promises for Hindu refugees to avoid regional tensions. The political instability in Bangladesh could provide an opportunity for China to expand its influence in the region as Beijing might offer lucrative deals to the new regime.

India's backing of Hasina has created friction with Western allies, specifically the US who have criticised her undemocratic practices. Anti-Bangladesh rhetoric in India and vice versa could hinder relations if not addressed. Bangladesh's turmoil adds to India's challenges, including tensions with Pakistan, instability in Myanmar, strained relations with Nepal, the Taliban's control in Afghanistan, and the Maldives' anti-India stance.

MOVING FORWARD

The major challenge will be avoiding entanglement in internal disputes while maintaining a strong diplomatic presence in Bangladesh, building new alliances with political factions and society, and moving beyond the 1971 liberation narrative. Bolster security along the border and in areas with large Bangladeshi expatriate populations to manage potential spillover effects and maintain stability. Evaluate a Free Trade Agreement and digital connectivity corridor to boost bilateral trade. Leverage strong relations with Gulf countries to support Bangladesh's economy and regional stability. Collaborate with international partners, including the US, UK, and European nations, to counter increased China-Pakistan influence in Bangladesh. India is shifting from non-alignment to focus on national interests and strengthen ties with the US and Japan. Success hinges on maintaining good relations with neighbours, with potential support for Bangladesh again in 2024, as in 1971.

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IN-DEPTH

RASHID, JAMAAT GIVE J&K POLL A NEW DIMENSION

The return of Engineer Rashid, an accused in terror-funding, to the political arena in Jammu and Kashmir has injected a new layer of complexity into the upcoming Assembly elections. Released on interim bail, Rashid, also known as Sheikh Abdul Rashid, will campaign actively while awaiting a court decision on his regular bail in October. His association with the banned Jamaat-e-Islami has raised eyebrows, with opposition parties alleging that his release was politically motivated, pointing fingers at the BJP.

Opposition leaders suggest Rashid could be acting as a proxy for the BJP, a claim he has categorically denied. The coming together of the two parties has added a new dynamic in J&K's politics which has been dominated by mainstream parties like the NC and PDP. Rashid's Awami Ittehad Party and Jamaat's entry marks a significant shift in the Union Territory's politics.

As the election campaign intensifies, it will be interesting to observe how Rashid's release and the new alliance impact the broader political narrative.

DONALD TRUMP GETS SECOND TIME LUCKY



The recent apparent assassination attempt on US Presidential candidate Donald Trump adds a disturbing element to the already intense political atmosphere. A 58-year-old man, reportedly a supporter of Ukraine's cause, was arrested after the plot was foiled by a vigilant security agent. This incident marks the second such attempt on Trump, raising serious concerns about the security of political figures during the upcoming election. The first attempt was made at a rally in Pennsylvania in July when a bullet grazed his ear. After the incident Trump said I a message, "Nothing will slow me down."

While political violence is not new, its recurrence in such a high-stakes election threatens to tarnish the democratic process in America. The divisive rhetoric that surrounds the election has only deepened, and this latest incident throws the fairness and safety of the race into question. The political climate in the US is increasingly polarised and such acts only exacerbate the situation.

Adding to the controversy, Elon Musk's insensitive comment questioning why assassination attempts aren't being made on President Joe Biden or Vice President Kamala Harris further complicates the discourse. His remarks, though likely rhetorical, underscore the heightened tensions and the unpredictable nature of this election cycle.

The US presidential election is a critical event, and any threat to candidates—no matter their political affiliation—must be taken seriously. This incident shows the FBI in poor light and demands increased vigilance from law enforcement and an emphasis on ensuring a peaceful and fair election. Political violence, in any form, undermines the very foundations of democracy.

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REGIONAL TENSIONS

A new administration that is less friendly to India could re-energise anti-India militant groups, adding pressure to an already tense security situation along the borders. The Hindu minority may face increased risks if Islamist extremism rises. India must navigate citizenship promises for Hindu refugees carefully to avoid regional tensions. The political instability in Bangladesh could provide an opportunity for China to expand its influence in the region as Beijing might offer lucrative deals to the new regime. India's backing of Hasina has created friction with Western allies, specifically the US who have criticised her undemocratic practices. The anti-Bangladesh rhetoric in India and vice versa may become hurdle to better Bangladesh-India relations if it is not nipped in the bud.



TOP TWEETS
Had a delightful interaction with the special athletes who brought glory to India during Paralympics 2024 in Paris. This year Indian athletes brought home 29 medals in total, the best medals tally for our country at any Paralympics. This historic success was due to their special skills, determination and relentless spirit. India is proud of them!

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh



On World Ozone Day, we reaffirm our commitment to safeguard our planet's natural shield- the ozone layer. Together, we will continue our efforts to protect the atmosphere, ensuring a healthier and safer future for generations to come. Let's act today, for a better tomorrow!

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SPIRITUAL SPEAK

When a person responds to the joys and sorrows of others as if they were his own, he has attained the highest state of spiritual union.

BHAGAVAD GITA

How PM Modi will spend his birthday today



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being garlanded during a public meeting, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on Monday.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Today PM Narendra Modi will turn 74, and his birthday celebrations are generating considerable interest. As with past birthdays, PM's day will be focused on work, and he is scheduled to visit three cities. The day will commence in Varanasi, his Lok Sabha constituency, where he will likely start with prayers at the Vishwanath Temple. His morning activities are expected to be religious. In the afternoon, Modi will travel to Bhubaneswar, where he will launch the Subhadra scheme, providing financial assistance

to over 1 crore women in the state. The scheme, named after Subhadra, the sister of Lord Jagannath, will grant Rs 10,000 annually to eligible women over the next five years. Modi's day will conclude in Nagpur, where he will visit before heading to Wardha to inaugurate a programme celebrating the first anniversary of the PM Vishwakarma Yojna. It will be his first trip to Nagpur in his third term as PM. The BJP will observe two-week period starting with Modi's birthday as 'seva pakhwara' or 'seva parv.' Activities include nationwide blood donation camps and cleanliness drives.

100 Days of Modi 3.0

PTI
Gandhinagar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said his government in the first 100 days of its third term had tried to address every sector and factor for rapid progress of the country. At the 4th edition of Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST 2024) here, he said, "In the first 100 days (of the Union government's third term) you can wit-

PRIME MINISTER'S 100-DAY REPORT CARD

- In 100 days, we have tried to address every sector, factor for country's progress: Prime Minister
- India is preparing the base for development for the next 1000 years, says Narendra Modi
- The PM further says that 140 crore Indians have pledged to make India world's 3rd largest economy

ness our priorities, speed and scale. We have tried to address every sector and factor which are required for rapid progress of the country." India is preparing the base for development for the next 1000 years and the focus is not just to reach the top but to sustain the rank, Modi asserted. He said 140 crore Indians have pledged to make the world's third largest economy.

HEALTH COVER TO ALL ABOVE 70 YEARS, 75K NEW MEDICAL SEATS

PTI
New Delhi: In the first 100 days of its third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has rolled out several schemes to boost the healthcare sector such as providing health cover to all senior citizens aged above 70 years, and adding 75,000 new medical seats. About 4.5 crore families, including 6 crore senior citizens will benefit from the health coverage of Rs 5 lakh to all senior citizens aged 70 and above, regardless of their income.

MORE RELIEF FOR MIDDLE CLASS VIA TAX SAVINGS, UPS

PTI
New Delhi: In the first 100 days of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new term, the government has given further relief to the middle class on the tax savings and pension fronts. The government has raised the income tax exemption limit to Rs 7 lakh. The standard deduction for salaried individuals has been increased to Rs 75,000, and the exemption limit for family pensions has been raised to Rs 25,000. Also, a comprehensive review of income tax regulations is underway to simplify and streamline the tax system. According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, within the next few months, there will be a new Tax Code or a new Income Tax Act aimed at reducing litigation.



PRIME MINISTER TRAVELS IN AHMEDABAD METRO AFTER INAUGURATING 2nd PHASE

PTI
Ahmedabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday travelled by the metro and interacted with youngsters. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and shared pictures of the metro travel on his 'X' handle. "Inaugurated Phase-II of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project and on the way to today's programme with energetic youngsters," the PM wrote in his post on 'X' (formerly Twitter).



PRIME MINISTER MODI CHAIRS MEET OF SHREE SOMNATH TRUST DURING HIS GUJARAT VISIT

PTI
Ahmedabad: PM Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of Shree Somnath Trust in Gujarat capital Gandhinagar in his capacity as its chairperson, an official said on Monday. The Trust manages the world famous Somnath Temple. The meeting was held at Raj Bhavan on Sunday night and the PM took stock of the developmental works being undertaken by the Trust. Three other trustees - BJP leader LK Advani, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Gujarat-based scholar JD Parmar could not attend either due to health issues or prior commitments.

Can democracy be preserved through human chain?: HDK

PTI
Bengaluru

JD(S) leader and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Monday took a dig at the Congress government in Karnataka for hoarding a massive human chain in the name of democracy, while questioning the delay over holding the polls to local bodies, which are "fundamental pillars of democracy". He urged the government to announce elections for local bodies. Karnataka government



on Sunday marked the 'International Day of Democracy' by forming a 'historic' 2,500-km-long human chain across the state, as a symbol of equality, unity, fraternity, and participative governance.

AAP holds PAC meet to elect next Delhi CM

PTI
New Delhi

AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal on Monday held "one on one" meeting with party leaders during the Political Affairs Committee over the name of new Delhi CM. AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj said the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) meeting was held at Kejriwal's official residence here. "During the meeting, he (Kejriwal) sought one on one feedback from each leader on his replacement. Tomorrow, the legislative party meeting is there and this discussion will go into



Delhi minister and AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj addresses a press conference, in New Delhi, on Monday.

the second round," Bharadwaj told reporters after the meeting. Kejriwal, who on Sunday announced his decision to step down from the post of Delhi chief

"ONUS ON BJP TO HOLD EARLY POLLS IN DELHI"

PTI
New Delhi: The AAP on Monday said it has put the ball in BJP's court by demanding early polls in Delhi in November, and now it is up to the BJP to decide whether it was prepared to face CM Arvind Kejriwal. Kejriwal will tender his resignation as CM on Tuesday and the process to choose his replacement will start after that.

BJP: KEJRI'S DECISION DRIVEN BY COMPULSION

PTI
New Delhi: The BJP's Delhi chief Virender Sachdeva on Monday said AAP president Arvind Kejriwal's decision to resign as chief minister was borne out of "compulsion" and not driven by "principle". Sachdeva also alleged that none of the Delhi govt departments was free of corruption under Arvind Kejriwal's rule.

minister, took individual feedbacks by holding one to one meeting with the PAC members and ministers of Delhi government during the meeting, Bharadwaj said.

The MLAs of AAP will meet at Kejriwal's residence at 11.30 am on Tuesday to discuss the name of a consensus candidate to succeed him as the Delhi chief minister.



SHEKHAR

Ex-ISRO chief to be chief guest at 'Vijayadashami' event of RSS



PTI
Nagpur

Former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan will be the chief guest at the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's annual 'Vijayadashami' event on October 12 in Nagpur. The information was given by the RSS on Monday through a post on 'X' (formerly Twitter). It is among the most important events in the RSS calendar and is addressed by its chief Mohan Bhagwat.

UP CM Adityanath blames Congress for Partition, terms Pakistan as cancer

YOGI IN TRIPURA

PTI
Agartala

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday blamed the Congress for India's Partition, which led to the creation of Pakistan. Launching a scathing attack on the Congress during the inauguration of Siddheswari Temple in Barkathal, West Tripura, Yogi claimed that those active in 1947 supported the Muslim League, which desperately wanted to divide India and Pakistan was born. He referenced the British attempt to divide Bengal in 1905, which

was thwarted by public resistance, and suggested that a similar opposition to the Muslim League could have prevented the creation of Pakistan. Yogi described Pakistan as "destructive" and likened it to cancer. The UP CM also expressed concern on the recent unrest in neighbouring Bangladesh. "What has happened in Bangladesh needs to be discussed. Who is responsible for this? We need to introspect," he added. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and Tipra Motha supremo Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma were also present on the occasion.



Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the inauguration of Siddheswari Temple in Barakathal, in West Tripura, on Monday.

"Ask your CM", says Suresh Gopi on delayed Central aid to Wayanad

PTI
Alappuzha (Kerala)

Union Minister Suresh Gopi on Monday urged the media to question Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over the delay in central aid for the landslide-hit Wayanad. When reporters sought his reaction on the matter, a visibly irritated Gopi smiled and said the CM was aware how the system works and so ask him (CM). "You ask your Chief Minister... what is the system? I don't like this at all... You ask your CM... let him tell how it (central aid) comes," the union minister said. Though the scribes repeatedly asked the question, the actor-turned-



Suresh Gopi

politician was reluctant to comment. Major landslides hit the Mundakkai and Chooralmala regions of Wayanad on July 30, almost decimating both areas and leaving over 200 people dead. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Wayanad on August 10 and offered all possible help for the rehabilitation initiatives.

'Time to awaken public consciousness for respect toward women'

Safety and dignity of women are crucial for devp & success of any nation: Murmu

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New Delhi

Asserting that the real strength of the country lay in the empowerment of women, President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said the time had come to awaken a public consciousness

where "respect for women is increased, and no woman feels unsafe at any time, in any place".

In a video message at the News18 SheShakti Summit - 2024, she said strict laws had been made regarding women's safety in the country.

"Yet, it is unfortunate that feelings of insecurity still exist. The constant struggle of women is against the social narrow-mindedness and



President Droupadi Murmu.

The real strength of our nation lies in the empowerment of women. Our women have always demonstrated resilience, strength, and courage, moving forward despite all obstacles.

DROUPADI MURMU
PRESIDENT

conservatism that consider them weak," Murmu said.

Although many changes have occurred, some social prejudices remain deeply rooted, creating barriers to women's equality, the president was quoted as having said in a press release by the organisers.

"As a society, we all need to look within ourselves and ask some hard questions. Where have

we gone wrong? What can we do to improve? The safety and dignity of women are crucial for the development and success of any nation. It has become essential for all of us to come together and pledge to protect the honour and dignity of the women in our country and ensure their progress," she said.

Murmu said women were the true manifestation of power.

J&K Elections

Union Home Minister says J&K is an inseparable part of India

Clear fight between Gandhi & Abdullah families and BJP: Shah

PTI
Kishtwar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said there is a clear fight between the Congress-National Conference alliance and the BJP — one wanting to bring back Article 370, and the other committed to stopping it.

He said voting in favour of BJP candidate Shugan Parihar is not only for development and progress but also to pay tribute to martyrs, including her father.

"This election in Jammu and Kashmir is clearly between two forces. On one side are the National Conference (NC) and the Congress, and on the other side is the BJP. It is a contest between the Gandhi and the Abdullah families. Both have clear agendas," Shah told a public rally here.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a rally ahead of J&K elections, in Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir, on Monday.

The NC and the Congress have made some promises that if their government comes to power, they will release terrorists. Today, I tell you all that this is the Narendra Modi government; no one has the courage to spread terrorism on Indian soil.

AMIT SHAH
UNION HOME MINISTER

40% Independent candidates 'fielded by BJP' to divide votes, claim rivals

PTI
Srinagar

More than 40 per cent of the 908 candidates contesting the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are Independents, leading to claims that a large number of them have been propped up by the BJP to divide votes.

These are the first assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir since the 2019 abrogation of Article 370 and its reorganisation into two Union territories.

The number of assembly seats has also risen from the earlier 87 to 90 — 47 in the Kashmir Valley and 43 in Jammu — following a delimitation exercise in 2022.

Net suspension lifted from Manipur valley districts

Manipur govt restores internet, schools and colleges to reopen today

PTI
Imphal

The Manipur government on Monday lifted the temporary suspension on internet services in the five valley districts with immediate effect.

Commissioner (Home) N Ashok Kumar said the state government has reviewed the prevailing law and order situation and decided to lift the internet suspension, which was imposed as a preventive measure in the public interest on September 10.

On September 13, the state govt lifted restrictions on broadband services "conditionally", while all schools and colleges will reopen from Tuesday. Government has decided to lift any form of internet suspension in the state of Manipur which was in good faith imposed as preventive measures in public interests.



Security personnel conduct a search operation in the fringe and vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts of Manipur.

GRENADe ATTACK ON MANIPUR MINISTER'S RESIDENCE, NO ONE INJURED; INVESTIGATION ON

Imphal: A grenade, hurled by suspected militants, exploded in the residence of Manipur minister Kashim Vashum in Ukhrul district, causing damage to his property, police said on Monday. No one was injured in the incident that occurred on Saturday night, a senior officer said. Vashum said he and his family members were not at home when the grenade exploded. The grenade explosion damaged walls and parts of the minister's house, he said. "Splinters have been recovered and tight security measures have been taken after the grenade attack," the officer said. CCTV footage of the surrounding areas was being examined for investigation, the officer said. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, he said.

Tension prevails in K'taka town over waving of Palestinian flag

Agencies
Bengaluru

Tensions flared in Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru after a group of motorcyclists waved Palestinian flags, sparking unrest among Pro-Hindu groups as the region prepares for Ganesh idol immersion processions, officials said on Monday. The incident, captured on video and widely shared on social media, occurred just days before the Ganesh festivities, adding to the already heightened communal sensitivities in the area.



6 HELD FOR RIDING BIKES WITH PALESTINIAN FLAG

Bengaluru: Six minors were apprehended after a video of them allegedly riding two-wheelers holding the Palestinian flag surfaced on social media platforms, police said on Monday.

SIX VHP MEMBERS HELD FOR PELTING STONES ON MOSQUE

Dakshina Kannada: Six individuals have been arrested in connection with communal violence that erupted in Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada district on Monday, following reports of stone-pelting at two places of worship. Stones were thrown in Katipalla town, Dakshina Kannada, late on Sunday night. However, swift action by the authorities brought the situation under control, and no further incidents were reported.

KOLKATA DOCTOR RAPE & MURDER Sr docs allege tampering of evidence in the case

PTI
New Delhi

Senior doctors of RG Kar Medical College on Monday alleged tampering of evidence in the Kolkata doctor rape and murder case. At a presser here, they reiterated their demand for a live streaming of the meeting between them and the West Bengal government. "We condemn all such heinous crimes. This crime is a fallout of the nexus between the West Bengal govt and health officials," said one of the



WB doctors representatives brief media in New Delhi, on Monday.

doctors. The doctors alleged there was "tampering of evidence".

In a statement, the doctors demanded that they

want concerned authorities, CBI and Supreme Court to expedite the investigation process and punish the culprits.

CBI TO INTERROGATE RG KAR EX-PRINCIPAL DR GHOSH, ABHIJIT MONDAL ON CRUCIAL POINTS

Kolkata: The CBI has decided to interrogate Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Medical College & Hospital and ex-SHO of Tala Police Station Abhijit Mondal together to clarify some suspicious actions on part of both on Aug 9 morning when the body of a junior doctor and victim of ghastly rape and murder was recovered from the hospital premises. The first point of suspicion is the nine calls between Ghosh and Mondal on that morning which the investigating officials have secured from the call list of their mobile phones. The CBI counsel, on Sunday, also updated a special court in Kolkata about the multiple telephone calls between them on Aug 9 morning.

Remove the director medical education (DME), director health services (DHS) and health secretary as their

signatures are present in the order for construction work in the immediate auspices of the crime scene, they demanded.

SYMBOL OF ETERNAL TRUTH

5 principles of RSS will become life mantras

Shyam Sharma

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat, a symbol of eternal truth, has painted a picture of the future Hindu lifestyle from the sacred land of Baba Bharthari.

Bhagwat is on a five-day visit to Rajasthan. It seems that sitting in Alwar, the land of saints and warriors in Rajasthan, he is writing a new chapter for the RSS after its golden jubilee. The RSS Chief's stay in



Mohan Bhagwat at a plantation drive. Nimbaram is also seen.



Senior journalist Shyam Sharma (R) with Delhi University topper and Gau Sewak Bhanu Pratap Sharma.

Alwar is significant in many ways, and his stance appears to be

somewhat different. Today, he emphasised strongly, India is a Hindu

nation, and Hindus are the caretakers of the world. Today, he gave a

new direction to the RSS's working style and addressed the volunteers, saying "Make the Sangh into a society, and make the society into the Sangh."

He stated that the division of the Hindu society is a serious issue, and we need to address this deficiency by moving forward. It is the responsibility of every individual to care for every person in society. He warned that the nation of India has been frequently attacked by invaders, and we have lost a lot.

Eid-e-Milad-Un-Nabi!



Muslims take part in an Eid-e-Milad-Un-Nabi procession, in Ahmedabad, on Monday.

Trump Assassination Attempt 2 US President expresses relief that his predecessor was unharmed

No place for violence: Joe Biden

ANI
Washington DC [US]

Following an alleged assassination attempt on former US President Donald Trump, President Joe Biden expressed relief that his predecessor was unharmed and asserted that there is no place for political violence or any violence in the country.

This comes hours after gunfire was reported near Trump's golf club in West Palm Beach. The former president's campaign declared him "safe." The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced on Sunday that it "is investigating what appears to be an attempted assassination."

President Biden commended the Secret Service for their 'vigilance' and keeping the former president 'safe'. He further said that one suspect has been held in custody and an active investigation is underway.

"A suspect is in custody, and I commend the work of the Secret Service and their law enforcement partners for their vigilance and their efforts to keep the former President and those around him safe," US President Biden said in an official statement.



Police crime scene vehicles are seen at Trump International Golf Club after police closed off the area following the apparent assassination attempt of Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump in West Palm Beach, Florida. PTI

4 US PRESIDENTS ASSASSINATED WHILE IN OFFICE

- Abraham Lincoln: Killed in 1865 by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington.
- James Garfield: Shot in 1881 in Washington at a train station and died of his wounds two and a half months later.
- William McKinley: Assassinated in 1901 by an anarchist in Buffalo, New York.
- John F Kennedy: Assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963 in Dallas, Texas, as the president rode in a motorcade.

SUSPECT 'PLANNED' TO RECRUIT AFGHAN SOLDIERS THROUGH PAK TO FIGHT IN UKRAINE

Washington: A 58-year-old man detained in connection with an apparent assassination attempt on former president Donald Trump has said in an interview in 2023 that he planned to recruit Afghan soldiers through Pakistan to fight in Ukraine against Russia. Ryan Wesley Routh made these remarks to The New York Times. During an interview with newspaper in 2023, Routh also said he was seeking recruits for Ukraine from among Afghan soldiers who had fled the Taliban.

MUSK DELETES 'NO ONE TRYING TO ASSASSINATE JOE BIDEN OR KAMALA' POST AFTER BACKLASH

Washington: Tech billionaire Elon Musk has deleted a controversial post on why there were "no" attempts to kill US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris after a backlash. Earlier, a user on X asked Elon Musk why some wanted to kill Donald Trump. To this, Musk wrote, "And no one is even trying to assassinate Biden/Kamala." Responding to the criticism after deleting his post, Elon Musk wrote, "Well, one lesson I have learned is that just because I say something to a group and they laugh, it doesn't mean it's going to be all that hilarious as a post on X."

LEADERS WHO SURVIVED ASSASSINATION MOVE

Donald Trump: Trump had just started a campaign speech in Pennsylvania on July 13 when shots rang out. Trump was shot in the ear. He was rushed by security officials to a black SUV.

Ronald Reagan: He was shot in 1981 in Washington. Reagan was wounded when one of the bullets ricocheted off a limousine and struck him under the left armpit.

Gerald Ford: Survived two attempts on his life in less than three weeks in 1975 without being hurt.

Theodore Roosevelt: He was shot in chest in 1912 while campaigning for election, but insisted on delivering his speech to supporters before being taken to a hospital.

TOP QUOTES

I have been briefed on reports of gunshots fired near former President Trump and his property in Florida, and I am glad he is safe. Violence has no place in America.

KAMALA HARRIS
US VICE PRESIDENT

I am Donald J. Trump. FEAR NOT! I am safe and well, and no one was hurt. Thank God! There are people in this world who will do whatever it takes to stop us. I will not stop fighting for you. I will Never Surrender! I will always love you for supporting me. Through our UNITY we will Make America Great Again! I will Never Surrender! THE JOB DONE WAS ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING. I would like to thank everyone for your concern and well wishes -- It was certainly an interesting day.

DONALD J. TRUMP,
REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE & FORMER PREZ

Israel-Hamas War

Israeli airstrikes kill 16 in Gaza, including 4 kids, Palestinians say



Israeli soldiers move next to destroyed buildings following Israeli strikes during a ground operation in the Gaza Strip.

Agencies

Gaza

Palestinian officials say Israeli airstrikes killed 16 people in the Gaza Strip on Monday, including five women and four children.

A strike flattened a home in the built-up Nu-seirat refugee camp in central Gaza, killing at least 10 people there, including four women and two children.

The Awda Hospital, which received the bodies, confirmed the toll and also said 13 people were wounded. Hospital records show that the dead included a mother, her child and her five siblings.

OVER 41K PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE OCT 2023

Gaza's Health Ministry says over 41,000 Palestinians have been killed in the territory since Hamas' Oct. 7 attack triggered the Israel-Hamas war nearly a year ago. The ministry does not differentiate between fighters and civilians in its count but says a little over half of those killed were women and children. Israel says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence.

Another strike on a home in Gaza City killed six people, including a woman and two children, according to the Civil Defense.

'Unacceptable': India slams Iran's leader over remarks on minorities

Agencies

Melbourne

India on Monday strongly deplored comments made by Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on the condition of minorities in India, calling the remarks "misinformed and unacceptable".

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said countries commenting on minorities in India should look at their "own record" before making any observations about others.

"We strongly deplore the comments made regarding minorities in India by the Supreme Leader of Iran. These are misinformed and unacceptable," he said.

"Countries commenting on minorities are advised to look at their own record before making any observations about others," Jaiswal said.



External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal (L) hits back at Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (R).

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST INSTANCE WHEN IRANIAN LEADER HAS SPOKEN ON MINORITIES IN INDIA

In 2019, he had reacted on the Narendra Modi government's decision to abrogate Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. "We're concerned about Muslims' situation in #Kashmir. We have good relations with India, but we expect the Indian government to adopt a just policy towards the noble people of Kashmir and prevent the oppression & bullying of Muslims in this region," he had said. India and Iran have recently solidified their collaboration by signing a significant long-term agreement to operate the Shahid-Beheshti Port Terminal. This deal, witnessed by ministers from both countries, underscores the strategic importance of the Chabahar port pact. By enhancing regional connectivity, the agreement is poised to streamline trade routes between India, Iran, and Afghanistan, offering an alternative to traditional routes that pass through Pakistan.

Torrential rain pounds central Europe

Agencies

Jesenik, Czech Republic

The death toll from the worst flooding central Europe has seen in at least two decades rose on Monday, as authorities in some areas counted the cost of the trail of destruction left by the deluge while others prepared for the crisis to reach them.

Border areas between the Czech Republic and Poland were hit hard over the weekend as heavy rain that has fallen since last week and surging water levels collapsed some bridges, forced evacuations and damaged cars and houses.

At least 15 people have died in flooding from Austria to Romania.

Poland's government announced a state of natural disaster in affected areas and said that it had set aside 1 billion zlotys (\$260 million) to help victims.



A flooded neighborhood & damaged house, in the aftermath of flooding following heavy rainfalls, in Czech Republic on Monday. PTI



TYPHOON LASHES SHANGHAI IN STRONGEST STORM TO HIT CITY SINCE 1949

Shanghai: The normally-bustling financial hub of Shanghai was brought to a standstill on Monday as residents sheltered at home to wait out the worst of Typhoon Bebinca. The Category 1 storm, which made landfall in Shanghai is the most powerful tropical cyclone to directly hit the city. State media reported it is the strongest storm to strike Shanghai since Typhoon Gloria in 1949. Over 1,400 flights from the city's two airports and over 570 passenger trains have been cancelled.



A fallen tree is seen on the streets amid heavy rainfall, after Typhoon Bebinca made landfall in Shanghai, China on Monday.



AT WORLDSKILLS LYON 2024 IN FRANCE

India shines with 16 medals & medallions of excellence

First India Bureau
New Delhi

India has made a remarkable mark on the global stage at WorldSkills 2024 in Lyon, France, by winning 4 prestigious Bronze medals in Patisserie & confectionery- Ashwitha Police, Industry 4.0-Dhruvilkumar Dhirendrakumar Gandhi and Sathyajith Balakrishnan, Hotel Reception- Joethir Adithya Krishnapriya Ravikumar, and Renewable Energy- Amaresh Kumar Sahu.

Ashwitha Police who contested in Patisserie and confectionery also won the Best of Nation Award becoming the most outstanding competitor from Team India. Her journey began with a childhood fascination for creating sweets, inspired by TV shows, and has blossomed into a pursuit of culinary excellence. A student at Dr. Ambedkar Open University, Telangana, she honed her skills under Chef Vinesh Johny's mentorship. Ashwitha's success highlights the growing prominence of Indian culinary talent on the global stage, inspiring aspiring chefs across the country.



The Indian delegation earned 12 Medallions of Excellence, a testament to their exceptional skills and consistent performance.

WorldSkills Lyon 2024 saw more than 1400 participants from over 70 countries competing in diverse skill categories, and the Indian competitors stood it's ground among the best in the world, showcasing their talent and innovation in front of an international audience. India competed in 52 skills against countries like China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Germany, Brazil, Australia, Columbia, Denmark, France, UK, South Africa, Switzerland, USA etc.

The Indian participants, many of whom were competing on a global platform for the first time, were elated with their achievements. Overwhelmed by the recognition, the young achievers expressed pride in representing their nation and thanked their mentors and trainers for their guidance. Several winners highlighted the importance of skill-ing and its role in transforming their lives and career paths. The collective excitement and joy among the team members were palpable as they celebrated their hard-earned success.

Indian players have been working on their mental strength for a "long time" which should help the team in overcoming hurdles, says skipper Harmanpreet Kaur ahead of the women's T20 World Cup next month. India are placed in Group A along with six-time winners and defending champions Australia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand. Kaur said on Monday that the Indian players have been working on the mental aspect to bring

Players working on mental strength for T20 WC: Kaur

PTI

Mumbai



Harmanpreet Kaur

out their best in crucial moments. "We have been working on mental strength for a long time. The last 3-4 overs are the most crucial. T20 cricket is not a small format; at the end of the day, you are playing 40 overs," Kaur told the media.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

On Vishwakarma Jayanti, we honour the dignity of workmanship and celebrate the spirit of innovation. Greetings to one and all!

Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



Raj's favourable policies attract renewable energy investors: CM

The 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi

First India Bureau
Gandhinagar (Guj)

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma highlighted the state's leading position in renewable energy production in India while speaking at the Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting & Expo in Gujarat's Gandhinagar.

The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In his address, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma noted that the Bhadla Solar Park in the state is the world's largest solar park with an installed capacity of 2,245 megawatts. He said that Rajasthan provides a favourable environment for investors in the renewable energy sector, with 28 gigawatts of existing projects generating approximately 470 cr units of electricity & 32 gigawatts of projects under construction.

"The State has potential for 142 GW of solar and 284 GW of wind energy. Rajasthan aims to boost production to 115 GW by 2031-32," the Chief Minister said.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel, Pralhad Joshi, Dr Mohan Yadav, Chandrababu Naidu, Pramod Sawant, Shripad Yesso Naik & others during the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet in Gandhinagar on Monday.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Pralhad Joshi & Heeralal Nagar during the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma seeks detailed info about various government schemes during the Re-Invest-2024.

CM VISITS ALWAR TO PAY TRIBUTES TO LATE ZUBAIR KHAN & DR ROHITASH SHARMA'S SON

Alwar: CM Bhajan Lal Sharma visited the residence of late Congress MLA Zubair Khan to offer condolences. Khan, a four-term MLA, passed away due to liver problems. Forest Minister Sanjay Sharma accompanied him. Congress leaders Mukul Wasnik, Naseem Ahmed, & others, also paid their respects. The CM also visited ex-Minister Dr Rohitash Sharma to condole the recent demise of his son.



CM BHAJAN LAL SHARMA TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR 608 SOLAR PLANTS IN JAIPUR TODAY

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will lay the foundation stones for 608 solar plants at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur today. The event, overseen by ACS, Energy Department Alok and Discoms Chairperson Arti Dogra, will also include the foundation laying for two 33/11 KV substations, 14 132 KV substations, and 11 220 KV GSS. Additionally, 19 new 33/11 KV substations and 8 132 KV GSS will be inaugurated. The AEN office buildings at Jhalrapatan and Chaumahla will also be opened.

Deputy CM Diya honours Rajput talents in Kota

First India Bureau
Kota

The birth anniversary of Maharaja Umaid Singh II was celebrated with grandeur on the eve of Anant Chaturdashi in Kota.

Deputy CM Diya Kumari was the chief guest at the event organised by Hadoti Kshatriya Shiksha Pracharini Samiti. Former MP Iyjaraj Singh, Ladpura MLA Kalpana Devi, and Ayodhya's Peethadheeshwar Jagatguru Swami Balmukundacharya also attended.

Diya praised Maharaja Umaid Singh II for his role in shaping modern Kota and attributed the city's ongoing development to his visionary leadership. She highlighted



Diya Kumari during the Shri Maharao Umed Singh (II) Jayanti Samaroh by Hadoti Kshetriya Shiksha Pracharini Samiti in Kota on Monday. Iyjaraj Singh, Kalpana Devi, Swami Balmukundacharya Maharaj, Shivraj Singh Rathore, Virendra Singh Shaktawat & others were present.

his contributions to education, healthcare, agriculture, and other key areas in the Hadoti region. The Dy CM emphasised women's roles in education, sports, and

employment for India's growth, honouring maternal strength.

Jagatguru Swami Balmukundacharya highlighted Kota's history and Kshatriya values.

V-P Jagdeep Dhankhar to attend 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan' event in Jhunjhunu today

Pradeep Gadhwal
Jhunjhunu

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar will be in Jhunjhunu today, accompanied by his wife, Sudesh Dhankhar, to participate as the chief guest in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan' event. The function will be held on the playground of Shaheed Peeru Singh



RVM School. Following the event, Dhankhar will return to Delhi.

The event will include exhibitions from 20 govt departments and a medi-

cal camp by BDK Hospital, offering health check-ups and advice to sanitation workers and their families. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharrar, and other dignitaries will attend.

District Collector Ramavtar Meena and SP Sharad Chaudhary have reviewed the preparations for the event.

Praying for prosperity



Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade offers prayers to Lord Ganesha during the Ganeshotsav held at Maharashtra Bhavan located at C-Scheme in Jaipur on Monday. He interacted with the residents of Maharashtra residing in Jaipur and also observed various activities organised by the Jaipur Maharashtra Mandal. The Governor prayed to Lord Ganesha for the prosperity and well-being of the nation and the state.

First India Mewar Gaurav Samman Samaroh to be held in Udaipur today

First India Bureau
Udaipur

First India News will organise the inaugural First India Mewar Gaurav Samman Samaroh in Udaipur today. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Bharat 24 and CMD and Editor-in-Chief of First India News, announced that Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria will be the chief guest for the event.

The ceremony will take place at 4 PM in the Durbar Hall of Hotel Taj Fateh Prakash. Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, mentioned that notable attendees will



Gulab Chand Kataria, CP Joshi, Dr Mannalal Rawat, Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar

The ceremony will take place at 4 PM in the Durbar Hall of Hotel Taj Fateh Prakash

include Chittorgarh MP CP Joshi, Udaipur MP Mannalal Rawat, erstwhile member of the royal family Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, Udaipur (City) MLA Tarachand Jain, Udaipur (Rural) MLA Phool Singh Meena, Udaipur Range Inspector General of Po-

lice Ajaypal Lamba, Jannardhanrai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth Vice-Chancellor Prof. SS Sarangdevot, District Collector Arvind Poswal, Superintendent of Police Yogesh Goyal, and Congress State General Secretary Pan-kaj Sharma.

Raj BJP to celebrate PM Modi's birthday as 'Seva Pakhwada'

PTI
Jaipur

The Rajasthan BJP will start a 'Seva Pakhwada' in the state as part of a countrywide campaign to celebrate the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to a party spokesperson, the 'Seva Pakhwada' (service fortnight) will run from September 17 to October 2. Under this, 'Seva Paramo Dharma' (service ultimate duty) will be realised by celebrating Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's birth anniversary on September 25 and Gandhi Jayanti on October 2.

According to the statement, on the occasion of PM Modi's birthday on



PM Narendra Modi

Tuesday, the 'Seva Pakhwada' will be inaugurated with an exhibition based on his biography in the BJP's state office. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and BJP state president Madan Rathore.

BJP General Secy Shrawan Singh Bagdi said for the 'Seva Pakhwada', a team of four members has been formed in dists and five senior BJP workers.

Gehlot slams govt, urges ₹10 cut in petrol prices

Dinesh Dangi
Jaipur

Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Monday, criticised the Central government over high fuel prices.

In a post shared on X, Gehlot noted that despite a 21 percent decrease in international crude oil prices over past 6 months, there has been no corresponding reduction in domestic petrol and diesel prices. "It appears that the GoI and oil companies are looting the pockets of the common man," he said. He proposed that petrol could drop Rs10 and diesel Rs 8, if crude prices reflect.

Starry night at Rambagh Palace commemorates IHCL's global prestige

Kavita Chauhan
Jaipur

Taj Rambagh Palace hosted a stunning evening to celebrate the Taj group's recognition as one of the most powerful hotel brands in the world. The event was a spectacular showcase of elegance, luxury, and tradition, attracting top-notch board members of IHCL and prominent figures from various industries. Set against the majestic backdrop of the palace's iconic front lawns, the evening was beautifully crafted to reflect the grandeur of Rambagh's legacy. Union Minister Gajen-

dra Singh Shekhawat, the Chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran, along with CEO and Managing Director Puneet Chattwal of IHCL, board members of IHCL, and the owners of Rambagh Palace, Maharaj Vijit Singh and Maharaj Jai Singh, graced the gala evening with their presence. Among the distinguished guests was Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who holds a deep-rooted loyalty to Rambagh Palace. His long-standing association with the hotel made his presence particularly noteworthy. Dr Chandra expressed his admiration for the evening, noting how mesmerized he was by the event's

splendour and the care with which every detail was executed. The event drew a host of dignitaries and elite attendees, including business tycoons, socialites, and members of the royal



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Vivek Harivysai. SANTOSH SHARMA

family, further solidifying Rambagh Palace's status as an icon of luxury and heritage. The event was impeccably organized under the guidance of Ashok Rathore, the Area Direc-

tor - Operations and General Manager of Rambagh Palace, who ensured that every guest was well cared for. His efforts, along with his team, made the evening not only beautiful but



(L-R) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Vijit Singh and Ashok Rathore.

truly memorable, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. One of the highlights of the evening was the meticulously choreographed fashion show, where models graced

the runway with an effortless blend of grace and style. The runway, set amidst the lush greenery of the palace lawns, offered a picturesque setting, enhancing the overall aesthetic of the event. The show captivated the audience, with the grandeur of the palace serving as a breathtaking backdrop. The evening not only highlighted Rambagh's importance in the hospitality world but also celebrated the timeless elegance and cultural significance that make it a global powerhouse brand. It was truly a night to remember, combining style, heritage, and prestige in perfect harmony.

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Puneet Chhatwal, CEO of Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces addressing the audience.



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TEXTILE SOURCING MEET'24

Textile Sourcing Meet 2024, inaugurated at RIC, Chief Guest Minister KK Vishnoi and Guest of Honour Pawan Arora participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony & lamp lighting.

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Grit meets Glam

Shradha Singh Chouhan, a dynamic model from Katni, Madhya Pradesh, has captured hearts with her passion for pageantry and adventure. From her start in modelling to her role in Miss Grand India 2024, City First sheds light on her inspiring fashion and lifestyle journey!

Shradha Singh Chouhan's journey in the world of pageantry and modelling is one of passion, perseverance and adventure. Born in Katni, Madhya Pradesh, and raised in a loving and supportive family, she completed her early schooling at Bardsley English Medium Senior Secondary School before pursuing dentistry at Udaipur Darshan Dental College. However, her true calling came when she discovered the world of modelling during her college days. "I accidentally came across a movie shoot and worked as a junior artist. That experience sparked my love for modelling," she recalled. Her journey in pag-



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eantry began in 2023, a year that ignited her deep connection with the industry. As a participant in Miss Grand India 2024 from Gujarat, Shradha embraced the challenges and triumphs that come with the pageant world. "Miss Grand India gave me a new perspective on pageantry. It was more than just a competition; it was about learning, sisterhood and self-discovery. I can't be more grateful to my mentor Nikhil Anand, Director Miss India Universe

and Owner Glamanand Group," she said. Though she did not win any titles at the event, she cherishes the friendships and lessons gained along the way. A thrill-seeker at heart, Shradha's hobbies include horse riding, golfing and engaging in adventure sports. Her love for performing arts, acting and dancing further adds depth to her dynamic personality. "I've always been drawn to different forms of expression and modelling gives me the platform to showcase my creativity," she shared.

Shradha's ultimate dream is to represent India on an international stage and make her mark as a successful actor, model and entrepreneur. "Since I was 13, I've dreamed of wearing the crown with 'India' on my chest. The responsibility that comes with it excites me and I'm ready for the journey," she said with conviction.



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WHAT'S NEXT?



Small World Social Mixer: New in town and seeking connections? Struggling to find true friendships as an adult? Join our unique speed friending experience, where you might meet your next bestie or someone who shares your quirks!

When- 22 September, 5:00 PM
Where- Paalathi, 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!

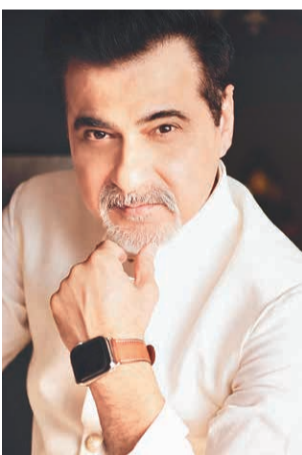
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Where- KnightHouse, Jaipur



Truth or Dare Date: Welcome to "Truth or Dare" Date, a fun twist on the classic game, perfect for singles seeking to meet new people in an interactive, exciting way. Break the ice and spark meaningful connections!

When- 29 September, 5:00 PM
Where- Paalathi, Jaipur

BIRTHDAY FORECAST!



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Today, Virgo, you may feel extra warm and romantic. Spending time with a love interest from afar seems appealing. Plan a cosy evening together—chances are your feelings are mutual, leading to a delightful connection just as you'd hoped!

Debunking Common Myths about Intermittent Fasting



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Four popular misconceptions regarding the safety of intermittent fasting have been addressed by experts from the University of Illinois Chicago.

Intermittent fasting is becoming a more common approach to reducing weight without watching calories. Furthermore, extensive studies have demonstrated its safety. Nonetheless, some fallacies regarding fasting have gained popularity among clinicians, journalists, and the general public, including the claims that fasting can result in a poor diet or loss of lean muscle mass, create eating disorders, or reduce sex hormones.

UIC researchers refute these claims in a new commentary published in Nature Reviews Endocrinology.

They base their results on clinical investigations, some of which they conducted and others performed.

"I've been studying intermittent fasting for 20 years, and I'm constantly asked if the diets are safe," said lead author Krista Varady, a kinesiology and nutrition professor at UIC. "There is so much misinformation out there. However, those views are not based on science; they are simply personal opinions."



TYPES OF INTERMITTENT FASTING

There are two primary types of intermittent fasting. People who practice alternate-day eating alternate between eating relatively few calories on one day and eating everything they want on the next. People who practice time-restricted eating eat anything they want for four to ten hours each day and then skip meals the rest of the time. Contrary to popular belief, the researchers conclude that both forms are harmless.

INTERMITTENT FASTING DOES NOT RESULT IN A POOR DIET

According to the experts, studies demonstrate that the intake of sugar, saturated fat, cholesterol, fibre, sodium, and caffeine does not vary while fasting compared to previously. Similarly, the percentage of energy consumed in carbohydrates, protein, and fat remains constant.



Unlocking Intermittent Fasting Benefits

Intermittent fasting isn't just another diet fad; it's a fascinating health strategy with remarkable benefits. For starters, it can supercharge your metabolism, turning your body into a fat-burning machine. But the magic doesn't stop there—intermittent fasting triggers a process called autophagy, where your cells actually start to clean and repair themselves, which is believed to slow aging. Studies also show that it can improve heart health by lowering bad cholesterol and even sharpen your brain, boosting focus and memory. With its ability to reduce inflammation and fit into just about any routine, intermittent fasting is more than a way to lose weight—it's a lifestyle upgrade for mind and body.



caution when monitoring obese teenagers who begin fasting, as this group is at greater risk of developing eating disorders.

INTERMITTENT FASTING DOES NOT RESULT IN AN EXCESSIVE LOSS OF LEAN MUSCLE MASS

Studies demonstrate that people lose the same amount of lean muscle mass whether they fast or follow a different diet. In both circumstances, resistance training and increased protein consumption can help to prevent lean muscle loss.

INTERMITTENT FASTING DOES NOT INFLUENCE SEX HORMONES

Despite concerns regarding fertility and libido, the researchers reported that fasting does not affect estrogen, testosterone, or other associated hormones.

INTERMITTENT FASTING DOES NOT CREATE EATING DISORDERS

No research has found that fasting causes people to acquire an eating problem. However, all of the

studies excluded participants with a history of eating disorders, and the researchers recommend that those with a history of eating disorders avoid intermittent fasting. They also recommend paediatricians use



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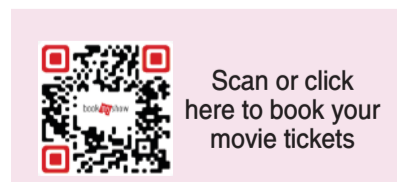
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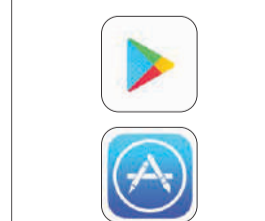
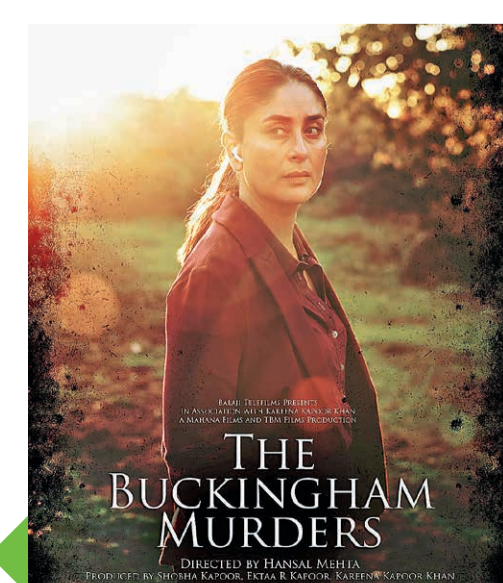


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Unity, Innovation & LEADERSHIP



Pawan Arora with Minister KK Vishnoi, Vimal Shah, Arun Gupta & others lighting the ceremonial lamp



The event will significantly help in the growth of the market. It is introducing new fabrics, accessories, and technologies, showcasing innovative advancements. Some people are supporting recycled products, which not only benefits the economy but also gives businesses a competitive edge for future growth.

Vimal Shah, Director of Goodwill Impex

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TEXTILE SOURCING MEET '24

During the two-day exhibition of Textile Sourcing Meet 2024 which was inaugurated at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC) on Monday, Chief Guest KK Vishnoi, Minister of State of Industries and Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News who graced the event as Guest of honour participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the tradi-

tional lighting of the ceremonial lamp. This meeting is designed to facilitate interaction between Fashion Buyers, Ready-Made Garment (RMG) Exporters and Supply Chain Manufacturers. They bring together various stakeholders in the value chain on a common platform to partner and collaborate for fast-track delivery. Ashok Singhi former general Secretary of GEAR were also present during this.



Pawan Arora with Minister KK Vishnoi, Lalit Arora, and others during their visit to the stalls



We already have a many factories, and a significant amount is being exported from Jaipur. With a total export value of 20,000 crores combining domestic and export, if we receive a bit more support from the government, such as setting up a textile park and some subsidies, we can further expand.

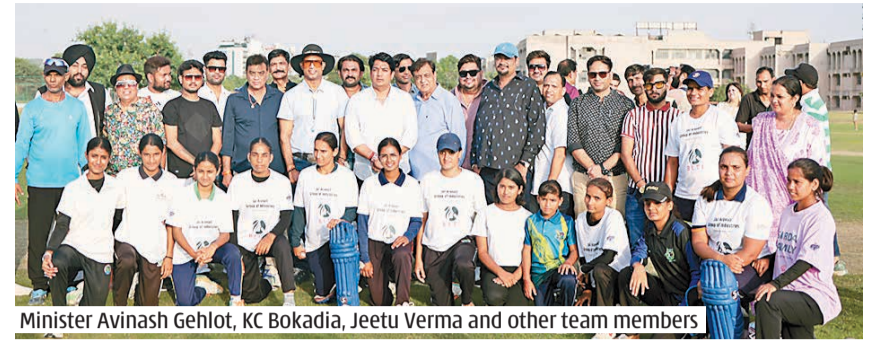
Lalit Arora, Vice President, GEAR



For textiles and garments, it is essential that all necessary accessories and raw materials are available under one roof. In future programs, many people will come, which will boost the industry. The government should provide funding for overseas marketing. Group housing should also be available; we are going to Bihar because they are offering housing.

Zakir Hussain, President of GEAR

IN THE CITY!



Minister Avinash Gehlot, KC Bokadia, Jeetu Verma and other team members

Beti Premier League concluded with 'Team Shiksha' emerging victorious, defeating 'Team Beti' at the Jaipuria Cricket Ground in Jaipur on Sunday. Social Justice Minister Avinash Gehlot, along with Bollywood producer KC Bokadia and actor Jeetu Verma, honoured the winning players. In the final, 'Team Shiksha' scored 81 runs, while 'Team Beti' was bowled out for just 38. Earlier, both teams advanced by beating Swabhimani and Samman teams, respectively. The tournament showcased the talent of women cricketers in a vibrant atmosphere.

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The AU Jaipur Cyclothon will take place on September 29, coinciding with World Heart Day. Organised by the Jaipur Runners Club, Rotary District 3056 and Sanskruti Yuva Sanstha, the campaign commenced with an invitation to Lord Ganesh at Moti Dungri Temple. The campaign poster was unveiled by Mahant Kailash Sharma, along with Cyclothon founder Mukesh Mishra and other notable figures. Vishnu Tank, Director of Jaipur Runners Club, highlighted the campaign's goal to raise awareness about heart health and encourage participation from all city residents.

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The Rajasthan State Ex-Services League (RSESL) celebrated its Golden Jubilee on Monday at 'Utsav', Jaipur Military Station. Prem Singh Bajor, Chairman of the Sainik Welfare Board, graced the event as Chief Guest, alongside dignitaries like Major General RS Godara and Major General Satbir Singh. The event featured a welcome address by Lieutenant General SPS Katewa, with speeches highlighting RSESL's role in supporting veterans. Gaurav Senanis were honoured with mementoes, and the event concluded with gratitude expressed by Brigadier Kartar Singh (Retd).

GOLF TOURNAMENT!



Award winners and Executive Committee of the Rambagh Golf Club

The 7th monthly golf tournament, "SK Jaipur Open - Super League 2024," was organised at Rambagh Golf Club in Jaipur on Monday. Over two days, players from Albert, Jaigarh, Nahargarh, and Amber Houses competed. Hemendra Choudhary from Jaigarh House won the gross title, with Manoviraj Shekhawat of Albert House as the runner-up. In handicap categories, winners included Lt Col Rakesh K Lamba (Amber House) and Anup S Rashtrawar (Nahargarh House). Other prizes went to Sunil Mehrotra (Veterans Golfer), Shiksha Jain (Ladies Golfer), and various category winners.

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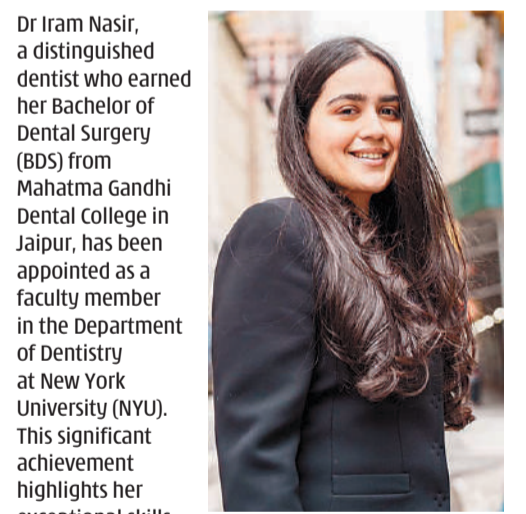
ART EXHIBITION!



Shanti Asiatic School, Jaipur recently organised the 'War of Vision' Art Exhibition, featuring live pottery, marketing junctions and literary stalls. Students showcased colourful performances, including Music Bihu, Hip Hop Dance, and Shiv Tandava. The event was graced by Chief Guest Lt General SPS Katewa, who praised the students' artistic talent. Distinguished guests included Brigadier Sheela Vij, Veernari Usha Shekhawat, Pawan Kumar Kalla (RJS), Rashmi Arya (RJS), Kapil Jangid and Monica Sharda, enhancing the program's success.

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ACHIEVEMENT!



Dr Iram Nasir, a distinguished dentist who earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Mahatma Gandhi Dental College in Jaipur, has been appointed as a faculty member in the Department of Dentistry at New York University (NYU). This significant achievement highlights her exceptional skills and dedication to dentistry. In her new role, Dr Nasir will contribute to dental education and research at one of the world's leading institutions, showcasing her commitment to advancing dental practices on an international scale.

LUXURY TIMEPIECES UNVEILED!

The Brides of Jaipur collection, Jaipur Watch Company's exquisite new women's jewellery watch line, made a grand debut recently. As India's premier micro-luxury watch brand, Jaipur Watch Company has entered the women's jewellery watch segment with this intricate collection, unveiled during an elegant event at Sawai Man Mahal. The launch was graced by Uttarakhand's Minis-



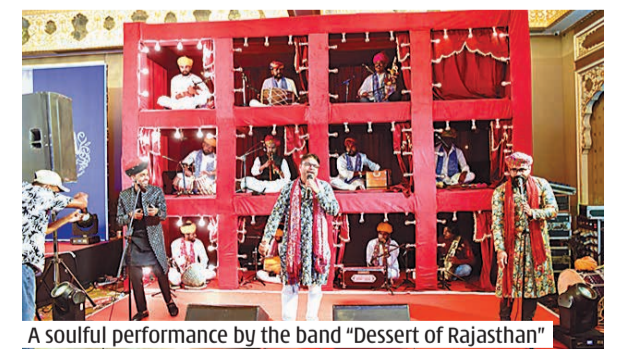
Exquisite women's watches

The collection draws inspiration from Rajasthan's jewellery craftsmanship, highlighting Jaipur's architectural marvels and heritage. Guests enjoyed cultural presentations from Gaurav Mehta, Founder of Jaipur Watch Company and Archana Surana, design educator. Actor Malaika Arora visually praised the collection, emphasizing its reflection of Jaipur's rich history and elegance, making it a perfect choice for weddings.



Surya, Kriti, Prem, Sana, Rohin, Aasawari, Ridh & Bhumi

SANTOSH SHARMA



A soulful performance by the band "Dessert of Rajasthan"



Mesmerising cultural performance



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by supermodel Niviya Modi, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Monday.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Retd IAS Dr Govind Sharma and others during the event

Melodies of Remembrance

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The 21st Annual Ramjilal Swarankar Memorial Ceremony was held on Sunday at the Rajasthan International Centre, organised by Mahatma Gandhi Medical University in honour of its founder trustee, Ramjilal Swarankar. The highlight of the evening was a captivating sitar recital by renowned Padma Bhushan awardee Pt Budhaditya Mukherjee, accompanied by Pt Vinod Lele, who is on tabla.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the event as a special guest, adding to the significance of the occasion. The event began with floral tributes to the late Ramjilal Swarankar and Gombi Devi Swarankar. In his welcome address, Chairman Dr Vikas Chandra Swarankar spoke about the importance of art in enriching life and emphasised that the ceremony, now in its 21st year, aims to promote art and culture. He highlighted that the platform allows Jaipur's art lovers to witness performances by eminent artists across India and abroad.

Founder Chairman Dr ML Swarankar remarked on the significance of having Pt Budhaditya



(L-R) Dr ML Swarankar, Dr Sudhir Sachdev, Pt Budhaditya Mukharjee & Manmita Mukharjee, Meena Swarankar and Vinod Lele



Artists Pt Vinod Lele and Pt Budhaditya Mukharjee mesmerised the audience

Mukherjee, a distinguished sitar virtuoso from the Imdadhani Gharana, perform. Mukherjee, also skilled in the surbahar, shared his deep connection with Jaipur and spoke about the spiritual essence of classical music, urging the younger generation to pursue it with dedication. Mukherjee began his recital with a soulful rendition of Raga Shuddha Kalyan, followed by an emotional interpretation of Raga Pilu. He concluded with Raga Bhairavi, leaving the audience mesmerised.

Family members pre-

sent included Meena Swarankar, RR Soni, Shobhit Swarankar, Kavita Soni, Harman Swarankar, Jayashree Swarankar, Ravindra Verma, and Yogendra Verma. Vice-Chancellor Dr Achal Gulati, Dr Vinay Kapoor, Dr ND Soni and Dr AK Sharma were also in attendance.

The evening was attended by prominent figures, including IAS officers Samit Sharma and Ravi Jain, BL Soni, former Superintendent of JK Lone Hospital Dr Ashok Gupta as well as numerous doctors, officials and art enthusiasts were also present.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI'S B'DAY Vision Captured



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Yuvraj Kothari, Karishma Kothari, Ranoo, Reema Kothari, Pankaj Kothari, Sudhir Mathur, Alka Batra & Rishve Miglani

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On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, photographer and writer Mahesh Swami inaugurated the exhibition, "Narendra Modi... an Inspirational Man," at Kalaneri Art Gallery, JLN Marg on Monday. The event featured National General Secretary of Sanskar Bharati, Dr Ashwin M Dalvi, as the chief guest, with notable figures including former Rajasthan Sahitya Akademi President Indushekar Tatpuresh, artist Dharmendra Rathore, Prof Chinmay Mehta, and Amit Kalla in attendance. The exhibition showcases Modi's political and social life through photographs and Swami's writings. The exhibition, running until September 21, reflects on Modi's influence, with Dr Dalvi praising Modi's role in shaping a stronger India and Indushekar Tatpuresh highlighting Modi's alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision. Swami's artistic presentation emphasizes the depth of Modi's impact.



A captivating portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



(L-R) Mamta Yadav, Mansi & Siddharth Yadav, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav & Baby Hridyansh

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav attended the Kuan Puja ceremony of his Private Secretary, Siddharth Yadav, in Rewari, offering blessings to his son Hridyansh on Monday. The event was graced by family, friends and Mamta Yadav, who is a member of the Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) and holds the position of Chairperson at Haryana Civil Services (SASSI). The family was seen together in a celebratory mood, marking the special occasion.



The Jaipur Polo team triumphed in the Chinkara Polo Cup (06 goals) at Cavalry Polo Ground on Sunday, defeating the Mayfair Polo team 7-3. Lance Watson led the victory with 5 goals, while Padmanabh Singh and Salim Azmi added 1 goal each. Mahendra Singh also contributed to the team's success. For Mayfair, Simran Singh Shergil scored 2 goals and Anay Shah added 1. Other Mayfair players included Vishwarupe Bajaj and Siddhant Sharma.

DURING THE DAY!



The Khandelwal Women Entrepreneur Empowerment Forum was grandly launched at a Tonk Road hotel, supported by Prakhar Navneet on Monday. The event, attended by prominent entrepreneurial women, featured MLA Gopal Sharma as the chief guest, with Miss Rajasthan Harshika Batra also in attendance. Club President Shruti Khandelwal announced that this is the first organisation of its kind in India for the Khandelwal Samaj. The forum aims to enhance women's skills and entrepreneurship, hosting five annual programs. Over 100 members were honoured with certificates, and board members Anu Shah, Kanika Khandelwal, Suman Shah, Dr Neelaja Gupta, Vijayalakshmi Gupta, Monica Gupta and Bharti Khandelwal were introduced.



The Golden Era of Indian Cinema Season 11, organised by Unique Dream Builders and Healthy Smile Group, took place on Sunday, at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur. The event featured performances of classic Bollywood melodies from the 1960s onwards by renowned singer Dr. Sameer Sharma SAM, alongside K P Saxena, Dr Jitendra Singh Makkar, Geetika Chaturvedi, Richa Khoda, Ruchi Khandelwal, and Nikita Bansal. The show, which drew a full house, concluded with the Hussain Brothers, esteemed ghazal singers, felicitating the performers.



Khandelwal Vaishya Samaj Seva Samiti recently celebrated the Nandotsav program in Brahmपुरi, led by President Renu Khandelwal & Executive President Anuradha Boosar. The event featured Preeti Sethi, enchanting as Sudama, who carried Bal Krishna in a basket on her head. Meanwhile, Suman Khuteta and Meenakshi Rawat mesmerised the audience with their dynamic portrayals of Krishna and Radha through lively dance performances. The Mahila Mandal and guests revelled in the festivities, which included the offering of Chhappan bhog prasad to the Lord.

EVENTS!



INA Solar, a leading solar panel manufacturer in India, held the ground-breaking ceremony for its new cutting-edge manufacturing facility on the Delhi-Ajmer Expressway in Swardara, Jaipur on Monday. The Rs 400 crore investment aims to boost the company's position in the renewable energy sector and expand production capacity. The facility, spanning 109,000 square meters, will produce 3GW of N-TYPE/TOPCON solar panels and 12,000 metric tons of aluminum frames annually, creating over 800 jobs. Chairman Manish Gupta and Managing Director Vikas Jain highlighted the facility's role in supporting India's renewable energy goals and the company's commitment to high-quality, internationally certified products.



The Rajasthan Jain Sabha has announced its collective Shmapan festival for the Digambar Jain community, set for 22 September 2024 at the Mahaveer School premises in Jaipur from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The festival poster was unveiled by Alok Jain of Yuva Samaj Gaurav Babu Nagar on Monday. Chairman Subhash Chand Jain and General Secretary Manish Baid highlighted that prominent Jain monks, including Shashank Sagar, will be honoured with coconuts. Over 70 Tyagi-vrats, who undertook significant penance during Bhadrpad, will also be felicitated. The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister have been invited. Key organisers include Yashkamal Ajmera, Subhash Baj and Anil Chhabra, with Darshan Jain serving as the chief coordinator.



The Faculty of Design and Faculty of Arts at Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) hosted their First-Year Orientation Program, welcoming new students in design, media, arts, humanities, psychology, sports and economics on Monday. The event began with a ceremonial lamp lighting and a warm welcome address. President Prof NN Sharma highlighted the university's commitment to equipping students for success. Registrar Dr Nitu Bhatnagar, Dean Dr Madhura Yadav and other key figures, including Dr Anil Dutt Vyas and Dr Trishu Sharma, provided insights into campus life and academic offerings. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving students and parents inspired for their academic journey.



A mesmerising ghazal evening was held on the RIC stage on Saturday, where renowned singer Mukul Soni from Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, captivated the audience with her soulful performance. The program, organised by RIC program officer Abhishek Mudgal, saw Mukul Soni perform 18 iconic ghazals, including pieces by Shakeel Badayuni, Ahmed Faraz, and Mirza Ghalib. The audience applauded continuously for the 2-hour performance. Mukul Soni, known for her ghazal renditions & Rajasthani Veena albums, were performed.