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FIRST INDIA NEWS PRESENTS "MEWAR GAURAV SAMMAN – SEASON 3"

WORLD RESPECTS MEWAR'S LEGACY OF SACRIFICE, VALOR AND HEROISM: KATARIA



Gulab Chand Kataria addressing audience in Udaipur on Tuesday.



Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and First India News CEO & Managing Editor Pawan Arora with (L-R) PCC General Secy Pankaj Sharma, VC Prof SS Sarangdevot, MP Chunniall Garasiya, MLA Tarachand Jain, MP Manna Lal Rawat, MLA Phool Singh Meena, IG Ajay Pal Lamba, Collector Arvind Poswal, SP Yogesh Goyal, Jinendra Shekhawat, Vishal Mathur and Dr Ravi Kumar Sharma, during National Anthem at "Mewar Gaurav Samman", at Darbar Hall, Fateh Prakash Hotel in City Palace at Udaipur on Tuesday. **SUNIL SHARMA**



Pawan Arora speaking during the 'Mewar Gaurav Samman'.

Dr Ravi Kumar Sharma
Udaipur

Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria stated that even a small individual in society can perform work worthy of recognition, and such work should indeed be honored. Kataria was speaking as the chief guest at the "Mewar Gaurav Samman - Season 3," organized by the First India News held at the historic Darbar Hall of the Fateh Prakash Hotel, City Palace in Udaipur on Tuesday. The

Kataria praises Pawan Arora for his tenure as RHB Commissioner, noting that some individuals perform acts that make them immortal

event was chaired by Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News.

Governor Gulab Chand Kataria praised Mewar as a land of sacrifice and dedication, expressing that every visitor is eager to pay hom-

age to this land.

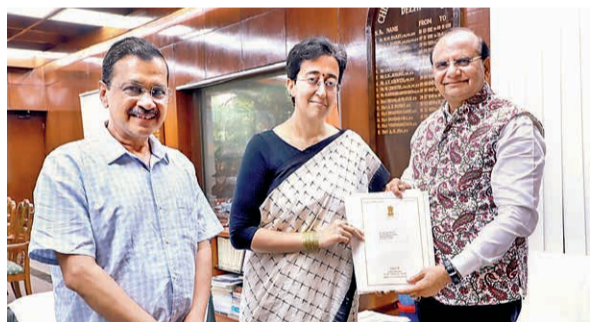
Kataria commended Dr Jagdeesh Chandra's The JC Show. He also praised Pawan Arora for his tenure as the Housing Board Commissioner, noting that some individuals perform acts that make them immortal, and Arora has done this by creating outstanding housing for legislators. He noted that Mewar has only one king, Lord Ekling Nath, and that the prime minister in the royal house of Mewar is called the Diwan. He em-

phasized that the world respects Mewar's legacy of sacrifice, valor, and heroism.

Pawan Arora said the Gaurav Samman organized by First India News aims to inspire others and encouraged people to join and move forward. Arora welcomed Governor Kataria's suggestion to also honor government officials in future recognition programs. On this occasion, he also extended birthday wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **TURN TO P8**

Atishi set to succeed Kejriwal as new Delhi CM

- AAP's Arvind Kejriwal tenders his resignation to Delhi LG VK Saxena
- Delhi LG VK Saxena 'welcomes' Atishi as the CM-designate



CM-designate Atishi stakes claim to form new govt before LG VK Saxena in Delhi on Tuesday. Also present here is Arvind Kejriwal.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal proposes the name of Delhi Minister Atishi as the new CM-designate. AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal tendered his resignation as Delhi CM to Lieutenant Governor

Vinai Kumar Saxena on Tuesday. He left from LG secretariat within minutes after reaching there. With Kejriwal tendering his resignation, a delegation of AAP legislators met the Lt Governor to stake a claim for forming a new government led by Atishi. **P6**

On 74th b'day, Modi launches 'Subhadra Yojana' in Odisha

First India Bureau
Bhubaneswar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Odisha govt's flagship women-centric programme Subhadra Yojana, and unveiled railway and national highway projects worth over ₹3,800 crore here, marking 100 days of 3rd NDA regime at the Centre on Tuesday.

PM Modi also released the first instalment of assistance to more than 10 lakh beneficiaries under PMAY-G across 14 states. He also took part in 'Griha Pravesh' celebrations for 26 lakh beneficiaries under the housing scheme. PM inaugurated homes of 20 beneficiaries under PMAY. **P6**



On his 74th birthday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi relishes a sweet dish during a meeting with the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on Tuesday.

Today marks the 100th day of the NDA government at the Centre. During this period, big decisions have been taken for the empowerment of the poor, farmers, youth and women. NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

PM MODI IN US FROM SEPTEMBER 21-23 FOR QUAD SUMMIT, WILL ADDRESS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in the US from September 21-23 to attend the fourth Quad Leaders' Summit. The Prime Minister will also address an event at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. According to a release by the Ministry of External Affairs, PM Modi will attend the Quad meeting in Wilmington, Delaware, which will be hosted by US President Joe Biden.

Phase-I polls in J&K after a decade today

Jammu and Kashmir gears up for votings in 7 districts, counting of votes on Oct 8

First India Bureau
Srinagar

After abrogation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir will witness its toughest battle for power yet with the upcoming Assembly elections. The polls after 10 years will be sealing the fate of candidates across 7 districts during phase 1 voting of the Assembly elections. Polls will be held in 8 seats in 3 districts of Jammu region and 16 seats in 4 districts of Kashmir valley. The security arrangements include multi-tier forces from the CAPE, J&K Armed Police and J-K Police, IG Kashmir Zone VK Birdi said.



Polling officials with their EVM in J&K's Kishtwar on Tuesday.

Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian, are major segments up for grab

Total Seats	Total Voters
24	23 lakh
Total Candidates	
219 (90 Independents)	
Polling Stations	
3,276	

IN SHORT

- Hezbollah members among 8 dead and 2,750 wounded when communication pagers exploded in Beirut on Tuesday. **P7**
- The 18th convocation ceremony of MNIT will take place with President Droupadi Murmu being the chief guest today.
- No demolition without our permission for two weeks, says the Supreme Court while hearing plea against 'bulldozer justice'.
- The West Bengal government has appointed IPS officer Manoj Kumar Verma as new Kolkata Police Commissioner. **P6**
- The ICC announced on Tuesday that men and women will receive equal prize money in World Cups, officials said.

CM SHARMA SPEAKS AT CM ROJGAR UTSAV...

'10L people to get employment in Raj'

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Tuesday reaffirmed the state government's commitment to the well-being of Rajasthan's 8 crore residents. He stressed that every action taken reflects public sentiment and contributes to the comprehensive development of all regions.

Speaking at a programme where Chief Minister Rojgar Utsav was held and various projects were inaugurated and



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma hands over appointment letter to woman beneficiary at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur on Tuesday. Also seen are Gajendra Singh Khimsar, Jogaram Patel and Gayatri Rathore.

foundation stones were laid virtually, Sharma noted that the nation is cele-

brating PM Narendra Modi's birthday and urged everyone to draw inspira-

tion from Modi's visionary goals and dedication. Highlighting the government's ongoing efforts to meet the aspirations of the youth, Sharma shared that 10 lakh job opportunities are expected over the next five years—6 lakh in the private sector and 4 lakh in the public sector.

He said that approximately 41,000 appointments have already been made, with 8,032 youth receiving their appointment letters today, showcasing the government's determination. **P8**

INDIA DEFEAT CHINA 1-0 TO WIN ITS 5TH TITLE

CHAMPS AGAIN!

Harmanpreet wins player of the tournament at Asian Champions Trophy in China on Tuesday



India's captain Harmanpreet Singh and team pose for a picture with Hockey Asian Champions Trophy trophy on Tuesday. **P7**

Dhankhar hails Modi's focus on Swachhata drive

Pradeep Gadwal
Jhunjhunu

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar highlighted the transformative change in people's perception of cleanliness that has been brought about by PM Narendra Modi's focus on Swachhata. Addressing the inauguration of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva - 2024' campaign at Parmveer Peeru Singh Government Senior Secondary School in Jhunjhunu on Tuesday. **TURN TO P2**

Pink City bids farewell to Lord Ganesha

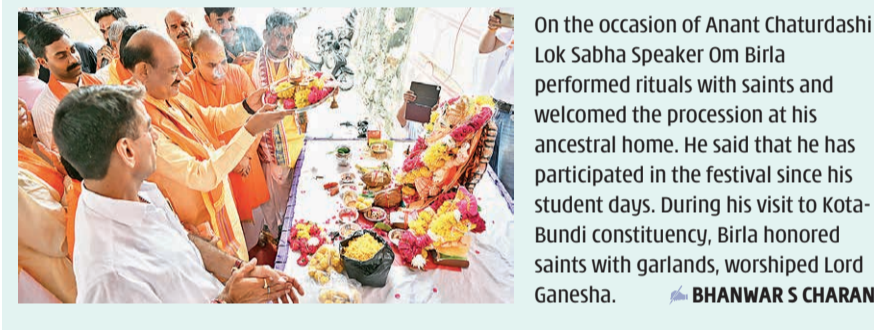
People of Jaipur performed Ganpati Visarjan with vibrant processions and lively celebrations as the city bid farewell to Lord Ganesha. Devotees gathered in large numbers, accompanying intricately decorated Ganesh idols as they passed along the city chanting prayers and concluding the festivities by immersing the idols of Lord Ganesha in local water-bodies.



SANTOSH SHARMA



Rajasthan High Court had prohibited immersion of idols at Jal Mahal. To enforce the same, police was deployed who stopped devotees from performing the ritual. NAIM KHAN



On the occasion of Anant Chaturdashi Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla performed rituals with saints and welcomed the procession at his ancestral home. He said that he has participated in the festival since his student days. During his visit to Kota-Bundi constituency, Birla honored saints with garlands, worshiped Lord Ganesha. BHANWAR S CHARAN

Ganpati visarjan turns fatal in Pratapgarh and Pali, 6 drown

First India Bureau
Pratapgarh/Pali

In a tragic accident in Chhoti Sadri of Pratapgarh three children drowned in water during Ganpati immersion. Two boys Himanshu Yadav and Shubham Yadav died on the spot, while one, Kirtesh Yadav was critically injured. Workers from a nearby railway project rescued Kirtesh. Former minister Shrichand Kriplani visited the scene, which occurred near the Barwada Gurjar village river. Meanwhile in another incident, during Ganesh immersion in Pali 3 young men drowned in a pond. After intense efforts, with the help of divers the bodies were recovered. ASP Vipin Kumar and Tehsildar Dilip Singh were present at the scene.

The deceased are said to be residents of Sojat. The incident occurred in the Khokhara village of the Sojat City Police Station jurisdiction. The bodies of the deceased have been moved to the mortuary of Government Hospital in Sojat.

3 held for disrespecting national flag



First India Bureau
Kota

Three persons were arrested for allegedly insulting the national flag by tampering it with Islamic symbols during a Barawafat procession, officials said on Tuesday.

Two minors involved in the incident were also identified and will be detained, they said.

Police said a video surfaced on social media purportedly showing a person waving the national flag that had a crescent and star printed on either side of the Ashoka Chakra.

BJP MLA Sandeep Sharma and members of Hindu outfits staged a dharna outside Anantpura Police Station, demanding action against those seen in the video, they said.



The accused in police custody on Tuesday.

COPS NAB SMUGGLER, SEIZE 2 KG HEROIN

Sriganganagar police recovered 2kg heroin worth Rs 10 crore and nabbed a smuggler from a village on India Pakistan border. SP Gaurav Yadav said that District Special Team and police in a joint action nabbed a smuggler from Dhanur village. On the information of DST's Mangatram, the DST police caught the smuggler. So far, action has been taken on 16 smugglers.

CYBER SCAM ACCUSED ARRESTED FROM UP

Police have arrested the accused from Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh in a case related to duping a woman professor of IIT of over Rs 23 lakh. The accused, Manu Garg, had threatened to arrest the professor for being a suspect in a money laundering case. He kept her under digital arrest for 10 days during which he duped her. Karwad police is interrogating the cyber thug.

POLICE SEIZE 3.4 KGS OF CANNABIS, 3 ARRESTED

In a significant operation, Kaulari police have apprehended three individuals transporting 3.4 kgs of cannabis. Under the guidance of SP Sumit Mehra, SHO Bhawer Singh led the action, resulting in a successful crackdown during a checkpoint at the Basai Nawab area. The arrested individuals have been identified as Pawan Thakur, Manoj alias Bhola, and Mewaram Jat.

WIFE & SON HELD FOR MURDERING MAN

A woman along with her son has been arrested for killing her husband in Gharsana of Anupgarh. The body of Gursevak Singh (60) was found in suspicious condition on Monday. The accused, Chhinder Kaur and son Jagga Singh, killed Singh by hitting on his head with a stick. The accused have confessed to the murder.

ACB NABS SARPANCH REPRESENTATIVE

The ACB in Jodhpur trapped a Sarpanch representative for demanding bribe to issue muster roll. The action was taken under the supervision of ACB ASP Paras Soni. According to the information, ACB got a complaint that sarpanch representative Bachhu Khan was demanding bribe to issue muster roll for construction of a tank.

DALIT YOUTH TIED & BEATEN UP IN RENWAL

A Dalit youth from Renwal in Jaipur was tied to an electric pole and beaten up. The local Sarpanch and 3-4 others are accused of beating and insulting him with casteist remarks for his alleged role in a theft. All accused fled from the spot leaving the youth in a blood-soaked condition and a case has been registered in Renwal police station on the complaint of the victim.

FROM P1...

Dhankhar hails...

Emphasising upon the importance of public participation in cleanliness, the Vice-President noted that the absence of toilets in the country had been a curse which has been eliminated through this campaign. He stated, "Women's dignity was being compromised, and this mission executed on a large scale is now reflecting in multi-faceted development."

Highlighting the various aspects of the Swachhata campaign, Dhankhar called for a resolution to link cleanliness with character, values and culture. Expressing his thoughts on the newly launched campaign, the Vice-President Dhankhar said, "After a decade, a new beginning is taking place, this campaign should not be limited to cleanliness. It should bring about a change in our thoughts, change in habits, positively affect



Jagdeep Dhankhar, Sudesh Dhankhar, ML Khattar, Avinash Gehlot during the event in Jhunjhunu on Tuesday.

lifestyle, and make a tremendous contribution to economic progress."

Drawing attention to the achievements of the Swachha Bharat Abhiyan, the Vice-President in his address stated that there was a time when the mission of having a toilet in every home in a country of 130 crore was beyond imagination, but today this change has been brought about by the PM's initiative.

Stressing on the important role of sanitation workers in cleanliness, the Vice-President remarked, "We must salute

them, we must hold them in high respect. They are engaged in an extremely solemn activity which is not only significant for society, but also for the planet."

Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, and Power, Avinash Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan, Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. Pradeep Gadwal

Untendered liquor shops in Jaipur cost ₹30 cr to excise department

Vinod Singh Chouhan
Jaipur

The excise department is grappling with a significant revenue shortfall in Jaipur city due to the closure of liquor shops. Sources said that for a period of three months, around 60 liquor stores remained untendered, resulting in an estimated revenue loss of approximately Rs 30 crore. Currently, there is a shortage of bidders for 15 liquor shops in the



city. If these stores are successfully leased out, the department could potentially recover Rs 21 crore in revenue. The department is fac-

ing challenges with shop guarantees and prime locations. For current year, the city's 358 liquor stores have a target of Rs 1,750 crore.

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS' ROADSHOW

Rathore leads Raj's investment drive

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Seeking to invite investors for making investments in Rajasthan, Minister of Industry and Commerce Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore-led high level delegation of Government of Rajasthan met Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, United Arab Emirates' Minister of State for Foreign Trade and par-

ticipated in the investors roadshow of 'Rising Rajasthan' Global Investment Summit 2024 in Dubai today.

Besides that, Col. Rathore and other members of the delegation also held meetings with several leading companies of UAE as well as with members of UAE chapter of UAE-India Business Council.

The minister-led delegation rolled out the red carpet and invited the



Rajyavardhan Rathore with Mohammad A. AlQurashi during the event on Tuesday.

UAE-based business groups and investors to make investments in Rajasthan.

Speaking at the Dubai

investors' meet, Industry and Commerce Minister, Government of Rajasthan, Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore said, "Rajasthan is working under the over-arching vision of PM Narendra Modi to turn India into third largest economy in the coming years and a developed country by the centenary year of independence. Rajasthan, has its task cut out to contribute to the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'."

Energy dept staff protest over policy & pension reforms

First India Bureau
Jaipur

On Tuesday, electricity workers staged a major protest in the state capital Jaipur under the banner of the Rajasthan Vidyut Techniki Karmachari Association. The protest aimed to address key demands, including the formulation of an inter-discom transformer policy, implementation of the Old Pension Scheme, and provision of benefits from the date of joining.

PM Modi B'day Celebrations

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma inaugurates cleanliness & tree plantation drive as part of fortnight celebration of PM Modi's B'day

Govt committed to take forward Modi's vision: CM



(Above) CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Ramcharan Bohra, JMG Mayor Dr Somya, JMG Dy Mayor Puneet Karnawat and others sweep near Malviya Nagar flyover to mark the beginning of 'Swachhata hi Sewa Pakhwara'. (Right) CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Manju Sharma, Ramcharan Bohra, Gopal Sharma, Suman Sharma and others during the plantation drive in Jaipur on Tuesday.



Guv, Birla, ministers celebrate PM's B'day



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla did voluntary work for plantation and cleanliness in Talwandi, Kota under Sewa Pakhwada on the occasion of PM Narendra Modi's birthday on Tuesday.



Governor Haribhau Bagde planted a sapling in 'Aushadhiya Udhyan' of Raj Bhawan under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign being run across country for tree plantation on initiative of PM Narendra Modi.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Tuesday said his government was committed to realising the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi through its work. Extending greetings to the prime minister, Sharma said several activities have been planned in the state to mark Modi's birthday. "Today, we have started the Swachh Bharat Abhi-

yan in the state. This will continue. The prime minister has given importance to social concerns and our government will definitely fulfil it," he told reporters after participating in a 'Shramdan' event here. During the programme Jaipur Municipal Corporation Greater Mayor Dr Somya, MLA Kalicharan Saraf, MP Manju Sharma, Ramcharan Bohra, and other leaders were also present.

CM INAUGURATES PHOTO EXHIBITION AT BJP OFFICE

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma inaugurated the exhibition held at the BJP office on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. On this occasion, a large number of BJP officials and workers were present, including BJP State President Madan Rathore. Speaking to the media, Bhajan Lal Sharma conveyed birthday greetings and best wishes to Prime Minister Modi on behalf of people of Rajasthan. Sharma viewed the photo



exhibition and expressed gratitude to the BJP leaders and workers who organized it. He mentioned that the exhibition showcased a complete portrayal of PM Modi's life and his dedicated work for society, the nation, and country.



Under the PM Awas Yojana Gramin, a programme for transfer of funds was held in Tonk on Tuesday, under the chairmanship of Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar.

Sachin Pilot accuses BJP of spreading lies; unveils statue of ex-sarpanch

Laxmikant Sharma
Dausa

Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot inaugurated the statue of former Sarpanch Mithu Ram Saini in Dausa's Bhandarej on Tuesday. The event saw a significant turnout, including MP Murari Lal Meena, MLAs Kanti Lal Meena, Amin Kagzi, Zila Pramukh Heera Lal Saini, former ministers Mamta Bhupesh, former MLAs GR Khatana, Omprakash Hudla and Vedprakash Solanki among others. Pilot was welcomed

with a grand 51-kg floral garland and traditional turban by the Saini community. The strong affection for Pilot was evident during the farmers' meeting held as part of event. During farmers' meeting in Bhandarej, former minister Mamta Bhupesh praised Sachin Pilot, saying that he set an example by taking time out for the unveiling of a worker's statue. MP Murari Lal Meena accused the BJP of spreading misinformation, particularly concerning Rahul Gandhi's statements on reservations.



Sachin Pilot, Mamta Bhupesh, Murari Lal Meena at statue unveiling of former Sarpanch Mithuram Saini in Bhandarej on Tuesday.

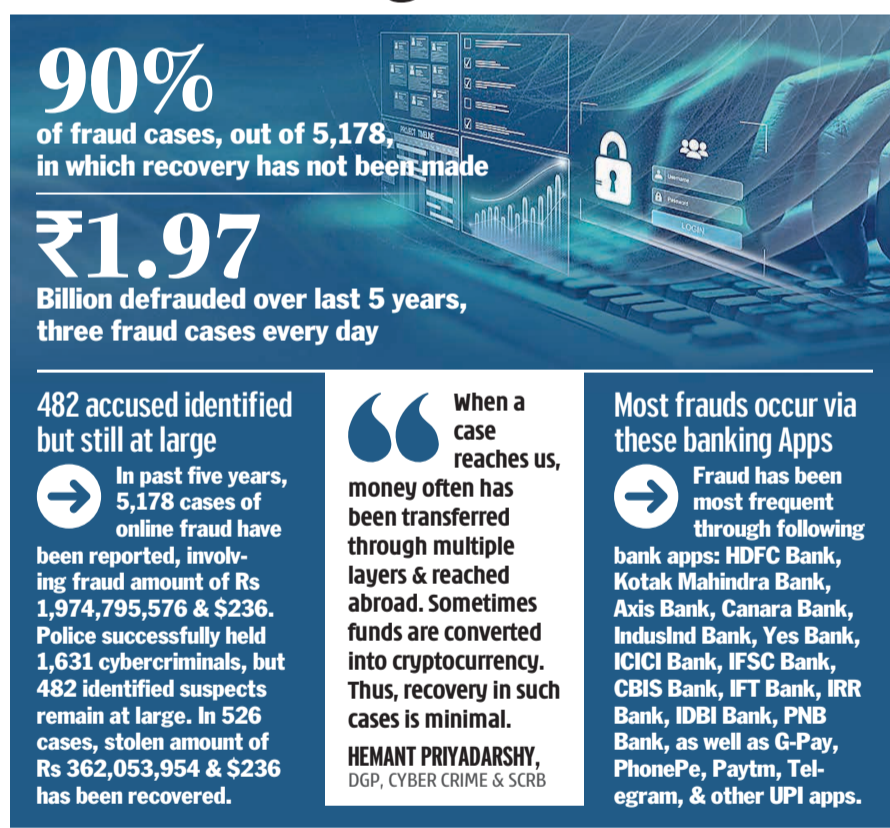
THE WEB OF ONLINE FRAUD Most Cyber fraud via Pvt Bank Apps; stolen funds are being sent abroad

Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

The common man is increasingly falling prey to the web of online fraud in the state. Cybercriminals are exploiting security flaws in online apps and consumer negligence to execute online fraud worth millions. Looking at data from past 5 years, 3 individuals fall victim to major online fraud daily.

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During this period, cybercriminals have defrauded over Rs 1.97 billion from ordinary consumers. Notably, despite reporting cases to police, relief has not been achieved in 90% cases. The police have only been able to recover funds in 10% of the 5,178 cases reported in last 5 years. The data also reveals that



the most significant frauds are occurring through private bank apps. This suggests a flaw in cyber security of online

payment processes used by these banks, affecting customers. On other hand, these cybercriminals are so adept that they transfer

stolen money to accounts abroad, making it difficult for police to recover the funds even if they reach the fraud network

Dotasra wants to be in news: Rawat Nagar, Rawat counter attack on GS Dotasra



Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar in an event in Tonk on Tuesday.



Water Resource Minister Suresh S Rawat in Bharatpur on Tuesday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar criticized Congress leader Govind Singh Dotasra for making odd statements, likening him to be a pretender. Nagar argued that politics should focus on issues and principles and advised Dotasra to address internal factionalism within Congress. He emphasized that BJP is united and praised Kirodilal

Meena as a respected leader of the party. While, Minister Suresh Singh Rawat claimed Dotasra's statements are aimed at staying in the news. He highlighted that during the Congress rule, their ministers and MLAs were locked in hotels and spent their entire tenure. Rawat hoped that Dotasra would offer constructive opposition and criticized his leadership as detrimental to the country and state.

JMCH MAYOR MOVES HC; FILES REPLY

Matter is motivated by political malice, says JMCH Mayor Munesh in her reply

Bharat Dixit and Kamal Kant Sharma
Jaipur

Jaipur Municipal Corporation (Heritage) Mayor Munesh Gurjar filed a petition in high court on Tuesday for action against her by the DLB. The High Court will hear this case in the coming days. Gurjar was served notice on behalf of the department and asked to reply within 3 days. The first India over the reply

had indicated that the Mayor could submit her reply on Tuesday. The advocate on behalf of Gurjar had submitted reply to the regional deputy director. According to sources, in reply, Gurjar has stated that the action was fully political malice. The action was being taken against her due to political vendetta. In the case of ACB trap, the LSG Dept had given the case to regional deputy director for departmental inquiry. The deputy director had sought



JMCH Mayor Munesh Gurjar

a report from JMCH commissioner and ACB. The ACB had submitted its report to deputy director. The deputy director is expected to submit his report to the Director Local Bodies and if there is no hin-

drance, then the govt can take a decision based on the report on Wednesday. UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra said that he will reach Jaipur from Pali on Wednesday at 2.30pm. The officers have been directed to send the report by then. The decision will be taken by Wednesday evening. The regional deputy director is conducting the departmental inquiry. According to the sources, govt on the reply submitted by mayor could decide to suspend her.

Jpr Police's one month drive to inspect police stns

First India Bureau
Jaipur

An intensive inspection campaign for one month in all the police stations, check posts and offices of Jaipur Police Commissionerate has been started from Tuesday, which will continue till Oct 15. This has been started so that the problems of general public are resolved at the earliest. Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph said that following the directions issued during DG & IG Meet, the senior police officers will inspect & visit police stations.

Rathore praises Narendra Modi govt's farmer-friendly initiatives

Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

BJP State President Madan Rathore addressed the media on the occasion of PM Modi's birthday. Rathore highlighted several achievements attributed to Modi's tenure, including the near-doubling of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the allocation of 20,000 crore under the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme to benefit farmers. Rathore emphasized that the BJP's schemes have been effectively implemented and criticized



Madan Rathore during the press conference at BJP office in Jaipur on Tuesday. Jitendra Gothwal and Pramod Vashisth are also seen.

Congress for questioning their efficacy. He also asserted that both the central and state governments have made significant contributions to employment and other sectors. During the PC, Rathore responded to political

criticisms by stating that cases motivated by political malice should be reviewed and, if appropriate, withdrawn. Notably, in a gesture of goodwill, Former CM Ashok Gehlot also extended birthday wishes to PM Modi.



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MODI 3.0 STANDS TALL!



Conducting the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir on September 18, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi turns 74 and on the completion of 100 days of Modi 3.0 will be considered to be a significant development in the democratic process.

In these troubled times, India cannot remain insulated and especially in these 100 days, the government of India has faced several major factors including the unrest in Bangladesh and the collapse of the Sheikh Hasina government in early August. Though it gave India anxious moments mainly because turmoil in any neighbouring country will always have an impact on the bigger and more resourceful country, however, till now, India has faced the matter with determination and has demonstrated diplomatic resoluteness.

The problem does not end there. On September 16, despite having good terms with Iran, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had condemned the Iranian leader's remarks made on minorities in India, terming the same as "misinformed".

This comes at a time even as the two countries — India and Iran — share old ties and remain partners. Tehran has been one of New Delhi's major suppliers of crude but this has been hit by Western sanctions. However, this isn't the first time that Iran's Supreme Leader has commented on Muslims in India and their condition in the country and India has called the

remarks "Unacceptable". When the Narendra Modi government abrogated Article

370, revoking special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Ayatollah had expressed his concern.

He had then posted on X, "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." India-Iran share bonhomie and cordial ties for long. And it may be recalled that in May, the two countries had also signed a long-term contract for the operation of the Shahid Beheshti Port terminal at

Chabahar in Iran. This contract marked the first time India will take over the management of an overseas port.

Despite such incidents and comments, trade and connectivity define New Delhi's connect with Tehran. In 2022-23, India's bilateral trade with Iran was pegged at \$2.33 billion. While New Delhi's trade with Tehran had declined in recent years, it saw a 21.77 per cent uptick in the 2022-23 season. Despite the turbulence worldwide, India has time and again shown its determination for peace and stood firm with its dignified reply.

The global situation between countries in the current context and in real terms is trickier though in apparent terms it may not appear to be so and New Delhi's proper

BETTER HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE PUSH

- The addition of 75,000 new medical seats is a major step towards addressing the crunch of doctors and reducing dependency on foreign medical education. Also the creation of the National Medical Register will bring in transparency and efficiency to the health system and also ensure that the country's medical resources are more utilised with more effectiveness

- The scheme to recognise over 1 crore 'Lakshpatididis'—women earning more than Rs 1 lakh annually—reveals the outcome of initiatives aimed at gradually improving women's financial independence. By doubling the MUDRA loan limit from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh, the government has enhanced further opportunities for women entrepreneurs

- The clearance of projects worth Rs 3 lakh crore, is not just in terms of physical development of the country. It's rather about creating earning opportunities, boosting employment, and laying a network for economic growth. By hiking the capital expenditure to Rs 11.11 lakh crore, the government aims to create jobs which in turn will boost industrial development and maintain the country's growth trajectory

- With a Rs 2 lakh crore package aimed at promoting rozgar and skill development, the

government is seriously putting its resources and money in the future of 41 million youths for the next five years and schemes like Gen-Next Support for Innovation Startups (GENESIS)

- Internships for 1 crore youth in top companies will yield results in the coming years and by creating an ecosystem in skilling the youths, the government plans to make Young India ready to take on the technological challenges that they will face worldwide. Thereby, India will have a bandwidth of young Indians who will be equipped to tackle the future

- A peace pact with the NLFT and the ATTF in Tripura reveals New Delhi's resolution to broker truce and get the armed cadres of these outfits to mainstream society. The 'Samanvay' platform, alongside the Cyberdost mobile app and the Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre, is part of a broader scheme to protect citizens from cyber threats

- Training 5,000 cyber commandos over the next five years will further boost India's defence against digitised crime. In a nutshell, Modi 3.0 has had a well-planned beginning now it is to be seen how the schemes and strategies work out in the given global context to yield the expected outcome

treading the path with caution has been laudable. In the current context when several neighbouring countries have reached a flashpoint with other countries, New Delhi has been working overtime and hard to maintain its sanctity while keeping countries in good humour.

This challenge Modi has successfully handled in his first 100 days. Politically speaking, despite depending on the NDA allies to run a stable government... Modi 3.0 has also shown determination while forming the Cabinet as it maintained all its key ministers and did not rejig the key posts to appease the allies whose help was sought to form the government.

Now let's focus on other fronts and analyse how the

government has projected itself in the first 100 days... In a landmark decision on September 11, 2024, the Union Cabinet approved a major expansion of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), extending health coverage to senior citizens aged 70 and above, irrespective of their income. This decision will benefit about 4.5 crore families, covering 6 crore senior citizens, who will now receive free health insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh per family. With this move, every senior citizen in this age group will have access to the scheme's benefits, ensuring inclusive healthcare coverage across the socio-economic status.

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TOP TWEETS



Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji on his birthday. On the strength of your personality and work, you have provided extraordinary leadership and increased the prosperity and prestige of the country. I wish that your innovative efforts with the spirit of nation first pave way to make India a developed nation.

President of India @rashtrapatibhvn



Hearty congratulations and best wishes to the Honorable PM Shri Narendra Modi on Birthday. Under your able leadership, there has been a radical change in the lives of the common people of the country. The country is continuously moving towards the resolution of a developed India. The high standards you have set as PM are inspiring for every public representative working in public life.

Om Birla @ombirlakota

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

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MAMATA'S BELATED CLIMBDOWN

THE SC IS CLOSELY MONITORING CBI PROBE INTO KOL RG KAR CASE

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's decision to accept most of the major demands of the striking doctors, following the horrific rape and murder of a female doctor at RG Kar Medical College, was a step in the right direction. The medics were justified in their anger, particularly over the failure of the police to secure the crime scene and perform their duties, as alleged by the protesting doctors.

One significant demand granted was the transfer of Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal, alongside two top health officials, and an assurance that no adverse action will be taken against the agitators. The police's perceived negligence in this tragic case fuelled widespread discontent among the medical fraternity. Doctors across the state had rallied together, demanding accountability and justice, but what is perplexing is the delay on the part of the chief minister



in addressing these concerns.

Banerjee, no stranger to public agitations and protests, should have anticipated the intensity of the doctors' movement. Medical professionals, especially in such a sensitive case, required immediate assurances of safety and justice. Instead, the delay in

meeting their demands prolonged the unrest. Given the circumstances, a quicker response could have helped defuse the tension early on.

While the concessions now provide some relief, the state must ensure a more responsive and proactive approach in han-

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dling sensitive issues, especially those involving the safety of women and other citizens. The Supreme Court is closely monitoring the CBI investigation into the case. The court has refused to stop the live telecast of the hearing as it is a matter of public interest.



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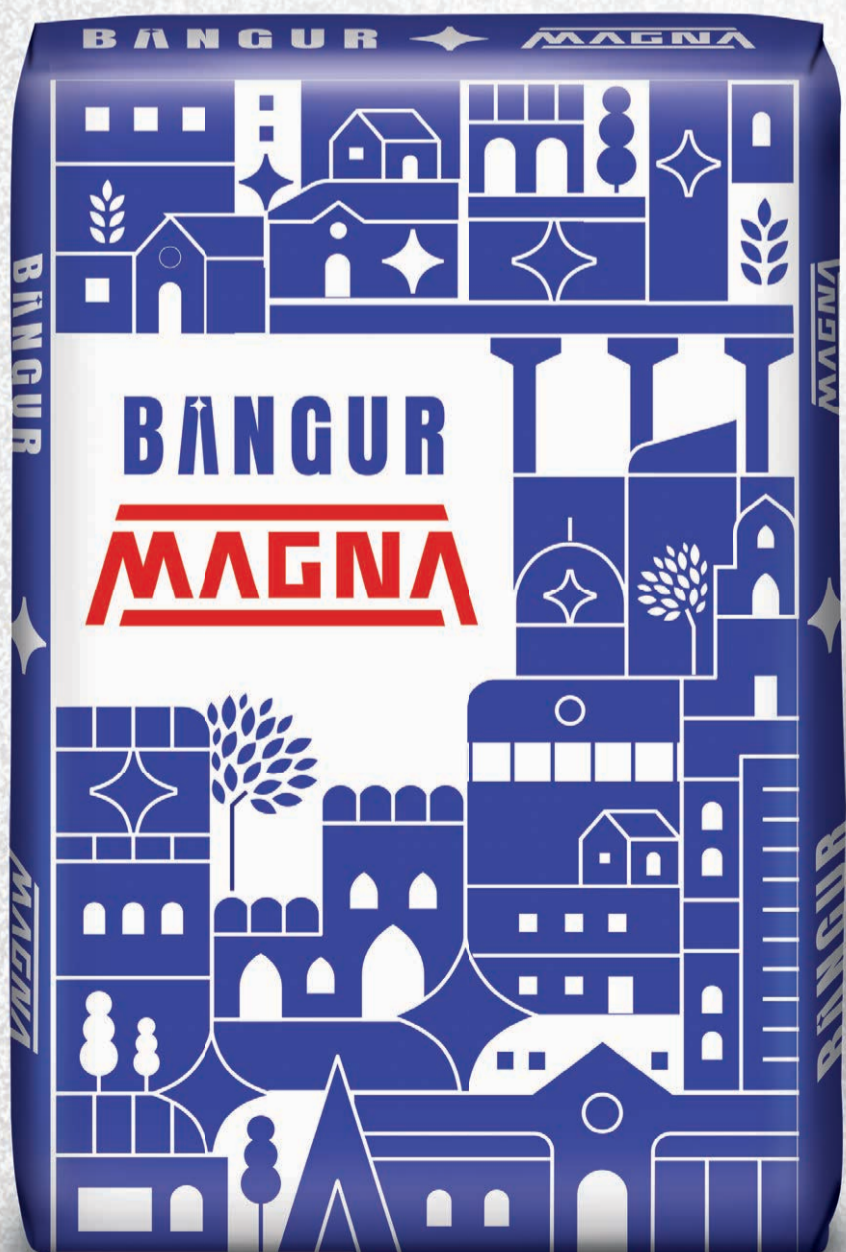
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Birthday wishes pour in for PM Modi from across party lines

Murmu, Dhankhar, Nadda, Kharge, Rahul, Kejriwal & others wish Modi

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 74 on Tuesday, marking another milestone in his extensive public service career. Traditionally, his birthday is observed as a day dedicated to his official duties, but it also

signals the beginning of "Seva Parv," a fortnight-long festival organised annually by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). This event underscores the Prime Minister's longstanding commitment to public welfare and his philosophy of service to humanity.

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, among prominent leaders from

across the party lines greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 74th birthday.

BJP National President JP Nadda, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal extended their best wishes to the prime minister on the occasion.

The President led the nation in greeting the Prime Minister on his



PM Narendra Modi speaks during the foundation stone laying and launch of various projects, in Bhubaneswar, on Tuesday.

birthday. In a post on X in Hindi, she said, "Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Prime Minister Shri@narendramodiji on his birth-

day. On the strength of your personality and work, you have provided extraordinary leadership and increased the prosperity and prestige of the country. I pray to God that you live long and always remain healthy and happy."

In a post on X, Vice-President Dhankhar wrote, "Heartfelt wishes to @narendramodiji on his birthday! In governance for over two decades, and as Prime Minister over a decade in

historic third continual term, he has aroused the soul of Bharat, stimulated its cultural values, nurtured its civilisational ethos and firmly set it on the unprecedented developmental trajectory towards #ViksitBharat by 2047."

Taking to his X handle to greet the Prime Minister on the occasion, Home Minister Shah said, "In the form of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, the country has got such a decisive lead-

er, who has worked to bring about a change in the lives of the deprived by bringing them into the mainstream, starting from the security of the country."

In his birthday greetings to PM Narendra Modi, Rahul Gandhi wrote on X, "Happy Birthday PM Narendra Modi ji. Wishing you a long and healthy life."

Many other leaders from Opposition parties greeted Prime Minister Modi.

AMIT SHAH RELEASES REPORT CARD OF MODI 3.0

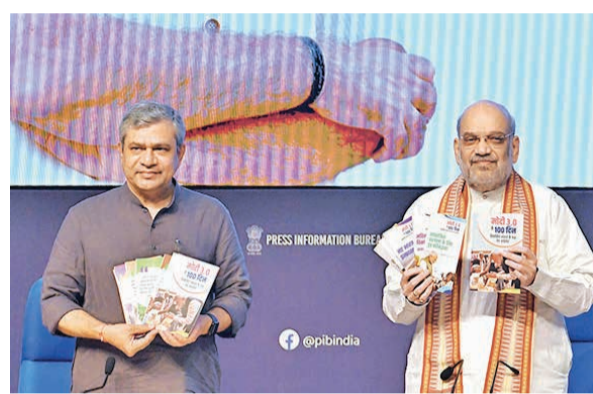
Big infra push in Modi 3.0's first 100 days!

Shah says PM laid a strong foundation in 100 days for a developed India

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The government has approved projects worth Rs 15 lakh crore since returning to power this July, pointed out Union Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday as he released a report card for the first 100 days of the Modi government's third term.

Out of this, the government has earmarked Rs 3 lakh crore for infrastructure development. This includes linking about 25,000 villages to road networks at a cost of Rs 49,000 crore. The centre has also decided to expand major roads across



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Union Electronics & Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launch a booklet during a press conference on the first 100 days of the third term of PM Modi government, at National Media Centre in New Delhi on Tuesday.

the country at a cost of Rs 50,600 crore, the minister said at a press conference. "A mega port will be built in Wadhwan, Maharashtra at a cost of Rs 76,000 crore, which will be included among the top 10 ports of the world from Day 1," said Shah.

SHAH SAYS ANNOUNCEMENT OF CENSUS 'VERY SOON'

New Delhi: Amit Shah said on Tuesday that the govt will "very soon" make an announcement for carrying out the census in the country. "We will announce it very soon," Shah said in response to a question on conducting the decadal census of the Indian population which has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Shah, along with I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, was addressing a press conference to mark the 100 days of the third tenure of the NDA govt led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Rs 2 lakh cr has also been announced for 4.10 crore youth
- 5,000 cyber commandos will be deployed to tackle cybercrime
- 3 cr houses have been sanctioned under PM Awas Yojana
- Rs 20,000 cr to 9.5 cr farmers in 17th instalment of PM-KSY
- PM eBus Sewa launched, removed 31% tax burden for startups
- 3rd edition of OROP (one rank one pension) implemented

PLAN TO IMPLEMENT SIMULTANEOUS POLLS WITHIN CURRENT TENURE, SAYS AMIT SHAH

New Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the BJP-led NDA govt will implement the 'one nation, one election' within its current tenure. Addressing a press conference here to mark the 100 days of the third consecutive term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah said, "We plan to implement one nation one poll within the tenure of this government. Shah was flanked by I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at the press conference. In his Independence Day address last month, the prime minister made a strong pitch for 'one nation, one election', contending that frequent polls were creating hurdles in the country's progress.

WILL PROBE ROOT CAUSE OF RAIL ACCIDENTS, CONSPIRACY WILL NOT LAST LONG: HM SHAH

Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said any conspiracy to cause railway accidents will not last long and the government will soon unveil an initiative for the protection of the 1.10 lakh km railway network across the country. The home minister's remarks came in the wake of a series of railway accidents, most of which appeared to be attempts at sabotage as obstructions were placed on the railway tracks. "As far as accidents are concerned, we will investigate the root cause of this. Whatever the reason, the government is committed to addressing the issue.

Kejriwal will remote control Atishi, says former minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Agencies
New Delhi

Former Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Tuesday said that AAP leader Atishi, who has been nominated as the next Chief Minister of Delhi, will be a figurehead as all know who will actually run the government.

"First of all, I congratulate her for being appointed as the next CM of national capital but we all know the remote control of Atishi will be in the hands of Arvind Kejriwal. He will run the Delhi government from behind," Chandrasekhar told. "He has been removed from the Chief Minister's position. When Kejriwal entered politics in 2009-2010, he promised a corruption-free government. How-



ATISHI WILL BE 'DUMMY' CM, SAYS MP MALIWAL; AAP HITS BACK

New Delhi: AAP Party Rajya Sabha MP Swati Malawal termed it a 'very sad day' for Delhi and said that she would be nothing more than a rubber stamp CM. The unexpected attack from the party's Rajya Sabha MP, who earlier accused the party supremo Arvind Kejriwal of shielding her assaulter (CM's PA Bihav Kumar), left the party embarrassed and red-faced.

ever, when came into power, he allegedly misappropriated public funds and was implicated in the Delhi liquor scam.

J&K: Security beefed up ahead of PM Modi's rally in Srinagar

Agencies
Srinagar

Two days ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first election rally in Srinagar city, security forces on Tuesday took over the venue of the rally. PM Modi is arriving on Thursday to address his first BJP election rally at the Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Srinagar city.

While the (SPG) deployed on the Prime Minister's security took over the venue, security forces including the CRPF and J&K Police are augmenting the protection of the VVIP at the venue.



Polling officials with security personnel leave for their respective polling stations in Kishwar district, on Tuesday

The team of SPG arrived in Srinagar four days ahead of the PM visit to coordinate with the authorities for the protection of the VVIP protectee.

Located in the Ram

Munshibagh area of Srinagar, Sher-e-Kashmir cricket stadium can accommodate a large number of people, who the BJP expects will come to listen to the party's star campaigner PM Modi.

Kolkata doc rape & murder

Kolkata police gets new Chief; Vineet Goyal shifted to STF

Agencies
Kolkata

A day after meeting the junior doctors at her Kallighat residence in Kolkata, West Bengal Chief Minister appointed Manoj Kumar Verma appointed as new Commissioner of Police (CP) of Kolkata Police, PTI quoted an official notification as saying.

While former Kolkata CP, Vineet Kumar Goyal, had been transferred to Special Task Force as Additional Director General (ADG). He was under fire over handling of the rape and murder of

CBI SUBMITS PROGRESS REPORT TO CALCUTTA HC

Kolkata: The (CBI) submitted a progress report on its investigation into the financial irregularities case in R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital to the Calcutta HC. After accepting the first progress report on the matter, the single-judge bench of Justice Rajarshi Bhardwaj directed the central agency to submit another progress report on the matter by Nov 25.

the doctor at the RG Kar hospital. According to the details, the new Kolkata Commissioner is an officer of the 1998 batch.

Ganga River floods over danger mark, wreaks havoc in Bhojpur

Agencies
Patna

More than a dozen houses on the banks of the Ganga River submerged as the waterbody was flowing above the danger mark in Bihar's Bhojpur district. The most affected areas include the Shahpur and Barahra blocks, particularly the villages of Neknam Tola, Sinha, and Poraha in the Barahra block, as well as Jawainiya and Maqsoodpur in the Shahpur block.

In Neknam Tola village of Barahra block, floodwater entered more than 20 houses.

Pak intruder shot dead by BSF near IB

PTI
Jalandhar

A Pakistani intruder was shot dead by Border Security Force (BSF) troops along the India-Pakistan international border (IB) in Punjab, according to an official spokesperson on Tuesday.

The official stated that the man was spotted surreptitiously crossing the international boundary in Amritsar district's Ratanakurd village area around 9.15 pm on Monday. He ignored further warnings and approached the border fence.

The intruder, displaying aggressive gestures,



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did not halt his advance despite being challenged by the troops, compelling the force to neutralize him on the spot.

The BSF recovered Pakistani currency amounting to Rs 270 and a half-torn Rs 10 note from the intruder.

GOODBYE GANESHA

Ganesha idols immersed on Anant Chaturdashi

PTI
Mumbai

Processions for the immersion of Lord Ganesh idols began in Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra on Tuesday morning amid tight security and fanfare as the 10-day festival drew to a close.

The 'Ganesh Chaturthi' festival, which began on September 7, is concluding with 'Anant Chaturdashi' on Tuesday. In Mumbai's Lalbaug area, famous for celebrating the festival with gran-



Devotees pull an idol of Lord Ganesha for immersion at the end of the Ganesh festival, in Mumbai, on Tuesday.

deur, the procession of the idol of Tejukaya mandal started amid the chants of 'Ganapati bappa morya, pudhchya var-

shi lavkar ya'. The procession of the famous Lalbaugcha Raja idol, which attracts maximum number of devotees, ce-

CLASH AFTER LORD GANESH'S IDOL IMMERSION IN DELHI'S TRILOKपुरI, NO ONE INJURED

New Delhi: A clash broke out between two groups when one of them was returning after immersing Lord Ganesh's idol in East Delhi's TrilokपुरI area on Monday night, a police official said, adding no one was injured in the incident. DCP (East) Apoorva Gupta said it is suspected that a clash broke out between the two groups of residents due to their old rivalry in TrilokपुरI. At about 10 pm on Monday, police got information that a group was attacked by another near Block 32 when they were returning after immersing the Lord Ganesh's idol, Gupta said.

lebrities and prominent personalities during the festival, is also set to begin. Processions from various parts of Mumbai,

including Fort, Mazgaon, Byculla, Dadar, and Chembur, will make their way towards the Arabian Sea & other water bodies.

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MANIPUR PROBLEM

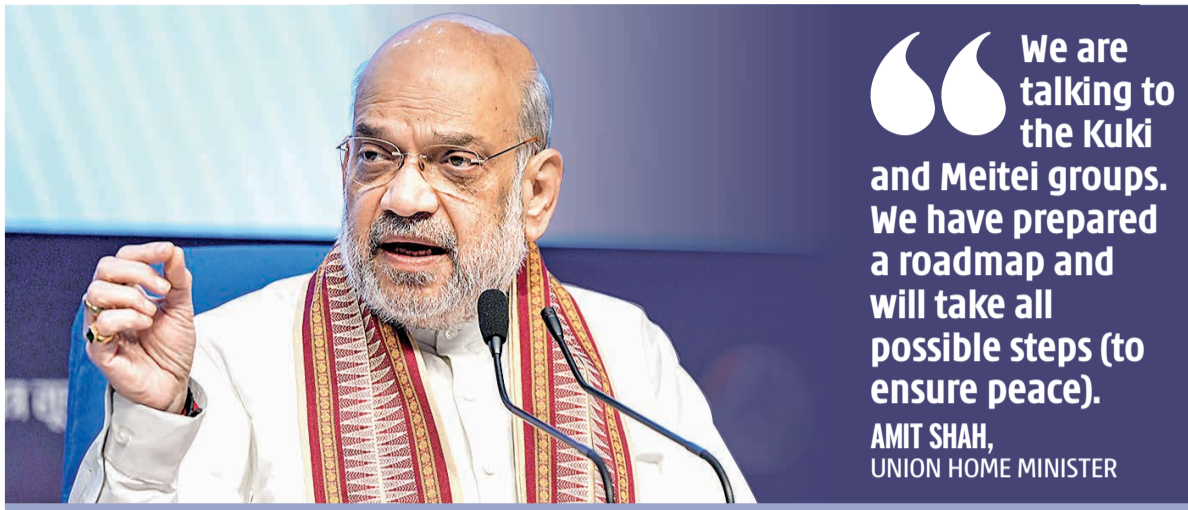
Govt talking to Meitei and Kuki groups for lasting peace: Shah

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the government is talking to both the Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur to ensure lasting peace and has begun fencing the country's border with Myanmar to check infiltration.

Addressing a press conference here on the achievements of the 100 days of the Narendra Modi 3.0 government, Shah said barring three days of violence last week, the overall situation in Manipur has been calm and the government has been working to restore peace in the restive Northeastern state.

Flanked by Union Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that apart from the three days of violence, no major incidents were reported in the last three months.



We are talking to the Kuki and Meitei groups. We have prepared a roadmap and will take all possible steps (to ensure peace).
AMIT SHAH,
UNION HOME MINISTER

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES REOPEN IN MANIPUR AFTER 11 DAYS

Imphal: After 11 days of closure, all schools, colleges and technical institutions were reopened across Manipur on Tuesday, even as the security forces continued their intensive combing and search operations in most of the districts. Education Department officials said that though students in most of the schools, colleges and technical institutions attended classes on Tuesday but in some institutions the attendance was less.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Manipur is witnessing ethnic violence since May last year after a tribal solidarity march to protest against Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe status.
- Since then, over 220 people of both Kuki and Meitei communities and security personnel have been killed in the violence.
- Shah said the govt has concluded 11 peace agreements with different organisations of the region under which over 10,900 youths have given up arms and joined the mainstream.

US-India ties to solve global challenges, says DFC official

PTI
Washington

India and the United States are working together to solve local and global problems, a senior American official said during her just-concluded trip to India, according to a media release.

Nisha Biswal, the US International Development Corporation's (DFC) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, during her travel to Mumbai and New Delhi from September 10-14, highlighted the DFC's partnership with India to advance key growth and development priorities and work with the nation to solve the world's most critical challenges, the release said.

While in India, Biswal announced USD 70 million in new DFC investments to support affordable home loans in India and vaccine manufacturing, it added.

She spoke at the US-India Business Council's (USIBC) India Ideas Summit about the DFC's strategic vision for driving long-term growth between both

3 killed in chopper crash in Russia's Far East

Agencies
Vladivostok

Three people, including a pilot and two passengers, were killed in a helicopter crash in the Amur region of Russia's Far East, rescuers confirmed on Tuesday.

According to local emergency services in the Zeya District, the Robinson R66 helicopter, which went missing on Monday, was located near the spot where its emergency beacon was activated. "The helicopter has been found, and all three aboard are confirmed dead," an official stated.

Preliminary reports show that the helicopter's emergency beacon signal was received on Monday evening before a search and rescue operation involving around 20 personnel and seven equipment units was launched.

The helicopter, owned by the gold mining company Hergu, was conducting a flight over company territory when it went missing, Xinhua news agency reported.



INDIA, US DISCUSS INDO-PACIFIC AND GAZA MATTERS

Washington: Indian and US officials held the US-India 2+2 Interseasonal Dialogue on Monday (local time) during which they discussed matters related to the Indo-Pacific region, Ukraine and Gaza, the State Department said here. The interaction, held in New Delhi, comes ahead of the meeting between PM Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden.

countries and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

She also spoke at a Milken Institute-hosted event that brought together US public sector pension fund executives to explore investment opportunities in India.

Kiev loses over 14K soldiers in operation in Kursk direction



An apartment building and cars burn after a Russian air strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kharkiv.

Agencies
Moscow

The Russian armed forces have eliminated more than 14,200 Ukrainian soldiers and 119 tanks during military operations in the border areas of the Kursk Region, the Russian Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

"Since the beginning of hostilities in Kursk region, the Armed Forces of Ukraine have lost more than 14,200 troops, 119 tanks, 45 infantry fighting vehicles, 91 armoured personnel carriers, 743 armoured fighting

Over the past 24 hours, the Sever (North) Group foiled four enemy attempts to launch attacks in the direction of Lyubimovka, Malaya Loknya, Olgovka, and Cherkasskaya Konopelka. As a result, the AFU losses amounted to up to 30 troops killed and wounded, three armoured fighting vehicles, and two motor vehicles.

RUSSIAN DEFENCE MINISTRY
ing vehicles, 445 motor vehicles, 103 artillery guns," the Russian Defence Ministry said in a statement issued on Tuesday.

IDF eliminates senior member of PIJ in Rafah

Agencies
Tel Aviv

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) on Tuesday announced that the head of Palestinian Islamic Jihad's (PIJ's) Rocket and Missile Unit in Rafah was eliminated in an intelligence-based strike.

The eliminated militant was Ahmed Aish Salame al-Hashash.

"Al-Hashash was re-

UNITED STATES AIRS FRUSTRATION WITH ISRAEL'S MILITARY ABOUT STRIKES IN GAZA

United Nations: The US ambassador to the UN on Monday accused Israel's military of striking civilians in Gaza in a sign of growing American frustration with its close ally as the war approaches its first anniversary. Israel has repeatedly said it targets Hamas militants, who often hide with civilians and use them as human shields, in retaliation for the Oct 7 attacks in southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people.

sponsible for the Islamic Jihad's rocket attacks in the Rafah Brigade and

was an important source of knowledge of rocket fire within the Islamic

Jihad terrorist organisation in Gaza," the IDF said in a statement on X.

Israel also claimed that al-Hashash was responsible for "firing rockets from inside the humanitarian area toward Israeli civilians" during the conflict.

The statement further said that at the time of the strike, al-Hashash was "embedded and operating inside the Humanitarian Area in Khan Yunis."



Palestinians in Lebanon wave their national flags at a protest in front of the UNRWA headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday.

AIFF's team for SAFF Under-17 Championship

Agencies
New Delhi

India Under 17 men's team head coach Ishfaq Ahmed on Tuesday named a 23-member squad for the SAFF Under 17 Championship Bhutan 2024 to be played at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu.

India will face Bangladesh (September 20) and Maldives (Sep 24) in Group A of the SAFF U17 Championship.

Sikar breaks jinx, wins coveted title of Colvin Shield tournament

Naresh Sharma
Jaipur

Sikar has won the Colvin Shield, which is considered the most prominent and prestigious cricket tournament of Rajasthan Cricket Association. The team defeated Udaipur by five wickets in the finals at SMS Stadium here on Tuesday. Bharat Sharma scored maximum runs.

Breaking the jinx of being the worst, Sikar team has become the



leader of Rajasthan cricket. The team did not lose a single match. Udaipur batted first

and scored 242 runs for eight wickets. Karan Singh Ranawat was the top scorer with 85 runs.

Explosions in Lebanon and Syria kill at least 8

PTI
Beirut

Hundreds of handheld pagers exploded near simultaneously across Lebanon and in parts of Syria on Tuesday, killing at least eight people, including members of the militant group Hezbollah and a girl, and wounding the Iranian ambassador, the government officials said on Tuesday.

Officials pointed the finger at Israel in what

appeared to be a sophisticated, remote attack that wounded more than 2,700 people at a time of rising tensions across the Lebanon border. The Israeli military declined to comment.

A Hezbollah official who spoke on condition of anonymity told media that the new brand of handheld pagers used by the group first heated up, then exploded, killing at least two of its members and wounding others.

ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY

India clinch record 5th ACT championship

Agencies
Hulunbuir

In a thrilling final at the 2024 Asian Hockey Champions Trophy, India secured their fifth title by defeating hosts China 1-0 in a tense encounter.

The decisive moment came in the 51st minute when Jugraj Singh netted the only goal of the match, sealing victory for the Men in Blue.

Despite India dominating much of the play, China made it difficult for the defending cham-

pions with a solid defensive display.

Both teams remained locked at 0-0 until the fourth quarter when Jugraj, unmarked inside the D, capitalised on a well-constructed attack to break the deadlock. His clinical finish ensured India held on to lift the trophy, extending their record as the most successful team in the tournament's history.

Throughout the match, India applied constant pressure, particularly in the final quarter, where they increased their at-



The winner Indian team in a jubilant mood pose for a group photo after winning the Asian Champions Trophy on Tuesday.

tacking intensity. However, China's resolute defending, including key saves and clearances, kept India at bay for much of the game. The hosts also

threatened with several penalty corners in the third quarter, but the Indian defence stood firm. China's game plan of keeping numbers behind

the ball proved effective in frustrating India's usually potent attack, which had been prolific in the tournament, scoring 25 goals in 6 matches. Skipper Harmanpreet Singh, who entered the match as the top scorer with 8 goals, was denied the chance to add to his tally, but it was Jugraj's moment of brilliance that made the difference.

With this victory, India extend their dominance in the competition, having won the title previously in 2011, 2016, 2018, and 2023.

We don't need totally a different strategy for B'desh: Rohit Sharma

PTI
Chennai

India skipper Rohit Sharma on Tuesday asserted that there is no need to devise a new strategy in the upcoming series against Bangladesh, despite their impressive recent triumph over Pakistan and the presence of express pacer Nahid Rana in the visitors' ranks.

Bangladesh defeated Pakistan 2-0 in their first win over the latter in a Test series but Rohit did not read too much into it. "Every team wants

to beat India. They take some pride in it. Let them have fun. Our job is to think about how to win the matches. We don't ponder about what the opponent team is thinking about us," said Rohit in the pre-match press meet here.

"India has played cricket against almost every top team in the world. So, there's no need to create a whole different

strategy," he added. The Mumbaier was also not worried about pacer Rana, who can comfortably touch 150 clicks, but, rather than an individual, Bangladesh team as a whole remained his focal point.

"See, there will be a couple of new guys in the side. But all you can do is to think about them and move forward. The same would be the plan against Bangladesh, i.e. to focus on our game-play," he noted.



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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Keep things simple- let's do what we can, where we are with what we have, to make the world a better place!

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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State government committed to fulfilling youths' dreams: CM

NTPC Green Energy & Raj Vidyut Utpadan Nigam signed a joint agreement

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 1,527 development projects worth over Rs 10,376 crores at the 'Rozgaar Mela' held at the Birla Auditorium. This includes 608 projects under the Kusum Component-C scheme with a combined capacity of over 1,500 MW and a total cost of Rs 5,254 crores, and 919 additional projects costing Rs 5,120 cr. "State govt committed to fulfilling youths' dreams," the CM said. He also inaugurated a 160 MW solar power project by NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd. in Bhaisada village, Jaisalmer. An agreement was signed between NTPC Green Energy Ltd & Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam to form a joint venture for developing 25,000 MW of renewable energy in the state. Health Minister GS Khinvsar, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel, Jaipur MP Manju Sharma, Mayor Dr Somya & others were present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma seeks information from a local artisan about a bamboo product at a kiosk during the 'Rozgaar Mela' held at the Birla Auditorium in Jaipur on Tuesday. Manju Sharma, Puneet Karnawat & others were present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma inscribes 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan' on a poster during the 'Rozgaar Mela.'



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma enjoys tea with Kalicharan Saraf and his family, during his visit to the latter's residence in Jaipur on Tuesday. Ram Charan Bohra, Manju Sharma, Dr Somya and others were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma interacts with a beneficiary at the 'Rozgaar Mela' in Jaipur.

CM REVIEWS DEVP PROJECTS & ROAD REPAIRS IN JODHPUR

On Tuesday, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma visited Jodhpur and held a meeting with officers at the airport to review development schemes. He emphasised the need to repair roads by Diwali and directed officials to prepare a proposal for the Ring Road for submission to the state govt. During his visit, Sharma paid tribute to late Radha Devi Joshi, mother of Sursagar MLA Devendra Joshi, at his residence. Present at the event were Education Minister Madan Dilawar, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel, Rajya Sabha MP Madan Rathore, Rajendra Gehlot, MLA Atul Bhansali, & other public representatives.

CM LAUNCHES GHAR-GHAR JANSAMPARK MAHABHIYAN

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the Ghar-Ghar Jansampark Mahabhiyan in Jaipur. He praised PM Narendra Modi as the greatest leader globally, emphasising that his Vision 2047 aims for a "Viksit Rajasthan, Viksit Bharat" (Developed Rajasthan, Developed India). Sharma expressed confidence that both the country & the state will achieve development. On Tuesday, Sharma also announced that over 8,000 youths in the state will receive appointment letters and that the foundation stones for several projects will be laid. He highlighted the BJP as the world's largest party, noting that its members are committed to both party work and social responsibilities. Sharma emphasised the ongoing membership drive and the need to reach out to individuals to expand party's base, stating that the BJP's role is to strengthen the country.

Dy CM Diya launches Swachhata Seva fortnight, devp projects on PM's B'day

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Deputy CM Diya Kumari highlighted PM Modi's "third golden period" and celebrated his birthday by organizing the Swachh Bharat campaign, Ek Ped Maa ke Naam campaign, and various seminars and competitions from Tuesday until Oct 2. At Jawahar Rangmanch, she launched the Swachhata Seva fortnight, distributed Maa voucher scheme cards, and inaugurated development projects worth crores. Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani praised Modi's global impact and called for improved sanitation in Ajmer, acknowledging state developments like an IT Park and a leopard



Diya Kumari & Vasudev Devnani hand over the card of 'MAA Voucher Yojana' to a beneficiary, to mark PM Modi's birthday during an event in Ajmer on Tuesday. OP Bhadana is also seen.



Diya Kumari chairs a review meeting for district summit, execution of budgetary plans at Collectorate auditorium in Ajmer. Bhagirath Choudhary, OP Bhadana, & others were present.

safari. Diya directed proposals for rain-damaged roads, crop damage assessments, & announced a master drainage plan for waterlogging.

SS Randhawa visits Alwar to pay tributes to late Zubair Khan

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Jaipur/Alwar

AICC Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa arrived in Jaipur on Tuesday and was welcomed by PCC President Govind Singh Dotasra at the airport. He then traveled to Alwar to offer condolences to the family of the late



SS Randhawa cosoles the family of late Zubair Khan at his residence in Alwar. Also seen are Tikaram Jully, Rafeek Khan.

Zubair Khan. Randhawa was accompanied by

deputy leader of opposition Ramkesh Meena, chief whip Rafeek Khan, Amit Chachan, former minister Govind Meghwal, and others.

Meanwhile, GS Dotasra will review preparations for upcoming assembly by-elections and meet with key Congress leaders. Randhawa is also present.

CS Pant to review crucial key issues in senior officers' meeting today

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Jaipur

CS Sudhansh Pant will chair a senior officers' meeting today at 10 AM in the Secretariat. The agenda includes reviewing the PM Pragati Portal, inter-departmental issues related to the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), pending cabinet notes, and implementation of budget announcements. Key topics will include policy-making, new or amended legislation, and rapid departmental action. The meeting will review departments with low schematic budget expenditures, compliance with Chief Minister's directives, and progress under the Rs 51 crore 'Hari-



yalo Rajasthan' tree plantation initiative.

Discussions will also cover recruitment progress, performance reviews, training on the IGOT Mission Karmayogi Portal, water conservation plans, investment updates, grievance resolution, and updates on audit and pre-litigation committee meets. The meeting will also review departmental innovations and recent inspections by administrative secretaries.

State's per-capita debt hits ₹70,000 per person

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Rajasthan's per-capita debt has surged significantly over the past five years. In 2019-20, the per-capita debt was Rs 45,060.47, but it has now nearly doubled to approximately Rs 70,000 per person. By the end of the fiscal year 2023-24, State's total debt burden is projected to reach Rs 5,70,64,579.54 cr. The rate of debt accumulation has been unprecedented, with an average annual increase of about Rs 5,000 per person, according to Finance Dept & Census Commissioner's Office data. Notably, during 2023-24, the Gehlot govt borrowed 61% more than in previous years, contributing to this rapid rise.

No power can erase India; Sanatan Dharma uplifts nation, says Bhagwat

Ashvini Yadav and Anil Sharma
Alwar

On Tuesday, during his tour of Alwar and surrounding areas, RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat declared in Paota, "No power can erase India," emphasising the deep link between India & Sanatan Dharma. He stated, "The upliftment of Sanatan Dharma is the upliftment of India," and described it as central to the Hindu Nation, uniting through principles of conduct. Bhagwat highlighted India's cultural essence of sacrifice, liken-



Mohan Bhagwat boards the Shatabdi Express for New Delhi from the Railway Station in Alwar on Tuesday, after concluding his 5-day tour to Alwar district.

ing it to Yajna. He stressed living for others and supporting the underprivileged. Bhagwat praised the tree plantation campaign, called for inclusive action and continuous so-

cial service, and reassured that the nation's strength remains unshakable. His tour included visits to Shahpura and Dhani Amrauli, where he was warmly received.

Mewar Gaurav Samman truly honours State's legacy: Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar



Gulab Chand Kataria and Pawan Arora with (L-R), Jinendra Singh Shekhawat, Pankaj Sharma, Prof SS Sarangdevot, Tarachand Jain, CP Joshi, Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, Dr Manna Lal Rawat, Phool Singh Meena, Ajay Pal Lamba, Arvind Poswal and Yogesh Goyal, during the First India's 'Mewar Gaurav Samman', held at the Darbar Hall, Hotel Taj Fateh Prakash Palace in Udaipur on Tuesday.

Dr Ravi Kumar Sharma
Udaipur

The 'Mewar Gaurav Samman - Season 3' was organised by First India News at the historic Darbar Hall of the Hotel Fateh Prakash Palace, City Palace in Udaipur on Tuesday. The event was attended by distinguished guests including CP Joshi, MP Chittorgarh; Dr Manna Lal Rawat, MP Udaipur; Maharaj Kumar Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur; Tarachand Jain, MLA Udaipur City; Phool Singh Meena, MLA Udaipur Rural; Ajay Pal Lamba, Inspector General of Police, Udaipur Range; Professor SS Sarangdevot, Vice-Chancellor of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth; Arvind Poswal, Collector Udaipur; Yogesh Goyal, SP Udaipur; and Pankaj

Sharma, State General Secretary of Congress.

Maharaj Kumar Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, addressing the gathering, emphasised that the Mewar Gaurav Samman truly honours Mewar. He highlighted Mewar's historical significance, stating, "The concept of freedom was given solely by Mewar and Maharana Pratap." He noted the importance of the Darbar Hall, where the event took place, recalling that it was the venue of former President APJ Abdul Kalam's first nuclear press conference and the G20 Summit. Lakshyaraj Singh praised First India for hosting the event and stressed the need for such events to continue. Speaking in Mewari he said, 'Apno Aapan Su Tute toh dard Zarur Veve' stressing to main-



Pawan Arora felicitates Gulab Chand Kataria during First India's 'Mewar Gaurav Samman' held at Hotel Taj Fateh Prakash Palace in Udaipur on Tuesday. Dr Mannalal Rawat, Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar & others were present.



Pawan Arora felicitates CP Joshi during the gala event.



Pawan Arora extends floral greetings to Dr Mannalal Rawat during the award ceremony.



Pawan Arora felicitates Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar during the 'Mewar Gaurav Samman' held in Udaipur.



Pawan Arora greets Chunnihal Garasiya during the mega event.

SUNIL SHARMA

tain such ties that speak of Mewar's glory.

The ceremony honoured over a dozen individuals, including the

mother of Mustafa from Udaipur, who was posthumously awarded the Shaurya Chakra. Udaipur Resident Editor

Ravi Sharma delivered the opening address, and all distinguished guests praised the initiative of First India News.



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YUDHRA'S JAIPUR PREMIERE!

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Taj's

Iconic Night

Taj Group celebrated its recognition as a global hospitality leader in a grand event, held at Taj Rambagh Palace on Monday, blending luxury and heritage, with influential figures and dignitaries honouring its unmatched contribution to tourism. City First highlights some majestic glimpses of the evening!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Puneet Chhatwal, Vijit Singh and Ashok Rathore



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Gajendra Singh Shekhawat addressing the audience

This glittering affair was a celebration not only of the Taj Group's global stature but also of its significant role in India's hospitality landscape. The event was honoured by the presence of India's Tourism Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who spoke passionately about the legacy of the Taj brand and its vital contribution to uplifting tourism in India and beyond. In his address, Shekhawat highlighted how the Taj Group's unmatched commitment to hospitality has left an indelible mark on both Indian and international tourism. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, a long-time associate of the Taj Group, whose association with the brand added a layer of sentimental value to the evening also graced the event. His presence symbolized the lasting relationships that Taj has fostered over the years, not only with its clientele but also with its partners and associates. **Turn to pg 10-11**

Supermodels showcasing 'Regal Collection' by designers Rohit Kamra and Vaishali Shadangle





Astha Khandelwal Akanksha Bhalla



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Payal Soni, Rishie Miglani, Saurabh Kakkar and Vinnie Kakkar



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Praveen Chander Kumar and Gaurav Pokhriyal



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Kavita Chauhan and Mitali Dusad



AN EVENING TO REMEMBER!

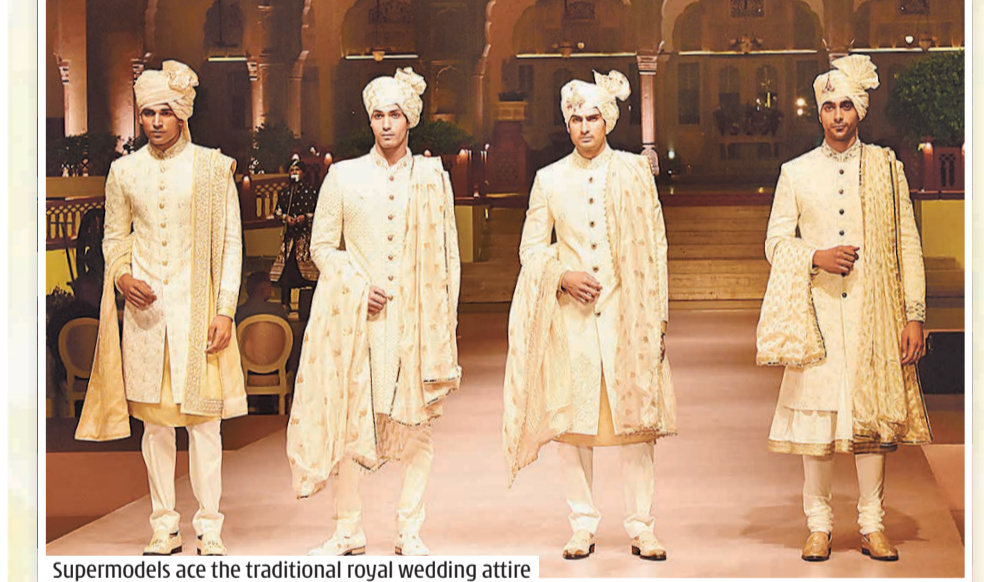
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He praised the brand's ability to blend heritage with modernity, making it a favourite among both domestic and global travellers. The evening was a visual delight, featuring a beautifully curated fashion show that showcased the designs of renowned designers Rohit Kamra and Vaishali S. Models graced the runway in elegant outfits, reflecting the grandeur and sophistication synonymous with the Taj brand. The seamless fusion of tradition and modernity in the designs echoed the ethos of the Taj Group, where heritage and luxury walk hand in hand.

Vijit Singh, the owner of Rambagh Palace, was also in attendance, adding a royal touch to the evening. Alongside him were several dignitaries, socialites, business tycoons and key personalities from the world of hospitality and tourism. The guest list was a testament to the wide-reaching influence of the Taj Group, attracting some of the most prominent names across industries.

The event was meticulously organised under the leadership of Ashok Singh Rathore, Area Director – Jaipur & Ajmer and General Manager, of Taj Rambagh Palace. His keen attention to detail and commitment to excellence ensured that every guest was well taken care of, making the evening not only visually stunning but also deeply personal for all attendees. Rathore and his team left no stone unturned in creating an unforgettable experience, embodying the world-class service that the Taj Group is known for.

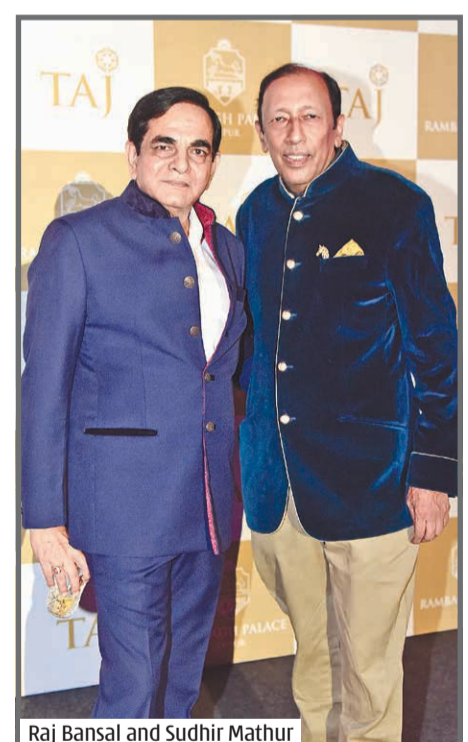
The legacy of the Taj, rooted in India's royal heritage, was palpable throughout the evening. The majestic setting of Rambagh Palace, with its opulent architecture and rich history, served as the perfect backdrop to celebrate the Taj brand's achievements. As the evening drew to a close, guests left with a sense of awe, having witnessed a celebration of luxury, heritage, and global excellence a true reflection of what the Taj Group stands for in the world of hospitality.



Supermodels ace the traditional royal wedding attire



Meghna Kaushik gracefully hosted the evening



Raj Bansal and Sudhir Mathur



Swati and Ishan Uberoi



Akanksha Bakshi and Dr. Preeti Bakshi



Models showcasing the ravishing collection



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Mahavir Sharma and Ajay Data



Kuttie Khan



Supermodel flaunts the royal suit



Avijit Singh & Karishma Singh



Models showcasing the 'Royal Collection'



Ajay Singh & Aarti Rathore



Ram Rathore



IPS Anand Srivastava



Ashok Singh Rathore with (L-R) Roberto Baur, Marcela Baur, David Gomez and Maria Gomez



Puneet Chhatwal and Rohit Khosla with the guests



Digvijay Singh and Jagdeep Singh



A still from the event showcasing Rajasthan's grandeur on horses



Showcasing designers Rohit Kamra and Vaishali Shadangule

Stars Electrified Pink City



Siddhant Chaturvedi and Malavika Mohanan enjoyed the local Rajasthani Shahi Thali



Siddhant Chaturvedi, Malavika Mohanan and Raghav Juyal



Siddhant Chaturvedi, Malavika Mohanan and Raghav Juyal happily engaged with fans and posed for pictures

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Siddhant Chaturvedi, Malavika Mohanan and Raghav Juyal arrived in Jaipur on Monday to promote their upcoming film, Yudhra. The excitement for the action-packed movie, set to release on September 20, is building rap-

idly, with its trailer already sparking significant interest and its songs garnering positive attention. During their visit, the stars interacted with college students and media personnel and enjoyed the local Rajasthani Shahi Thali, further boosting anticipation for the film's release.

Directed by Ravi Udyawar, Yudhra features Chaturvedi as the vengeful protagonist and Mohanan as

Nikhat, who adds emotional depth to the narrative. The film, produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar under Excel Entertainment, also stars Gajraj Rao, Ram Kapoor, Raj Arjun, and Raghav Juyal in supporting roles. The promotional event in Jaipur has heightened the buzz around the film, promising an engaging and action-filled cinematic experience.



VICTORY VISIT



Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari was greeted by Paris Paralympics gold medal winner Nitish Kumar on Tuesday, after his remarkable achievement in badminton. During the meeting, the Dy CM Diya Kumari congratulated Kumar, expressing that his victory was a matter of pride for the entire country. Nitish, a resident of Jaipur's, Vidyadhar Nagar, shares this constituency with Diya Kumari. Their meeting underscored the importance of his accomplishment and its inspirational impact on aspiring athletes nationwide.

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INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE BRILLIANCE



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The School of Engineering and Technology at Jaipur National University hosted Hackathon 2024, a 24-hour event featuring 57 teams across categories like Healthcare, Cyber Crime, AI/ML and RPA on Tuesday. The competition involved a rigorous evaluation process: initial screening, mid-event progress

review, and final presentations. Dr Sandeep Bakshi, Chancellor of the university, delivered an inspiring keynote, stressing, "Thinking is the mother of all creation," highlighting the role of creativity in innovation.

The hackathon fostered a collaborative environment and showcased exceptional student talent. The event concluded with an awards cere-



Dr Sandeep Bakshi

mony recognising the most impactful and innovative projects in each category. The dedication and ingenuity of participants were celebrated, reflecting the event's success and setting a strong precedent for future editions. The positive reception and impactful projects demonstrated the students' problem-solving capabilities and the event's role in encouraging innovation.

POSTER LAUNCH!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Archana Das, Director of Khanak Chitra Entertainment along with daughter Khanak & Nand Kishor Bhinda, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Monday. During the meeting, Dr Chandra also unveiled the poster of a Bollywood-style Garba night which is scheduled for October 7-8.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



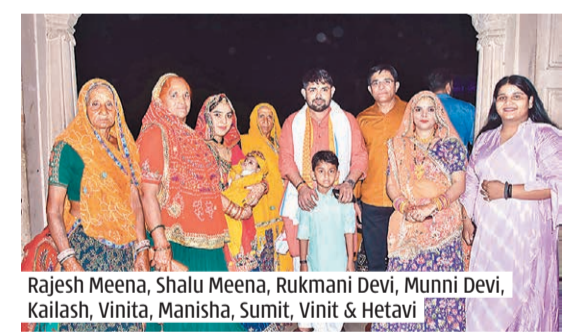
World record holder Vishnu Tak has completed the 100-day run challenge, running 25 kilometres daily for a total of 2,537 kilometres. Ranked first in Jaipur and 12th in India, Tak's achievement highlights his dedication to fitness and motivation. He has announced that this will be his final challenge of this kind, focusing instead on marathons. Tak, known for his participation in numerous marathons and social contributions, aims to raise awareness about running and continue inspiring the Jaipur community.



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Art, Culture & Tourism was greeted by Mahipal Singh of the First India family and Brigadier Jitendra Singh Shekhawat, during a courtesy visit on Tuesday in New Delhi.



The Sparsh Team, led by Senior IAS Officer Naveen Jain and Special Officer of Sparsh team Dr Chandrika from Uniara Government College, conducted an informative session on "Bad Touch Good Touch" at Rajasthan Music Institute on Tuesday. Organised under the NSS and with Principal Dr Dilip Goyal's opening remarks, the program aimed to educate students on gender equality, prevention of violence and sexual exploitation. Dr Chandrika emphasised the importance of empowering minors and ensuring their safety, while Principal Goyal stressed the need for ongoing awareness initiatives. NSS in-charge Dr Mamta highlighted the campaign's goal of promoting safe touch awareness. The event concluded with a vote of thanks to faculty, staff and NSS volunteers.



Rajesh Meena, Shalu Meena, Rukmani Devi, Munni Devi, Kailash, Vinita, Manisha, Sumit, Vinit & Hetavi
 The granddaughter of Rukmani Devi, Munni Devi & Late Babulal Meena organised a Kuan Pujan ceremony, for baby Hetavi daughter of Shalu Devi & Rajesh Meena at Khole Ke Hanuman Ji Temple on Monday. The event was attended by family and friends. The traditional ceremony included blessings and offerings, symbolizing the family's joy and gratitude for the new addition. Loved ones gathered to shower blessings on baby Hetavi, making the occasion special and memorable.

—NAIM KHAN



The 12th Foundation Day of Jag Jahir Hindi Newspaper was recently celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Pink City Press Club in Jaipur. The journalist honour ceremony began with a Ganesh Vandana and featured notable guests, including Alka Saxena and Sunil Mudgal, who were welcomed with safa and shawl. The prestigious Subhash Nahar Award was presented to Shambhu Bhadra. Journalists were recognised for their contributions and various performances, including songs by Liaquat Ali Khan and Mohan Kumar Balodia, entertained the audience. The special foundation day issue of Jag Jahir was also launched.



(L-R) Nimisha, Neelam, Khushi, Priya, Mukesh, Aryan, Yogesh, Somyata & Suryansh
 The Mishra family, including Mukesh Mishra, co founder Jaipur Runners Club and Miss and Mrs Rajasthan organisers Nimisha & Yogesh Mishra celebrated an eco-friendly Ganapati Visarjan on Monday. The celebration was marked by the participation of their family members, including Neelam, Khushi, Priya, Mukesh, Aryan Somyata and Suryansh. The family emphasised the importance of environmental sustainability during the ritual, promoting a greener approach to traditional festivities while upholding cultural values.



At the Rajasthan Writers Award Ceremony in Kota, organised by Vishwa Hindi Rachnakar Manch, Dr Deepak Kumar Shrivastav, Divisional Librarian of State Public Board Library, was awarded the "Writers Diamond Award-2024." The award was presented by Chief Guest Dr Raghavendra Thakur of Delhi. Prominent attendees included Padma Shri Sushil Rakesh, Pushpa Mathur and Neelam Bansal. The guests praised Dr Shrivastav's contributions to literature and his achievements in the library field, recognising his work as an inspiration to many.