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REMEMBERING PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA ON 108TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

PM Modi returns from US visit, describes it as "fruitful"



PM Narendra Modi greets upon his arrival in New Delhi after completing his US visit on Tuesday.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to Delhi on Tuesday evening after concluding his three-day visit to the United States. His trip was marked by participation in key global events and meetings with world leaders.

During his stay in the US, PM Modi attended the Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware, the hometown of US President Joe Biden. He also delivered a speech at the United Na-

tions' 'Summit of The Future' and held several bilateral meetings.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi reflected on his US visit, describing it as "fruitful." He shared trip covered numerous events and addressed multiple topics aimed at improving global well-being. India avoided any meeting between Modi & US presidential polls candidates to avoid any controversy that could go against spirit of bipartisan support in American Congress for its relations with Washington DC.

MODI MEETS ZELENKYY, BACKS 'PEACEFUL' RESOLUTION OF WAR

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said that his meeting with PM Narendra Modi on Monday was "very good." The two leaders held a meeting on the sidelines of the UNGA session in New York. Modi reiterated India's clear, consistent and constructive approach in favour of a peaceful resolution of the conflict through diplomacy and dialogue as well as engagement between stakeholders.

INDIA, GERMANY, JAPAN, BRAZIL CALL FOR URGENT UNSC REFORM

The "Group of Four"—India, Germany, Japan, and Brazil—has reiterated its call for urgent reforms to the United Nations Security Council through text-based negotiations. As nations vying for permanent seats, they emphasize that comprehensive reform is crucial for the UN to better reflect current geopolitical realities.

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Voting for Phase 2 polls in J&K today

- Omar, Tariq, Raina among key candidates on Phase 2
- Third and final phase election to be held on October 1



Polling officials make their way towards their respective polling stations through a difficult terrain on the eve of the Phase 2 of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections, in Rajouri district, on Tuesday.

First India Bureau
Srinagar

Voters in Jammu and Kashmir will head to the polls today, for Phase 2 of Assembly elections. This phase will cover 26 assembly seats across 6 districts, featuring prominent candidates such as former CM Omar Abdullah and J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina.

In Kashmir division, 15 assembly constituencies are up for poll: Kangan, Ganderbal, Hazratbal, Khanyar, Habbakadal, Lal Chowk, Channapora, Zadibal, Eidgah, 26-Central Shalteng, Budgam & others. Meanwhile, Jammu division will see polls in 11 constituencies: Reasi, Vaishno Devi, Nowshera, Rajouri, Poonch, others. P5

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CEC Rajiv Kumar, ECS Gyanesh Kumar and SS Sandhu in a meeting with IGS, DIGs, DEOs and SPs, in Ranchi on Tuesday.

25.78 lakh
VOTERS

239
CANDIDATES

26
SEATS

3,502
POLLING STATIONS

JHARKHAND POLLS LIKELY AFTER NOV 15

→ Ranchi: The EC has completed its two-day visit to Jharkhand to review preparations for the forthcoming Assembly elections. ECI has emphasised the commitment to ensuring free and fair elections in Jharkhand. Following consultations with stakeholders, the EC is expected to announce the poll dates soon, possibly starting the process after November 15. P5

Muda scam heat looms large on Siddu Sarkar!

First India Bureau
Bengaluru

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday dismissed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's petition challenging the legality of Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot's approval for an investigation against him in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case. The judgment in the case was pronounced by a single judge bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna.

Pronouncing the judgment, the bench observed complainants were justified in registering the complaint and seeking approval from the Governor. The bench further said that it is the duty of the complainant to seek approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Governor can make independent decisions.

With the setback, CM Siddaramaiah said he would respond after going through the order. The CM also said he would not hesitate from any investigation. P5



Siddaramaiah addresses media in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

POLICE PROBE REVEALS SHOCKING FACTS

The big question is why has no action been taken against these stress-inducing coaching institutions until now?

Till now there have been 16 suicide cases in Kota alone this year with Sikar in second place

STUDY PRESSURE BEHIND 95% OF STUDENT SUICIDES IN RAJASTHAN

Alarming Story

Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

Shocking facts are emerging from probe of student suicides in coaching hubs of Kota and Sikar. In the last five years, 95% of registered cases of student suicides in state have been attributed to mental stress. This conclusion was reached after investigating police FIRs related to these incidents. Pressure of studies and fierce competition in coaching centers are seen as primary causes. From Jan 1, 2019, to Sep 2024, there have been 86 student suicides related to coaching institutions, with 69 cases reported from Kota alone.

Police Probe Conclusion: Stress from Studies

→ From 2019 to 2023, in the registered cases of student suicides across the state, police investigations clearly indicate that students are committing suicide due to mental stress from studies. Despite this, the government and administration have not taken stringent action against coaching institutions. In these police investigations, 53 cases are from Kota, followed by Sikar, where 15 students have committed suicide. Currently, 13 of these cases are still under police investigation.

ALARMING FIGURES

- 90% of suicide cases are from students attending Kota's Allen Institute
- 43 suicide cases involved students of Allen in Kota
- 6 cases reported from Gurukripa Coaching in Sikar
- 86 cases of student suicides linked to coaching institutes from January 1 2019 to September 2024, with 69 cases reported from Kota alone

43 cases at Allen Institute from 2019 to 2023

→ More than 90% of student suicides in Kota have been tied to Allen Institute, with 43 cases recorded in recent months. In contrast, six cases were reported from Gurukripa Coaching in Sikar. While the police classify such incidents under Section 174 of the CrPc, which covers unnatural deaths, they often avoid registering cases under Section 306, which deals with abetment to suicide. This legal gap allows institutions to evade accountability. "Study-related stress should be considered abetment to suicide, and cases should be filed against coaching centers under Section 306," argues senior advocate AK Jain.

VAISHNAW SAYS ON PREVENTING TRAIN SABOTAGE BIDS...

'Dialogue on with state governments, police and NIA'

Aishwary Pradhan, Yogesh Sharma & Ziauddin Khan
Jaipur

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Tuesday said the railway administration is on alert for potential train sabotage bids and is holding talks with authorities and police in several states to prevent any untoward incident. The central government treats security threats with utmost seriousness and strict action will be taken against anyone at-



Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Chief Minister's Office in Jaipur on Tuesday.

“Talks are going on with state governments, DGPs and home secretaries. The NIA is also involved. Strict action will be taken against anyone who tries to cause such an accident. This is our resolve.”
ASHWINI VAISHNAW, UNION RAILWAY MINISTER

RAILWAYS LAUNCH 'RAIL RAKSHAK DAL' IN NWR

→ Amid the increasing number of train accidents across the country, Indian Railways has established a 'Rail Rakshak Dal' in the North Western Railway (NWR) zone for the first time as part of a pilot project, which was launched on Tuesday. The 'Rail Rakshak Dal' is designed to promptly reach accident sites and conduct rescue operations, North Western Railway officials said.

tempting to sabotage trains, Vaishnav told the media in Jaipur on Tuesday. "This is our commitment," he added.

Vaishnav arrived in Jaipur and went to Sawai Madhopur to inspect a Kavach-fitted train to check the efficiency of

the automatic train protection system at Sawai Madhopur. The minister boarded the Kavach-fitted engine of a train at the Sawai Madhopur railway station and travelled for 45 minutes up to the Indargarh station. He said that in coming time, the entire Indian Rail will be equipped with Kavach. He also called on CM Bhajan Lal Sharma at the CMO and then interacted with BJP workers at Bhatia Bhawan in Raja Park. He also reached Gandhi Nagar railway station to inspect roof plaza. P8

Kusum Yadav is acting Mayor of JMC Heritage

Bharat Dixit
Jaipur

The Jaipur Municipal Corporation Heritage (JMCH) got a new mayor Kusum Yadav on Tuesday, a day after previous Mayor Munesh Gurjar was suspended. The Department of LSG issued orders to make Independent councillor Kusum Yadav the acting mayor for 60 days, after which Kusum reached the BJP office and later rejoined BJP. Amidst the festive atmosphere, Kusum Yadav had a special conversation with First India



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma greets Kusum Yadav & congratulates her on being acting Mayor of JMCH in Jaipur on Tuesday.

News about her priorities and challenges. She said she will walk on path on which Ram walked. P3

MURDER SPARKS OUTRAGE Two people were injured in the incident

Two arrested in Sirohi temple Mahant's murder, probe on

Ashok Kumawat
Sirohi

Panic has gripped Sirohi after the mahant of Ganesh temple on Isra Road in the Sirohi Sadar police station area was killed after being attacked with sharp weapons by some miscreants. After getting information, police reached the spot and arrested accused Soparam Bhil caught by the villagers.

Police have nabbed one more accused and both the accused are being interrogated. The post-mortem will be conducted by the medical board. After the news of the death spread, a large number of sages and saints reached outside the mortuary of the district hospital. The furious sages and saints said that Mahant Selamgiri Bharti was a gentleman. They said that the accused entered the temple with the intention of theft and fled with the silver bangles that the mahant wore.



The saint community gathered in the temple premises & expressed anger over the murder of the priest.

5-YR-OLD RAPED IN JPR, ACCUSED HELD

Jaipur: A five year old girl was raped. A case was registered on the complaint of the family members. Police took immediate action and arrested the accused. Now police are investigating the case.

**MAN TIED TO TREE, HUMILIATED WITH SHOE GARLAND OVER FAMILY FEUD IN BARAN**

Baran: A youth was tied to a tree and made him wear a garland of shoes tied to a tree in Borina village in Baran Sadar police station. The victim was stripped and forced to wear women's clothes, and the video of the incident was circulated on online. The victim's brother allegedly eloped with a woman from the attackers' family. The victim's wife was also among the accused. Upon learning of the incident, the police rescued the victim and arrested six people on Monday, including the victim's wife. The victim also accused the assailants kept him captive for 19 days. Sadar police station CI Chuttan Lal said that Jagmohan Mogya, a resident of Kalmonda filed a complaint.



Woman dies by suicide in Jaipur; family alleges harassment

First India Bureau
Jaipur

In Jaipur's Jhotwara area, a woman named Jyoti Dadhich was found dead by hanging in what initially appeared to be a suicide. The police conducted a postmortem and later handed over the body to the family. However, Jyoti's father, Narendra Kumar Sharma, has raised suspicions of foul play & called for an investigation, accusing Jyoti's in-laws of harassment.

According to her father, Jyoti was frequently mistreated by her husband, Harikishan Tiwari, and her mother-in-law. In a previous incident, Jyoti sustained an injury during a confrontation with her mother-in-law & was treated at the SMS Trauma Center. Jyoti refrained from taking legal action, worried about the future of her two kids.

Offering condolences

Divya Lodha, only daughter of former minister and MLA from Kota North Shanti Dhariwal, was cremated amid tears at Lal Kothi crematorium on Tuesday. She was undergoing treatment in Jaipur and passed away on Monday. Several dignitaries including Ashok Gehlot, CP Joshi, Dharmendra Rathore, Pawan Arora and others reached to pay last respects and condolences at the crematorium. The Uthavana ritual will be held on September 25 at 10 am at SDC Ashok Millborn, Ahimsa Circle, C-Scheme, Jaipur.

MUKESH KIRADOO

Balloon-attached box with antenna found in Jaisalmer village, probe onFirst India Bureau
Jaisalmer

A deflated balloon with a small white box and an antenna attached to it was found in a village here on Tuesday morning with locals claiming that it may have come from across the border, police said. Villagers of Kasam Khan Ki Dhani found the suspicious object and informed local police about it, they said, adding that



Suspicious balloon found in Kasam Khan's house.

an investigation has been launched.

Police said the object was found in a field.

Personnel from the Jaisalmer Sadar police station reached the spot and are investigating the matter, officials said, adding that intelligence agencies have been alerted. The villagers fear that this suspicious looking balloon might have come from across the border. Police and security agencies have been alerted after the information about finding the balloon.

Court clears doctor of bribery allegations after 22 yearsFirst India Bureau
Jaipur

In a landmark verdict, the (ACB) court has acquitted Dr. K.K. Bandil, former head of the Maternal and Child Welfare Center in Pragpur, of corruption charges after a 22-year-long legal battle. Judge Tan Singh Charan of ACB Court-3 cleared Dr. Bandil of allegations that he accepted a bribe of Rs 500 in exchange for falsifying a medical report.

The case dates back to December 20, 2002, when Dr. Bandil was accused of accepting a bribe. The prosecution presented nine witnesses, 32 documents, and nine pieces of evidence during the trial. However, Dr. Bandil's lawyer, Hemchand Tejwani, argued that the charges were baseless and motivated by a personal vendetta.

Raj Foundation Commissioner meets Finnish AmbassadorFirst India Bureau
New Delhi

Dr. Manisha Arora, Commissioner of the Rajasthan Foundation met Kimmo Lahdevirta, the Ambassador of Finland on Tuesday, to extend an invitation to the Ambassadors' Roundtable Conference, scheduled for

October 1 at Hotel Taj Mansingh in New Delhi. The event will precede the Rising Rajasthan Summit 2024, which aims to attract global investments and promote economic growth in the state.

During the discussion, Dr. Arora emphasized Rajasthan's excellent investment opportunities, high-

lighting the state's robust infrastructure and favorable investment climate. She specifically pointed out potential collaborations in technology, electronics, and machinery sectors between Rajasthan and Finland.

Ambassador Lahdevirta expressed a strong interest in exploring these

investment opportunities. He praised Rajasthan's rich cultural heritage and historical significance, noting his admiration for the state's vibrant traditions.

These efforts of Rajasthan Foundation will contribute to building stronger relationships with interested investors.



Dr. Manisha Arora met Kimmo Lahdevirta in New Delhi.

Raj targets increased Rabi sowing area amid heavy rainfallVinod Singh Chouhan
Jaipur

Rajasthan is witnessing the positive effects of heavy rainfall, which is expected to increase the sowing area for the Rabi season 2024-25.

The state aims to enhance the sowing area by approximately 2.5 lakh hectares, with a total target of 119.50 lakh hectares.

The anticipated sowing areas include wheat- 32 lakh hectares, mustard- 40 lakh hectares, chickpeas- 22 lakh hectares,

barley- 3.75 lakh hectares, taramira- 2.25 lakh hectares and other crops- 18 lakh hectares.

The sowing area could increase in several districts including Churu, Nagaur and Bikaner if they receive 20 to 25 mm more rainfall.

This could significantly enhance the sowing area for crops like chickpeas, psyllium and cum-
in.

Last Rabi season, the sowing target was set at 117 lakh hectares with the department achieving 112.71 lakh hectares.

**Health crisis looms in Karauli; MLA admitted**Manoj Jain
Karauli

The district hospital has seen an increase in the number of patients suffering from vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach ache in Karauli. The concentration of such patients is more in the Walled City area.

Water is supplied from high reservoirs (tanks) and doctors suspect it to be contaminated.

During the rains, the ground water reservoir (pump house) was replenished. Drinking water is supplied to the tanks from these reservoirs but the tanks and surface water reservoirs have not been cleaned.

Meanwhile, Karauli MLA Darshan Singh Gurjar was admitted to the ICU of the district hospital after he complained of fever, cough and stomach pain.

Health Minister cancels doctors' leave amid seasonal disease surgeFirst India Bureau
Jaipur

Health minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar directed department officers to ensure complete management by remaining alert for effective prevention and better treatment of seasonal diseases in the state. He also cancelled the leaves of doctors and other health personnel in the state. In case of a very important situation, the



Gajendra Singh Khimsar, Gayatri Rathore and others during meeting in Jaipur on Tuesday.

departmental personnel can go on leave after taking permission from the competent level. Reviewing the situation of seasonal diseases, he said

that patients should get complete treatment in easy way. He said patients should not face problems of beds, medicines, tests etc.

TIGER PARKS SET TO REOPEN**Vacant posts hamper forest dept work**Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

While Jaipur is being promoted as a wildlife tourism hub, the Forest Department faces significant challenges due to unfilled key positions. Despite efforts to enhance tourism, including the reopening of closed tiger park zones on October 1, which has wildlife enthusiasts excited, the department struggles with staffing issues.

Major events like Rising Rajasthan and Inter-



national Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) are set to take place in the city, yet crucial roles in the Forest Department

remain vacant. For instance, the much-publicized Jhalana leopard safari, a globally recognized attraction, oper-

ates without a permanent Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) and ranger. Plans for new initia-

tives, including a second leopard safari in Amargarh, a tiger safari in Nahargarh, and the development of a new Keoladeo-like park in Muhana, are in the works. However, the shortage of permanent staff threatens the smooth implementation of these projects. This situation highlights the growing mismanagement within the department, posing significant challenges for the Forest Minister and the Head of Forest Force (HoFF).

Won't let Jaipur become Karachi: Bal MukundYogesh Sharma
Jaipur

MLA Bal Mukund Acharya's surprise inspection in the Hawa Mahal area has sparked significant discussion among residents. In recent days, he has conducted impromptu visits to police stations and hospitals as part of his efforts to assess local conditions.

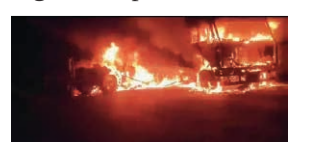
In an exclusive interview with First India, the MLA expressed his determination to maintain the integrity of Jaipur, stating, "Jaipur is Apara Kashi, and I will not al-



low it to become Karachi." He emphasized his ongoing commitment to improving the Walled City area, which includes initiatives to remove illegal immigrants and renovate temples and work towards making Jaipur the cleanest.

Container-tractor collision kills driverFirst India Bureau
Nimbahera

The tractor driver was charged to death after a collision between a container and the tractor in Madda village on Chotisadri road in Chittorgarh. The deceased has been identified as Ishwarlal Banjara, resident of Ujjain. One person was seriously injured in the accident that happened on the night of September 22.



Three leopards on terror spree caught but scare still continues

Gopal Lodha & Ashish Choudhary
Udaipur/Rajsamand

Two leopards were captured by the forest department in cages set up in Chhali, Gogunda. The operation to capture a one leopard was initiated, but surprisingly, 2 were trapped in separate cages.

The operation was successful with the cooperation of the district administration, police, and army. Two leopards, which had preyed on 3 persons and 3 cattle, were trapped in cages.

District Collector Arvind Poswal arrived at the scene along with CCF of the Forest Department, Sunil Chidri, SDM Dr. Naresh Soni, Tehsildar Om Singh Lakhawat and police officer Shaitan Singh Nathawat.



The Forest Department had deployed 80 employees for 6 days to capture the leopards, which have recently mauled a minor girl to death.

Meanwhile, a leopard was captured in a forest department cage in Gamdi Bolia village. It hunted 5 goats and fled into jungle. Upon receiving the information, within a few hours, leopard was caught.



LEOPARD SCARE IN KUMBHALGARH & JHADOL AREA CONTINUES, 6 CATTLE KILLED SO FAR

Rajsamand: The leopard scare continues in the Kumbhalgarh area. Last night, the leopard killed goats at Gamdi Bolia village. After killing 5 goats, the leopard ran towards the jungle. It is the case of Taladari panchayat in Kumbhalgarh sub division. Meanwhile in Jhadol, a leopard allegedly killed a cattle last night at Jekda of Jhadol in Udaipur district. The leopard killed a buffalo calf tied in the cattle shed. The villagers found the carcass of the animal and informed the forest department and Baghpura police.

Yadav: Jaipur will shine under triple engine govt

Bharat Dixit
Jaipur

As soon as Kusum Yadav became the acting mayor of JMC Heritage, she reached the BJP headquarters and in a special conversation with First India, she said that now a triple engine government has been formed and now more changes than expected will be seen in JMCH.

However, on the question of rebelling from the party and contesting the elections and being an independent councillor, she said that she has always been with the Bharatiya Janata Party.

The circumstances of that time are in everyone's mind. But she remained with the party and the organization and for the responsibility she has got, thanks to the party's top leadership that she was trusted in



Acting JMCH Mayor Kusum Yadav and supporters outside BJP headquarters in Jaipur on Tuesday. NAIM KHAN

JMCH CONG COUNCILLORS JOIN BJP; SERVED NOTICE

The Congress party has issued notices to rebel Congress councillors of Jaipur Heritage Municipal Corporation who submitted letters of support for joining the BJP. R.R. Tiwari, president of the Jaipur City District Congress Committee, initiated the notice following a meeting of rebel Congress councillors with BJP leaders on June 24, 2024. The councillors were given three days to respond but failed to do so. Tiwari has recommended their expulsion to the state disciplinary committee.

These circumstances. "Now we will move forward keeping in mind the policy of zero tolerance. With the support of all 99 councillors, we will think about the development of Jaipur," she said. On the other hand, after facing disappointment while being a mayor candidate 4 years ago, she said that goodness always takes time to be seen.

CM to hold poll rallies in Haryana, Jharkhand

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma will address various election rallies in Haryana on September 26 and 27, and the "Pariavartan Yatra" public meeting in Jharkhand on September 28.

Sharma will address a public meeting at the grain market in Samalkha in support of BJP candidate Manmohan Bhardana from the Samalkha Assembly seat on September 26. On the same day, in another pub-

lic meeting, he will address a gathering at the community center in Rai in support of BJP candidate Krishna Gehlawat from the Rai Assembly seat. He will also hold a public meeting at Bajaj Farm in Indri in support of BJP candidate Ram Kumar Kashyap from the Indri Assembly seat.

Dausa police's cricket touney for public

First India Bureau
Dausa

Dausa SP Ranjita Sharma has launched an initiative to strengthen cooperation between police and the public through a cricket tournament. Inspired by PM Narendra Modi's message, the Dausa Police League aims to foster community relations. The tournament will officially begin on September 30, with matches held at various police stations. Approximately 500 police and public players are set to participate.

Court seizes Sirohi dist collector's car amid Awas Yojana Flats issue

First India Bureau
Sirohi

Sirohi District Collector Alpa Chaudhary's car was impounded following non-compliance of the court's order. The court official reached the Collectorate and impounded the car. The District Collector had to go on a tour of the district on Tuesday but was barred from using the vehicle.

According to the information, flats were built in Sirohi under the Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana and were allotted through lottery. An amount was deposited for this. But the



Alpa Chaudhary's car was impounded on Tuesday.

allottees did not get its possession after which they appealed to return their money. Irked by this, an allottee Sonu Kanwar sought help from the permanent Lok Adalat here, which had or-

dered the payment of over Rs 4 lakh.

After around 5 hours, DM Alpa Choudhary, SP Anil Beniwal, ADM and ASP went to the court and met DJ Rupa Gupta to get the car released.

Guv backs 25% discount for serving & retired soldiers at RTDC guest houses

Guv Bagade calls for NAAC accreditation for Raj univs

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Governor Haribhau Bagade has instructed that all government-funded universities in the state must obtain NAAC rankings and prepare accordingly.

Bagade held a special meeting on Tuesday at the Raj Bhavan to ensure NAAC accreditation for universities in the state.

He called for universities to initiate both online and offline documentation immediately, focusing on enhancing education quality, promoting fundamental research, and securing patents among other things.

Discussions included establishing incubation and innovation centers at universities and offering courses on Indian knowl-



Governor Haribhau Bagade speaking during the special meeting at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday.

edge traditions and patriotism. Dr. Prithvi, secretary to the Governor, highlighted the importance of timely and prioritized efforts for securing NAAC rankings.

LUXURY TRAIN TO DEPART FROM DELHI TODAY

PoW to embark on 1st tour of this season

Gopendra Nath Bhatt
New Delhi

The luxury train 'Palace on Wheels', one of the world famous heritage trains operated by Indian Railways and Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC), will depart from Safdarjung Railway Station, New Delhi on Wednesday, September 25 evening on its first journey of this tourist



Look and interiors of Palace on Wheels have been made better.

season for its destinations.

According to RTDC

Managing Director Sushma Arora, in the last three months, by doing

Director (O&M) of 'Palace on Wheels' Pradeep Bohra said that special guests will be present on the occasion of flag off program of the train which will cover eight cities of Rajasthan and UP in just seven days

mechanical and design related work, the look of the train has been made

better and the feel of excellent quality.

According to Bhagat Singh Lohagarh, Director General of O&M, a private company that operates the train, 30 foreign guests will go on a royal tour in the first trip of the train.

Bhagat Singh Lohagarh informed that the cheapest package for a room (cabin) in the 'Palace on Wheels', is 12 lakhs and the most expensive is 39 lakhs.

Gandhi Vatika Museum talks ongoing, says UDH min Kharra

ANI
Jaipur

A day after former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot warned the BJP led government in the state of staging a protest on September 28 on the demands of starting the Gandhi Vatika Museum, Urban Development Minister Jhabbar Singh Kharra said on Tuesday that the process of discussion and decision making has been going on the government level.



Speaking to ANI, Kharra said that the committee constituted for the operation of the museum by the previous Gehlot government was cancelled by bringing a bill during the last assembly sessions because of the

Kharra said that the decision will be taken very soon and that the money invested in the museum should be protected

excessive powers given to the committee.

Further, Minister Kharra said that the process of discussion and decision-making of the operation and maintenance has been going on at the government level.



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WHOLESOME & SATISFYING VISIT



PM Narendra Modi greets the Indian diaspora at Nassau Coliseum arena, in New York on Sunday.

Given the current context (of unrest) across the globe, the Indian PM Narendra Modi while concluding his three-day visit to the United States posted on X, "This has been a fruitful USA visit, covering diverse programmes and focusing on a series of subjects aimed at making our planet better."

PM Modi during his visit attended the Quad Leaders' meeting, an overwhelming Indian diaspora event and addressed the Summit of the Future at the UN General Assembly thereby re-establishing the growth trajectory of the country.

Hosted by President Joe Biden, the Quad Leaders' Summit took place on Saturday in his hometown Wilmington, Delaware. It was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia, and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan.

In a rare gesture, Biden also hosted Modi for a bilateral meeting in his home, and the Quad summit was held at the Archmere Academy in Wilmington.

BIDEN'S LAST MEETING AS PRES

"In what is certain to be his last meeting with Prime Minister Modi as a sitting President, it's clear, that whoever occupies the White House in January 2025, will continue to build on the strategic partnership and prioritise the Indo-Pacific as central to Washington's geostrategic vision," the USISPF said.

During their meeting, US President Biden welcomed the progress made towards India sealing pro-

ACKNOWLEDGING INDIA

PM Narendra Modi's recent visits to Ukraine and Poland and India's leadership at the G20 Summit show that Washington acknowledges New Delhi's role as both a voice for the Global South and one that can build bridges and de-escalate tensions, a much-needed approach at the moment. In line with the Quad vision, both countries will continue to deepen their military partnership and interoperability to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific, it said, adding that Washington and New Delhi's joint efforts from procurement of drone technology to jet engine manufacturing to Javelin and Stryker systems in India are vital in increased operational coordination, information-sharing, and defence industrial innovation.

curement of 31 long-endurance MQ-9B armed drones from American defence major General Atomics, as he and Prime Minister Modi vowed to boost reciprocal supply of military hardware between the two sides.

Noting that Biden and Modi reaffirmed that the US-India Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership is the "defining partnership of the 21st century", the USISPF said the two leaders underscored the shared interests that both democracies share.

"However, it's important to elevate and expand those interests to shared priorities to address the urgent challenges of the 21st century," it said. Asserting that the US-India Major Defence Partnership continues to be a vital pillar of security in the Indo-Pacific region, the advocacy group said the partnership was "fructified with the success of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) and subsequently with the India-US Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X)".

Also, the success of Chandrayaan-3 last year paved the way for a more strategic and deeper space collaboration between NASA and ISRO to conduct further scientific re-

search onboard the International Space Station in 2025.

At the Quad Leadership Summit and others associated with it, Prime Minister Modi underlined India's approach of cooperation, contact, and engagement for growth with a variety of partners in the Indo-Pacific.

SAVING LIVES

Also, during the summit, the leaders announced the Quad Cancer Moonshot, a groundbreaking partnership to save lives in the Indo-Pacific region.

INDIA'S ROLE

India pledged USD 7.5 million to combat cervical cancer in the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad nations also announced a new regional Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI), to enable their partners in the region to maximise tools provided through Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) and other Quad partner initiatives to monitor and secure their waters, enforce their laws, and deter unlawful behaviour.

INDIA A LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES

On Saturday PM Modi attended an Indian community event at Long Island...

he also addressed a mega gathering of Indian-Americans at the Nassau Coliseum in New York. Terming India as a "land of opportunities", Prime Minister Modi told the gathering that he has set very ambitious goals for the country during his third term. During the event, he also announced that India will open two new consulates in Boston and Los Angeles, meeting the long-pending demand of the fast-growing Indian American community in these two large American cities.

THE IMPORTANCE

While Boston is considered the education and pharma capital of the US, Los Angeles, home to Hollywood, is hosting the next summer Olympics and current US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti is the city's former mayor. The event was attended by more than 13,000 Indian-Americans. While the majority of them were from the New York and New Jersey area, Indian-Americans came in from 40 states, organisers said. Sixty charter buses were used for transportation purposes.

Applauding the role of Indian-Americans in strengthening the relationship between India and the US, he called them India's brand ambassadors.

"What was evinced during Prime Minister Modi's recent visit was the euphoria of the diaspora, the unrelenting optimism from both governments in the partnership, and the depth and bonds of friendship in the people-to-people engagement," the US India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF) said in a statement on Monday.

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IN-DEPTH

HIGH COURT ORDER A SETBACK TO CONGRESS GOVT IN KARNATAKA

The Karnataka High Court's dismissal of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's petition against the consent given by the Governor for an investigation into the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam is a setback for the ruling Congress party. By allowing the investigation to proceed, the court has underscored the importance of accountability, even for those holding the highest offices. Siddaramaiah, a towering figure in Karnataka politics, must now face scrutiny, a situation that resonates with the growing public demand for transparency and integrity in governance.

The decision also reminds of the case against BJP's BS Yediyurappa, the former chief minister who faced corruption charges. No individual, regardless of political clout, should be exempt from legal scrutiny. While the investigation is yet to begin, it is essential for the process to be fair and free from political interference. This order serves as a reminder that in a democracy, legal processes must follow their due course, ensuring that justice prevails over power and influence.

THE NEW RULERS OF 64 SQUARES



India has firmly established itself as a rising powerhouse in the global chess arena. Once dominated by the traditional giants, Russia and Eastern Europe, chess has found a new and dynamic epicentre in India. The meteoric rise of players like Viswanathan Anand and more recently, prodigies like R Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh D, and Arjun Erigaisi, reflect the country's unprecedented talent pool. India's triumph at the just-concluded Chess Olympiad and golden performances in both men and women's team and individual categories shows how far the nation has come.

This surge in Indian chess talent is not accidental. It's the result of strategic investments in grassroots programs, the proliferation of chess academies, and government and corporate support. Moreover, the digital age has given young players access to global platforms, allowing them to compete with the best minds without leaving home.

India's chess boom also has cultural roots. The game, believed to have originated in India as "Chaturanga" centuries ago, has reclaimed its legacy. Today, it transcends socio-economic barriers and is viewed not only as a sport but also as a tool for cognitive development, attracting thousands of young minds. As India cements its place among chess giants, the nation stands poised to dominate the game for years to come. The global chessboard has new rulers, they are young and they hail from India, a country blending its ancient traditions with modern aspirations.

Creditably, none of the players lost a game making it difficult to single out any one performance but Gukesh needs a special mention. The world title challenger showed he is up to the task.

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PM MODI AT UNGA

Addressing world leaders from the iconic podium of the UN General Assembly hall, Modi, beginning his speech with a "Namaskar", said he brings the voice of 1.4 billion Indians or one-sixth of humanity to the UN. Modi assured the world community that India will continue to work in thought, words and deeds to protect the rights of all humanity and for global prosperity

PM Modi also participated in a "fruitful" roundtable with the CEOs of leading American tech companies where he emphasised India's growth prospects and discussed initiatives to foster bilateral collaborations across various sectors

It saw the participation of CEOs of major US-based firms working on cutting-edge technologies such as AI, quantum computing and semiconductors. He urged CEOs of US majors to take advantage of India's growth story as the country is making all efforts to become the third largest economy in the world in his third term

TOP TWEETS



X Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji had spent every moment of his life for awakening the ideas of nation and Indianness. On the birth anniversary of such a strong nationalist and source of inspiration for crores of Indians, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji, tomorrow on 25th September, be a part of the BJP membership mega campaign. Give a missed call to 88 00 00 2024 and become a part of the resolution of 'Developed India' by joining BJP.

Dharmendra Pradhan @dpradhanbjp



X On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the inspiration of the Bharatiya Janata Party and the pioneer of Antyodaya, all of you should take part in the BJP membership campaign. Ensure your participation in nation building by taking membership of the party by giving a missed call on 8800002024.

Kiren Rijju @KirenRijju

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

The Lord said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.'

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All eyes on Srinagar in 2nd phase of voting today

J&K POLLS

First India Bureau
Srinagar

All eyes will be on Srinagar today when voting for the second phase of the Assembly elections -being held after a decade- starts amid high security. Reason, Srinagar was once a bastion of election boycott.

Of the 90 assembly seats, the polling will be held on Wednesday in 26 Assembly Constituencies across six districts of Jammu & Kashmir. In Jammu region, polling will take place in 11 constituencies and in Kashmir it will be held in 15 seats.

A total of 27.78 lakh voters are eligible to vote to decide the electoral fate of 239 candidates in this phase of the elections. The authorities have set up 3,502 Polling Stations with webcasting for a fair, transparent voting process and elaborate security arrangements have been made, officials said.

A voter turnout of more than 61 per cent was recorded in the first phase of Assembly polls covering 24 constituencies on September 18.



Security personnel leave for their designated polling stations on the eve of 2nd phase of Assembly polls, in Srinagar, on Tuesday. © PTI

OMAR AMONG 239 CANDIDATES IN FRAY IN 2nd PHASE POLLS

Key names in this phase are ex-CM Omar Abdullah, JK-PCC chief Tariq Hamid Karra and BJP J&K chief Ravinder Raina. Abdullah is contesting from Ganderbal and Budgam seats, while Karra is contesting from Central Shalteng. Raina is trying to retain his Nowshera seat which he won in the 2014 polls. The second phase will be watched keenly as jailed separatist leader Sarjan Ahmad Wagay alias Barkati is hoping to repeat Engineer Rashid's Lok Sabha poll feat against NC leader.

DEO SRINAGAR URGES YOUNG VOTERS TO CAST THEIR VOTE

A day before voting, District Election Officer Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat urged young, eligible voters to come out and cast their votes. "I encourage all voters, especially the newly eligible young voters, to show the same enthusiasm they displayed during their enrolment by coming out tomorrow to vote for their candidate," Bhat told media in Srinagar. Bhat said that 932 polling stations have been set up across the eight Assembly segments of Srinagar district.

PM MODI, RAHUL TO ADDRESS RALLIES AHEAD OF 3rd PHASE

PM Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be addressing public rallies in Jammu on September 28 and September 25 as part of the campaign for the last phase of Assembly elections on October 1. Jammu district will be among four districts voting in the last leg of the elections, before the results are declared on October 8. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address an election rally here at Maulana Azad Stadium on September 28," said a party leader.

Why did youth of Haryana turn to 'Dunki', asks Rahul

HARYANA ELECTIONS

PTI
New Delhi

LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that the BJP has done "grave injustice" to the youth of country by snatching job opportunities and forced them to undertake a "journey of torture" to foreign countries.

He made the remarks as he shared on social media a video of his recent interaction in the US with some immigrants from Haryana who talked about the unemployment back home forcing them to move to the US and face struggles in a foreign country.

In his post accompanying the video, Gandhi said, "Why did the youth of Haryana turn to Dunki?"

"Dunki" is a term given to the illegal immigration technique of taking 'donkey flights' and came into popular usage with a Rajkumar Hirani movie released last year.



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. © FILE

PRIYANKA GANDHI ATTACKS BJP GOVT FOR "RUINING LIVES OF YOUTHS IN HARYANA"

New Delhi: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday alleged the BJP has spread such an "epidemic of unemployment"

that the lives of youths are being ruined in Haryana. She asserted that when her party's government is formed in the state, concrete measures will be taken to stop migration and prevent families from being destroyed. Priyanka Gandhi said it is the Congress' resolve that it will work to remove the despair prevailing among youths and take Haryana on the path of progress. "In Haryana, the BJP has spread such an epidemic of unemployment that the lives of promising youths are being ruined," she said in a post in Hindi on X.



Security increased near CM Siddaramaiah's house

MUDA CASE

First India Bureau
Bengaluru

Ahead of Karnataka High Court verdict in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case on Tuesday, security was beefed up around CM Siddaramaiah's residence.

The Bengaluru Police deputed two platoons of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) at the CM's residence.

The police were directed to be on high alert to avert any untoward incidents. Speaking to media here, Minister for Law HK Patil said, "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has not signed any file or issued oral orders in the MUDA case."

"The court had heard arguments and counter-arguments from both sides and naturally, the verdict would be in the favour of CM Siddaramaiah," he stated.



Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah leaves for the High Court to the verdict on the MUDA case, in Bengaluru, on Tuesday. © PTI

MUDA CASE PERTAINS TO ALLEGED ALLOTMENT OF COMPENSATORY SITES TO SIDDARAMAIAH'S WIFE

Bengaluru: The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case involving Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah dates back over three decades. Allegations center on the allotment of compensatory plots to Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, in a high-value area after her land was acquired by MUDA. The land, originally belonging to another individual, was later denotified but used for residential layout development. Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law purchased this land in 2004 and gifted it to Parvathi in 2010. Amid accusations of impropriety, a one-man inquiry was established, and the Governor sanctioned an investigation under anti-corruption laws. Siddaramaiah has challenged the Governor's decision in court.

No problem if DVC HQ is shifted from Bengal: Mamata

PTI
Kolkata

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said that the Centre can shift the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) headquarters from Kolkata, asserting that she does not want an organisation, which releases water in the state leading to death of people, to stay here.

He comment came when several districts of the state were inundated following release of water from dams managed by the DVC which functions under the Centre's Ministry of Power.

"Let them take it (DVC) away. I do not care. They have removed everything from Kolkata and there is nothing left. They keep a building (DVC headquarters) in Kolkata, but will not listen to Kolkata and keep on releasing water inundating WB and killing people," she said.



Mamata Banerjee in Birbhum dist of WB, on Tuesday. © PTI

SUVENDU CRITICISES WB CHIEF MINISTER

Bokaro (Jharkhand): Asserting that Bangladeshi infiltrators are a major concern for Jharkhand, BJP leader SUVendu Adhikari on Tuesday accused Mamata Banerjee, the CM of West Bengal which shares a border with the neighbouring country, of not providing land to BSF for fencing work due to her "appeasement politics". Adhikari, the leader of Opposition in the WB assembly, arrived in Jharkhand earlier in the day to take part in the BJP's 'Parivartan Yatra' in Dhanbad district.

MP govt plans mega Dussehra events this festival season

Agencies
Bhopal

The Madhya Pradesh govt has planned mega events across the state on Dussehra as it will be the first after the establishment of the grand Lord Ram's temple in Ayodhya.

State CM Mohan Yadav has asked district administrations to ensure proper arrangements for the upcoming Navratri festival set to begin on October 3 and the Dussehra.

"This year's Dussehra will be even more joyous as it will be the first after the establishment of Lord Ram's temple in Ayodhya. Therefore, the district administrations should actively ensure appropriate arrangements in all the temples and shrines of the state," he added.

"Every event will be celebrated with peace and harmony as per our ancient and age-old tradition," Yadav said.

Yogi tasks SWC for implementation of Nari Shakti Act in UP

First India Bureau
Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday assigned a significant responsibility to the newly established State Women Commission (SWC), emphasising its vital role in fostering leadership skills among women.

The CM said that the Nari Shakti Vandan Act would soon be implemented nationwide, reserving one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies for women.

To ensure that women in UP reap the full benefits of this landmark legislation, CM Yogi emphasized the importance of developing leadership skills among them.

He urged the State Women Commission to take proactive measures in protecting women's interests and enhancing their welfare.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. © FILE

YOGI WARNS AGAINST FOOD ADULTERATION

Lucknow: UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday took note of some alarming instances where food items were adulterated with dirty substances, including human waste, in some parts of the country and warned against such practices in the state. The UP CM reiterated the state government's zero-tolerance policy towards such practices and instructed officials to take strict action against individuals involved in adulterating food with human waste or other harmful substances.

PAWAN KALYAN SAYS...

"Won't tolerate attack on Sanatana Dharma"



Andhra Pradesh Dy CM Pawan Kalyan takes part in a purification ritual at Sri Kanaka Durga temple in Vijayawada. © PTI

First India Bureau
Vijayawada

Andhra Pradesh Dy CM Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday lashed out at his critics for finding fault with him for raising his voice against adulteration of Tirupati laddu and warned that attacks on Sanatana Dharma will not be tolerated.

Making it clear that he would not keep quiet over the attacks on Sanatana Dharma, the actor-politician also slammed actor Prakash Raj saying secularism is not a one-way

HINDU LEADERS STAGE PROTEST AT TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS OVER LADDU ROW

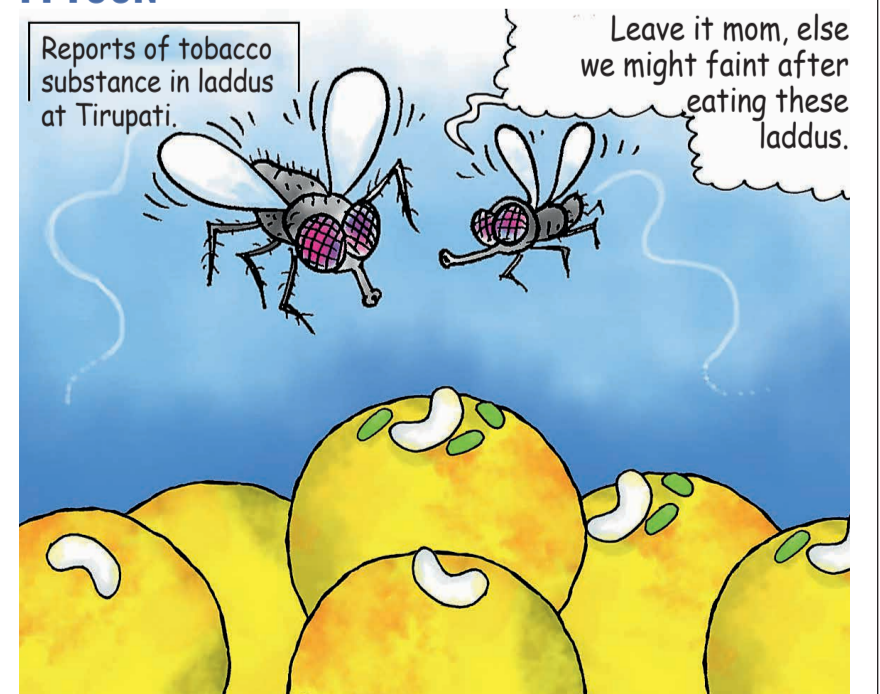
Tirupati: Hindu religious leaders on Tuesday staged a protest outside Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) administrative building over alleged adulteration of Tirupati laddu prasadam. Raising slogans and holding placards, leaders of Andhra Pradesh Hindu Sadhu Parishad and other Hindu religious organisations participated in the protest. The protestors demanded stringent punishment to those involved in the use of adulterated ghee for making laddu prasadam.

affair. The Jana Sena chief was talking to media persons after purification rituals at Kanaka Durga temple here as part of his 11-day penance over the alleged presence of animal fat in the ghee used

for making laddu prasadam of Tirumala temple.

Pawan Kalyan questioned those criticising him for undertaking 'Deeksha' and for speaking out against the adulteration.

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SHEKHAR

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh calls for tech-driven Coast Guard



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Additional Director General Coast Guard S Paramesh and others pose for group pictures during the 41st Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference, in New Delhi on Tuesday. **PTI**

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st edition of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference here on Tuesday where he called on the ICG to become a technology-oriented force to deal with conventional and future threats.

The three-day meeting serves as a vital forum for ICG Commanders to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational and administrative matters in the backdrop of the evolving geopolitical landscapes and complexities of maritime security, an official statement said.

Addressing the conference, Singh described ICG as India's foremost guard, ensuring security of country's vast coast-



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the 41st Coast Guard Commanders' Conference, in New Delhi, on Tuesday. **PTI**

line through constant monitoring of the Exclusive Economic Zone, & prevention of illegal activities such as terrorism and trafficking of arms, drugs & humans.

Commending the bravery and dedication with which the ICG personnel

serve the nation in the times of distress, he paid tributes to the bravehearts who lost their lives in a recent operation near Porbandar.

Singh emphasised need to move forward from being a human-oriented to a technology-oriented force

to deal with conventional as well as emerging threats in today's unpredictable times.

"The world is going through a phase of technological revolution. In this era of Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Technology and drones, the

field of security is witnessing significant changes. Given current geopolitical situation, maritime threats will increase in the future. We need to be alert and ready. The importance of manpower will always remain, but the world should know us as a technology-oriented Coast Guard," Singh said.

While he stressed on the benefits of incorporating latest technology, he exhorted the Commanders to remain wary of its negative side. He termed technology as a double-edged sword and called upon ICG to be proactive, vigilant and prepared to tackle the potential challenges. On the efforts being made to attain 'Aatmanirbharta', he stated that 31 ships for ICG, worth more than Rs 4,000 crore, are being built by Indian shipyards.

BADLAPUR SEXUAL ASSAULT

Accused Shinde booked for bid to murder cops

PTI
Thane

The Thane police have registered a case of attempt to murder against Badlapur sexual assault crime accused Akshay Shinde, after he allegedly opened fire at cops, and also filed a case of his accidental death, officials said on Tuesday.

Shinde was being taken to Badlapur in Maharashtra's Thane district from Taloja jail in Navi Mumbai on Monday evening in connection with an FIR registered against him on the complaint of his former wife when the firing incident took place, which resulted in his death, police earlier said.

Shinde, 24, was accused of sexually assaulting two minor girls at a school in Badlapur.

After Akshay Shinde shot and injured API Nilesch More, another officer from the police escort team fired at him, and Shinde was declared



A forensic team examines the police van in which Akshay Shinde, the accused in the Badlapur sexual assault case of two minor girls, was killed in police encounter, in Thane on Tuesday. **PTI**

THOSE PROTESTING DEATH OF ACCUSED ARE PART OF 'TUKDE-TUKDE' GANG: BJP

New Delhi: BJP General Secretary Dushyant Gautam reacted to the intense political debate over the death of Akshay Shinde the accused in the Badlapur rape case, who was shot by police in retaliatory firing. Gautam said, "If anyone takes the law in their hands, then the law will do its job, the police will do its job. But questions arise on those who are speaking on this, do they justify that the rapist of a 5-year-old girl should not be punished for his crime? It is evident to me that they protest just for the sake of it. They will stand with criminal, will stand with traitor, and anti-national because it is their mindset and view."

dead by doctors.

Following the incident, a case of attempt to murder against Shinde as well as a case of his ac-

cidental death have been registered at the Mumbra police station, a Thane police official told reporters.

5 wagons of empty goods train derail in WB, no one hurt



A goods train derailed at Mainaguri in Siliguri on Tuesday. **PTI**

Agencies
Kolkata

Five wagons of an empty goods train derailed at New Maynaguri railway station in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district on Tuesday morning, a Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) official said.

No injuries were reported in the incident that occurred at 6:20 am, he said.

He said that several trains were diverted through other routes following the incident. The route connects the northeastern states with other parts of the country.

Overhead electricity cables and a few poles were damaged owing to the derailment, he said.

STONES THROWN AT TWO TRAINS IN UP

Prayagraj: Stones were allegedly thrown at Mahabodhi Express and Seemanchal Express trains in Uttar Pradesh, with officials on Tuesday saying probes have been launched in both the cases.

3 RLY ATTEMPT TO DERAIL TRAIN; HELD

Surat: 3 railway employees were arrested for conspiring to derail a train near Kim railway station by removing fishplates and keys from a railway track. The attempted derailment incident was thwarted on Saturday.

Pulwama blast accused dies of cardiac arrest in Hosp

Agencies
Srinagar

Bilal Ahmed Kuchay, a 27-year-old under-trial prisoner implicated in the Pulwama terror attack that claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel on February 14, 2019, died of cardiac arrest at Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, on Monday night.

Official sources confirmed that Kuchay, who had been transferred from Kishtwar District Jail to GMC Jammu the previous week due to health complications, was suffering from Guillain-Barré syndrome—a condition where the immune system attacks the nerves, leading to weakness and paralysis.

Kuchay had been in custody since July 5, 2020, following his arrest by the NIA for alleged connections to the Pulwama attack. His brother, Muzaffar, confirmed that he had been undergoing treatment before passing away on Monday evening.

RG Kar case: CBI grills TMC MLA, doc for hrs

Agencies
Kolkata

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers on Monday interrogated Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLA Nirmal Ghosh for nearly seven hours in connection with their ongoing investigation into the alleged rape-murder of a medic at RG Kar hospital here last month, officials said. They also questioned the hospital's forensic department doctor, Professor Apurba Biswas, in connection with the case, they said.

The postgraduate train-



BJP workers march towards Deputy Commissioner North office, in Kolkata. **PTI**

ee was allegedly raped-murdered inside the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital here on August 9.

Nirmal Ghosh, Trinamool Congress's Panihati MLA, reached the CBI's CGO Complex office in Salt Lake around 10.30 am.

Low-pressure forms over west-central Bay of Bengal

Agencies
Amaravati

Under the influence of cyclonic circulation over Central Bay of Bengal, a low-pressure area has been formed over Westcentral Bay of Bengal & adjoining Northwest Bay off north Andhra-south Odisha coasts, Meteorological Centre said on Tuesday.

A daily weather report said that the associated cyclonic circulation extends up to 7.6 km above mean sea level tilting southwestwards with height.

The west Monsoon is active over Coastal



A woman takes her cattle through a flooded area after a rise in the level of River Ganga in Bhagalpur district of Bihar on Tuesday.

Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Rayalaseema.

Heavy to very heavy rain will likely occur at isolated places in Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam during next 24 hours. Heavy rain is likely to

occur in Rayalaseema during the next 24 hours and in Coastal Andhra Pradesh on September 25.

Strong surface winds with speeds ranging from 30-40 Kmph are likely to occur at isolated places.

that they serve all citizens equitably, she said.

In an increasingly technology-driven world, more and more public services are being delivered using technology, she said, adding, audit, therefore, needs to keep up with technological evolution in order to be able to perform its oversight functions effectively.

"With Asia emerging as the continent that is setting the global economic agenda, all of you carry the onerous task of improving the lives of more than half of human-

ity," she said.

Observing that the profession of audit and accounting is as old as civilisation itself, she said "we have scriptures which talk about how fiscal prudence and financial probity are critical elements of statecraft."

Similar references can also be found in the civilisational journey of Egypt, Greece and Rome.

The CAG of India plays a key role in ensuring transparency and accountability in the country's public finance, the President said.

HuT case: NIA raids several places in TN

Agencies
Kanyakumari

The NIA on Tuesday raided multiple locations across Tamil Nadu, as part of its investigation into a case relating to the recruitment of radicalized youths to ' Hizb-ut-Tahrir' (HuT), a banned International pan-Islamist and fundamentalist organization, affiliated to ISIS that is working to establish Islamic caliphate in India.

The raids were being carried out at 14 locations including Triplicane, Neelankarai, Royapettah, Vannarapettai, Tambar-



am, Vandalur, Vettuvankeni at Chennai, Pudukottai and Kanyakumari.

The NIA conducted searches at places linked to the HuT sympathizers engaged in radicalizing and recruiting gullible youth to establish an Islamic State or Khilafa and enforce a draft constitution written by Taqi al-Din al-Nabhani, the founder of the banned organization.

ASOSAI ASSEMBLY

Prez Murmu calls for timely audit of public finance

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Underlining the importance of timeliness in auditing public finance, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said if a wrong is pointed out well within time, it can be corrected and help save huge amount of public money.

She emphasised the need for audit bodies keeping pace with technological evolution in order to be able to perform its oversight functions effectively as more

and more public services are being delivered using technology.

"What is equally important for effective auditing of public finances is timeliness. If a wrong is pointed out well within time, it can be corrected," she said while addressing the 16th Assembly of Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) here.

This implies that an auditor is entrusted with the task of not only pointing out faults but also suggesting a way out to improve the quality of



President Murmu and CAG Girish Chandra Murmu at the inauguration of the 16th Assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), in New Delhi on Tuesday.

governance, she said.

The mandate of public sector audits has expanded beyond traditional au-

ditting to include assessing the effectiveness of public welfare schemes and projects, ensuring

US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS AAPI young voters see Harris's identity as important

Poll finds Harris more popular than Trump among AAPI voters

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Washington

Vice President Kamala Harris is viewed more favorably by Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander registered voters than former President Donald Trump, according to a new poll. AAPI voters are also more likely to believe that she is the candidate who better represents their background and policy views.

The survey finds that around 6 in 10 AAPI voters have a very or somewhat favorable opinion of Harris, while about one-third have a somewhat or very unfavorable view. In comparison, 3 in 10 AAPI



Kamala Harris



Donald Trump

voters have a positive view of Trump and around two-thirds view him negatively.

That's an increase in favorability for Harris since October 2023, when an AP-NORC/AAPI Data poll found that about half of AAPI adults had a somewhat or

very favorable view of her. Opinions of Trump among this group have remained stable.

Harris is both Black and South Asian American, and has worked to rally AAPI voters in swing states like Georgia where their numbers are growing. But while the

Harris has worked to connect with AAPI communities in key swing states. About half of AAPI voters feel Harris better represents their background and culture, compared to only 1 in 10 for Trump

poll indicates that AAPI voters are much more likely to see their own cultural identity reflected in her than in Trump — about half of AAPI voters say Harris better represents their background and culture, while only about 1 in 10 say this about Trump — it's not

clear how much this is influencing their perspectives on the candidates. Only about 3 in 10 AAPI voters say that Harris' Asian Indian identity is extremely or very important to them, although some AAPI Americans may be more connected to her background than others. About 7 in 10 Asian Indian adults see Harris as the candidate who better represents their background and culture, which is higher than AAPI adults overall.

The survey found that racism is a critical issue for AAPI voters, with 7 in 10 saying they could never vote for a candidate who doesn't align with their views on discrimination.

Biden to address UN General Assembly for last time as Prez

Agencies
New York

US President Joe Biden will look to burnish his foreign policy legacy in a UN speech on Tuesday, still facing the challenges posed by Ukraine's effort to repel Russian invaders and in a Middle East mired in war.

With 4 months left in office, Biden steps up to the green-marbled lectern to address world leaders at the UN General Assembly with wars in both regions posing dilemmas likely to outlast his presidency. As efforts falter to impose a Gaza truce and with Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah waging a cross-border battle, the Pentagon said on Monday it will send a small number of additional troops to the Middle East out of an abundance of caution.



US President Joe Biden waves goodbye after his address to the 79th session of the UN General Assembly, on Tuesday. PTI

BIDEN IN FAREWELL UN ADDRESS SAYS PEACE STILL POSSIBLE IN CONFLICTS IN MIDEAST AND UKRAINE

United Nations: US President Joe Biden declared on Tuesday that the US must not retreat from the world, as Israel and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon edged toward all-out war and Israel's bloody operation against Hamas in Gaza neared the one-year mark. Biden used his wide-ranging address to speak to a need to end the Middle East conflict and the 17-month-old civil war in Sudan and to highlight US and Western allies' support for Kyiv since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. He also raised concern over artificial intelligence and its potential to be used for repression. "I've seen a remarkable sweep of history," Biden said. "I know many look at the world today and see difficulties and react with despair but I do not." "We are stronger than we think" when the world acts together, he added.

Lebanon says Israel strikes at 1,500 places killed 558

Agencies
Beirut

Israel struck 1,500 targets throughout Lebanon over the past 24 hours, it said Tuesday afternoon local time, hitting what its forces said were militant sites linked to Hezbollah in the country's south and east and in the capital Beirut.

Thousands of Lebanese people are seeking to flee to safer areas. Since Monday, Israel's strikes have killed at least 558 people, including 50 children, according to an updated toll from Lebanon's Health Ministry.

At least 1,835 were wounded. Hezbollah

fired more rockets Tuesday as world leaders scrambled to cool tensions and avoid a wider war. Israel's military says it will do "whatever is necessary" to push Hezbollah away from Lebanon's border with Israel.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would continue to pound Hezbollah targets and urged Lebanese citizens to escape the grip of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

"Anyone who has a missile in their living room and a rocket in their garage will not have a home," Netanyahu said

ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE ON BEIRUT KILLS HEZBOLLAH COMMANDER: REPORT

Beirut: An Israeli airstrike on Beirut killed a senior Hezbollah commander on Tuesday as cross-border rocket attacks by both sides increased fears of a full-fledged war in the Middle East. Israel's military said the airstrike on the Lebanese capital killed Ibrahim Qubaisi, who it said was the commander of Hezbollah's missiles and rocket force. Two security sources in Lebanon described him as a leading figure in the Iran-backed group's rocket division.

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Head of UN calls global situation 'unsustainable'

Agencies
United Nations



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addresses the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly, on Tuesday. PTI

22 killed in Gaza as Israel fights on 2 fronts: Report

Agencies
Cairo

Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip killed at least 22 Palestinians on Tuesday, medics said, as Israeli forces battled Hamas-led fighters in Rafah, near the border with Egypt.

The violence in Gaza came as fighting intensified between Israel and the Iran-backed forces of Hezbollah across Israel's border with Lebanon - a parallel conflict that had stoked fears of an all-out war in the Middle East.

Israeli tanks advanced in the northern and western areas of Rafah, battling fighters from Hamas and Islamic Jihad, according to residents and statement published



by the two Palestinian militant groups. Residents said the Israeli army blew up several homes in eastern and central areas of the city. The armed wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad said fighters attacked the invading forces with anti-tank rockets, detonated already planted bombs and mortar fire. Palestinian health officials said the 22 people were killed in several Israeli airstrikes.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned world leaders Tuesday that impunity, inequality and uncertainty are creating an "unsustainable world" where a growing number of countries believe they should have a "get out of jail free" card.

"We can't go on like this," he said as the Gen-

eral Assembly's annual debate among presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and other leaders began. Citing deepening geopolitical divisions, wars with no end in sight, climate change & nuclear & emerging weapons, he said humanity is "edging towards the unimaginable - a powder keg that risks engulfing the world."

But, he said, "the challenges we face are solvable" if the international community confronts the uncertainty of unmanaged risks, the inequality that underlies injustices and grievances and the impunity that undermines international law and the UN's founding principles.

"A growing number of governments and others feel entitled to a "get out of jail free" card," he said in a reference to the classic board game Monopoly.

3 killed as Russia strikes apartment block in Kharkiv

Agencies
Kharkiv

Russia hit a high-rise apartment block and a bakery in Ukraine's northeastern city of Kharkiv with guided bombs on Tuesday, killing at least three people and injuring 31 more, with others feared trapped under rubble, authorities said.

"The targets of the Russian bombs were an apartment building, a bakery, a stadium. In other words, the everyday life of ordinary people," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on X.

The strike took place just as world leaders gathered in New York for the United Nations General Assembly.

Already qualified for SF, India beat Maldives 3-0



PTI
Thimphu

Second half substitute Hemenchung Lunkim struck a brace as dominant India blanked Maldives 3-0 to continue their winning streak at the SAFF U17 Championships here on Tuesday.

After Samson Ahongshangbam gave India the lead in the 14th minute, Lunkim scored in the 74th and 89th minute in the second and final Group A

match at the Changlimithang Stadium.

Having already qualified for the semi-finals after their 1-0 victory over Bangladesh in the three-team group, India emerged Group A winners with six points.

Bangladesh also made the last-four stage from this group as the runners-up side. India will now face the runners-up team from Group B (Bhutan, Pakistan or Nepal) in the first semi-final on September 28.

US SECRETARY ON INDIA'S BID FOR PERMANENT SEAT

US has endorsed UNSC seat for India: Blinken

ANI
New York

Affirming support for the reformation of United Nations Security Council to better represent the developing world, US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken said that the United States has long endorsed permanent seats in the council for India, Japan and Germany.

Speaking at the 'Summit of the Future' at the 79th United Nations General Assembly in



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken says that The United States supports starting negotiations on Council reforms immediately.

New York on Monday (local time), Blinken put forward the US' idea of two permanent seats for

Africa, one rotating seat for Small Island Developing States, and permanent representation for

Notably, India has long sought a permanent seat in the Security Council to better represent the interests of the developing world. The nation's quest has gained momentum with support from the international community

Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Reforming the UN Security Council to better represent the developing

world and, more broadly, the world as it is today. The United States believes that this should include two permanent seats for Africa, one rotating seat for Small Island Developing States, and permanent representation for Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition to the permanent seats for countries, we've long endorsed Germany, Japan, and India," he said.

"The United States supports starting negotiations on Council reforms immediately," he added.

Heavy Rain Hits United Kingdom



Cogenhoe Mill Holiday Park submerged by floodwater after the River Nene burst its banks, in Northampton, England, on Tuesday. PTI

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

True Bhakti is the belief that God exists, in the same level of faith that we have in our own existence.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Gandhinagar Plaza is one of its kind in Jaipur, says Vaishnaw

Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during the inspection, lauds team efforts



Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw seeks information during an inspection of the under-construction Gandhinagar Railway Station in Jaipur on Tuesday. Jogaram Patel, Manju Sharma & others were present.



Ashwini Vaishnaw takes selfie with workers during an inspection visit of the under-construction Gandhinagar Railway Station in Jaipur on Tuesday. NAIM KHAN

Yogesh Sharma and Ziauddin Khan
Jaipur

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw visited Gandhinagar railway station on Tuesday to inspect the newly constructed roof plaza. Accompanied by railway officials and engineers, he reviewed the construction work and praised the team's efforts.

Speaking to reporters, Vaishnaw highlighted

that the plaza will connect two sides of the city and noted that it is one of the first projects of its kind in the country.

The BJP's membership campaign in Rajasthan is in full swing, aiming for a target of 1.25 crore members. Central leaders have begun tours to support the initiative. Ashwini Vaishnaw held a meeting with BJP members in Jaipur, urging all workers to actively engage in the membership drive.

Currently, Jaipur has registered over 125,000 members. During the review meeting, prominent leaders, including MP Manju Sharma, MLAs Balmukund Acharya and Gopal Sharma were present. Vaishnaw highlighted the government's achievements and addressed key issues like Article 370, emphasising its complete abrogation.

He encouraged members not to trust opposition claims and to fully commit to the campaign.



Ashwini Vaishnaw addresses during BJP's district level organisational meeting at BJP HOs in Jaipur on Tuesday. Jogaram Patel, Manju Sharma, Gopal Sharma, Balmukund Acharya, Ram Charan Bohra and others were present.



Probationary IPS officers of 2023-24 batch call upon CM Bhajan Lal Sharma at CMR in Jaipur on Tuesday.

CM takes disciplinary action against various State officials

Lecturer accused in RAS Recruitment Exam Paper leak terminated

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The State government remains committed to transparent, accountable, and corruption-free governance under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. In line with the policy of maintaining integrity in state competitive examinations, Sharma has decided to terminate a lecturer accused of leaking the RAS Preliminary Examination-2013 paper from government service. This action has been taken under the Rajasthan Public Examination

STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS 11 IPS OFFICERS, INCLUDING 7 POST-TRAINING

The State government issued a list of transfers/postings for 11 IPS officers on Tuesday. Seven of these officers have returned from training and met Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. IPS Amit has been transferred to Ajmer as Assistant SP, Leave Reserve, IG Office, from Nagaur. Ramesh is now Assistant SP, Leave Reserve, IG Office in Bikaner. Prashant Kiran has been transferred to Assistant SP, Leave Reserve, IG Office in Sikar from Churu, and Abhishek Andasu is now Assistant SP, Leave Reserve, IG Office in Jodhpur from Jodhpur East Commissionerate. The officers returning from training include Nishchay Prasad M, Hemant Kalal, Vinay Kumar DH, Pankaj Yadav, Aditya Kakde, Vishal Jangid, and Shivani, who have been posted as Assistant SP in Raigarh circle (Churu), Jodhpur East, Bassi (Jaipur), Bharatpur, Mansarovar (Jaipur), Bikaner Sadar, and Alwar Rural, respectively.

(Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 1992.

The CM has approved a detailed probe into 12 officials involved in the Jal Jeevan Mission case, under Section 17-A of the Prevention of Corruption

(Amendment) Act, 2018.

Sharma approved disciplinary action under Rule 16 of CCA against 4 officials, both serving and retired, & decided to withhold salary increments for serving officers.

Such events empower future leaders: Diya at ABVP event

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari attended the 'Marukantar Spandan 2.0' Vidyarthi Milan Samaroh 2024, organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) at Ramjas College in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Addressing the students, Diya Kumari stated that such events not only unite students but also elevate their potential for future leadership and nation-building. She urged the attendees to

vote for Rishabh Choudhary for President, Bhanu Pratap Singh for Vice-President, Mitravinda Karnawal for Secretary, and Aman Kapasiya for Joint Secretary in the Delhi University Student Union elections.

Former BJP State President Dr Satish Poonia, ABVP National General Secretary Yagyavalkya Shukla, Regional Organization Minister Ashwani Sharma, Ramjas College Principal Ajay Arora, and many students from the university were also present.



Diya Kumari being felicitated during the 'Marukantar Spandan' programme organised by ABVP at Delhi University on Tuesday. Dr Satish Poonia and others were also present.

Phone tapping: Lokesh to face Delhi police today

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Delhi Police's crime branch has summoned **Lokesh Sharma**, former CM Ashok Gehlot's ex-OSD, for interrogation in a phone tapping case linked to Union Minister GS Shekhawat. Sharma arrived in Delhi on Tuesday. Previously summoned in October last year, he disclosed that Gehlot had given him a clip of an alleged conversation between Shekhawat & Congress leaders about toppling the Congress govt in 2020. This marks the first time the Delhi Police has formally summoned him, with a notice served in Jaipur directing him to appear on September 25 at 11 am.



Rahul Gandhi spreads falsehoods about Sikhism, asserts Meghwal

Meghwal calls Gehlot's remarks on Congress in Haryana mere dreams

Laxman Raghav
Bikaner

Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal criticized Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday, accusing him of spreading falsehoods about Sikhism. He questioned whether Gandhi, as the Leader of the Opposition, feels any shame for making such statements, especially given his tendency to speak against India while abroad.

Meghwal also commented on former CM Ashok Gehlot's remarks regarding Congress's prospects in Haryana, suggesting that Gehlot is merely dreaming. He pointed out that Bhupinder Hooda's supporters



Arjun Ram Meghwal pays tributes to late RAS officer, Priyanka Bishnoi at her residence in Jodhpur on Tuesday.

Meghwal also inaugurated the Palliative Care Service at Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Treatment & Research Centre in Bikaner

had insulted Kumari Selja, indicating that the Scheduled Caste community is unlikely to forgive this, as the public is well aware of the situation.

During his visit to Bikaner, Meghwal inaugurated the Palliative Care Service at the Acharya

Tulsi Regional Cancer Treatment and Research Centre, affiliated with Sardar Patel Medical College. He noted that this initiative, supported by the Cipla Foundation, will benefit cancer patients receiving treatment in North India.

Chittorgarh MP CP Joshi demands cancellation of Rahul Gandhi's passport

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Former Rajasthan BJP President and Chittorgarh MP **CP Joshi** has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, demanding the cancellation of Rahul Gandhi's passport. Joshi claims Gandhi poses a security threat, alleging he plays into anti-national forces' hands. He argues that Gandhi's statements on foreign soil undermine India's interests and stability.

Joshi criticises Gandhi for his remarks about the Sikh community, asserting they support Khalistani separatists. He questions the appropriateness of Gandhi's criticisms of Indian industrialists and military, suggesting they damage India's image



internationally. He highlighted Gandhi's meetings with foreign companies targeting Indian firms as harmful to the economy. Joshi argued that Gandhi's behaviour during sensitive diplomatic situations, such as comments on attacks against Hindus in Bangladesh, shows a fixed agenda against India's international policies. He concluded that if Gandhi wants to remain as LoP, his passport should be revoked.

CONCLUDING SESSION OF 10TH CPA CONFERENCE

Benefits of sustainable development should reach everyone: Om Birla

Gopendra Nath Bhatt
New Delhi

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, while chairing the 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference, said that commotion and acrimony in legislatures are matters of concern. He informed that this issue has been discussed with Presiding Officers from time to time and urged them to conduct House proceedings with dignity and in accordance with Indian values.

The conference, which commenced on September



Om Birla addresses during the second day of 10th CPA India Region Conference in New Delhi on Tuesday. Harivansh Narayan Singh and members of other Legislative Bodies were present.

23, 2024, in Parliament, concluded on Tuesday. It was attended by 42 Presiding Officers, including four Chairpersons and 25 Speakers, along

with their Principal Secretaries and accompanying officers. The theme was "The Role of Legislative Bodies in the Attainment of Sustainable and Inclu-

sive Development."

Birla emphasised that traditions and systems of the House should reflect Indian nature, and policies should strengthen the feeling of Indianness to achieve 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.' He urged Presiding Officers to ensure that the House becomes a centre for dig-

nified discussion on government policies with everyone's participation.

He stressed that legislatures play a crucial role in a country's development and should engage with the public to address their needs. Birla suggested that Presiding Officers should work to make democratic institutions transparent and accountable. He also recommended comprehensive training for new Members on the functioning of the House. He expressed satisfaction with legislative digitization and technology use, hoping to improve efficiency.



Om Birla along with Vasudev Devnani and Assembly Speakers of other States, pay tributes to great leaders and valiant warriors at the 'Purna Sthal' located in the Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday.

DEVANANI IS MEMBER OF CPA INDIA REGION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

New Delhi: Vasudev Devnani, the Speaker of the Rajasthan Assembly, has been appointed as a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region's Executive Committee, chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. This important committee will discuss the association's constitution and upcoming activities, making decisions based on suggestions from various state branches. During the 10th CPA conference in Delhi, Devnani emphasised the importance of inclusive development, stating that the legislature must connect with the public to address their needs. He called for the creation of laws benefiting marginalised communities and stressed the need for the executive to be accountable to the legislature. Devnani also paid tribute to historical figures at the Parliament complex.



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EMPOWERING VICTORY!

The grand finale of Pristine Luxury Presents Miss Universe India 2024, co-sponsored by Bharat24 and powered by Bikaji, dazzled audiences at Zee Studios, Jaipur, on Sunday.

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A night of style and elegance at Fashion Connect 18

Where Fashion meets Grandeur

Fashion Connect Season 18, presented by Bharat24 and First India Newspaper, is set to take place today at Fairmont, Jaipur. This one-day fashion extravaganza will showcase top designers, including a grand finale by Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna!



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The stage is set for a dazzling evening as Fashion Connect Season 18, presented by Bharat24 and First India, unfolds today at the grand Fairmont, Jaipur. Known as one of India's premier fashion events, this season promises to be an extraordinary fusion of creativity, elegance and high fashion. The show is helmed by none other than Rishree Miglani, the brand ambassador, and is poised to attract influencers, designers and fashion connoisseurs from across the country, as well as international platforms.

The evening will kick off with an exquisite opening sequence by the talented duo Mohit & Anjula Falod, setting the tone for the night with their signature style. Wrickie Angrish will follow, bringing his bold and avant-garde designs to the runway, while Eakia x Orab's collection will add a contemporary twist to the evening. The grand finale will be headlined by the renowned designer duo Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, known for their cutting-edge designs that blend sophistication

with modern chic.

Elnaaz Norouzi, Iranian model and actress and the showstopper for Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, is expected to add a glamorous flair to the evening. Amayra Dastoor will grace the runway for Wrickie Angrish, while Rishabh Sahani will be the showstopper for Eakia x Orab, creating much anticipation for their showcases.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who will be gracing the event, expressed his excitement and shared his best wishes for the show. "Fashion Connect has grown tremendously under the leadership of Rishree Miglani. I'm confident this season will elevate the event to new heights, and I wish the entire team the very best for a spectacular evening."



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Rishree Miglani during Fashion Connect Season 16

Actor, model, and anchor Navpreet Kaur (Femina Miss India Top 5) will host the event, ensuring a night filled with glamour and unforgettable moments. With top designers, showstop-

pers and influential personalities in attendance, Fashion Connect Season 18 promises to be a night of high fashion and glamour, setting new benchmarks in the fashion industry.



Designers Rohit Gandhi & Rahul Khanna



Designer Eakia x Orab

Designer collection by Mohit Falod & wrickie Angrish

SANTOSH SHARMA



FROM REJECTION'S DARKNESS TO RESILIENCE

DISCOVER Yourself



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One day, after being awakened by morning's cordiality, I embarked on my daily ritual of sipping ginger honey tea while scrolling through emails, and a bitter note pierced my soul. A rejection reply from an International journal's editor amidst the tranquillity of the dawn! The thorn lingered, and an obstinate dark devilish deafening shadow overshadowing my mind and heart, refused to be quieted and comforted by the tea's balminess and sweetness.

The ache of rejection echoed through my days and nights, a haunting chorus like the 'always to be back' tune played before the devil's arrival every time, in a horror show. Like a whispered spell, the words 'bad days are upon you' swirled in my thoughts, felt in my heart. The weight of rejection bore down, a devastating flow of negative emotions! And yet, in the depths of that despair, a spark within me shimmered to life. I tried to resolve to incarcerate the essence of resilience keeping my self-respect high; to distil the wisdom for directing rejection's dark waters into life-giving waters.

But fate, it seemed, had another test in store for me. An email from a university's HR arrived after a few days in the afternoon where I had applied long back, forgotten and left any hopes of any response from the other side

and engaged in my mortal activities for a year. A cryptic message that left me excluded in midpoint like a trishanku- 'you are neither selected nor rejected but kept on hold'. Ah! Held in abeyance like a leaf on a windswept tree! Who wanted such a response from a forgotten dead end to shake my being that the journal's editor had already shaken the other day?

Who can be saved in such a situation & I too, could not save myself. Failure's shadow like dusk loomed over me, shouting out loud in my ears, every jiffy like a wicked kid, failure...failure...failure... its darkness deepening with each rejection. Seeking solace, I reached out to one of my cousins, a representative of success, working in a multinational firm, but found only sidelined, unheeded and unattended for a catharsis, due to other priorities expressed through a short reply. The door I thought to open, is now shut, leaving me lost and alone.

Next, I turned to my best friend, once an amigo, now it feels like a stranger knotted in the vortex of my own tumultuous life with no time for me. Our once-unbreakable bond, seemed tattered, as I realized the wisdom of the ages in the face of adversity that a friend in need is a friend indeed. Only those who stand by us in the cyclones of life are truly our own and I had no one.

Yet, I refuse to add my voice to the chorus of clichés. For in the depths of despair, only the one who bleeds and has deep cuts can truly feel the sting of failure's razor edge. The pain is a solitary quarantine, a prison of the soul, where no words of wisdom can infiltrate. Only the heart that's been shattered can comprehend the anguish of rejection's cruel kiss, the one who gets crucified can feel the

intensity of hurt.

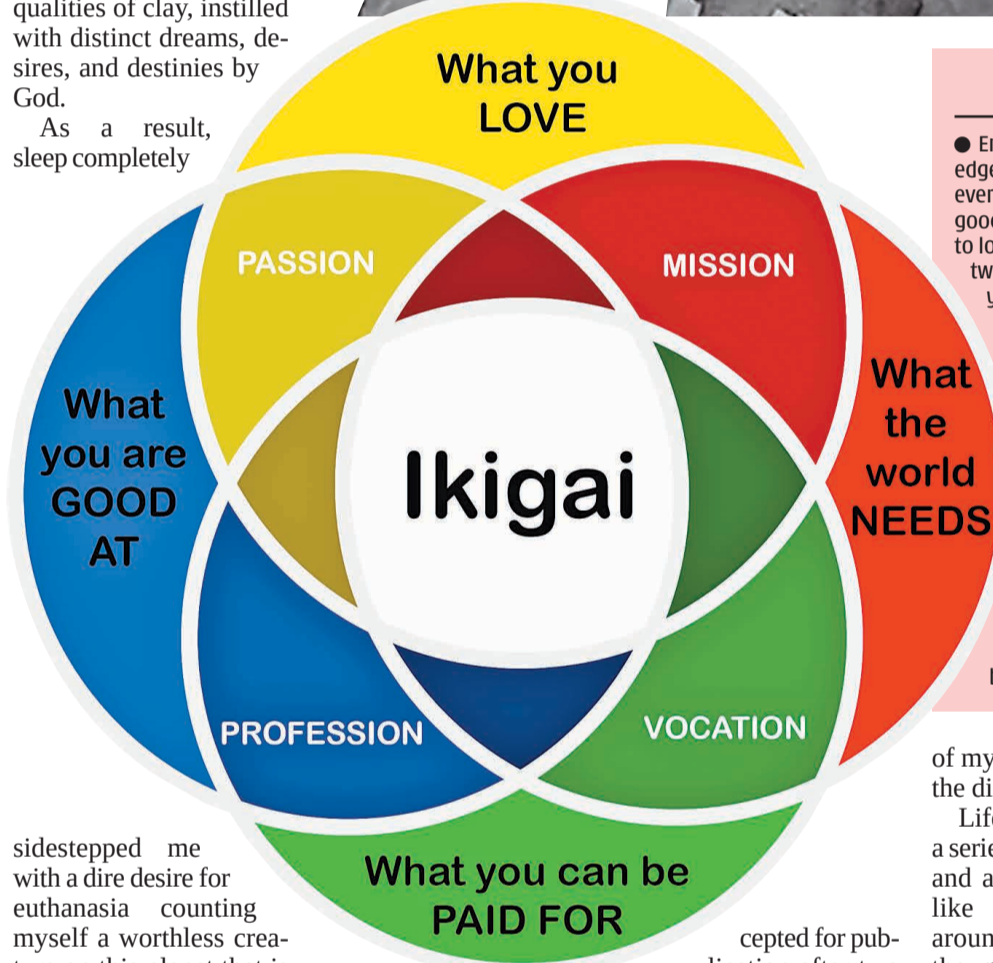
Meanwhile, my mother's words, though well intentioned, cut deeper. She kept on fabricating images of the triumph of locals, relatives and even my past classmates who had risen above adversity, and got materialistic success, had government jobs, good health, physical facilities, properties, health insurance, life insurance and fat bank balance etc., unaware that her words only amplified my despair. For in her fanaticism to inspire, she overlooked the beauty of diversity that even souls born of the same womb can be crafted from different qualities of clay, instilled with distinct dreams, desires, and destinies by God.

As a result, sleep completely

age to confront the unknown, to voice my discontent to HR. At that moment, I reclaimed my power, my words indicating my stubborn spirit and gave HR a piece of my mind as I was finally evoked by the dialogue of

sidestepped me with a dire desire for euthanasia counting myself a worthless creature on this planet that is adding unnecessary weight to it. My restless spirit kept on looking many subsequent nights at the window of my bedroom for any golden light to bestow upon me some superpowers to take revenge from all those who agitated the inside calm sea! Until, one day, I finally summoned the cour-

Sanjay Dutt starrer 'Munna Bhai MBBS' movie, 'Tension lene ka nhi dene ka'. On the other hand, I googled a few good Scopus-indexed journals and sent my research paper to one with a better impact factor than the previous one, and to add to my respect and worth, it got ac-



PATH TO IKIGAI

- Embrace the knowledge of the ages, 'within every shadow, a glimmer of goodness waits for you'. Try to look at that. Rejection's twisted path may lead you to your Ikigai, the harmony of passion and purpose. Treat yourself with kindness and practice self-care. Explore the hidden chambers of your heart; listen to what the bloods in your veins say to you to do while flowing in your pious body, where creativity and joy mingle discarding bad omens.
- Break free from the crowd's dictate, and chart your course. Many leaders, psychologists, psychiatrists, coaches, saints, gurus and babas may have preached a lot about handling failures and rejections but you need to identify that your bliss resides in which thing-it may reside in the melodious rhythms of song, the aesthetic moves of dance, the aromatic swishes of culinary art, the mighty powers of pen, or the effervescent strokes of brush and canvas.
- Be the master driver of your life's loaded truck. Defy the anchors of materialism, for true fulfilment, lies beyond earthly possessions.

I've witnessed the hollowness of success, when you try to find it in bank balances, jobs, properties, etc. Yet, in the simple acts of crafting words into poetry, stories, and articles, I find the absolute joy that no wealth can purchase. You may find it too up to your interest.

- Your life is your silhouette, your canvas, so it should be your perspective. Colour your canvas with your deepest desires. In the end, it is not a set of people who accept you or reject, you or what you accumulate, but what you create, what you feel about yourself that truly defines your existence.

of my true self, facing all the difficulties of life.

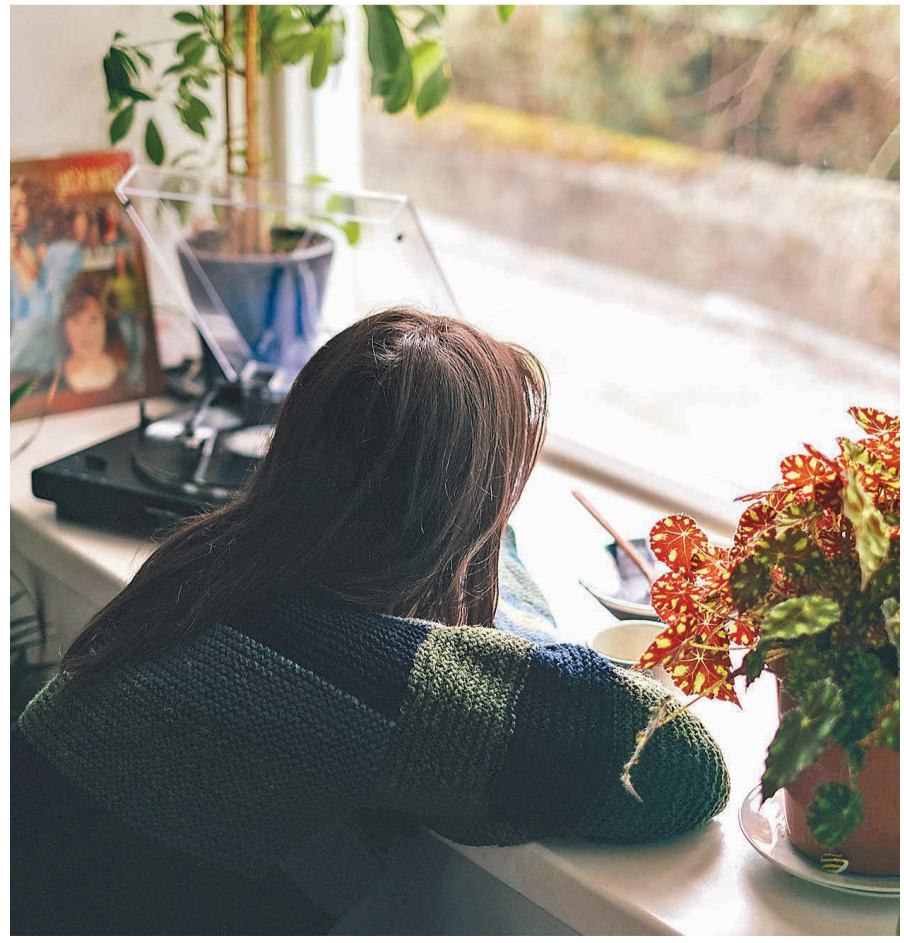
Life, as we all know, is a series of highs and lows, and at times, it can feel like failure is lurking around every corner. Although facing rejections from all directions can be incredibly disheartening, leading to feelings of depression and a sense of hopelessness but gives one room for introspection and exploration. However, it's important to remember that failure is an integral part of the human experience, but we need not to be ashamed or

depressed and should deal with it to shape us into what we truly want to be.

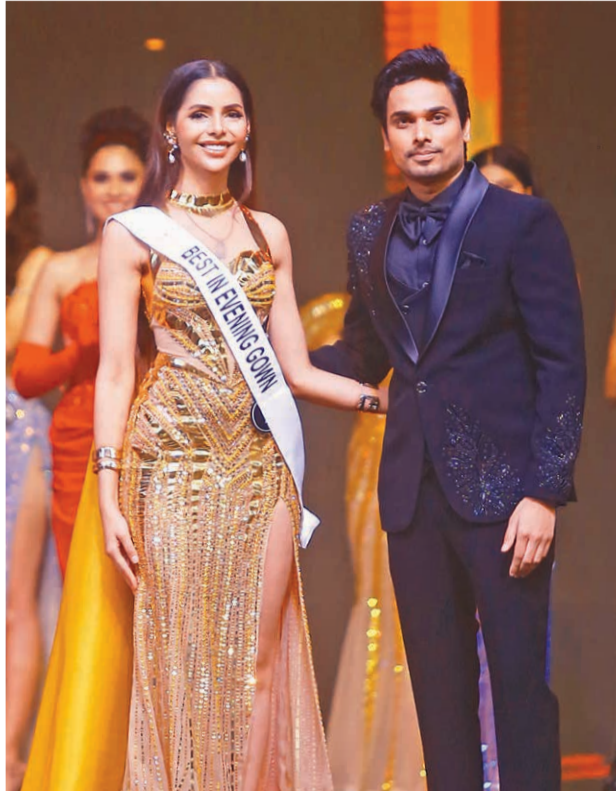
From the depths of rejection's darkness, only one can ignite the spark of rebirth. No external hand can lift the veil of despair if one refuses to rise. Grant yourself the gift of time. Surrender to the hullaballoo within - shout, cry, or silently mourn if you feel like it. Don't hesitate to face that commotion inside. Don't think of the world's view about you. Allow the storm to fury, for in its subsidence lies the calm of self-discovery.

RIISING FROM REJECTION

Remember, rejection is not the end of the road; it is merely a detour. By using rejections and failures as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks, you can take control of your life, reinforce your resilience, and ultimately achieve your goals, which you suppress or hide at times due to participation in materialistic races of profits and losses.



Empowering Victory!



Anubha Vashishtha bagged the 'Best in Evening Gown' title. Also seen is Nikhil Anand (National Director & Chairman Glamanand Group)

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The grand finale of Pristine Luxury Presents Miss Universe India 2024, co-sponsored by Bharat24: Vision of New India, powered by Bikaji and glammed up by My Glam, unfolded in spectacular fashion at Zee Studios, Jaipur, on Sunday. The dazzling event culminated in the crowning of Rhea Singha from Gujarat as Miss Universe India 2024, with Pranjal Priya from Maharashtra taking the 1st Runner-Up title, followed by Chhavi Verg from Rajasthan as 2nd Runner-Up, Sushmita Roy

from West Bengal as 3rd Runner-Up, and Ruopfuzhano Whiso from Nagaland finishing as 4th Runner-Up.

At the grand finale, Bharat24 and First India jointly announced a prize of ₹5 lakhs for the winner, along with ₹51,000 each of the four runners-up, to celebrate their outstanding achievements. This significant prize underscores the commitment of the media organisation to honour and support the talent and success of the contestants, making the event even more memorable. Participants also claimed various coveted subtitles, marking a night of elegance and empowerment. City First captures the highlights!



Roosh Sindhu bagged the 'Best in Interview' & 'Beautiful Skin' titles

SUNIL SHARMA & MUKESH KIRADOO

VARIOUS SUBTITLES WERE BAGGED BY

BEST IN EVENING GOWN
ANUBHA VASHISTH

BEAUTIFUL SKIN
ROOSH SINDHU

BEST IN RAMP WALK
PRANJAL PRIYA

BEAUTY WITH PURPOSE
MRUNMAYEE TAARE

BEST IN INTERVIEW
ROOSH SINDHU

BEST IN SPEECH
SAANVI SHARMA

MISS FASHION ICON
KANAK AGNIHOTRI

BEST IN NATIONAL COSTUME JUDGE CHOICE
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BEST IN NATIONAL COSTUME POPULAR CHOICE
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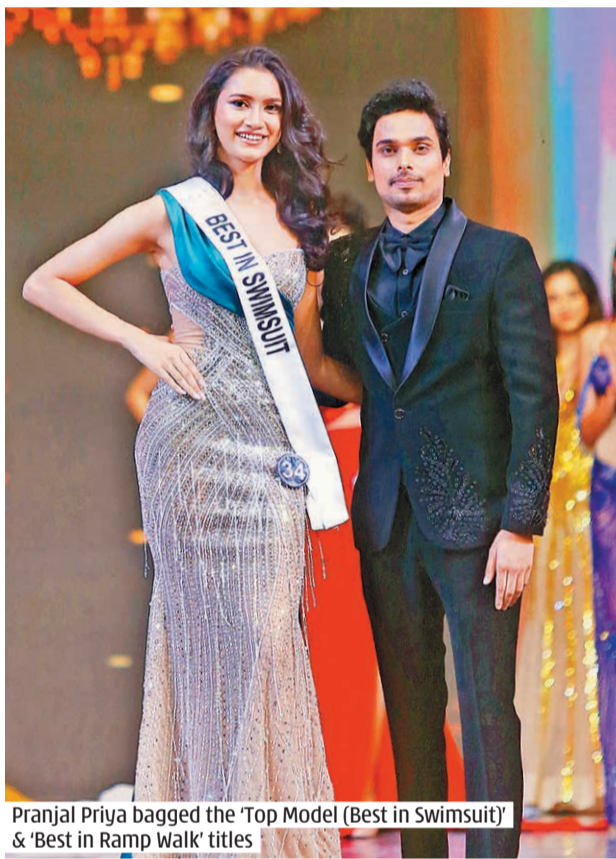
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Pranjal Priya bagged the 'Top Model (Best in Swimsuit)' & 'Best in Ramp Walk' titles



Mrunmayee Taare bagged the 'Beauty with Purpose' title



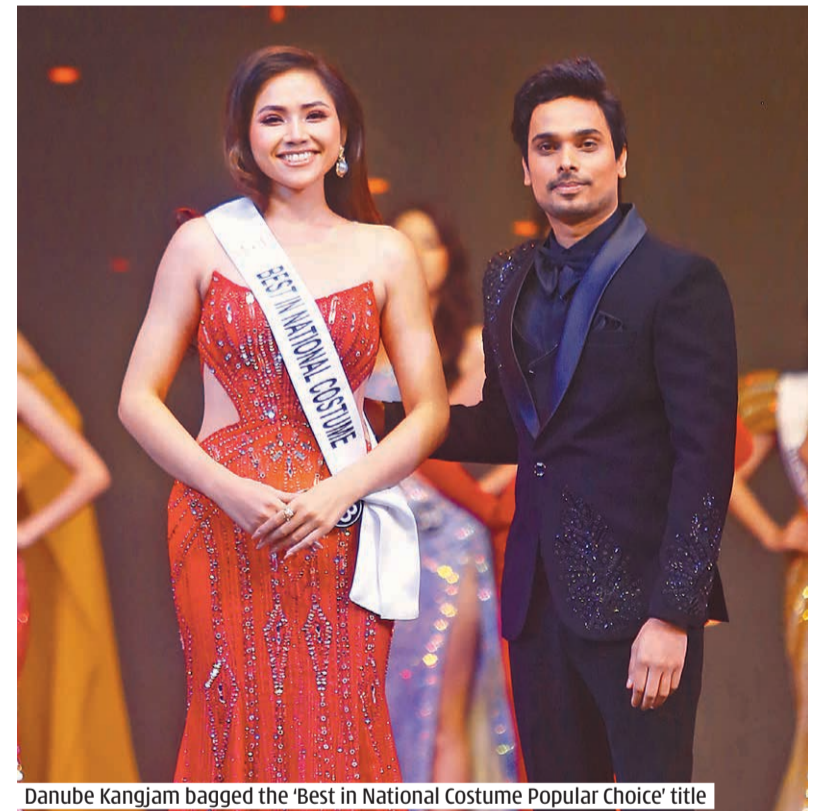
Saanvi Sharma bagged the 'Best in Speech' and 'Miss Congeniality' titles



Kanak Agnihotri bagged the 'Miss Fashion Icon' title



Chhavi Verg bagged the 'Best in National Costume Judge Choice' title



Danube Kangjam bagged the 'Best in National Costume Popular Choice' title



Kajal Choudhary bagged the 'Miss Photogenic' title



Roneihpuii Hnialum bagged the 'Miss Popular' title



Rhea Singha bagged the 'Miss My Glam' title

MEET & GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Sant Shri Kamlesh ji Maharaj, Mahant Siddh Peeth Dham Muhana & Gayatri Bhavan Sangner, Jaipur and Gopal Agarwal during a general courtesy meet.



Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat was greeted by Manoj Jagyasi CBO, Bharat24 during a courtesy visit on Tuesday at Gandhinagar. During the visit, they discussed the progress being made in Gujarat towards natural farming, which has so far changed the lives of 9 lakh farmers and also discussed other important aspects related to Gujarat.

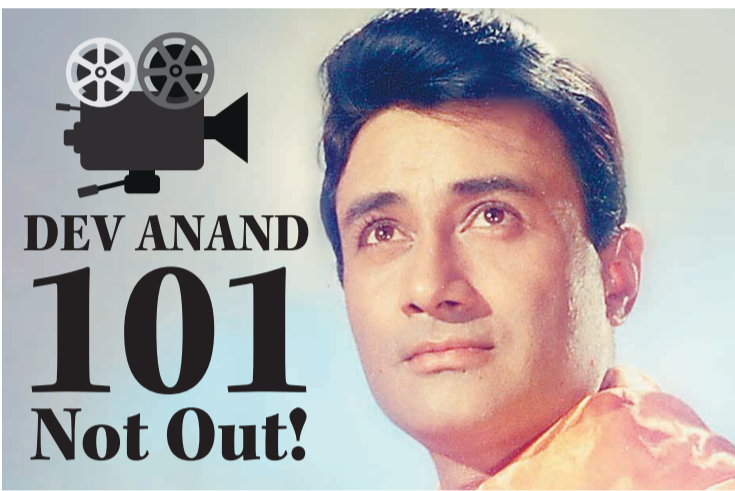


Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways and Information & Broadcasting was presented with a special compilation of 100 First India edits titled 'Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai: Untold Stories of PM Modi,' by Dr Anita Hada at Jaipur airport on Tuesday morning. The Union Minister was deeply appreciative of the idea, the layout and design and the heart-touching collection of anecdotes, which he took in at a glance.

GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Balram Jakhar, President of All Rajasthan Jat Advocates Association and Deepa Chaudhary, Vice President of All Rajasthan Jat Advocates Association, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Monday. During the visit they presented a lovely portrait of the deity Satyawadi Veer Tejaji Maharaj.



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The 10th edition of the 'Evergreen Dev Anand Society' would be celebrating the actor Dev Anand's, 101 birth anniversary on 26th September 2024. The event this year to be organised at the Jawahar Kala Kendra focuses on and is called, "Dev Anand—the Guide."

The celebration shall be a blend of talks on the life of the Star, besides singers of Jaipur giving their musical performances in the festival. This is the first time that the saxophone would be played at the festival by Kavi Sharma. And not without a reason. In Dev Anand's song 'Main Aaya Hoon,' for the film 'Amir Garib' (1974) he was to act on the song as a saxophonist. For that he had to carry out practice sessions for 15 days to look like an impeccable/perfect saxophonist on the screen.

Add to that there would be Manoj Shrimali on the harmonica besides songs by Rajesh Sharma, Dharmendra Chhabra, Sanjay Kaushik, Kishore Sarawagi and



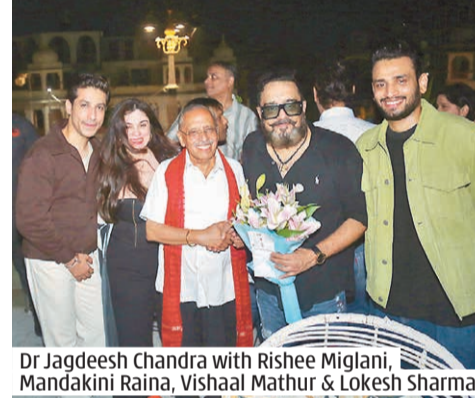
Raj Kumar Lota, accompanied by Neelam Sharma and Suman Mathur, shall be the attractions of the evening, an apt tribute to the star. In the morning, there would be a quiz on the life of Dev Anand hosted by Mahender Surana, IAS (retd.) with over 300 students from various esteemed Girls colleges of Jaipur.

"A book compiled on the life of the legend shall be released at the festival. The book has the image of the Clay Statue of Dev Anand which was made by Padmashri, late Arjun Prajapati. Ravi Jain IAS, and DG Jawahar Kala Kendra has consented to be the Chief Guest on the occasion," said Ravi Kamra, president 'The Evergreen Dev Anand Society.'

STAR-STUDDDED SURPRISE BASH!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Vishaal Mathur, Sudhir Kasliwal & Sudhir Mathur



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Rishve Miglani, Mandakini Raina, Vishaal Mathur & Lokesh Sharma



Virendra, Abha & Vishaal

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A grand surprise birthday bash was organised for renowned socialite and polo aficionado Vishaal Mathur by Mandakini Raina and friends at Paro, MI Road, Jaipur on Monday. Adding to the event's significance was the presence of Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who also graced the occasion as a special guest. The star-studded event saw the gathering of Jaipur's elite social circle, making it an evening to remember.



Kumar, Devraj, Raj, Vishaal, Mudit, Kavi & Sunil Bansal



Payal, Mandakini & Yashika

Prominent figures such as Sudhir Mathur, Raj Bansal, Sudhir Kasliwal, Usha Punia, Kavi Sharma, Tina Kapoor, Rishve Miglani Youth Icon & Brand Ambassador of Fashion Connect, Viran-

dra Meel, Meera Kataria, Nisha Singh and Dr Sudhir Bhandari were among the many notable attendees, adding grandeur to the celebration. The celebration was lively, with everyone immersed in the joyous atmosphere. Guests took to the dance floor, enjoying the evening with energetic performances that kept the party buzzing. Delicious food and beverages were served, adding to the vibrant mood of the evening. The vibrant atmosphere, coupled with the presence of such distinguished guests, made Vishaal Mathur's birthday bash an unforgettable affair.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

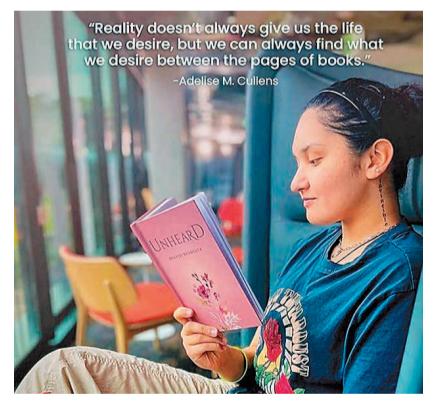


Mahendra Yadav was appointed the Working President of the Rajasthan Yadav Mahasabha during the Akhil Bhartiya Yadav Mahasabha meeting held in Noida on Tuesday. The appointment was made by National President Dr Swapan Kumar Ghosh, National Working President Shyam Singh Yadav, and other senior leaders. Upon his return to Jaipur, Mahendra Yadav received a grand welcome, with community members felicitating him and offering sweets. Prominent figures like CM Ahir, Balu Ram Yadav, and others expressed their gratitude to the national leadership for this nomination.



DY CM Prem Chand Bairwa, BS Nitharwal, Pawan Tank & Shivani Chouhan

The poster for Rajasthan's largest "SKJ Jewellers Dandiya Maharas-2024," presented by Bharat 24 and First India News, was released by Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Berwa. Organised from October 9-11 at Vaishali Nagar's Janaki Paradise Complex, this grand event celebrates women and is linked to PM Narendra Modi's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign. The Dandiya Maharas will feature dance performances, a Dandiya Queen Fashion Contest, and prizes, including a 100-yard plot through a lottery. During this social worker and business tycoon BS Nitharwal and Pawan Tank Dandiya Maharas director, Shivani Chouhan marketing head were also present.



Dr Puneet Bhargava from Jaipur expressed immense pride as his daughter Bhavini Bhargava's poetry book, Unheard, has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious Canadian Best Book Awards. This accolade reflects the merit of the work among numerous submissions from traditional and self-published authors. This book is a compilation of emotions and feelings that remain unspoken & subsequently 'unheard'. Bhavini has written her unfiltered and in-depth thoughts in this book.

In a significant milestone for the Institute of Engineering & Management (IEM) and the University of Engineering & Management (UEM), key representatives participated in the prestigious European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference in Toulouse, France. Prof Dr Biswajoy Chatterjee, Vice Chancellor of UEM, and Prof Dr Prabir Kumar Das, Head of Basic Science and Humanities at IEM, engaged in groundbreaking discussions, creating pathways for students to study abroad at top universities in the USA, UK, Canada, Australia and more. They received honours from Madhav R Sulpule, First Secretary of the Embassy of India, and Sadaf Chaudhary, Consul, for their contributions to international education. This initiative underscores IEM-UEM's commitment to providing students with global academic opportunities, enhancing their future.



CBSE CLUSTER XIV

ARINJAY KUCHHAL BAGS GOLD

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Arinjay Kuchhal won the gold at the CBSE CLUSTER XIV TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25 in the under-17 years boys category. The championship was held from 22nd-24th September at Dundlod Public School, Dundlod.

In the final match, Arinjay defeated Bhavesh Punia of Prince School Sikar by 3-0. In the team category, the team of Neerja Modi School, Jaipur defeated Vidyashram School, Jaipur by 3-2 and won the gold medal. The team of Neerja Modi School consisted of Arinjay Kuchhal, Karan Ladia, JaiVardhan Sharma and Sarthak Totuka. In the under 17 girls category,



the gold was bagged by Samiksha.

In the under 14 boys category the gold was bagged by Aarav, in the girls category it was bagged by Adishree. In the 19 boys category the gold was bagged by Saurya Kapur and in the girls category gold was bagged by Samaira Sharma.

A total of 74 teams participated in Dundlod. The winners will now participate in the National event to be held at Nagrota Barawan, Himachal Pradesh. The Chief Guest on the occasion Subhash Kapur, Regional Officer, Ajmer encouraged students to excel in sports along with academics.