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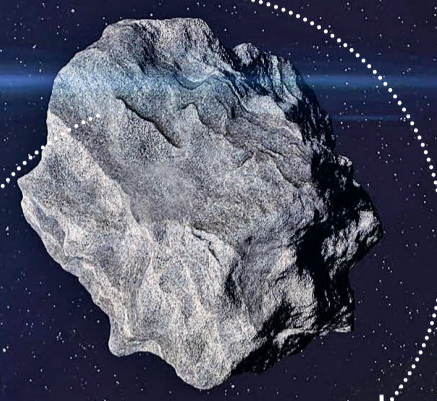
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## OUR MOON GETS A NEW FRIEND!

2024 PT5 is an asteroid that will be a small temporary moon for Earth

53 days it will remain in the Earth's orbit before heading back into the vastness of the solar system

August 7, the 2024 PT 5 was discovered by ATLAS, an automated system funded by NASA and run from Hawaii



10 METERS in diameter

350,000 times smaller than the Moon and will not be visible to the naked eye

1.30 AM is the time to witness this celestial phenomenon via special telescopes

NOV 25 Asteroid will disappear and ISRO's NETRA is keeping an eye on it

ARJUNA Name chosen for the cluster by discoverer, McNaught, inspired by Arjuna, of Mahabharata

### FACTFILE

- Any naturally orbiting body around a planet is called a moon
- Experts at ISRO monitoring "2024 PT5" said it would not collide with the Earth
- A telescope with a diameter of at least 30 inches, plus a CCD or CMOS detector is needed to observe this object
- Dr Anil Kumar, head of NETRA, says "2024 PT5" is part of the Arjuna Asteroid grouping

### IN BRIEF

**Electoral Bonds: Cong seeks FM's resignation**  
New Delhi: Following an FIR against Union Fin Min Nirmala Sitharaman for alleged extortion linked to the electoral bond scheme, Congress demands her resignation and a SC-monitored SIT investigation.

**Campaigning ends for final phase of J&K polls**  
Jammu: Campaigning for the final phase of J&K Assembly polls concluded Sunday. Voters in 40 segments across seven districts, including Jammu and north Kashmir, will cast ballots on October 1.

**Suspicious object found on Rly tracks in Kanpur**  
Kanpur: A suspicious red cylinder was found on a railway track in Kanpur. The Pushpak Express loco pilot noticed it and applied brakes in time, stopping safely away from the object.

## PM marks 10 yrs of Mann Ki Baat, hails Make in India

First India Bureau  
New Delhi

As 'Mann Ki Baat' marks its 10th anniversary on October 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on programme's positive impact. He highlighted that contrary to the belief that only sensational topics gain attention, this radio broadcast has consistently resonated with listeners. "This journey of ours in 'Mann Ki Baat' is completing 10 years," Modi remarked, noting the coinciding celebration with Navratri. He expressed deep emotion, recalling memories tied to the decade-long initiative.



PM Narendra Modi

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of his government's flagship 'Make in India' campaign, Modi declared that India has emerged as a manufacturing powerhouse. He credited the nation's youth and MSMEs for driving this transformation. PM emphasized that rise in FDI underscores the success of the initiative. **P6**

## 1 terrorist killed in encounter in J&K's Rajouri

First India Bureau  
Srinagar

A terrorist, suspected to be affiliated with the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, was killed in a remote village of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said on Sunday. Also, a fresh encounter broke out in the Thanamandi area of Rajouri district in the evening when security forces launched search operation after getting information about the presence of two terrorists. Meanwhile, a cop Bashir Ahmed was martyred as he shot dead a hardcore Pak terrorist on Saturday during a gunbattle in Kathua district.

## 'Would have given Pak more money than IMF if we had good relations'

PTI  
Srinagar

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said India could have provided a larger bailout package to Pakistan than the IMF if the two nations had maintained friendly ties. Speaking at an election rally in Bandipora, Singh highlighted the ₹90,000 crore development package announced by PM Modi for Jammu and Kashmir, which surpasses Pakistan's IMF request. Singh criticized Pakistan for misusing international financial aid to fund terrorism. He emphasized India's strength in countering cross-border threats, stating, "If



India is strong enough that it can take on Pak on its soil. If anyone in Pak carries out an attack on India, we can crossover & respond. **RAJNATH SINGH, DEFENCE MINISTER** anyone in Pakistan attacks India, we can respond on their soil." Singh also noted Pakistan's frustration after the revocation of Article 370 and its attempts to revive terror activities.

## Raj Cabinet approves RIPS-2024; attractive incentives for MSMEs and big investors

Dr Kirodi Lal Meena, who had resigned recently, also attended meeting

Aishwary Pradhan & Kamal Kant Vyas  
Jaipur

Several important decisions including approval of Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme-2024 were taken in the cabinet meeting chaired by CM



Diya Kumari & Jogaram Patel briefing media after Cabinet meet.

Bhajan Lal Sharma on Sunday. Deputy CM Diya Kumari, while briefing the media about the deci-

sions, said that the government aims to attract maximum investment for Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit scheduled for December 9-11. In this context, cabinet approved RIPS-2024, which she stated is most attractive investment promotion scheme in the country in terms of incentives. Diya said new policy lowers minimum investment limit from ₹50 cr to ₹25 cr, and sets it at ₹10 cr for tourism. Existing units will also be incorporated into the new policy. **P2**

## Kharge falls ill at J&K rally, takes jab at PM

First India Bureau  
Jasrota/Jammu

Asserting that Congress will fight for the restoration of statehood to J&K, party president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Sunday he will not die until PM Modi is removed from power. Kharge made this comment as he fell ill during a public rally in Kathua. Later PM Modi spoke to Kharge regarding his health.

## Waqf Amendment Bill will be passed in winter session: Shah

PTI  
Chandigarh

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday addressed an election rally in Haryana's Badshahpur where he asked the public, "The Waqf Board law is causing a lot of problems, is not it?...We will improve and make it straight in this winter session." He also alleged that Rahul Gandhi's election



Rahul Baba & co can't undertake development and it is the double-engine government that will ensure Haryana's development. **AMIT SHAH, UHM**

guarantees have come a cropper in States such as Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka where Congress is in power. He said that the BJP does not make any promise which it cannot fulfil, while adding that the Congress was blinded by appeasement politics "We will secure the country's border, we will protect reservation and never allow Article 370 to return," he said.

### FOCUS ON SYNERGY

## Team lunch marks integration of Sach Bedhadak into First India Group



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Pawan Arora along with the team members of First India Group and Sach Bedhadak during the team lunch at a city hotel on Sunday. **SANTOSH SHARMA**

Kavita Chauhan  
Jaipur

A team lunch was hosted by CMD Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and CEO and Managing Editor Pawan Arora to meet the team members of the newly acquired newspaper, Sach Bedhadak, by the First India News Group and give an opportunity to the members of both the organisations to meet and interact with each other, fostering collaboration and acquainting the new team with the operations



Manoj Mathur welcomes Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Pawan Arora during the team lunch at a city hotel. Also seen are Anita Hada and Pankaj Soni.

of First India. The event emphasized camaraderie and provided a platform to discuss the integration of the two newsrooms. Dr Chandra highlighted

the shared commitment to bold journalism saying, "We are excited to welcome Sach Bedhadak into the First India family. This acquisition is not just

about expanding our portfolio; it's about uniting two forces that share the same commitment to fearless journalism." First India Group Director, Virendra Choudhary, who couldn't attend the luncheon, extended his wishes to both teams. Pawan Arora stressed importance of teamwork saying, "Both Sach Bedhadak and First India have a rich legacy of serving public with honest news. As we move forward, it is crucial that we work as one cohesive unit and bring best of both worlds."

Man Vs Wild in State

Villagers block road as a woman was killed on Saturday

# Fourth leopard caught in cage at Gogunda amid villagers' protest

Gopal Lodha

Gogunda (Udaipur)

A fourth leopard was caught at Chali ke Bagdada in Gogunda in Udaipur district on Sunday. The forest department had put a cage to catch the leopard where it had attacked the cows. Till now four leopards have been caught including one today in Chali ka Bagdada, one in Kundau on Saturday and two earlier at Chali.

Meanwhile, the agitated villagers blocked the road between Gogunda and Jhadol by putting stones outside Chamunda Mata temple in Majam. They were protesting on leopard killing an elderly woman Gattu Bai at Gurjaron ka Guda on Saturday.

The villagers were demanding the forest department to put a cage and to give compensation



The agitated villagers blocked the road between Gogunda and Jhadol by putting stones outside Chamunda Mata temple in Majam on Sunday.

to the family members of the deceased. After more than 5 hours, on the assurance of Gogunda SDM Dr Naresh Soni, the road was opened.

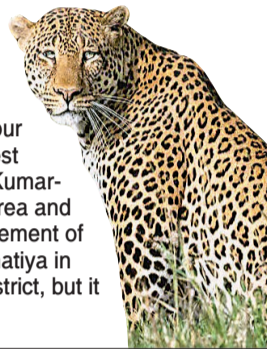
An agreement was made after discussions over the demands. The postmortem was conducted and the wildlife experts agreed that the leopard had attacked the woman. The body of the woman was given to the family members.



It is noteworthy that earlier also a panther had been imprisoned in a cage in Kundau village. So far, four panthers have been caught in this area, which has reduced the threat to wildlife.

## FEAR GRIPS PUBLIC AS WILDLIFE ATTACKS SURGE IN STATE, FOREST DEPT ON ALERT

The human-animal conflict continues in Ranthambore. A bear attacked an elderly person on Sita Mata road in Khandar. Pappu Lal Yogi, resident of Nimli Khurd was seriously injured and was admitted to hospital. He was returning from his job in a hotel at 11pm on Saturday. He was referred to Jaipur after the first aid. Last night a leopard killed a calf in a cow shed of Heer Lal Mali in Kunwaria town in Rajsamand district. When the family members went to the shed to milk cows, they saw the mutilated body of the calf. The department of forest was informed. It has been demanded to catch the leopard by putting a cage. There is a fear of leopard among the colony residents. There is scare of leopard in Chauth ka Barwara area in Sawai Madhopur district. People nearby Devgiri hills have stopped coming out of their houses. People are dissatisfied with the action of the department of forest, as the department is put a cage in this area. According to villagers, there are more than one leopard in this area. There is also information of leopard in Isarda-Solpur road. The department of forest rescued a mad hyena from Kumarpura village in Sarmathura area and released it in the forest. Movement of a leopard was seen at Hadmatiya in Choti Sadri of Pratapgarh district, but it is yet to be caught.



CM in Delhi for 'Rising Rajasthan' global investment roadshow today

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached Delhi on Sunday night as he is scheduled to lead a roadshow today building up the momentum for the upcoming 'Rising Rajasthan' Global Investment Summit 2024.

The 2-days investor roadshow and outreach on Sept 30 and Oct 1 will also be attended by Industry and Commerce Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore, Chief Secy Sudhansh Pant, Principal Secy Ajitabh Sharma and other senior officials.

The Delhi investors' meet & one-on-one meetings of CM-led delegation with the CEOs of select business groups have been organised on day-1. The delegation will participate CPSEs Conclave and Ambassadors' Roundtable on second day.

Rajasthan's tourism growth on front foot by ₹11,960 Crore in MoUs

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

The tourism sector in Rajasthan is poised for significant growth, thanks to the Bhajanlal Government's initiative to attract substantial investments. This focus has captured the attention of investors, resulting in 106 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 11,960 crores being finalised for the tourism sector in preparation for the upcoming Rising Rajasthan event.

Numerous investors have approached Dy CM Diya Kumari, expressing their interest in investing in the state. Officials have engaged in discussions to align with the Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit and secure necessary MoUs.

Tourism Secy Ravi Jain said that in addition to hotel resorts, there is also keen interest in developing amusement parks and museums. Tourism Commissioner

### MOUs TO BE SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 30

- Ebu Estate. Resort-Jaipur (₹650 cr)
- Gulshan Fashions Resort- Jaipur (₹600 cr)
- Umrao Properties Resort- Jaipur (₹150 cr)
- Vpic Hospitality Resort- SWMR (₹150 cr)
- Goyal Fashions Resort (₹835 cr)
- Apoorv Kumar Resort -SWMR (₹100 cr)
- Apoorv Kumar Hotel-Jaipur (₹100 cr)
- Rajeshwari Kumar Hotel -Jaipur (₹100 cr)
- Entertainment 7 Creative Museum- Jpr (₹107 cr)
- Jaipur Techno Entertainment & Museum, Amusement Park - SWMR (₹125 cr)
- Opulent Resorts Hotel- Nagaur (₹160 cr)
- Riviera Hills Resort (₹110 cr)
- Bayan Group Hotel- Udaipur (₹125 cr)

VP Singh informed that investments are focused on multiple areas.

## Lawrence Bishnoi's Jail Interview: FIR filed after order by Punjab HC



PTI

Jaipur

Jaipur Police has registered an FIR in connection with an interview of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi that was aired on a news channel in March last year.

The FIR was registered in Jaipur following directions from the High court of Punjab and Haryana, Jaipur police commissioner Biju George Joseph told PTI.

The SIT formed by Punjab Police to investigate the matter found that



Lawrence Bishnoi

Bishnoi was in Jaipur jail when the interview was done, Deputy Commissioner of Police Tejaswini Gautam said.

The SIT submitted its status report in the high court of Punjab and Haryana, stating that the ju-

isdiction of the case was in Jaipur, following which the high court issued directions to register the case in Jaipur.

"The case will be investigated and further course of action will be taken on the basis of facts that come up during the investigation," the ACP said. Bishnoi was brought to Jaipur from Punjab's Bathinda jail on a production warrant on February 15 last year for interrogation.

After the interview was aired, the then Police Commissioner Anand Srivastava had claimed that Bishnoi did not give any interview when he was in Jaipur.

### DGGI ARRESTS E-WASTE DEALER

A major operation was carried out by the Jaipur regional unit of DGGI (Directorate General of GST Intelligence) in Ajmer. The accused businessman was arrested today. The accused, Vineet Jain, is the owner of Abhinav Enterprises and Vasu Vidya Traders. The team uncovered GST Evasion of Over Rs 10.75 Crore through Bogus Firms. The Jaipur regional unit of DGGI is further investigating the matter.

### POLICE RAIDS BAR, ARRESTS 18 PEOPLE

Pratap Nagar police conducted a raid at NN Bar in the area late night. It was found that excise rules were being violated. Police arrested bar owner Pratap Singh and manager Rohan Singh along with 16 youngsters consuming alcohol at the bar. A large quantity of alcohol was seized from the bar. However, not a single accused attempted to escape from the police custody.

## Rally for 'Hindu Rashtra'



A massive saffron rally was organized in the capital by Yuva Shakti Manch on Sunday with the aim of fulfilling the demand for a Hindu nation and raising public awareness.

SUNIL SHARMA

## World Heart Day: Post-covid heart problems a major concern for doctors

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

On World Heart Day, senior cardiologists have agreed that there is a spike in patients reporting heart related problems in the country after Covid. Senior cardiologist from Jaipur, during a discussion on the issue with First India on Sunday, said that it is a matter of concern that youngsters without any symptoms are having heart attacks.

Doctors have appealed to the youths to pay spe-



An 8 kilometer marathon organized on World Heart Day. The event was organized in Sri Ganganagar on Sunday.

cial attention to their lifestyle. "Keep a routine of eating, stay away from smoking and addictions, give at least half-an-hour

a day to your body," they said, adding that it is the number one cause of death in many countries, including India.

100,000 trees to be felled for power plant in Baran's forests



Hanspal Yadav  
Baran

Preparations are underway to cut over 100,000 trees for a private power plant in the dense forests of the Shahabad region in Baran district. The Union Ministry of Forest and Environment has granted permission for this action, with tree felling expected to begin within the next six months.

This will impact the biodiversity of the protected forest area and put wildlife at risk. At the same time, the beauty of the lush, forested valley could become a thing of the past. Notably, the state govt had designated 17,884 hectares of Shahabad as a protected forest area two years back. The project will utilize approximately 700 hectares of land, of which 400 hectares is forested.

## SWACHHATA PAKHWADA

### Collector leads cleanliness drive on holiday



Jaipur Collector Jitendra Kumar Soni overseeing the cleanliness drive at the offices on district collectorate premises on Sunday.

Dinesh Kasana  
Jaipur

On a Sunday, when government offices are closed, a cleanliness drive was conducted in the offices and branches on the district collectorate premises where officers and employees were seen engaged in cleaning the premises.

District Collector Jitendra Kumar Soni was seen cleaning the area with a broom. During this, district level officers, including Additional District



An employee taking part in cleanliness drive on Sunday.

Collector, Sub-Divisional Officer also cleaned the offices and disposed of

damaged furniture and unnecessary material. Stagnant water was drained out and arrangements were made to prevent mosquito breeding.

Soni said that under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, Swachhata Pakhwada is being celebrated from September 17 to October 2. "This positive initiative will help in cleaning government offices. The efficiency of the personnel will increase and the general public will get inspiration for cleanliness," he said.

## Way cleared for recruitment to 60,000 Class IV posts in Rajasthan

- Recruitment of 23,820 sanitation workers under process
- Land allotted for renewable energy projects of 5,708 MW
- Three JV companies approved in power generation sector
- Decision to lower age requirement for journalist accreditation

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Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel announced that recruitment for Class IV positions and drivers in Rajasthan will now be

through written exams. The Staff Selection Board will oversee the process, and candidates must have completed the 10th grade, up from the previous 8th-grade requirement. Currently, 60,000 Class IV and 23,000 driver positions are vacant. The cabinet approved a 2,600 MW solar project in Jaisalmer, ensuring no Khejri or other trees are cut without replanting double the number. So far, 10,418 hectares of land have been allocated for solar projects. Additionally, the grade pay for ministerial employees

will increase to L-16 (₹6,600), and two years of experience will be required for sanitation worker recruitment. The Panchayati Raj Department will align designations for comparable posts. Journalist accreditation age and experience requirements were reduced to 45 years and 15 years, respectively, for both accredited and freelance journalists. Dy CM Diya Kumari acknowledged financial challenges but assured efforts to ensure timely salaries and minimum wages for contractual workers.

## Crafting Durga: Art in motion



From the initial carving to the final touches of paint and decoration, the creation of the goddess Durga's idol is a captivating journey of craftsmanship. Captured by FI lensman **SANTOSH SHARMA** ahead of Navratri and Durga Puja Celebrations at Jaipur's Durgabari, these images showcase the artist's intricate process in bringing the divine form to life.



## Make membership drive a success: Diya to BJP workers

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

A grand workshop was organized in Vidyadhar Nagar Assembly on Sunday under BJP membership campaign in which many area residents took membership of the party. Dy CM Diya Kumari said that BJP has become party with largest membership and called upon party officials and workers to work with dedication to make the membership campaign a success. On the occasion, State Coordinator of BJP Membership Campaign and BJP state Vice-Prez Motilal Meena, Jaipur Dist co-incharge Naresh Bansal, Dist Coordinator Shailendra Bhargav, and others were present.



Diya Kumari addressing the people who joined or renewed their BJP membership in Vidyadhar Nagar in Jaipur on Sunday.



Dy CM Diya Kumari posing with women BJP members at the BJP Membership campaign held in Vidyadhar Nagar on Sunday.

### FI TOON



## Rajat Chauhan & Swati Doodhwali shine in Archery

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

Rajat Chauhan, an RPS officer in Rajasthan Police, and Swati Doodhwali, who works at the Secretariat in Jaipur, displayed outstanding performances in state archery championship. Doodhwali won 3 gold medals, while Rajat Chauhan secured 1 one gold medal. Rajat and Swati claimed victory together in team event.

## BL Santhosh meets Delhi BJP core committee members in SWMR

Sandeep Goyal  
Sawai Madhopur

BJP National Organization General Secretary BL Santhosh on his second day of tour in Sawai Madhopur held a meeting with the core committee of Delhi Pradesh BJP on Sunday. Santhosh paid obeisance at Trinetra Ganesh temple and participated in Mangala Aarti. National General Secretary Dushyant Gautam, National Secy Alka Gurlar, State Prez Virendra Sachdev, Vijender Gupta, former Union Minister Vijay Goyal, MP Manoj Tiwari, Bansuri Swaraj also visited the temple. Other members of the core committee also visited the temple. Local BJP leader Satyanarayan Dhakad & Mukesh were present.



Local BJP members presenting the picture of Trinetra Ganesh Ji to BL Santhosh in Sawai Madhopur on Sunday.

### RADHA MOHAN, RATHORE COMPLETE BYPOLLS TOUR; BJP PREDICTS VICTORY ON 3 SEATS

BJP state in-charge Radha Mohan Das Agarwal and BJP state president Madan Rathore have completed a tour of all the six assembly constituencies going to bypolls with Ramgarh being the last. According to BJP sources, the party is hopeful of winning three out of six seats, which includes Salumber. The party, however, finds Chorasi a difficult seat. The BJP leadership visited Chorasi in 3 phases. Agarwal, Rathore and co-incharge Vijaya Rahatkar had conducted tours for bypolls. **Yogesh Sharma**

## Raj sets example with 6 cr trees planted in August, says PM Modi in 'Mann Ki Baat'

## PM praises Raj for success in plantation drive

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

PM Narendra Modi praised Rajasthan for its performance under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' in the 114th episode of the 'Mann Ki Baat' program on Sunday. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma also listened to the address with the public at his residence in Jaipur. Modi highlighted the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative, stating that when collective participation is combined with determination, remarkable results emerge for the entire society. He commended Rajasthan for its accomplishments under this campaign, mentioning that the state planted over 6 crore trees in August alone, setting a unique example of public participation. He also stressed the importance of water conservation saying that small



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma and others listening to 'Mann Ki Baat' programme at CMR on Sunday.



Diya Kumari and other BJP members listening to PM's Radio programme in Vidyadhar Nagar.



JMC Mayor Dr Somya & others listening to 'Mann Ki Baat' in Ward 87 of JMC in Jaipur on Sunday.

public participation. He also stressed the importance of water conservation saying that small efforts can significantly alleviate water scarcity. The Prime Minister remarked that October 2 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission). He celebrated this occasion as a tribute to those who have turned it into a monumental public movement in Indian history, honoring Mahatma Gandhi, who devoted his life to this cause.

On this occasion, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma stated that PM Modi has conveyed messages of cleanliness, environmental protection and the promotion of local products through campaigns such as Swachh Bharat, Make in India, and Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam. Sharma said that the Prime Minister consistently inspires the citizens with his positive and motivating thoughts.

Deputy Mayor of Jaipur Municipal Corporation Greater Puneet Karnavat & others were also present on the occasion.

### BUREAUCRATIC TALES

## Govt transfers and postings sans rules, regulations or logical reasoning

Rajendra Chhabra  
Jaipur

The process of transfer and posting of government employees seems to have become devoid of the importance of rules, regulations or logical reasoning. Rajendra Singh Shekhawat and Rajendra Vijay, both officers from the 2010 batch, have had their fates decided differently in the latest reshuffle. Some interesting instances of seniors and juniors are worth mentioning. Rajendra Vijay was

made the Divisional Commissioner of Kota while Rajendra Shekhawat remains the Collector of the small district of Shahpura. The decision by Department of Personnel (DoP) is beyond understanding. In the new government, all district collectors have been changed except for Arvind Poswal, who has retained his position in Udaipur since July 2023. He holds the record for being the Collector of Rajasmand for three years in the previous government and his connections with top politicians are well-

### ASSISTANT PLANNER'S 1200 KM WEEKLY GRIND!

The case of additional charges in this context is both unique and intriguing. Mukund Krishna Raval, working as an Assistant Town Planner in Bharatpur Municipal Corporation, got an order from the director of the LSG department on March 15, 2024, stating that he would also manage the responsibilities of the vacant position at the Pratapgarh Municipal Council for 2 days in a week, Thursday and Friday. For the past 6 months, Mukund has been travelling 600 kilometres each week, spending 10 hours on a one-way journey, with a bus fare of Rs 900.

known. The fact that Arvind Poswal has not been transferred has sparked discussions within bureaucratic circles. Rajendra Singh Shekhawat, a junior officer

from the 2015 RAS batch, has nonetheless held several important roles such as RAA (Ajmer), DSO Ajmer, and ED-RTDC in a short period of 9 years whereas these positions

were typically held by senior officers with 18 years of experience. In the recent changes, 1998 batch officer Rajesh Singh has taken over the position of ED RTDC from Shekha-

wat. Shekhawat's new posting as RTO Jaipur also stands out. The post of financial advisor is the most senior and important in the account service. Everyone keeps an eye on the transfer posting or additional charge on it. Mohd Mohsin Khan has held the post of Financial Advisor in the Rajasthan State Road Development and Construction Corporation (RSRDCC) for seven years, a record in the accounts service. Generally, the financial advisor gets transferred in two

or three years. In the last 5 years, officers were changed in RSRDCC and its nodal department PWD but Khan retained the post. Mahendra Singh Bhukar serves as a Financial Advisor in the Commercial Tax Dept and has also held the additional charge of Financial Advisor in the Transport Department for past two years. The previous commissioner could not have him transferred, but new commissioner Shuchi Tyagi replaced him through a single order. Interestingly, instead of appointing a new full-time

Financial Advisor, the medical and health department's FA Veena Gupta, has taken on addl responsibilities. Bhukar's transfer is a hot topic among accounts service officers. Similarly, Manish Shukla, GM Finance at the Rajasthan State Beverages Corporation, was recently assigned additional charge of Financial Advisor of Raj Roadways, despite a clear need for a full-time FA in Roadways. There are many equations behind why and where a financial advisor should be appointed or given addl charge.



**SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR**

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# HOW TO DISSOLVE THE EGO?



**T**he "I" or ego is a tiny atom. If this atom is associated with the body, with matter, it identifies with matter. If this atom is associated with the being, the infinite, it identifies with the infinite. When this atom, the ego, identifies with the body, it becomes miserable. But when it is associated with the spirit, it becomes Divine. It becomes shakti - energy - when it is associated with the being, the Self. In a huge atomic reactor, it is just one atom that has exploded. In the same way, in our whole body there is just one atom of "I." And when this "I" explodes, it becomes the light of the Self. Usually we say "I am miserable," or "I am happy." Shift this atom of ego from identifying with the body and the conceptual world, to identifying with the real world.

Ego causes heaviness, discomfort. Ego does not let love flow. Ego is separateness, non belongingness. It desires to prove and to possess. When you wake up and see that there is nothing to be proven and nothing to possess, ego dissolves.

We make a big fuss about how we feel. 'I follow my feelings'. Feelings come and go. You feel

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good and a little later you feel bad about the same thing. And whatever you felt bad about, a little later you feel good about it. So, our feelings about things, good or bad, they all change. When we base our life on such temporal things, that are so impermanent, then there is no stability in our lives. So, be in unconditional love. Ego automatically disappears.

Ego can be transcended by knowing the truth, by inquiring "Who am I?" Often, you feel contempt or jealousy towards someone who is egotistical. Instead you should have compassion or even pity. There is also a positive aspect of ego. Ego drives you to do work. A person will do a job either out of compassion or out of ego. Most of the work in society is done out of ego. But in satsang, work is done out of love. Ego is a sense of separateness, a sense of identity.

There are three ways to see ego.

1. Ego is identity. I am this. This is one ego.
2. Ego is also I am not this.
3. Ego is also I am separate from others.

### HOW TO DISSOLVE THIS EGO?

Either you expand your ego. I am this, I am that, I am that too. For instance, one ego is that you think you are an officer. But if you are stuck with only being an officer, and you come home and be an officer to your kids and wife, you create a problem. Your one identity is that you are an officer, but you are a father/mother with your children, you are a husband/wife with your spouse, you are a son/daughter with your parents and so many. When you balance all these identities in your life giving equal importance to all these, that is the way you dis-

solve your ego.

Ego is getting stuck with any one identity. From that limited identity to identify with the unlimited divinity is the path of expanding, or you can call it dissolving identity. So you move from me to *Aham Brahman*, I am somebody to becoming I am nobody, and I am nobody to I am everybody.

Now this looks very philosophical. You can't go to your office and say that you are nobody, nor can you say at your home that you are everybody. It is not going to work. So, I would say that the simple way to counter your ego is to be natural. Ego makes you feel uncomfortable, unnatural and separate. Egolessness, or expanded ego or transformed ego is being at home, being natural with everyone in every circumstance.

If you find you have any ego, then don't try to dissolve it. You can keep it in your pocket. Don't meddle with it, and don't bother about it. Let it be there.

### WHO WOULD ELIMINATE THE EGO?

If you eliminate your ego, that is a bigger ego. Oh! I have eliminated my ego, it is like saying 'I'm the most humble person in the whole world'.

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## IN-DEPTH

### Dynastic politics moves from North to South

**W**ith Udhayanidhi Stalin's appointment as Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister, discussions around dynastic politics seem increasingly futile. The rise of Udhayanidhi, son of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and grandson of the iconic M. Karunanidhi, reflects a long-established trend in Indian politics where family legacies dominate leadership transitions. Despite criticisms, political dynasties continue to hold sway across party lines, not just in Tamil Nadu but nationwide.

While merit and governance should ideally dictate leadership appointments, the reality of Indian politics often skews towards family ties and legacy. Udhayanidhi's political journey has been marked by his involvement in both party work and public life, but his rapid ascent inevitably raises questions about whether his lineage played a decisive role.

Nonetheless, his appointment shows that voters often accept or overlook dynastic leadership, focusing instead on governance and development. In Tamil Nadu, as elsewhere, the debate around dynastic politics may continue, but it is unlikely to change the deeply ingrained system.

### ISRAEL IS OUT TO DECIMATE ENEMY



**T**he assassination of Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, marks a significant escalation in the long-standing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. This assassination signals that Israel is giving no quarter to its enemies, particularly Hamas and Hezbollah who it views as existential threats.

Nasrallah had been the face of Hezbollah's militant activities for decades, shaping its strategy and overseeing its armed confrontations with Israel. His removal from the equation is both a symbolic and operational blow to Hezbollah, the Iran-backed militant group that wields significant influence in Lebanon and the broader West Asia.

However, this targeted killing could lead to a dangerous escalation in an already volatile region. Hezbollah's responses in the past have been fierce and unforgiving, potentially plunging Lebanon into further instability. It also risks dragging in Hezbollah's allies, notably Iran, which could have broader implications for regional security.

For Israel, or its potential allies, this strike demonstrates a zero-tolerance approach to perceived threats. Yet, it may also provoke heightened violence along the Lebanese-Israeli border, a front that has seen sporadic but deadly exchanges. The assassination might serve a tactical purpose, but the long-term repercussions could be destabilizing. While Hezbollah has been weakened, its potential for retaliation remains potent, raising concerns about a cycle of violence that could engulf the region in a broader conflict, with civilians paying the heaviest price.

The only deterrent to the widening of this regional conflict may be the precision with which Israel is hitting its targets and the backup American support against any Iranian retaliation. It appears that Israel is all set to decimate its enemies.

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## WHAT IS EGO?

Ego is a sense of non-belonging. When you don't feel a sense of belonging, a wall comes up in between you and somebody. You want to impress someone, show to somebody that you are something, which you may or may not be. Then stress and tension gets created in your nervous system. This is one of the definitions of ego. Feeling at home, being natural, easy, at such times there is no ego. The antidote to Ego is being at home, natural

## TOP TWEETS



**X** Today, the enthusiasm of the people at the public meeting in Rohtak, Haryana, reflects that the people of the state are ready to make the lotus bloom here for the third time. When the Congress government was in power in Haryana, the state was drowned in despair, uncertainty, leaders were involved in corruption. Today, under the double engine government led by the respected PM Shri @narendramodiji, the state is moving ahead on the path of rapid development and public welfare. BJP is always committed to service, good governance and development.

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**X** This month marks the completion of 10 years of another important campaign. The success of this campaign includes the contribution of the country's big industries as well as small shopkeepers. I am talking about #MakeInIndia, today I am very happy to see that the poor, middle class and MSMEs are getting a lot of benefit from this campaign. Today India has become a powerhouse of manufacturing and due to the youth power of the country, the eyes of the whole world are on us. - Honourable PM Shri @narendramodiji.

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## SPIRITUAL SPEAK

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10 years of 'Mann Ki Baat' PM Modi called for buying made-in-India products

# 'Mann Ki Baat' shows people like positive stories, says PM Modi

PTI

New Delhi

With 'Mann Ki Baat' set to complete 10 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said contrary to the belief that only spicy or negative conversations receive much attention, the monthly radio broadcast has proven that people like positive stories and inspiring examples. Speaking in the latest episode of the radio programme in which he talks about social issues and highlights people's efforts for a cause in different parts of the country, Modi described it as an "emotional" episode and said the programme has become a unique platform that celebrates the spirit of India. The prime minister said the monthly radio broadcast showcases the collective strength of the nation. "This episode today is



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during inauguration, dedication and foundation stone laying of various development projects through Video Conferencing, in New Delhi, Sunday.

going to make me emotional. It's flooding me with a lot of old memories...The reason is that this journey of ours in 'Mann Ki Baat' is completing 10 years. 10 years ago 'Mann Ki Baat' started on the day of Vijaydashami on October 3," Modi said. "And what a divine coincidence it is that this

year on the 3rd of October when 10 years of 'Mann Ki Baat' are completed, it will be the first day of Navratri. There are many phases in this long journey of 'Mann Ki Baat' that I can never forget. Crores of listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat' have been our companions in this journey, whose continuous support I have

kept receiving. They provided information from every corner of the country," he added.

The prime minister said the listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat' are the real anchors of this show. "A commonly held belief has become so ingrained that as long as there are no spicy or negative conversations, it does not receive much attention. But 'Mann Ki Baat' has proven that how hungry the people of the country are for positive information. People like positive stories, inspiring examples, encouraging stories very much," Modi said.

"When I remember each and every thing, each and every incident, each and every letter connected with 'Mann Ki Baat', I feel as if I am having a darshan of the Janata Janaardn, the people, who are like the almighty to me," Modi said.

## MODI INAUGURATES PROJECTS WORTH RS.11200 CR IN MAHARASHTRA

Pune: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of Rs 11,200 crore in Maharashtra via video conference. Prime Minister Modi virtually inaugurated the Pune Metro section from District Court to Swargate, which also marks the completion of the Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-1). The cost of the underground section between District Court to Swargate is around Rs 1,810 crore, as per officials. Modi also laid the foundation stone for Swargate-Katraj extension of the Pune Metro Phase-1 to be developed at the cost of around Rs 2,955 crore.

UP CM inaugurates Gurukul facilities

# Yogi Adityanath advocates spirituality in education

PTI

Gorakhpur

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said that in today's world, true freedom from anarchy can only be achieved through integration of education and spirituality.

He encouraged the revival of the traditional Arya Samaj practices of 'yagya' and 'havan' in gurukuls, saying that the customs helped maintain a spiritual and disciplined atmosphere in gurukuls in the olden times leading to better academic results.

He inaugurated a new auditorium, five classrooms, and an administrative building at Meawal Gupta Gurukul Vidyalaya here.

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Yogi Adityanath during 'Janta Darshan' programme, in Gorakhpur on Sunday.

During the event, he reiterated the state gov't commitment to ensuring quality education for every child & improving health facilities for all citizens

a spiritual and disciplined atmosphere in gurukuls in the olden times leading to better academic results," he said. Adityanath praised the

efforts of the Gorakhpur Gurukul Society for reviving the Gurukul and said, "The construction work has been completed on time by the Gorakhpur Development Authority with a CSR fund of Rs 1 crore." He also emphasised the need to introduce skill development and entrepreneurship training alongside education at Gurukuls, ensuring that no child is left without access to learning.

# True equality & justice requires more women in politics: RaGa

PTI

New Delhi

Asserting true equality and justice requires more women in politics, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha **Rahul Gandhi** on Sunday urged women, who are passionate about creating real change to join the 'Shakti Abhiyan' which aims to create an equal space for 'women's interests' in politics. "A year ago, we launched the 'Indira Fellowship' with a mission to amplify women's voices in politics. Today, this initiative has grown into a powerful movement for women's leadership," Gandhi said on X.

"True equality and justice requires more women in politics. 'Aadhi Abadi, Poora Haq' embodies our unwavering commitment to this cause," he said.

"I urge all women who are passionate about creating real change to join the 'Shakti Abhiyan' and become active participants in women-centric politics. By getting involved, you will contribute to building robust



## RAHUL GANDHI TO COVER SEVERAL HARYANA DISTRICTS IN 2ND LEG OF POLL CAMPAIGNING

Chandigarh: As the Congress is looking to go all out to wrest power from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Haryana, party leader Rahul Gandhi will be campaigning in the state over the next few days, covering several districts, in what is likely to take the shape of a "yatra". This will be the second leg of his campaigning in Haryana for the October 5 Assembly polls. Gandhi addressed poll rallies at Assandh in Karnal and Barwala in Hisar on Thursday. Sharing a tentative schedule of his campaign programme, sources in the Congress said Gandhi, who is likely to be joined by party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, will launch the second leg of his poll campaign from Naraingarh in Ambala district by addressing a public meeting on Monday.

grassroots organisations and driving meaningful change," he said.

"Together, we can create change, from the villages to the nation as a whole," Gandhi added.

The Shakti Abhiyan, an initiative of the Indian Youth Congress,

aims to create an equal space for 'women's interests' in politics and decision-making, driven by the representation 'of women by women' at all levels of governance -- local bodies, legislative assemblies and Parliament.

# Senthil Balaji, 3 others sworn-in as ministers in TN cabinet

PTI

Chennai

High-profile DMK leader V Senthil Balaji, who was days ago granted bail by the Supreme Court in a money laundering case, was sworn in as minister by Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi on Sunday.

Notably, 48-year-old Senthil Balaji has been assigned the same key portfolio of 'electricity, non-conventional energy development, prohi-



MK Stalin with V Senthil Balaji at the swearing-in ceremony, at Raj Bhavan in Chennai, Saturday.

bitution & excise,' which he held previously in the Stalin cabinet.

Three other DMK legislators, Gopi Chezhian (Thiruvudaimarudur), R Rajendran (Salem-North) and S M Nasar (Avadi) also took oath of office and secrecy administered by Governor Ravi in a simple ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan.

They were sworn-in in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M

K Stalin and his son Udhayanidhi, who had already been designated as Deputy Chief Minister.

Gopi Chezhian has been allotted Higher Education including technical education, electronics, science and technology.

Sixty-four-year-old Nasar, a well-known party face from Avadi here, has been made the Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare.

# Vijayvargiya urges journalists to set standards amid evolving media

First India Bureau  
Bhopal

Urban Development and Housing Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya said that journalism is undergoing rapid changes in today's era. In this period, questions have been raised about the impartiality of journalists for various reasons. He said that despite the changing times, journalists can still strengthen their credibility among the public with their im-



Kailash Vijayvargiya being felicitated at the National Office Bearers' Meeting of the National Union of Journalists in Bhopal on Sunday.

partial news. Minister Vijayvargiya was addressing the National Of-

ference Bearers' Meeting of the National Union of Journalists (India) in Bhopal today. On this occasion, a symposium was held to discuss "The Changing Landscape of Media and its Challenges." Minister of State for Panchayat and Rural Development Radha Singh and Singrauli MLA Ramnivas Shah were also present at the event.

Vijayvargiya said that democracy has provided equal rights to everyone in society.

# Hooda rallies for Vardhan Yadav in Badshahpur

First India Bureau  
Gurgaon

Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda arrived in Badshahpur constituency on Saturday to campaign for candidate Vardhan Yadav. He described Vardhan Yadav as the future of both Badshahpur and the entire Haryana is safe in the hands of Congress. He urged the people to elect Vardhan Yadav as their MLA and send him to Chandigarh, assuring that



Deepender Singh Hooda arrived in Badshahpur constituency on Saturday to campaign for candidate Vardhan Yadav.

Yadav would leave no stone unturned. Hooda said that the time has come to oust those who have ruined Haryana for the past 10 years.

'ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION'

# Govt set to bring key election reform bills

PTI

New Delhi

The Union government is likely to bring three bills, including two to amend the Constitution, to put in place its plan to hold simultaneous elections.

One of the proposed Constitution amendment bills, that deals with aligning the local bodies elections to that of the Lok Sabha and the Assemblies, will require an endorsement from at least 50 percent of the states. Moving ahead with its



'one nation, one election' plan, the government earlier this month accepted the recommendations of the high-level committee for holding simultaneous

polls for the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise. The proposed first

constitutional amendment bill would deal with making provisions for holding Lok Sabha and state legislative assembly elections together.

It also proposes to amend Article 83(2) and insert new sub-clauses (3) and (4) relating to the duration and dissolution of the Lok Sabha. It also has provisions related to the dissolution of the legislative assemblies and amending Article 327 to insert the term "simultaneous elections".

This bill will not require ratification by at least 50

percent of the states, the recommendation said.

The proposed second Constitutional amendment bill will require ratification by at least 50 percent of the state assemblies as it will deal with matters relating to state affairs. It will seek to amend constitutional provisions relating to the preparation of electoral rolls by the (EC) in consultation with State Election Commissions (SECs) for elections to local bodies. Constitutionally, the EC and SECs are separate bodies.

# Congress means 'kushasan', corruption, says J P Nadda

PTI

Chandigarh

Launching a vitriolic attack on the main opposition party, BJP national president and Union Minister J P Nadda on Sunday alleged the Congress means 'kushasan' (misgovernance), corruption and criminalisation as he urged the voters to bloom the 'lotus' for a third time in Haryana.

Nadda also pointed towards Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh, targeting the grand old party for not keeping its poll prom-



JP Nadda being felicitated during a public meeting ahead of the Haryana Assembly elections, in Rohtak.

ises despite being in power there for two years. Lashing out at the previous Cong regime in Hary-

ana, the BJP president alleged that there were land scams & poor farmers' lands were usurped.

# US airstrikes in Syria kill 37 Islamist terrorists



Rescuers arrive at the scene of an Israeli airstrike in Beirut's suburb of Ghobeiri, Sunday.

PTI

## Agencies

Beirut

Thirty-seven Islamist militants affiliated with the extremist "Islamic State" (IS) group and an al-Qaeda affiliate called Hurras al-Din were killed in two airstrikes in Syria this month, the US military said Sunday.

US Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a statement that the strikes took place on September 16 and September 24, adding that there was no indication that any civilians were harmed.

The September 24 strike killed nine "terrorist operatives," including



a senior Hurras al-Din leader in northwestern Syria. The U.S. military said he was responsible for overseeing military operations.

US Central Command said it struck northwest-

ern Syria on Tuesday, targeting a senior militant from the Al-Qaeda-linked Hurras Al-Deen group and eight others. They say he was responsible for overseeing military operations.

## ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES KILL 11 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

Cairo: Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip have killed at least 11 Palestinians, health officials in the enclave said on Sunday, as Israeli planes bombed several northern, central and southern areas. A school sheltering displaced Palestinians was among buildings hit, killing four people and wounded several others.



This is only 'karma': EAM slams Pak in UNGA address



PTI

United Nations

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Pakistan's cross-border terrorism will never succeed and its actions will "certainly have consequences", stressing that it is "karma" that the country's ills are now consuming its own society.

In his address to the General Debate of the UN General Assembly, Jaishankar also said that the issue to be resolved between India and Pakistan is now only the vacation of illegally occupied Indian territory by Pakistan, and the abandonment of its long standing attachment to terrorism.

"Many countries get left behind due to circumstances beyond their control, but some make conscious choices with disastrous consequences. A premier example is Pakistan," he said.

Today "we see the ills it (Pakistan) sought to visit on others consume its own society. It can't blame the world", he said.

Trump attacks Harris, calls her 'mentally disabled'

Agencies

Wisconsin

Donald Trump deployed some of his harshest rhetoric against immigrants who have crossed the border illegally and committed crimes, especially against young women, while he also escalated

his personal insults against Kamala Harris.

In Wisconsin, Trump called Democratic Vice President Harris, who on Friday visited the US-Mexico border for the first time in her 2024 presidential campaign, "mentally impaired" and "mentally disabled".



## Nepal Floods and Landslides



## HIGHLIGHTS

- In this aerial image of the Kathmandu valley, Bagmati River is seen in flood due to heavy rains in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday.
- In India, light rains were witnessed in few parts of Himachal and 22 roads are closed, officials said on Sunday.
- A wet outfield due to overnight rain has delayed the start of play on day 3 of the second Test between India & Bangladesh at the Green Park Stadium on Sunday.

## आपणो अग्रणी राजस्थान संकल्प पत्र के पूरे होते वादे

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# FIRST INDIA 2ND FRONT

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The one most important thing for our imagination to become reality is to power it up with our life energy, totally and completely.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Astha Khandelwal, Ayushi Shekhawat, Pooja Yadav, Aditi Nagar and Poornima Mishra during 'The JC Show.'

# MODI AND SHAH BRING J&K BACK TO STABILITY AND DEMOCRACY: Dr CHANDRA



In light of Jammu & Kashmir's first elections in a decade, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra ponders whether the BJP can make significant inroads in Srinagar. With Article 370's abrogation a central talking point, is this election a verdict on the policies of Amit Shah and Narendra Modi? Dr Chandra offers an in-depth discussion on this and related topics. Excerpts... (Part I)

● **Will the lotus bloom in Srinagar this time and the BJP come to power as the single largest party?**

**Dr Jagdeesh Chandra:** Maybe. Nothing can be said. But the most important thing is that it will be a 'Hung Assembly.' No single party is coming to power with a single majority. No political party is going to form its government without any coalition. It will be a coalition government. And when it is a coalition government, everything is in the Centre's hand, everything is with the BJP. Omar Abdullah himself is scared. He has said that if there is a division of votes, the BJP can form the government, and the lotus can bloom. Dr Jitendra Singh has said that the BJP will form the government and no post-poll alliances would be required. Ram Madhav's language is also more or less the same. So, the BJP is fully confident that this time, the lotus will bloom in Srinagar and it will form the government on its own. Overall, the NC-Congress alliance, with the chances of PDP joining in, gives it an edge at 51%, while the BJP has a chance of 49% to form the government. But then, the tactical sagacity of Amit Shah is invincible. With his presence, when a deficit of 1% turns into a surplus of 2%, no one can say. So, this much can be said with confidence that the possible blooming of the

lotus in Srinagar can't be ruled out.

● **In case it finally comes to Hung Assembly, who will be the CM face according to you?**

If it is a 'Hung Assembly,' then let us decide first, which party is likely to be the single largest party. From what it seems, the BJP can be the single largest party. If we calculate the possibilities of Dr Jitendra Singh and Ram Madhav, they can bring in 35 seats from Jammu, and 10 from the valley, and manage one more seat from somewhere, which makes for the prerequisite 46 seats. The Governor will invite the BJP, the largest party, to form the government in 7-10 days. It is as simple as this. Now, what are the options if the BJP doesn't emerge as the single largest party? The first, the Omar Abdullah-led NC-Congress alliance, along with some other parties like PDP will in all likelihood form the government. Now, what if Omar Abdullah fails to win like it happened the last time? In that case, Farooq Abdullah may nominate someone as his successor. He would do that fast because by delaying the process he may give birth to new re-alignments. The second option is BJP join hands with the PDP and some Independents to form government. So, it all boils down to the fact that which party emerges as the single largest party.

● **You mentioned the name of Ram Madhav twice. Do you think it is a 'litmus test' for Ram Madhav also in this election?**

It can be said that it is a chance for Ram Madhav to show his talent. He has been brought into the mainstream. At one time, he was only a spokesperson of the RSS. He was a powerful general secretary. But his style of functioning was high profile, which did not suit the cultural ethos of the BJP and RSS, people felt. So, he was sidelined for four years, before being again drafted for an important mission. He has already shown his proficiency and expertise in Kashmir by his result-oriented approach. He had an important role when the BJP-led government was formed in the state in 2015. He wields considerable influence in the valley. He knows the political parties of the region well. The top leadership of the party has reposed faith in him, giving him the responsibility to help form the BJP government in Kashmir. He is also putting his best foot forward under the supervision of Amit Shah. So, if Ram Madhav comes back winning the state for the BJP, he will certainly have the blessings of Narendra Modi back in Delhi. In a way, yes it is a 'litmus test' for him. If he wins it for the party, certainly it will be great. Even if he doesn't, the

numbers will show. But it can be safely said that the credit for the 'advantage BJP' scenario that has been created by the efforts of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah will go to Ram Madhav. He can be called the 'Second Man' in command, or the principal advisor, and his future seems bright.



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● **Is it true that on election day the mood in Kashmir was like Eid celebrations?**

Certainly, it was 'Eid mood' in Kashmir. People were enthusiastic and positive. From 7 in the morning, they had come out of their houses and lined up in queues to cast their vote. Children who had grown up, were voting for the first time. After voting, they were seen flaunting their voting mark. People were seen walking down the narrow lanes, nooks and corners to come out and vote. Most importantly, no extra security arrangements

were made. There was no barricading, no extra policing. Everything was smooth and a normal election process. Someone rightly said the atmosphere all around was no less than Eid celebrations. Indeed, on election day on the 18th, we can say the mood was like Eid.

● **If this election is analysed in 3-4 lines, what would you say?**

First, it will be a tough batter. A very tough battle. The BJP is trying hard to have electoral supremacy. On the other hand, the other regional parties are trying their best to regain their lost autonomy and identity. It is the crux of the situation in Kashmir. Second, Srinagar and Kashmir are back to normal, back to democracy, courtesy- Amit Shah and Narendra Modi. You see people, who had boycotted elections for the last 40 years, the terrorists, the militants, and the separatists, they are all now part of the mainstream. Many are fighting elections. They are going to voters and urging them to vote for them. This is a great thing. And then, people who stood with stones- women, men, children- to boycott polls, are today standing in queues to cast their vote. This is the way, the scenario has changed. I think I have been able to sum up the Kashmir story in 3-4 lines.

● **Is this election a referendum on Amit Shah and Narendra Modi over their experiment with Article 370?**

This may be a perception across the country, but actually, it is not so. Article 370 is done and dusted. It cannot come back. It is history now. Amit Shah has himself said, it is not a referendum, politically. There is a perception in Kashmir and beyond that it is a referendum, but I don't believe so. The referendum is applicable when there is a chance of something coming back or being brought back. Article 370 is not going to be back for sure. It is ruled out. Amit Shah just told in Kashmir the other day, that the government had buried Article 370 and no power in the world could revive it. And it is indeed a fact. So, it is not a referendum, it is only a perception of referendum.

● **We saw 61% voting in the first phase of Kashmir elections and 57% voting in the second phase. Is there some message in this too?**

The message is that in the second phase, there was not so much enthusiasm. Now, it must be known why there was less enthusiasm for it. It is a matter of research. But it is true that in the second phase, there was no such kind of enthusiasm as in the first phase. In the second phase, a sense of fear crept into people's minds, leading to lower voter

turnout. While the positive message from the initial phase may not have aligned with the terrorists' agenda, prompting them to employ covert tactics to influence voters, it's undeniable that there was a noticeable despondency and non-chalance compared to the first phase on the 18th. However, it's difficult to pinpoint a single reason for this shift.

● **Is it true that the issue of Article 370 has become intertwined with the self-respect and dignity of the people of Kashmir?**

Yes, certainly it is so. The government did everything for them, but could not win their hearts. It can still be safely said that at least 51% of the people in the valley wish Article 370 was back again. It doesn't make sense. Kashmir is back to normal. Their businesses have prospered. But psychologically, emotionally, or as a matter of sentiment, somewhere it comes to their mind that the issue is related to their respect and dignity. But the ground reality is different. Look at how normal life is in Gulmarg, in Pahalgam, in Srinagar. These very people who live and enjoy life here lament the loss of 370. But though it has lost relevance, the reality is people are still attached to Article 370 and there is a kind of vague pain or apprehension that they are living with.

● **Can you throw some more light on whether really there was less enthusiasm in the second phase election of September 25, as compared to the excitement of the first phase polls on the 18th?**

Yes, as I have said, there was indeed less enthusiasm in the people of the valley in the second phase of polling. One reason is the machinery, the government, political, and election machinery, became overconfident in the success of the first phase. This happens as a natural consequence. You expect a certain number of votes as obvious, but it doesn't always happen that way. It can't be taken for granted. The machinery and the workers got a bit relaxed in the second phase, I believe, which is one of the main reasons. But there are many local factors also at play, like the unavailability of vehicles, a series of marriages etc. There may not be one particular reason, but it was not by design. It just happened.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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## A JOURNEY OF DEVOTION!

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Participants of Elite Miss Rajasthan (Final Jaipur audition) Season 11

# Fashion Dreams Realised

The final Jaipur audition of Elite Miss Rajasthan, season 11 dazzled with glamour, heartfelt moments and top industry figures on Sunday. Over 3,000 hopefuls compete for the crown, with the grand finale on 27 October. City First highlights some glimpses of the final audition!



Angel Sain and other contestants walk the ramp during the final Jaipur audition



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The prestigious beauty pageant, Elite Miss Rajasthan Season 11 has officially begun, offering a platform for aspiring talents in the fields of modelling and glamour. With a history of producing winners who have gone on to achieve national and international acclaim, this competition continues to make Rajasthan proud. The second and final audition for Jaipur took place at the Pratishta Banquet, The Fern on Sunday, following earlier rounds held in Jodhpur and Udaipur. Presented by Bharat24 and First India, this season promises to be as glamorous and talent-packed as ever.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the event as the chief guest, commending the organisers for their continued efforts to promote new talent in Rajasthan. Designer Himmat Singh was also present as the guest of honour.

One of the highlights of the event was the heartwarming moment when model Urvi Soni walked the ramp with her parents, while Shashi Meena shared the stage with her mother. Notable figures from the fashion industry, including models Akanksha Bhalla, Devshree Hada, Neha Shekhawat, Shrishti Khatri, Mitali Kumawat, Malhari, Alfidoush, Urvi Soni, Nilanjana and



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Samiksha Arora, Akanksha Bhalla, Neha Shekhawat & Shrishti Khatri



Gaurav Gaur, Director & Founder of Elite Miss Rajasthan

many fashionistas were present in the event, adding to the glamour.

While addressing the audience, Dr Chandra said, "I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Gaurav Gaur and his incredible team for their unwavering dedication and hard work in organising yet another magnificent season of Elite Miss Rajasthan. We at Bharat24 and First

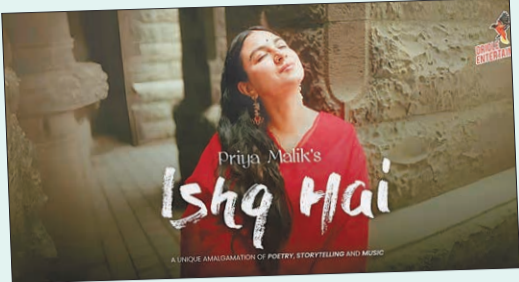
India News believe in promoting young talents in the field of fashion, glamour and entertainment. Congratulations to the team and participants, I wish you continued success in your mission to empower and uplift the next generation of stars."

Gaurav Gaur, the founder and director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, shared that the grand finale will be held on 27 October in Jaipur, where the next face of Elite Miss Rajasthan will be crowned. Over 3,000 girls from across the state have already registered, hoping to follow in the footsteps of previous winners like Rubal Shekhawat and Divija Gambhir, both of whom have gone on to achieve success at national and international pageants.

The event promises to be a celebration of talent, beauty, and culture, with many prominent names in fashion set to attend.

SUNIL SHARMA

**WHAT'S NEXT?**



**PRIYA MALIK LIVE - ISHQ HAI:** Experience the magic of poetry, storytelling and music with award-winning poetess Priya Malik in her solo show "Ishq hai, Ishq hai, Ishq hai." Feel, laugh and sing along!

**When-** October 5, 6:30 PM  
**Where-** Taxila Auditorium, Jaipur



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**When-** October 6, 3:00 PM  
**Where-** Paalathi, Jaipur



**Zakir Khan Live:** Join Zakir Khan for his brand new stand-up special, "Survival Instinct," as he hilariously shares stories of his carelessness and how he adeptly navigates tough situations with charm.

**When-** October 6, 7:00 PM  
**Where-** Deep Smriti Auditorium, Jaipur

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**Col Anupam Jaitly**

Defence Expert, Motivational Speaker & Corporate Trainer

**I**t is observed that for decades, negotiators have worked on agreements by focusing on interests, rather than positions in corporate deals & mergers. Yet, the chaotic complication of how to obtain the gains has remained unresolved. My experience as a corporate trainer says that success lies in precisely sizing the pie of negotiation. It's the value over and above the sum of the two sides BATNA (Best Alternatives To a Negotiated Agreement).

I have noticed that the pie most negotiators have in their minds, however, is the complete value accessible for splitting. With this premise, the argument starts over wrong numbers and issues, with both parties taking stances that they feel are rational but in fact, are guided by their self-interests. Once the pie size is clearly understood, the distribution rule becomes simple. Now, the negotiations start with the understanding that both the parties in a negotiation are on an equal keel and stake similar claims on the resources to have a Win-Win situation and leave the table satisfied.

Indeed, negotiation is always a stressful activity as a great deal remains at stake: opportunity, time, money, reputations of the corporate house and the relationships. Often, it is seen that these pressures bring out the worst in people as they attempt to establish undue superiority over the other side from the word go. Remember, we will always be better off if we treat the other party fairly in a negotiation and receive the same fair treatment in return.

So, the question arises, how can a negotiator enhance organizational earnings by 10 – 15%? Having deciphered several deals across many industries, I have realised that asking open-ended questions is the magic wand. It is seen that the soft skills of people play an important role in the outcome of the negotiations. Better communication skills, charming persona & manners may decisively impact the response you receive and the results you achieve. If this tip is heeded, negotiators will get a finer comprehension of their counterparts' interests,



**ART OF NEGOTIATIONS**

constraints and positions leading to better outcomes.

**ESSENTIAL NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES**

For the benefit of the readers, I would define the three most essential negotiation behaviours. Firstly, keep your emotions in control if the aim is to close the deal effectively in your favour. Needless to mention your attitude and appearance will impact the other party. We at no stage can have jurisdiction over the behaviour of another person. However, own self-awareness can deflect the very first instance of

annoyance before it turns into an ugly spat during negotiations. This can be achieved by taking a small break, deep breathing, deflecting the controversy or infusing small talk/humour to reduce the tensions in the room.

Secondly, it's advised to have a Positive Attitude. Negative sentiments raise the bar of high costs at the bargaining table while positive reactions & responses assist in overcoming feelings of anxiety and nervousness. Nervousness increases the level of adrenaline in the body and we should learn to convert this into ex-

citement instead of anxiety to seal the deal with a positive attitude.

Last but not least, I shall recommend being assertive yet respectful. It's the assertiveness that sets the tone in every negotiation as it reflects that the negotiator is knowledgeable and confident and clearly understands what he desires out of the deal. On the contrary, if assertiveness is wanting, the other party assumes unpreparedness and doubts the conviction of the proposals offered.

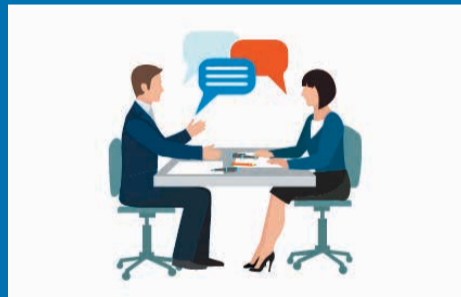
As an experienced person at the table of negotiation, rude-

ness should be avoided especially while dealing with people from different cultures. Choose your words before you speak to reduce the chances of misunderstanding and create an environment of mutual respect and trust.

Apart from what has been stated above, it is essential to incorporate emotional intelligence (EI) to consider the feelings of the people on the other side of the table. Try and make it a habit to listen between the lines or catch on to unspoken words to guide your team for a successful closing of the bargain.

**POWER OF PERCEPTION!**

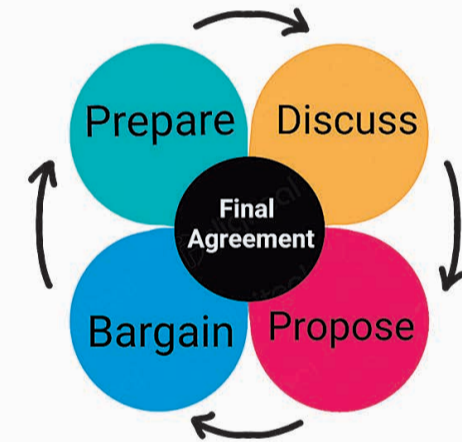
Keeping an eye on the body language and ears on what has not been said openly will disclose a lot of information needed. The reactions of the team on the other side on what is being discussed will tell you if everybody is aligned on the same cohesive objective and that may win you the negotiations on your terms. To conclude I shall say to win negotiations, THINK FAST, TALK SMART & BE PATIENT.



**NEGOTIATION**



**The Negotiation Process**



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**Director:** Koratala Siva  
**Cast & Crew:** Jr NTR, Saif Ali Khan, Janhvi Kapoor



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**DOCTORS' MELODIES!**



Minister Rajendra Singh Rathore, Dr Jitendra S Makkar, Dr Saurabh Jain, Dr Gaurav Jain, Kunal Ganjawala & others during the lamp-lighting ceremony



(L-R) Dr Jitendra S Makkar, Kavita Krishnamurthy & Dr Saurabh Jain

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**T**he grand finale of the second season of the global singing competition for doctors, "Voice of Doctors," was

held on Sunday at JECC. The event showcased talented doctors from India and abroad, who captivated the audience with their melodious renditions of popular Bollywood songs. Esteemed playback singers Amit Kumar, Padma

Shri Kavita Krishnamurthy and Kunal Ganjawala served as judges and also performed at the event. The program commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony, featuring prominent figures such as Padma

Bhushan Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and various local dignitaries. Kavita Krishnamurthy paid tribute to the victim of the Bengal case, Abhaya, with an emotional performance of "Main itni burei to na thi maa." The competition featured participants in three age categories, with doctors impressing the judges and audience alike through numerous rounds of tough competition, ultimately making for a memorable evening of music and camaraderie.

**IN THE CITY!**



In the Net Theatre series, renowned classical singer Jugal Kishore from Kishangarh, Ajmer, recently performed a mesmerising thumri in Raga Pahadi, "Ja Ja Re Kagwa Sandeshwa Piya Paas Le Ja," captivating the audience with his soulful rendition. He also presented Chota and Bada Khayal in Raga Madhuvanti, enchanting listeners with his devotion and artistry. Accompanied by Shahid Hussain Khan on tabla, the performance was a success. The event was coordinated by Naval Dangri, with sound by Virendra Singh Rathore and stage decoration by Jeevitesh Sharma.



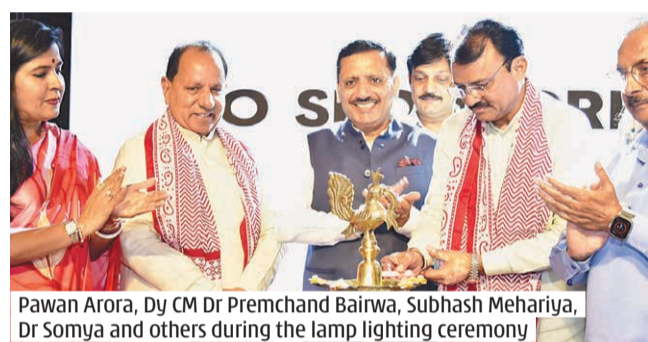
On the second day of a three-day music festival at Sangeet Ashram Institute in Shastri Nagar, a tribute concert for Lata Mangeshkar was organised on Saturday, showcasing various talented children and young artists. Directed by guitarist Vatsal Anupam, performers presented iconic songs like "Dil Deewana" and "Pardeysiya Ye Sach Hai Piya," enchanting the audience with their melodious voices. Instrumentalists and duets added to the vibrant atmosphere, with musical accompaniment from talented musicians. The festival concluded on Sunday with a classical performance by artist Daulat Singh.

**A Journey of Devotion**

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**T**he lively musical play 'Jai Shri Ramayan,' directed by Puneet Issar, took place at the Deep Smriti Auditorium on Sunday. Presented by First India, organised by Diva Tales, sponsored by the Raipur Radiological Centre and powered by SK Finance.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Dy CM Dr Premchand Bairwa, alongside former Cabinet Minister Subhash Mehariya and Jaipur Heritage Mayor Dr Somya Gurjar. Sushma Arora, MD RTDC, Yogesh Dixit, IPS VK Singh, IAS Samit Sharma and several other prominent dignitaries were also presented dur-



Pawan Arora, Dy CM Dr Premchand Bairwa, Subhash Mehariya, Dr Somya and others during the lamp lighting ceremony



Puneet Issar commands the stage as 'Ravan'

ing this. Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, warmly welcomed guests with traditional shawls. During this, Pawan Arora remarked, "The dialogues between Lord Ram and Sita beautifully showcased our eternal culture."

This captivating two-hour and forty-five-minute performance centred on the essence and significance of Ram Rajya,

illustrating Lord Shri Ram's transformative journey from prince to king while exploring untold aspects of his love story with Sita. The play placed special emphasis on key characters, including Lord Shiva, Sita, Mandodari (Ravan's wife), Surpanakha, Kaikeyi and Urmila (Lakshman's wife). Its objective was to empower women and promote unity among all social classes, challenging

caste divisions. The play featured a talented 60-member cast and over 100 local dancers, 'Jai Shri Ramayan' skillfully blended vibrant music, Kathak, and dramatic storytelling. The production underscored the importance of righteous choices, presenting Lord Ram as a symbol of hope and wisdom, earning immense appreciation from the audience.

**MORE IN CITY FIRST TOMORROW**



Siddhant Issar portrayed the character of Lord Ram



The 6th ISSO National Games Football U19 (Boys), 2024-25, culminated in an exciting final match on Saturday, where the JPIS Boys team triumphed, securing the U19 Championship title. They dominated the finals against Aditya Birla World Academy, winning 5-0. Ayushman Soni earned the Golden Gloves Award for his outstanding goalkeeping, while Rafael received the Golden Boot for scoring an impressive 14 goals throughout the tournament. JPIS's victory and individual accolades reflect the athletes' talent, discipline and dedication, marking a remarkable conclusion to the tournament and setting a high standard for youth football excellence.

**EVENTS!**



Praveen Hingonia, the producer, director and actor, embarks on an extraordinary journey from Kashmir to Kanyakumari to promote his debut film, "Navras Katha Collage." In this film, Hingonia impressively plays nine characters, a feat rarely achieved by debut actors. The movie has already won 58 national and international awards before its release on 18 October. Accompanied by a dedicated team, Hingonia is engaging with audiences across India, raising awareness about the film's social themes and receiving a positive response along the way.

**NAIM KHAN**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING!**



The closing ceremony of the "Subodhini" workshop took place at SS Jain Subodh PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Rambagh recently. This five-day workshop focused on analyzing the question paper for the 2024 Civil Services Preliminary Examination. Former IAS officer Pradeep Borad attended as the chief guest, emphasizing effective preparation strategies for civil services. Principal Dr Renu Joshi highlighted the workshop's benefits for students, while coordinator Vinaychand Daga encouraged maximum participation. The event concluded with Dr Indu Sharma expressing gratitude for everyone's support.



The 35th Annual General Meeting of the Rajasthan Urban Co-operative Bank was organised on Friday in Jaipur, chaired by Chairman Krishan Kumar Tak. During the meeting, Managing Director Dr Leela Purushottam Sharma presented the bank's annual accounts. Directors Abhay Lunia, Bharat Kudal, Rekha Tak and others were in attendance. The meeting highlighted the recent inauguration of a new branch at Chandpol by Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani and announced plans to introduce ATM facilities soon, along with additional benefits for consumers.

The 68th District Level Volleyball Sports Competition concluded on Friday at Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Bansi Tamboliya, featuring students aged 17 to 19. Chief Guest Vipin Parihar and Special Guest Bhero Singh Parihar attended the closing ceremony, where Army Public School emerged as the champion, defeating Hanumant Senior Secondary School, Jodhpur. The winning team received medals, certificates & trophies and will now advance to represent the district at the state level.



DPS Bhankrota Campus will be rebranded as Dharav High School starting from the 2025-26 academic session. This change aims to accommodate growing demand and enhance educational opportunities under the well-regarded Dharav brand, known for its academic excellence. The existing management will remain, ensuring a commitment to quality education, trust, and compassion. The transition will take effect on April 1, 2025, with necessary approvals currently in process with the Education Department and State Government.



Sonam Parashar, a science teacher at MPS International School, was honoured at the IIHM Teachers Day Awards Ceremony 2024 for her exceptional contributions to education, where her passion for education blossomed. After acquiring her Commercial Pilot License in 2009 in South Africa, she returned to India to contribute to the growing aviation sector. With 15 years of experience, she has trained hundreds of pilots and is currently running a pilot training institute that offers job assistance. Her journey has earned her numerous awards, inspiring countless young women to pursue careers in aviation.



Captain Gunjan Dua, inspired by the saying "When there is a will, there is a way," pursued her dream of becoming a pilot against all odds. Hailing from the conservative town of Rewari, she moved to Gurgaon for her education, where her passion for aviation blossomed. After acquiring her Commercial Pilot License in 2009 in South Africa, she returned to India to contribute to the growing aviation sector. With 15 years of experience, she has trained hundreds of pilots and is currently running a pilot training institute that offers job assistance. Her journey has earned her numerous awards, inspiring countless young women to pursue careers in aviation.



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**THE**  
**JC Show!**

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Soni Yadav, Suhana Tomar, Ayushi Shekhawat, Palak Sharma, Ranjana Rawat, Pooja Yadav, Shikha Thakur, Aditi Nagar, Poornima Misha, Akanksha Tomar, Priya Raj, Aanchal Bohra, Ayush Singh during The JC Show on recent Jammu Kashmir Election titled, 'Kya Srinagar Me Khilega Kamal?', at Bharat24 office at Noida on Friday.

**MEET & GREET!**



SANTOSH SHARMA

Pawan Arora, CEO & Managing Editor of First India News, had an engaging meet and greet with Bollywood superstar Varun Dhawan at Hotel Marriott on Sunday. Dhawan, who is staying in Jaipur for the shoot of his upcoming movie, was accompanied by co-star Sanya Malhotra. He expressed his excitement about the project and praised the vibrant atmosphere of the city. Adding to the film's anticipation, it was revealed that Janhvi Kapoor will soon join the cast. The high-profile meeting further highlighted Jaipur as a key hub for major film productions, drawing in top-tier Bollywood talent.

**GREETINGS!**



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Satyanarayan Sharma of the First India Family as he reached the former's residence, to seek blessings on the occasion of his birthday on Sunday.

**ELEGANCE**  
**MEETS TALENT**



Organiser Monu Verma with the participants, during the first audition of Queen of India Season 3

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**T**he first audition for the national-level beauty pageant, Queen of India Season 3, took place at Hotel Prime Safari in Mansarovar, attracting over 100 aspiring models from across Rajasthan on Sunday. Organised by Kalyan and Sons Production House, the event featured participants from cities including Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer, Bikaner, Sikar and Jodhpur, who dazzled the judges with their runway walks in black one-piece dresses, following a western theme.

Show director Monu Verma expressed excitement for the third season, highlighting the impressive talent showcased by models from the Miss and Mrs. categories. A total of 65 mod-



Aakriti Sanwelya



Sheenam Hashmi & Matansha Sheikh

els from the Miss category and 35 from the Mrs category participated, captivating the audience with not only their ramp walks but also their singing, dancing, and other performances.

The jury, comprising Ishita Sharma, Ritu Sharma, and Prem Sharma, evaluated the participants, while guests such as Pramod Go-

yal and Shiv Singh Shekhawat added to the event's prestige. The auditions were skillfully anchored by Prashasti Bhagsara. Following this initial round, upcoming events will include talent showcases, portfolio shoots, and fitness sessions, leading up to the grand finale scheduled for November this year.

**POSTER UNVEILED!**



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Sunish Maru, Mukesh Meenakar, Ramdayal Sharma & Prithvi Raj Kumawat

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Sunish Maru (Gemstone Painting Artist) along with Mukesh Meenakar (Meenakari Artist), Ramdayal Sharma (Tarkashi Crafts Artist) & Prithvi Raj Kumawat (Gemstone Carving Craft Artist), during a courtesy visit at former's residence on Sunday. During their visit, Dr Chandra also unveiled the poster of the Art & Craft exhibition organised by Master Artisans organisation, Shilpkar, which is scheduled for October 4-7 in the Calligraphy Art Gallery of Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.

**OPTICAL FUTURE!**



The Rajasthan Opticians Association successfully organised Optic Expo 2024 in Jaipur on Sunday, featuring senior leader and businessman Rajiv Arora as the chief guest. The event fostered meaningful discussions about new dimensions and opportunities in eye care within the state. In his inaugural address, Arora urged eye care professionals to embrace innovation and new technologies, advocating for India to become self-reliant in manufacturing lenses, frames, and equipment currently imported from China. He called for the growth of the eye care sector in Rajasthan, similar to successful models in Gujarat, and highlighted the potential of artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and nanoscience in driving advancements. The expo was attended by eminent experts and various brands in the eye care industry.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING!**



Arun Misra and other participants after completing 21 KM

Hindustan Zinc hosted the inaugural Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon, celebrated as India's most beautiful marathon on Sunday. Thousands of participants, including global athletes, Indian elite runners and amateurs, competed across 21km, 10km, and 5km races, supporting the cause of #RunForZeroHunger. Hindustan Zinc's CEO, Arun Misra and Vedanta's Group CEO, Anil Agarwal, praised the event, which firmly placed Udaipur on the global marathon map. Dr Manna Lal Rawat, MP Udaipur, expressed his pride in the city's debut on the global running stage, while MLA Tarachand Jain, hailed the marathon as a major step in Udaipur's development.



The Sukoon Art & Music Academy hosted a heartfelt musical evening titled 'Suro Ke Rang, Lata Ke Sang' at The Park Classic Hotel on Sunday. The event began with a captivating Ganesh Vandana performance by Asmita, followed by over 30 participants singing timeless classics by Lata Mangeshkar and other legendary artists. Notable performances included Rakesh Srivastava's rendition of Aankhen Khuli Ho Ya Ho Band and duets featuring Ishnar and SD Mathur. Director Neera Rajbanshi expressed that the evening was a soulful tribute to Mangeshkar, celebrating her legacy. Sher Singh Kumawat, President of the Gau Rakshak Dal, graced the event as a special guest.



SUNIL SHARMA

Jaipur hosted the 'AU Jaipur Cyclothon' on Sunday to celebrate World Heart Day, promoting heart health and cleanliness under the theme "Use Heart for Action." Organised by the Jaipur Runners Club and supported by AU Small Finance Bank, the event featured various ride categories for all ages. Chief guests emphasized the importance of cycling for fitness and heart health. Participants showcased their enthusiasm, with some completing the 100 km ride in under two hours.



The three-day garden bazaar at Jawahar Kala Kendra's Shilpgram concluded on Sunday, organised by the Kitchen Garden Association, Jaipur. Hundreds of children showcased their talent in a poster and fancy dress competition focused on the environment. Winners Bharya Khandelwal, Annika Ahlawat and Anisha Soni were honoured with prizes. During a workshop, Association President Jaya Tiwari taught attendees how to create a jungle in a tray, while Deepesh Sharma shared insights on herbal plants. The event featured around 1,000 plant varieties, attracting enthusiastic plant lovers.

**POSTER LAUNCH!**



Padmanabh Singh unveiled the poster for the upcoming Jaipur Dussehra Mela, set to take place on October 3 at Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium. Committee Chairman Raju Meena announced that the 20-day event will kick off with a formal inauguration by Dy CM Diya Kumari at 7:00 PM. The upcoming event includes a special Garba Mahotsav, cultural performances and appearances by Bollywood stars. Attractions will feature folk dances, underwater fish tunnels, amusement zones and a dedicated kids' area. The festival will culminate with the grand Ravana Dahan on October 12.



A captivating talk session, "Tales From The Wild," was organised at Ashok Club on Saturday, led by Arijit Banerjee, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in Rajasthan. Banerjee shared his insights into Rajasthan's rich wildlife, highlighting birds like kestrels and falcons and critters like the Indian Cobra and Sloth Bear. The session attracted wildlife enthusiasts, with Banerjee also emphasizing the importance of technological advancements in combating wildlife crimes, crucial for gathering evidence to secure poaching convictions in court.