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Modi's Street Swagger!

● Bhopal enthralled by PM Narendra Modi's massive one km-long roadshow in 30 mins ● PM Modi hits out at Congress for Sam Pitroda's remark over inheritance tax

Moni Sharma
Bhopal/Surguja

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday evening led a km-long roadshow in Bhopal, waving at an enthusiastic large crowd along the route. Standing on a saffron-coloured vehicle modelled as a chariot decorated with flowers, PM Modi held the BJP's Lotus symbol which was illuminated and waved it at the people, many of them displayed "Abki Baar 400 paar" placards,



PM Narendra Modi holds a roadshow with MP CM Mohan Yadav and BJP State Chief VD Sharma in support of Alok Sharma from Bhopal seat for Phase 2 of LS polls, in Bhopal on Wednesday.

Chairman of Indian Overseas Congress Sam Pitroda's remarks added a new chapter to the ongoing wealth distribution debate

and bowed. During the day, while addressing a rally in Chhattisgarh, hitting out at Congress for Sam Pitroda's remarks about inheritance tax and Rahul Gandhi's remarks on wealth redistribution, PM asserted that Congress will continue to exploit people both during life and after death. PM stated as long as you are alive, Congress will burden you with higher taxes, and upon your demise, it will impose burden of Inheritance Tax.



Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated during inauguration ceremony of PM Modi's Election Office in Varanasi on Wednesday.

SHAH INAUGURATES MODI'S LS ELECTION OFFICE IN VARANASI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday inaugurated the election office of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi. PM Modi, who won Varanasi in 2014 and 2019, will contest the elections from the Lok Sabha seat for the third time. After Sam Pitroda's remarks, Congress is completely exposed: Shah Taking a jibe at the Congress, Amit Shah said that after the comments of the Chairman of Indian Overseas Congress Sam Pitroda advocating an inheritance tax like law, the party has been completely exposed.



Last 10 years

Miniscule mobile manufacturing to the world's second largest mobile manufacturer

From Fragile 5 to the world's top-5 economic power

4+ crore pucca houses made

10+ crore housewives were given LPG cylinders

2.8+ crore families were given free electricity connection

Mangalyaan, Chandrayaan and Aditya L-1 mission proved Bharat's strength

Indian Railways became world class with 100+ cities connected through Vande Bharat trains

Introduced free treatment scheme up to ₹5 lakhs for 50+ crore citizens

Next 5 years

Will make Bharat a global hub of manufacturing

Will make Bharat the third largest economy in the world

3+ crore more pucca houses will be made

Will deliver affordable cooking gas through pipelines to every home

PM Surya Ghar Yojana will bring electricity bill to zero

Will create a new benchmark in space technology with the success of Gaganyaan

Will introduce bullet train

Will provide free health services to all senior citizens above 70 years of age by including them in Ayushman Bharat Yojana

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BSE 73,852.94
NIFTY 22,402.40

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Curtains come down on high-octane campaigns

88 LS seats including 13 Rajasthan seats will vote in Phase 2 of Lok Sabha polls tomorrow

First India Bureau
Jaipur/New Delhi

A high profile poll campaign centred on public meetings and road shows came to a grinding halt at 5 pm on Wednesday for Phase 2 elections across 89 seats spanning 13 states including 13 Lok Sabha constituencies of Rajasthan slated to vote on April 26. Polling will take place in all 20 seats in Kerala, 14 out of 28 seats in Karnataka, 13 seats in Rajasthan, 8



seats each in Maha and UP, 7 seats in MP, 5 seats each in Assam and Bihar, 3 seats each in Chhattisgarh and WB & 1 seat each in Manipur, Tripura and J&K. **MORE ON P2, P5**

Voting for Phase 4 of LS polls, in 10 states and UTs, will be held on May 13, last day for nominations today

IN BRIEF

Gautamanandaji is new Ramakrishna Math chief

Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj was elected as 17th President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission on Wednesday. Modi extended his wishes to Gautamanandaji.

Nitin Gadkari faints due to heat at rally in Maha

Minutes after fainting while delivering a speech at a poll rally in Maha's Yatmal, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari posted on X that he fainted due to heat and was feeling better.

Lokesh targets Gehlot over phone tapping case

Ex-CM Ashok Gehlot's OSD Lokesh Sharma made big revelations on Wednesday regarding the phone tapping incident claiming that Gehlot had given him the audio. **P8**

● 5 of a family, including 3 children, died in an accident & 7 others were injured when a scorpion car hits dumper in Nagaur. **P3**

● Pro-Khalistan leader Amritpal Singh, presently lodged at Dibrugarh jail may contest Lok Sabha polls from Khadoor Sahib.

● SC reserves its order in the EVM-VVPAT case.

CM BOOSTS MORALE OF BJP WORKERS

You have 36 hrs to complete poll work, says CM Sharma

PK Agarwal
Bhilwara

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma toured Bhilwara on Wednesday and addressed a BJP workers' conference. "You have 36 hours, we have to complete the work. We have to see everyone at the booth, we have to contact everyone. If we lose at your booth and win everywhere else, our happiness will remain incomplete. It is only because of dedication and hard work of our workers that we say that we are



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma addresses rally at Bhilwara, Wednesday.

going to win so many seats. Our polling agent has to reach the booth by 6 am and completing the polling in the evening is laborious task. The leader of the booth is greatest leader," Sharma said. Meanwhile, after he returned to Jaipur, CM Sharma reached SMS Hospital to inquire about the well-being of his mother. **P8**

**Right Intent
Right Results**



Phir Ek Baar

Modi Sarkar



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Make BJP win

FIRST INDIA Ballot Beat

INDIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024

LOK SABHA POLL PHASE-2 IN RAJ

2.80 crore voters 152 CANDIDATES

152 candidates are in the fray for 13 constituencies; of these, 145 are men and 7 are women; maximum 18 candidates are in Chittorgarh

13 LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCIES

VOTERS
2,80,78,399

SERVICE VOTERS
26,837

MALE VOTER
1,44,48,966

FEMALE VOTERS
1,36,02,272

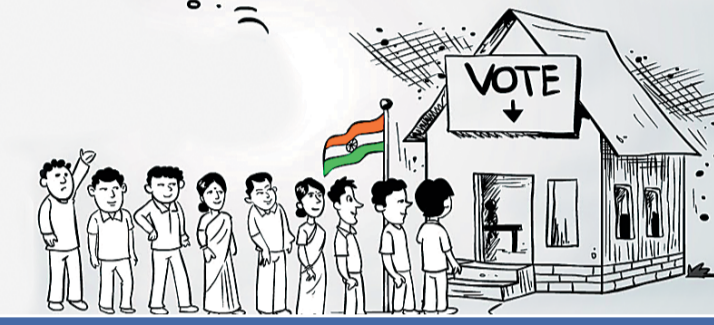
THIRD GENDER VOTERS
324

POLLING ON THESE SEATS TOMORROW

Voting will be held in Banswara, Barmer-Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Jalore, Chittorgarh, Kota-Bundi, Tonk-Sawai Madhopur, Ajmer, Pali, Udaipur, Rajasamand, Kota, and Jhalawar-Baran Lok Sabha seats on April 26.

8.6 LAKH FIRST TIME VOTERS ON 13 SEATS

NEW VOTERS (18-19 YRS OF AGE)	DISABLED VOTERS	VOTERS ABOVE 85 YEARS OF AGE
8,66,325	3,22,829	3,01,742



POLLING STATIONS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

- Live webcasting of the voting process will be done at 14,460 booths selected out of 28,758 polling stations
- 34,931 ballot units, 34,931 control units and 37,329 VVPAT machines (including reserve) will be used in phase-2 polling
- Duty of 3,000 sector officers
- Drinking water, shade, wheelchair facilities at polling stations
- Communication team established to share information
- More than 24 thousand vehicles acquired for polling duty



BJP suspends Ghani of Minority Morcha for making remarks on PM

Yogesh Sharma & Laxman Raghav
Jaipur/Bikaner

BJP Rajasthan on Wednesday expelled Bikaner BJP Minority Morcha District President Usman Ghani from the party on charges of breaking party discipline. "The party took cognizance of the act of Usman Ghani to tarnish the image of the party and expelled him from the primary membership of BJP for 6 years, considering it a breach of discipline," he said. The action came after Ghani's video in which he is talking with a news channel reporter surfaced on social media. Bikaner Lok Sabha seat went to poll in the first phase on April 19.



Usman Ghani

Campaigning stops ahead of polling on April 26 Stage set for final showdown for 13 LS seats of Phase-2

Dr Rituraj Sharma
Jaipur

The election campaigning in the remaining 13 seats of Rajasthan came to an end on Wednesday. These seats will go for the vote on Friday. This phase covers some of the high profile seats of the State. In Jodhpur parliamentary constituency, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is set to enter the electoral battleground for the third consecutive time. Among the 15 candidates vying for the Jodhpur seat, including six independents, the competition is fierce. Similarly, in Kota-Bundi, LS Speaker Om Birla is poised for his third electoral contest. Facing off against nine other candidates, including independents, Birla aims to secure victory once again. Chittorgarh sees the state BJP chief CP Joshi stepping into the fray. With a resounding victory in 2019, garnering 5,76,000 votes, Joshi remains a formidable candidate in the region.

ROBUST ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A FREE, FAIR & TRANSPARENT ELECTION: CEO



The second phase of Lok Sabha elections 2024 in Rajasthan will witness polling in 13 parliamentary constituencies on April 26th. All preparations for voting have been completed in these constituencies. Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta informed that robust arrangements have been made for a free, fair, and transparent election. More than 1.72 lakh polling personnel will conduct voting process in these constituencies. A total of 82,487 security personnel have been deployed to ensure peaceful voting. Gupta mentioned that monitoring teams will be deployed at polling stations sensitive with reference to election spending to ensure responsible election spending.

85K COPS ON TOES FOR LS POLL DUTY: DGP

Rajasthan police have made tight arrangements for the voting to be held on Friday in 13 Lok Sabha seats in the state with deployment of 85,000 police officers, jawans and home guards to ensure peaceful voting. Voting will be held in the state's Pali, Jodhpur, Barmer, Jalore, Rajasamand, Udaipur, Banswara, Chittorgarh, Kota, Jhalawar-Baran, Tonk-Sawai Madhopur, Ajmer and Bhilwara seats from 7 am on April 26. DGP Utkal Ranjan Sahoo said that tight security arrangements have been made for free, fair, and peaceful voting in a fear-free environment.

There is 'undercurrent' for change in ongoing LS Poll, says Sachin Pilot

Wajahat Akhtar
Tonk

Congress General Secretary Sachin Pilot said on Wednesday that there is an 'undercurrent' for change in the ongoing Lok Sabha election. He also said that the BJP is now on the 'back foot' after first phase of the elections and it will remain behind claims it makes. "I have been to many districts of the state. I have gone to many states in the entire country. Everywhere I see a need for change among the people. There is uneasiness, and undercurrent for change and because of this, BJP will remain far behind the claims it makes," Pilot told reporters in Tonk in response to low turnout in the first phase of LS Poll in Rajasthan. He further said, "Looking at the feedback received after



Sachin Pilot and Prahlad Gunjal in Talera, Bundi on Wednesday.

the first phase of voting, seeing the speeches of BJP leaders, I feel that somewhere the BJP is on the backfoot today. The public is not satisfied and I feel that this election is an election of change." He claimed that not only in Rajasthan but all over India, wherever INDIA alliance is contesting elections, its candidates have an edge. He said that in second phase on April 26, the performance of the Congress party will be much better than before.

Sahasrabuddhe corners Sam Pitroda on inheritance tax remark

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, the election in-charge for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), held a press conference at the BJP state headquarters. He stated that the chairman of the Congress' Overseas Body, Sam Pitroda, while represent-



Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Pramod Vashistha, OS Lakawat, & Ram Kumar Verma in a press conference in Jaipur on Wednesday.

ing inheritance tax cases, suggested making India like America. Pitroda proposed that upon the death of any member of a household, a certain percentage of their wealth should be given to their heirs, while the remaining should be accumulated by the govt. This statement by Sam Pitroda

sheds light on the Congress leaders' mindset. Sahasrabuddhe said that meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi, who previously advocated for wealth redistribution, has left voters apprehensive. People question the irony of earning wealth through hard work only to talk about redistributing it.

In Banswara, Cong campaigns against own candidate due to tie-up with BAP



PTI Banswara

A peculiar poll battle is on the cards in tribal-dominated Banswara-Dungarpur Lok Sabha constituency where the Congress is appealing to the people not to vote for its candidate. The reason: After much flip-flop, the Congress decided to support BAP candidate Rajkumar Roat - a day before the last date of withdrawal of nominations - despite fielding its own candidate Arvind Damor. In accordance with the party's announcement to support the BAP, Damor was supposed to withdraw his nomination papers but he was nowhere to be seen till last date of withdrawal of nominations was over.

There will be no tampering with reservations, says Chaturvedi

Shubham Jain
Ajmer

On the final day of campaigning for the second phase of Lok Sabha elections, the BJP's former state prez Arun Chaturvedi and former state minister Anita Bhadel held a press conference in Ajmer. Both BJP leaders took a strong aim at the Congress, asserting their party's stance. Chaturvedi emphasized that if BJP comes to power, there will be no tampering with reservations for SC,



Arun Chaturvedi & Anita Bhadel in a PC in Ajmer on Wednesday.

ST, & OBCs. Meanwhile, Bhadel criticized the Cong for merely talking about women's reservation without taking any concrete steps, unlike the Modi govt, which has provided reservation.

Kangana Ranaut leads BJP roadshows in Jaisalmer, Barmer for Kailash Choudhary

First India Bureau
Jaisalmer

BJP's star campaigner and Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut held a roadshow in Jaisalmer & Barmer on Wednesday. Kangana did a 40-minute road show in Jaisalmer in support of BJP candidate Kailash Choudhary. In Jaisalmer, the roadshow started from Hanuman chauraha and completed at Gadsisar chauraha. During this, she cut cake having the lotus symbol.



Kangana Ranaut, Kailash Choudhary in roadshow on Wednesday.

After the roadshow in Jaisalmer, she reached Barmer and held a road show from Vivekananda Circle to Gandhi Chowk. During the road show,

Kangana showered flowers on people and kept chanting Jai Shri Ram. Kailash Choudhary also accompanied Kangana in the roadshow.

SDM pacifies villagers planning to boycott polls

First India Bureau
Jhalawar

Action has been taken in response to the boycott of elections in two villages of the subdivision of Khanpur by admin. SDM Shyamsunder Chetiwal visited Barera village & held discussions with the agitated villagers and heard their grievances. SDM assured the villagers whose habitations are coming under the partially submerged area of Parvan region in Barera. Upon the assurance of the SDM, villagers pledged to participate in voting.

First voting, then wedding, Raje appeals to voters

First India Bureau
Jhalawar

Former CM Vasundhara Raje on Wednesday said that her entire focus will be on promoting agrobased industries in Jhalawar-Baran region. Campaigning for her son and sitting MP Dushyant Singh, she said that she has a 35-year long association with the people of Jhalawar and she has done what the people have wanted. Raje was speaking at a party workers meeting in Ratlai. She said that on April 26, there is polling



Vasundhara Raje campaigning in Ratlai on Wednesday.

as well as a large number of wedding functions. She asked people to first go for polling and then attend the wedding functions. The former CM said that BJP believes in giving while Congress believes in taking.



Gunjal calls off his dharna after SP intervenes

Congress candidate from Kota-Bundi for Lok Sabha Elections, Prahlad Gunjal's protest outside the SP office came to end in the wee hours at about 2:30 AM on Wednesday. Prahlad Gunjal had accused the police of arbitrarily arresting supporters and Congress workers. The solution came when City SP Amrita Duhan arrived at the protest site at 2 AM & after assurances and explanations, Gunjal called off the protest.



BJP files complaint against MLA Arjun Bamaniya for attacking PM Modi

BJP has filed a complaint against Banswara MLA Arjun Bamaniya, who was alleging the false accusations against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM's remarks branding tribal youth as Naxals has been termed as damaging and a false statement by BJP. Complaint has been sent to Chief Election Commissioner in Delhi and to the Chief Electoral Officer BJP member of Lok Sabha Management Committee Yogendra Tanwar filed the complaint who has demanded necessary action in this serious matter.

Chandra Shekhar Azad in Jodhpur



Chandra Shekhar Azad actively supporting candidates of Azad Samaj Party, Anandpal Chauhan from Jodhpur, and Prabhuram Goyal from Barmer Lok Sabha seat during their campaigns in Jodhpur on Wednesday.

Chief of the Bhim Army Chandra Shekhar Azad reached Jodhpur on Wednesday from New Delhi for promotion of Azad Samaj Party in Lok Sabha Polls. He was accorded a warm welcome by the workers of Azad Samaj party in Jodhpur. Chandra Shekhar campaigned for the party candidates in Barmer and Jodhpur Lok Sabha Constituencies. Azad also interacted with the media during his tour to the state.

Robbery & extortion threats shake Jaipur



Satyanarayan Sharma
Jaipur

Miscreants in Jaipur targeted the Kesari Bhawan building, which is located in front of Deer Park in the C- Scheme. Two women working in the office were shown a pistol and robbed Rs 15 lakh. The CCTV cameras installed on the scene were checked. According to the information, two miscreants arrived on a bike at 5.30 p.m. Both miscreants displayed the pistol to two women present in the office. The miscreants threatened both women, stating that if they made any disturbance, they would be shot. The miscreants completed the entire incident in 15 minutes. At the same moment, a city blockade was implemented. Police is on the lookout for the absconding accused.

Gangster Rohit Godara has demanded extortion from a businessman in Jaipur. He threatened to kill him over a WhatsApp call and demanded

37 lakh rupees. Additionally, a murderer incarcerated in Ajmer Jail also threatened the businessman over the phone. The victimized businessman filed an FIR at Vaishali Nagar police station on the night of April 14. Subsequently, the police arrested one suspect in the case and sent him to jail on Monday. SHO Ravindra Singh Naruka of Vaishali Nagar is investigating the matter.

The police revealed that a resident of Jhotwara, a 35-year-old businessman, filed the report. His company's office is located in Vaishali Nagar. On February 29, around 10:45 in the morning, he received a call from an international number.

The caller identified himself as Rohit Godara and claimed that the businessman owed money to one Dalip Singh. Since Dalip is associated with them, the caller demanded 37 lakh rupees within three days for the businessman to stay alive. He threatened to harm the businessman if he failed to comply, mentioning that he would visit the office in Vaishali Nagar otherwise.



Police reached the spot in C-scheme after receiving information on Wednesday. © SANTOSH SHARMA

AXE ATTACK ON MAN AT RELIGIOUS EVENT

A man named Banwari Lal Meena, was attacked with an axe at Kapren, Bundi. The man is reportedly in severe condition after being admitted to a private hospital. Reportedly, Tejmal Gurjar attacked Banwari over previous animosity, a video of the incident went viral on social media. Police is on the lookout for the absconding accused.



MAN CAUGHT ON BORDER 2ND TIME

A suspicious person was apprehended by the BSF close to Indo-Pak border. Ten months prior, the same man was apprehended in same location. He was then brought home to Chhattisgarh by the police. Ravidas, who was arrested, is being questioned by the Border Security Force. The Border Security Force apprehended him wandering in the Ghotaru region, close to the border between India and Pakistan, late on Tuesday night. The man is reportedly mentally disturbed and was caught at the same place 10 months ago.

DUMMY CANDIDATE FOUND IN PTI EXAM

It has been revealed that sham candidates were fielded for the RPSC Senior PTI Exam. By using his own photo in place of someone else's, the candidate completed the exam. Following this, in the late hours of April 23, the RPSC filed a case at the Clock Tower police station. ASP has received the case. Ankush Arora, a Section Officer for the Commission, has reported that one Dhannaram is the accused in the case. On April 30, the RPSC held the Senior PTI Competitive Examination-2022 for a total of 461 vacancies.

JAIPUR POLICE SOLVES ₹71 LAKH LOOT CASE, ALL ACCUSED NABBED WITHIN A DAY OF THE CRIME

In Jaipur, the police have arrested three people who helped in a robbery case where a Gram Vikas Adhikari (BDO) was looted of 71 lakh rupees in broad daylight. Additionally, Rs 48.90 lakh 90 and car used in robbery have been seized. DCP South Digant Anand stated that Devendra Jangid from Sikar was robbed of 71 lakh rupees yesterday. After the incident, 8 teams were formed. It was found out that the car belonged to Gopal Jat from Mungathala. At midnight, the police received information that Jat was heading towards Jaipur and was caught. He was arrested by the police for involvement in the crime. Separate teams were sent to catch suspects Badri and Sanjay. The police surrounded and caught Sanjay. Badri Narayan was also arrested after that.



JODHPUR ACB NABS PATWARI AND E-MITRA DIRECTOR FOR DEMANDING RS 10,000 BRIBE

Patwari Sonia, Patwari Mandal, Tehsil Tinwari, and Vijayveer Singh, E-Mitra Director, have all been arrested by the Jodhpur Rural Unit of the ACB on orders from the headquarters for accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 from the complainant. ADGP Hemant Priyadarshi of ACB The Jodhpur Rural Unit complainant filed a complaint alleging that the accused is intimidating them by requesting a bribe of Rs 12,000 in exchange for registering the mutation, clearing the name, and releasing the residence. After a trap was set up, the complainant was apprehended without cause for bribing Vijayveer Singh of E-Mitra with ten thousand rupees. In accordance with the Prevention of Corruption Act, ACB will file a case and carry out more research.

Sharma on action mode for 3rd day, now surprise inspection of Jal Bhawan



PHED Secretary Dr. Samit Sharma inspecting the documents at Jal Bhawan in Jaipur on Wednesday.

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Dr. Samit Sharma, the Secretary of Department of Public Health and Engineering, conducted an inspection of Jal Bhawan on Wednesday.

His sudden inspection this morning sent ripples through the department, causing a stir among officials. During the visit, the Secretary toured the chambers of all chief engineers and additional chief engineers, alongside other officials, where he was

greeted by senior officers.

However, upon his arrival at the administrative section, Dr. Sharma found four employees absent. Upon scrutiny of the attendance register, their names neither reflected their presence nor marked them absent.

Inquiring with the concerned HOD, if these employees were on leave, the HOD informed him that they were not on leave. Subsequently, the Secretary directed the issuance of notices to all absent employees.

Customer entitled to obtain a refund for unpaid goods or services: HC

Vimal Kothari
Jaipur

The Jaipur Bench of the Rajasthan High Court has held that the customer is entitled to obtain a refund for unpaid goods or services. After hearing a petition filed by Maple Luxury Homes in Bapu Nagar, Jaipur, the High Court has said that before rejecting any refund, it is necessary to give satisfactory reasons so that the taxpayer can complain to the concerned authorities.

Advocate Ravi Gupta, on behalf of the petitioner, told the court that the applicant for a flat being constructed by the firm had deposited the GST amount along with the payment of various installments. When the booking was canceled by the builder firm in the department after the death of the applicant of the flat, the department issued a show cause notice to the flat builder.

Guv Inaugurates Shobhayatra



Governor Shri Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the Shobhayatra of Lord Hanuman from Ramlila Maidan on the second day of Hanuman Janamotsav festivities. The Governor, while performing the puja to commence the Shobhayatra, expressed his wishes for the well-being and prosperity of the people of the state to Lord Hanuman.

Woman jumps to her death in Banas river

First India Bureau
Ajmer

A woman drowned herself by plunging into the Banas River culvert in Napa Kheda, near the Sawar police station. The deceased woman's identity is still unknown. Farmers and boatmen in

the area attempted to save the woman but were unable to do so after many efforts. After removing the woman's deceased body from the water, the boatmen carried her to the land.

According to Suman Chaudhary, the in-charge of the Sawar police station,

the deceased woman appears to be in her 40s. The Banas River culverts in Negadiya and Napa Kheda are increasingly being used as suicide spots. It is to be noted that about a dozen men and women have jumped into the river to end their lives thus far.

9 lives lost in separate accidents across State



First India Bureau
Nagaur

In a shocking incident, five people of the same family, including three children, died in an accident and seven others were injured when a scorio car hit a dumper in Nagaur. The accident occurred at Kisan Tiraha in Harsaur of Degana at 2 pm on Wednesday. According to the information, three children, a woman and a youth traveling in the car have died.

In another incident, an accident occurred near Bherunda on Ajmer-Nagaur highway as a truck collided with a bolero as a result of which one child died in the accident and 9 others were seriously injured.

Third accident in the day occurred on Banswara-Bhungra road

ROOF COLLAPSES IN JPR, SIX WORKERS INJURED

Illegal construction is taking place on the Jaipur boundary wall, contrary to the rules. On Wednesday, the roof of an under-construction house on Ghosi Road fell. Six laborers were hurt in the disaster when they were buried under debris. The Ramganj police station and civil defense squad arrived at the scene and removed the laborers, who were sent to the hospital for treatment. This unlawful building was taking place near the home of Councilor Kusum Yadav. Following the collection of statements from the wounded workers, a complaint will be filed against the landlord and contractor.

when an unknown vehicle hit a bike as a result of which a man died in the accident and two girls were seriously injured.

At Shahpura of Bhilwara, two people died in a car-bike collision on the Jahazpur-Kachola road after which the car driver fled leaving the car on the spot.

DOP CREATES 'HISTORY' IN FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Only one Secy handles Revenue, Expenditure & Budget in the dept!

Rajendra Chhabra
Jaipur

A new history has been created in the Finance department as it is for the first time that the responsibilities of all three Secretaries - Revenue, Expenditure and Budget - are on the shoulders of one IAS - 2006 batch officer Naresh Kumar Thakral.

Since Secretary (Revenue) KK Pathak has left for election-related duty, the additional charge of his post has been given

to Thakral by DoP whereas he already has the charge of Secretary (Budget).

Thakral was posted as Secretary (Expenditure) in January 2022, but when in August 2023 Secretary (Budget) - Rohit Gupta - left for study leave, the additional charge of this post was given to Thakral and for the past eight months, Thakral has been working on two posts. And now on April 23, DoP has handed him a third responsibility.

Administrative ex-



Naresh Kumar Thakral

perts reveal that under an ACS or Principal Secretary in the Finance department, three Secretaries handle three separate departments.

The work related to all three posts is extremely important and is considered a full-time job, especially the work of the Secretary (Revenue) who has to look after the departments like Commercial Taxes, Excise, Stamps and Registration and Audit & Accounts. Hence, only in exceptional situations has the additional charge been handed of this post to some other IAS.

But this time, the DoP has created a new history, although administrative experts have termed

it impractical and illogical. It is worth noting that Pathak will return after 25 days and till that time Thakral will have to handle the gargantuan load of three major posts whereas just two months later in July, Thakral is set to retire.

It is also worth noting that senior IAS of the 2000 batch - Debashish Prusty - has returned after a four-year-long foreign stint and has been on APO for the past twelve days.

He left in October 2019 for the Indian Em-

bassy in Brussels where he served as Deputy Chief of Mission.

Before this, he served as private secretary to MoS (Expenditure & Financial Services) in the Union Finance Ministry from August 2009 to May 2014.

This means that he has proper experience in finance-related matters and the department itself. Thus word in the bureaucratic circle is that he could have been given the responsibility in the Finance department or DoP.

Elephant 'Malti' sent to Vantara sanctuary

PTI
Jaipur

Following a recommendation by a High-Powered Committee (HPC) of Supreme Court, an elephant has been transferred from Jaipur's Amber to Vantara elephant sanctuary in Jamnagar, Gujarat due to deteriorating physical and mental health.

The recommendation was based on an independent veterinary expert assessment commissioned by the HPC as a result of a complaint filed by People for the Ethical Treat-



ment of Animals (PETA) India citing the elephant's deteriorating physical and mental health.

The decision to transfer Malti was supported by an opinion signed by 120 veterinarians confirming reports that the elephant "exhibited behaviour such as repetitively swaying and bobbing her head", a statement by PETA said.

'MODI HAI TO MUMKIN HAI...' UNTOLD STORIES OF PM MODI – PART 81

THE MODI COVENANT

A Promise of Empathy

The narrators shed light on PM Modi's nurturing and affectionate demeanour, revealing innate humanity within him. Regardless of his position, PM's grounded nature shines through, with myriad other qualities he possesses and lots more...



PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

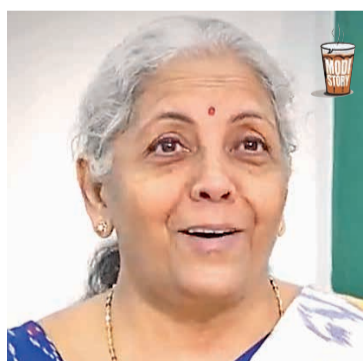
The human side of PM Modi

That was my first budget speech as finance minister. It was a two-and-a-half hour budget speech and I had no idea beforehand that it would be so long. I hadn't had water before coming and during the session also I didn't drink and as a result after sometime I was dehydrated.

People seated around me were wondering what was wrong with me and slowly I had to sit down without being able to read out the full budget piece. Four or five paragraphs were left to be finished when I urged the honourable speaker to consider it as read as I was unable to continue any further.

I hadn't yet reached home when there was a call from Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself. He asked me, what have you done? Please take care of yourself, and then he kept the phone down. In a short time, he sent his personal doctor to take care of me. He told him, conduct all the necessary tests, check her up and ensure that she is alright.

And after that day, even today, he periodically asks about my well being and reminds me to take proper care of myself. He doesn't



Nirmala Sitharaman
Union Finance Minister

have to. There are so many ministers who could do this. If you are going to take care of yourself you are going to serve, or else I am sorry. It is as simple as that. But no. The PM will make sure that you take care of yourself.

So, that care, that tenderness in him... He is seen as a tough, big and serious leader, but he has got that human element in his heart. That's what I want to highlight.



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How artist Chhagan Jadhav got global recognition due to Modi

An artist named Chhaganlal Jadhav, who belonged to the scheduled caste and was associated with Mahatma Gandhi from the age of 12, had drawn live images of the Mahatma during his historic Dandi march. He drew pencil sketches of Gandhi ji at six different spots during his journey apart from other incidents of those days. Thus it became a pictorial document of the march as well as events surrounding Mahatma Gandhi.

When Acharya Swami ji presented the coffee table book to PM Modi in 2018, he immediately recognised

Chhaganlal Jadhav's work and cried in excitement, oh this is the drawing of Chhaganlal Jadhav. He then decided to hold an exhibition of the works of the artist. This was a unique pictorial document of the independence struggle which had no parallel in the country.

In the National Gallery of Modern Art in Delhi, the largest of its



Dr Rizwan Kadri
Historian

kind, the exhibition was put up that continued for around eight months. The artist of Ahmedabad from the SC community made the pictorial documentation from 1930-1948 and it was revealed to the world for the first time due to the innovation and effort of Narendra Modi.

On March 12, 2021, at Abhay Ghat, Sabarmati, near Ahmedabad's Bapu Ashram, when the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was to be held, on the PM's directions the paintings and drawings were exhibited again. Chhaganlal Jadhav soon got global recognition due to these steps.

The leader who cares...

During the time of the Covid pandemic, I used to get calls all through the day to perform the final rites. Everyone wanted to get it done early. My crematorium at Seemapuri started receiving dead bodies. I didn't go home for around 21 days.

I lived on the fourth floor and residents of my building objected that I was at the crematorium the whole day and I would thus be carrying the infection back home, which could lead to its spread. One night, while performing the final rites around 2:30 AM, my driver told me that there was a call for me from the PMO. My hands were full at that time so I asked him to hold the phone close to my ear.

On the other side of the phone, there was a voice that told me, Shunty ji, I have been watching you on television for a long time. The whole country is with you. Keep on with the service you are doing. Take care of the unidentified abandoned bodies..I thanked him and when I asked who I was speaking to, the voice on the other side said, I am Narendra



Jitender Singh Shunty
Former MLA and social worker, Delhi

Modi speaking!

The Prime Minister of the country, calling up a common man like me at the dead of night to motivate and thank me for my service, shows how meticulous he is and how he worries about the whole nation. I have shared this on several platforms. For me, I got to learn that irrespective of the position one achieves, one must always be down to earth. This is a great learning of life I realised after Modi ji's call that night.

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In C'garh PM slams Oppn, saying "vote hungry" party wants religion-based reservations

Congress wants to implement quota on basis of religion: PM



PM Narendra Modi with Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav during a public meeting for LS elections, in Sagar, Wednesday.

PM: RELIGION-BASED QUOTA IN KARNATAKA

Sagar : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused Congress of reducing the quota for the OBCs in Karnataka by putting Muslims castes in the same category. "Once again, Congress has given reservation on the basis of religion in Karnataka through backdoor by putting all Muslim castes along with the OBCs. By doing so, it has snatched a big chunk of reservation from the OBC community. Congress indulged in this dangerous game which will destroy your (future) generations," he said.

Terrorism protected in Kerala during Cong, Left rule: Shah



Union Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Alappuzha, Wednesday.

First India Bureau

Alappuzha (Kerala),

CONGRESS KEPT RAM TEMPLE ISSUE PENDING FOR 70 YEARS, WHILE PM MODI SOLVED IT: AMIT SHAH

Amravati: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said if people vote for the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections, their votes will go to the patriots, who want to establish a 'Ram Rajya' in the country and not to the anti-nationals, who want dynastic politics to thrive. He also hit out at the Congress, saying it kept the Ram Janmabhoomi issue pending for 70 years, while PM Narendra Modi solved it soon after coming to power and built a Ram temple in Ayodhya. Shah was addressing a public meeting at Amravati to campaign for BJP's Amravati Lok Sabha seat candidate Navneet Rana and Wardha candidate Ramdas Tadas. Urging people to vote for the BJP, Shah said, "Your vote will go in favour of patriots and not anti-nationals. It will be in favour of those who want to establish a Ram Rajya and against those who indulge in dynastic politics. Every vote in favour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will go towards exterminating terrorism and Naxalism in the country and making India the third largest economy in the world."

Party of India -- a political outfit backed by Jamaat-e-Islami Hind -- while the Left has the backing of the Peoples Democratic Party which is led by Abdul Nazer Mahdani -- an accused in the 2008 Bengaluru serial blasts case. has openly proclaimed its support for the Congress-led UDF in Kerala and the LDF was silent on the ban on PFI, the senior BJP leader alleged. Shah further claimed that the Congress also enjoys the support of the Welfare

Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday attacked the Congress and the ruling Left in Kerala, accusing them of protecting terrorism in the state and taking the support of a banned organisation, Popular Front of India, to win in the LS polls.

Shah alleged that during the rule of the CPI(M)-led LDF and the Congress-led UDF in Kerala over the years, terrorism was protected in the state. He further alleged that to garner favour from minority vote-banks in the state, both the Left and the Congress worked to support the PFI.

Presently, the Social Democratic Party of India, political wing of PFI,

"Today when I have come to Surguja, I want to present the Muslim League thinking of the Congress in front of the country. When their manifesto was released, on the same day I had said, and saying today also that the Congress manifesto has the imprint of Muslim League," Modi said.

When the Constitution was being drafted, it was decided under the leadership of Babasaheb Ambedkar that there would be no reservation on the basis of religion in India, he said.

"If there will be reservation then it will be for by Dalit brothers and sisters and tribal brothers and sisters," he said.

In the present manifesto, the grand old party again hinted at reservations for religious minorities in government jobs, which if implemented, may also include the Armed Forces. This is an idea that affects the unity of the country. Would this not be a very frightening situation for this country? The Sachar Committee which was formed during the tenure of the Congress government, gave its report in 2006 suggesting that the Indian Army should be counted on the basis of religion. For the first time in the history of independent India, it was seen that an attempt was made to divide the military forces on the basis of religion. My concern is whatever the Congress has said in its manifesto in the name of 'minority welfare' is influenced by the report of the Sachar Committee. The previous Congress government made four futile attempts to implement 'Muslim reservation' in Andhra Pradesh (before division).

RAJNATH SINGH, DEFENCE MINISTER

Congress will conduct a survey of people's properties and then distribute it. They are making the caste census its basis. The Congress has expressed such an intention in its manifesto. Congress's intention has always been to gain power by any means. They want power at the expense of the country.

YOGI ADITYANATH, UTTAR PRADESH CM

It is our good fortune that PM Modi is coming to Madhya Pradesh once again and I welcome him on behalf of the 8.5 crore people of the state. I am grateful to him for the way he has worked for the development of Madhya Pradesh. Today he will begin the election campaign from Sagar and then in Harda.

MOHAN YADAV, MP CHIEF MINISTER

First India Bureau
Sagar (MP)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at the Congress, saying the "vote bank hungry" party wanted to implement reservation on the basis of religion.

Addressing a poll rally in Ambikapur, PM Modi also said the Congress wanted to impose inheritance tax in the country and snatch the rights of people's children.

Some forces want a "weak" government of the Congress and "INDI" alliance in the country as they thought that if India becomes 'atmanirbhar' (self-reliant), their shops will be shut, he said.

INDIA bloc parties 'arrogant', their leaders are in jail or on bail: Nadda

PTI

Bhagalpur/Khagaria

Calling the opposition INDIA bloc a group of "Ghamandia" (arrogant) parties, BJP president J P Nadda on Wednesday claimed that majority of the leaders of those "corrupt" parties are either in jail or out in bail. Nadda also said that constituents of that anti-BJP coalition are of dynastic parties.

"The INDI Alliance is ghamandiya gathbandhan (group of arrogant parties) and all leaders in it only want to work for the betterment of their families. They shelter corrupt politicians and practise dynastic politics. Majority of the leaders are in jail or on bail," he said.



BJP President JP Nadda with Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary being garlanded during a public meeting in Khagaria.

'INDIA ALLIANCE WILL MAKE CRORES OF LAKHPATIS'

Amravati: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday claimed the Mahatma scheme and his party's promise of the right to apprenticeship, both aimed to uplift the poor women and youth, will change the face of the country by creating crores of "lakhpatis". Gandhi also said no force in the world can change the Constitution of India. The Congress, which is a part of the opposition INDIA alliance, has listed the Mahatma scheme and the right to apprenticeship among its various promises made in its manifesto for the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. Gandhi claimed that 10 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule saw 22-25 persons becoming "arabpatis" (billionaires), while the INDIA alliance, if voted to power, will create crores of "lakhpatis".

Former Union Minister set to take on Shatrughan Sinha in Asansol Lok Sabha seat SS Ahluwalia files nomination as BJP candidate

First India Bureau
Paschim Bardhaman (WB)

Former Union Minister Surendrajeet Singh Ahluwalia on Wednesday filed his nomination as the BJP candidate for West Bengal's Asansol Lok Sabha constituency. Ahluwalia's name was among the nine in the

tenth Lok Sabha candidates list announced by the BJP.

Earlier, the party had fielded Pawan Singh from Asansol, but he subsequently withdrew his candidature without specifying any reason and is set to contest the polls as an independent candidate from Bihar's Karakat.



BJP LEADER BOORA NARSAIAH FILES NOMINATION

Bhuvanagiri: BJP's candidate from the Bhuvanagiri Lok Sabha seat, Boora Narsaiah Goud filed his nomination for LS elections. EAM S Jaishankar also accompanied Goud and participated in the election rally in support of him in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Tuesday.

OTHER MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF LOK SABHA POLLS

- BJP candidate from Etawah and sitting MP, Ram Shankar Katheria, has landed in an uncomfortable situation. His wife Mridula Katheria has also filed her nomination papers against her husband as an Independent candidate.
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday asked why the Lok Sabha polls are being conducted in seven phases amid severe heatwave across the country and alleged that the schedule for the general elections was designed to "satisfy the BJP".
- WB Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh on Wednesday filed their nomination papers for their respective Lok Sabha seats of Baharampur and Bardhaman-Durgapur.
- The EC said on Wednesday that it had made elaborate arrangements for Karnataka's first phase polling on April 26. 1.40 lakh officials, 5,000 micro observers, 50,000 police personnel, and 65 companies of para-military forces and reserves from other states will be deployed.

HYD'S BJP NOMINEE FILES NOMINATION WITH FROM CHARMINAR

Hyderabad: BJP's Hyderabad Lok Sabha candidate

K. Madhavi Latha filed her nomination after leading a rally from Charminar on Wednesday. She along with her supporters offered prayers at Bhagya Lakshmi temple abutting the historic monument before leaving for Hyderabad district collectorate to file her nomination. Hundreds of BJP supporters, holding party flags and raising slogans, participated in the rally which passed through Gulzar Houz, Pathergatti, Madina, Naya Pul and Afzal Gunj. Madhavi Latha participated in the rituals at the temple and also blew the conch.

ANURAG THAKUR SLAMS THE GRAND OLD PARTY

"Cong never thought beyond Gandhi family"

PTI

Hyderabad

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday came out all guns blazing against the Congress party. He alleged that the grand old party has never thought beyond one family (Gandhi family).

Sharpening his attack, he said that for Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra only her family is important. The union minister also did not miss a chance to praise Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Union Minister & BJP leader Anurag Thakur with party candidate Madhavi Latha during a rally in Hyderabad, Wednesday.

"For Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the entire country is his family. However, for Priyanka Gandhi only her mother,

father, and grandmother are her family," said Thakur while addressing a press conference. He said that during the

Sharpening his attack, the Union Minister said that for Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra only her family is important.

last 10 years, India has witnessed Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

"Tell me one single incident where based on religion, caste, or region, discrimination is done with anyone," the minister stressed.

While replying to a question on Sanatan

Dharma, Thakur alleged that the opposition wants to destroy "Sanatan Dharma".

"Mughals, Britishers came and went... Sanatan Dharma was, is, and will remain," the minister said. It is pertinent to mention here that the Lok Sabha Election 2024 is going on, and as a result of polls, the political environment in the country has charged up with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress party escalating political attacks and counterattacks on each other.

BJP uses money, media for smear campaign against Rahul: Priyanka

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Wayanad

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday alleged that the BJP used money and media to carry out a campaign against her brother Rahul Gandhi to vilify him.

Intensely campaigning for Rahul in the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat where he is seeking re-election in the April 26 polls, she said the former Congress chief reacted to such "worst kind of abuse" with "grace and dignity and forgiveness and humility."



Cong leader Priyanka Gandhi during a roadshow in Wayanad on Wednesday.

"PM MODI AFRAID OF INVISIBLE VOTERS"

Thiruvananthapuram: With the second phase of Lok Sabha elections just a day away, the Congress alleged on Wednesday PM Narendra Modi was "frustrated" and "afraid of invisible voters" who support the grand old party and accused him of using communal polarisation to secure votes. AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge hit out at Modi and asked him if the BJP had such great confidence about their victory in the LS polls and the Congress is nothing, why is the Prime Minister bothered about them.

IN BRIEF

Minor tribal girl raped, murdered in Gondia; hunt on to nab culprit
Maharashtra: A 12-year-old tribal girl has been allegedly raped and murdered in Maharashtra's Gondia district, police said on Wednesday. The incident took place on April 19, they said, adding that efforts were on to nab the unidentified culprit.

Delhi court grants time to Kejriwal to file response in case
New Delhi: A Delhi court on Wednesday granted time to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to file response to the replies filed by the ED on his two petitions seeking revision against an order on allegedly evading the agency's summonses in the excise policy case.



Man kills daughter & wife over dispute
Akola: A 33-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly hacking to death his wife and nine-year-old daughter in Akola city of Maharashtra on Wednesday over a family dispute, police said. He was arrested on the charge of IPC.

Chhattisgarh probe agency arrests 2 in Mahadev betting case
Raipur: Chhattisgarh's ACB/EOW on Wednesday said it has arrested two persons in connection with the alleged illegal operations of the Mahadev online gaming and betting application that purportedly involved senior politicians and bureaucrats from the state.

Bengal govt goes to SC against school jobs scam order
New Delhi: The West Bengal Govt on Wednesday moved the SC against the Calcutta HC decision that declared the entire panel of 2016 School Service Commission teachers' recruitment null and void, cancelling all appointments of teachers and non-teaching staff.

Tamil Nadu: 5 Indian fishermen repatriated from Sri Lanka
Chennai: In an official post on X, the Indian embassy in Sri Lanka said, "Five Indian fishermen have been safely repatriated from Sri Lanka and will reach India later this evening." There have been recurring incidents of arrests of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy.

Weather Watch! A red alert about severe heatwave has been issued in WB

Severe heatwave grips East, South; rainfall alerts in North

First India Bureau
 New Delhi

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted severe heatwave conditions to continue over East and South Peninsular India for five days. A red alert over a severe heatwave has been issued in West Bengal until April 26. An orange alert over the heatwave has been issued for Odisha, Bihar, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Interior Karnataka, and Rayalaseema until April 28.

The weather department has issued a yellow alert for heatwave in Jharkhand, Telangana, Coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Konkan till April 28.

The IMD predicted a rise of 2-3°C in maximum temperatures over central and East India during the next 4-5 days.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Heatwave to severe heatwave conditions may prevail in some places over coastal Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, and Interior Karnataka during the next five days.
- Heatwave conditions to prevail in Bihar, Jharkhand, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Telangana, and Rayalaseema during the next five days

People try to protect themselves from scorching sun on a hot summer day, in Mumbai.

IN TRIPURA SCHOOLS CLOSED TILL APRIL 27

Agartala: With Tripura reeling under heatwave conditions, the govt ordered that all schools in the state will remain closed from April 24 to 27, an official said on Wednesday. An IMD bulletin said the state recorded 37 degrees Celsius which is around 3 degrees Celsius more than the normal level on Wednesday. "It has been decided that all the schools - government, government aided and private will remain closed from April 24 to 27", said Additional Secretary in Education (School) Department, N C Sharma.

LEH-MANALI NH REOPENS FOR TRAFFIC AFTER 5 MONTHS

Leh: The Border Roads Organisation has reopened the 428-km Leh-Manali National Highway for vehicular traffic after the arterial road remained closed for nearly five months due to heavy snowfall during winter, officials said on Wednesday. The highway, an alternate route connecting the Union Territory of Ladakh with the rest of the country through Himachal Pradesh, was closed in November with the onset of winter and snow accumulation. A Leh-based defence spokesperson said the road was opened for vehicular traffic by the BRO after the completion of the snow clearance operation. "The entire snow clearance operation was executed by 111 Road Construction Company (RCC) and 753 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) under Project HIMANK of BRO, in Ladakh region.

Ramdev, Patanjali publish new and 'bigger' apology

UNCONDITIONAL PUBLIC APOLOGY
 In wake of an ongoing matter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (Writ Petition C. No. 645/2022), we on our individual capacity as well as on behalf of the Company, unconditionally apologise for the non-compliance or disobedience of directions/orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.



The apology published in newspapers on Wednesday.

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 New Delhi

Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna on Wednesday got a fresh apology published in leading newspapers for misleading advertisements of Patanjali's medicinal products. This time, the apology was bigger in size after the SC pulled up the duo for not "prominently" displaying it previously.

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apologise for the non-compliance or disobedience of directions/orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India," it read.

In the advertisement, Ramdev and Balkrishna said they "unconditionally apologise" in their individual capacity as well as on behalf of Patanjali Ayurved for "the non-compliance or disobedience of directions/orders of the Supreme Court of India".

"We earnestly apologise for the mistake made in publishing our advertisements and it is our whole-hearted commitment that such errors will not be repeated," the apology stated.

Patra Chawl redevelopment case

ED attaches assets worth ₹73.62 crore of Raut's close aide



ANI
 New Delhi

The ED attached immovable properties worth Rs 73.62 crore in the Patra Chawl redevelopment case belonging to Pravin Raut, an alleged close associate of Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut, the agency said on Wednesday.

ED's Mumbai branch attached these properties under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002.

The attached properties consist of several land parcels of accused Pravin Raut, the close associate of Sanjay Raut, in and around Palghar, Dapoli, Raigad and

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Thane areas in Mumbai. This case is related to irregularities in the redevelopment of the Patra Chawl Project in Mumbai's Goregaon carried out by Guru Ashish Construction Pvt Ltd (GACPL). The ED initiated an investigation based on the FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Mumbai under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 against GACPL, Rakesh Kumar Wadhwan, Sarang Kumar Wadhwan, and others, based on a complaint filed by the Executive Engineer, MHADA, Mumbai and Koubru Leikha areas around December 11, 2020.

67 detained over Rajouri civilian killing

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 Jammu

As many as 67 suspected people were detained for questioning in connection with the killing of a civilian by two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists in a village in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Wednesday. During investiga-

tions, credible evidence was obtained and the police identified one of the two terrorists involved in committing this act as a foreign terrorist with code name Abu Hamza, the officials said.

Police further released the pictures of Hamza and announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on him, they said.

A case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Thanamandi. Till now, 67 suspected persons have been detained for questioning post this incident, police said in a statement.

Mohammad Razaq (40) was killed on Monday in the Kunda Top village of the Thanamandi area. Razaq

worked in the govt's Social Welfare department while his brother Mohammad Tahir Choudhary is a soldier in the Territorial Army, who escaped unhurt.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Anand Jain, on Tuesday, visited Rajouri to oversee and reinforce security measures in the border district.

Technology new strategic arena of competition, says Army Chief

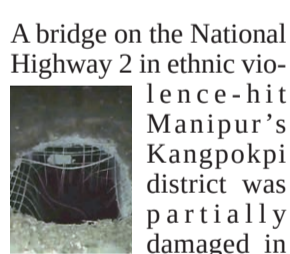


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 New Delhi

Evolution of technology has impacted warfare but technological advantage may just be reduced to a tactical level when it is taken away from the larger strategic context and regarded as the "sole driver" of success in a war, **Army Chief General Manoj Pande** said on Wednesday. He also said technologies are emerging in new uncharted domains, & "revolutionising & establishing a 'new normal' in different fields". He said technology has also emerged as the "new strategic arena of competition, driving geo-political powerplays and is being leveraged for weaponisation of domains, ranging from information to supply chains".

IED explosion damages bridge in Manipur

PTI
 Imphal



A bridge on the National Highway 2 in ethnic violence-hit Manipur's Kangpokpi district was partially damaged in an IED explosion early on Wednesday, disrupting traffic movement in the area, police said. The blast occurred on the bridge between Sapermeina and Koubru Leikha areas around 12.45 am, an officer said.

RBI bars Kotak Mahindra Bank from onboarding new customers online

Agencies
 New Delhi



The RBI on Wednesday directed Kotak Mahindra Bank to stop onboarding of new customers through its online and mobile banking channels and also barred it from issuing fresh credit cards, with an immediate effect.

The RBI said the bank was found to be deficient in its IT Risk and Information Security Governance for the years 2022 and 2023.

These actions were based on significant concerns arising out of the

RBI's IT examination of the bank for 2022 and 2023 and the continued failure on part of the bank to address these concerns in a comprehensive and timely manner, the RBI said in a release.

The regulator said the bank, however, will continue to provide services to its existing customers.

LAUNCHING DYNAMIC QR CODE DEVICE

Digital payments is undergoing a big shift, with the UPI emerging as the preferred mode of transaction. According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI witnessed an approximate of a staggering 118 billion transactions in the fiscal year 2023. Capitalizing on this momentum, SuperUs, an Indian tech OEM, has unveiled its latest innovation - the Dynamic QR Code device.

SKYSCANNER SURVEY

Nearly 50% Gen Zs plan for overseas adventures

PTI
 New Delhi

Almost 50 per cent of Gen Z in India are planning for their first independent international trip, reveals a new survey, with over 80 per cent of them choosing to embark only after cashing in their first paycheck.

The survey, conducted by the global travel marketplace Skyscanner, said while two in three young Indians are diligently saving, only one in five utilise buy-now-

pay-later options to make their travel dreams a reality sooner.

"There is a strong desire for travel among India's Gen Z (aged 18-25). Nearly half (47 per cent) of them are eagerly planning leisure trips abroad, without their parents or guardians, fueled by their deep desire for exploration and new adventures (49 per cent)," said the report.

Interestingly, according to the report, titled "First Trip with Skyscanner", financial independence is key to Gen Z, with



As many as 2,000 respondents aged between 18-25 from India were part of the survey.

a whopping 81 per cent choosing to plan their first overseas adventure after landing their first job or receiving their first paycheck. The results also shed light on the travel behaviours and factors considered by Gen Z in India as they chart their course for their first independent trip without their parents or guardians.

So, with 46 per cent inspired to jet off overseas to experience concerts, sports events, and other big cultural events, and 51 per cent seeing travel as a chance to

break free and immerse in new cultures, for most Gen Zs it is all about "expanding horizons".

"Gen Zs in India are passionate about exploration! Whether it is their desire to seize the opportunity of semester breaks and long weekends to fuel their wanderlust (42 per cent), or celebrate special milestones like birthdays, anniversaries, or graduations (39 per cent), their passion for travel is undeniable," said Mohit Joshi, travel and destinations expert of Skyscanner, in a statement.

Next Telecom spectrum auction set for June 6

PTI
 New Delhi

The government will continue to auction telecom spectrum, and the administrative allocation route will be used sparingly, only in those cases where it is technically not feasible to do so or for areas that are strategic in nature, sources said.

The Department of Telecom (DoT) is gearing up to hold the next round of spectrum auction on June 6 for eight spectrum bands (800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,300



MHz, 2,500 MHz, 3,300 MHz, and 26 GHz) meant for mobile phone services at a base price of about Rs 96,317 crore. The spectrum will be assigned for 20 years and successful bidders will be allowed to make payments in 20 equal annual installments in the coming mega auction.

INDIA KA TYOHAR



Pant, Axar keep Capitals ahead



Delhi Capitals cricketers celebrate wicket of Gujarat Titans batter A Omerzai during the IPL match between DC and GT at Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, Wednesday.

DC beat GT by 4 runs in IPL

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Rishabh Pant dazzled with an unbeaten 88 as Delhi Capitals defeated Gujarat Titans by four runs in the Indian Premier League here on Wednesday.

Invited to bat, Pant (88 not out of 43 balls) and Axar Patel (66 off 43

balls) scored contrasting fifties to power Delhi Capitals to 224 for 4.

In reply, Sai Sudarshan (65 off 29) and David Miller (55 off 23) scored fifties but couldn't take GT over the line, finishing at 220 for 8 in their 20 overs.

Earlier, Axar and Pant stitched a 113-run partnership to steady the innings after medium pacer Sandeep Warrier (3/15) ran through the top three. Skipper Pant was in

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Rishabh Pant smashes record-breaking 88* versus Gujarat Titans
- Shubman Gill features in his 100th IPL encounter, breaks Virat Kohli's record
- Axar Patel slams his second half-century in IPL

his element scoring as many as eight maximums and five fours. Tristan Stubbs blazed away to 26 off 7 balls.



Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant and Axar Patel celebrates their partnership during IPL match in New Delhi, Wednesday.

To prevent sexual violence in conflicts

India calls for 'gender-responsive arms control'

Agencies
Washington

To combat sexual violence in conflict situations, India has advocated a multifaceted approach which includes "gender-responsive arms control" that prevents the proliferation of weapons.

"Demilitarisation, intertwined with disarmament, calls for gender-responsive arms control" (and "this approach recognises the role of weapon proliferation in conflict-related sexual violence", India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj said on Tuesday during a Security Council open debate on protecting women against sexual violence in conflict.

She advocated "arms control policies that address the specific vulnerabilities of women".

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Pramila Patten, emphasised the need to stop the flow of weapons into the hands of perpetrators of sexual violence.



India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Pressing the case for Security Council reforms, India has highlighted the consensus arrived at the more representative G20 Summit on issues that could not make it through the UN's highest decision-making body stuck in a "cold war" mode.
- India has indirectly criticised China, stating that the "holds" placed on proposals in the UNSC sanctions committees amount to "disguised vetoes." These actions prevent the listing of Pakistan-based global terrorists.
- The US and Russia are set to face off over nuclear weapons in space at the United Nations Security Council, which is due to vote on a U.S.-drafted resolution calling on countries to prevent an arms race in outer space.
- The U.S. move comes after it accused Moscow of developing an anti-satellite nuclear weapon to put in space, an allegation that Russia has flatly denied.

"There could be no more direct and effective way to disarm the weapon of rape, and ultimately, to prevent and eradicate these crimes" than by using sanctions against the arming of those committing the crimes, she said.

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NSA Doval reviews progress in bilateral ties with Russia

PTI
Moscow

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Wednesday met with his Russian counterpart Nikolai Patrushev for a second time this month and they reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation and discussed important issues of mutual interest.

Doval held a bilateral meeting with Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, on the sidelines of the XII International Meeting of High Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters in St Petersburg, the Indian Embassy in Moscow



Ajit Doval meets his Russian counterpart Nikolai Patrushev.

said in a post on X. "Both sides reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation and discussed important issues of mutual interest," it added. During the talks, the two sides focused on bilateral cooperation on

various fronts. A special emphasis was placed on cooperation between Russia and India on the track of international and regional security, Russia's state-run TASS news agency reported.

Biden signs \$95 bn military aid package for Ukraine

Agencies
Washington

President Joe Biden signed into law on Wednesday a USD 95 billion war aid measure that includes aid for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

The announcement marks an end to the long, painful battle with Republicans in Congress over urgently needed assistance for Ukraine.

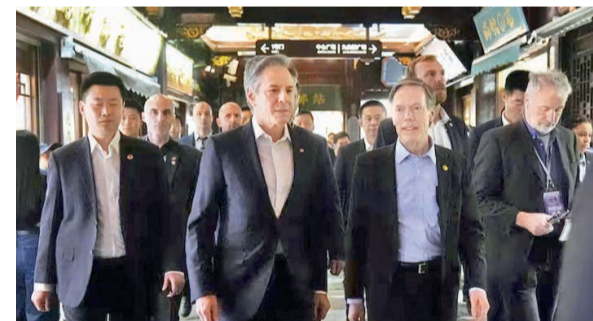
"We rose to the moment, we came together, and we got it done," President Joe Biden said at White House event to announce the signing. "Now we need to move fast, and we are."

Ahead of Blinken visit, China says US meddling in its affairs: Report

Agencies
Beijing

Just ahead of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's trip to China, Beijing has accused Washington of repeatedly interfering in its internal affairs and undermining China's interests.

The United States continues pushing forward the strategy of containing China, keeps adopting erroneous words and actions that interfere in China's internal affairs, smear China's image and undermine China's interests," the state news agency Xinhua quoted an unnamed representative of the ministry as saying before Blinken's arrival in China on Wednesday.



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns walk through the Yu Gardens in Shanghai.

"China resolutely opposes such moves and has taken strong countermeasures," the report said.

It is true that relations have stabilised since the last telephone conversation between head of state Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden in April, however "there are still

significant negative factors in the bilateral relationship," according to the Xinhua report. The ministry cited, as the most recent example, Blinken's accusations that China is flooding global markets with overcapacity in areas such as electric cars and renewable energies.

CHINA BLASTS US MILITARY AID TO TAIWAN

Beijing: China on Wednesday blasted the latest package of US military assistance to Taiwan, saying that such funding was pushing the self-governing island republic into a "dangerous situation." The US Senate passed USD 95 billion in war aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan after months of delays and contentious debate over how involved the US should be in foreign wars. China claims the entire island of Taiwan as its own territory and has threatened to take it by force if necessary.

JP MORGAN CEO PRAISES PM MODI

"Modi has done an unbelievable job in India"

Agencies
New Delhi

JP Morgan Chase chief executive officer (CEO) has praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for doing an "unbelievable job".

Speaking at an event hosted by the Economic Club of New York on Tuesday, Jamie Dimon praised the economic reforms implemented by the Narendra Modi government and said some of them could be introduced in the US as well.

"PM Modi has done an unbelievable job in India. I know the liberal

Press here, they beat the hell out of him when he's taken 400 million people out of poverty," Dimon said.

A lot of US government officials in India are "fantasizing... how we think they should be running their country", Dimon said.

The video of the event was shared on X - earlier known as Twitter - by Union Minister Piyush Goyal.

The leading banker referred to PM Modi as a "tough" administrator for breaking outdated bureaucratic systems in the country. "We need a little



JP Morgan Chase chief executive officer Jamie Dimon speaking at an event hosted by the Economic Club of New York on Tuesday.

bit more of that here (in the US)," he said.

The global banking giant's CEO also said that the country has an "unbe-

lievable education system" and "unbelievable infrastructure"

Dimon also praised the country's indirect tax re-

game which he said has removed corruption by eliminating the disparity in tax systems in different states.

"They have I think its 29 states or something like that, but they all had completely- its almost like Europe that have completely different tax systems, which leads to enormous corruption. He's breaking all that stuff down," he said.

"Every citizen by hand or eyeball or by finger is recognised. They have bank accounts for 700 million people. Their transferred payments are going through," he said.

TikTok to defeat US ban: 'We aren't going anywhere'

Agencies
Washington

TikTok's chief executive said on Wednesday that the company expects to win a legal challenge to block legislation signed into law by President Joe Biden that he said would ban the popular short video app used by 170 million Americans.

"Rest assured - we aren't going anywhere," CEO Shou Zi Chew said in a video posted moments after Biden signed the bill that gives China-based ByteDance 270 days to divest TikTok's U.S. assets or face a ban.



TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew

"The facts and the Constitution are on our side and we expect to prevail again."

Biden's signing sets a Jan. 19 deadline for a sale - one day before his term is set to expire - but

he could extend the deadline by three months if he determines ByteDance is making progress. US President Joe Biden is seeking a second term against former President Donald Trump.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The truly devout do not pray in times of trouble or in times of joy; for them, it is a daily part of life. It is the very essence of why they exist.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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Holi & Diwali will be celebrated together on June 4, asserts CM

CM: BJP issues the resolution letter, while Congress issues manifesto

He arrived in Pratapgarh 2 hrs late, but people waited in the heat

Shubham Jain, Pankaj Garg, PK Agrawal, Sanjay Jain, Bhanwar S Charan
Bhilwara/Pratapgarh

On the last day of campaigning for the second phase of Lok Sabha elections, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached Dhamotar in Pratapgarh district. He was welcomed with a dance as per tribal traditions. The CM addressed the 'Vijay Sankalp Sabha' held in support of BJP State President and BJP candidate from Chittorgarh, CP Joshi.

In his address, CM Sharma said that the BJP issues resolution letter while Congress issues the manifesto. "The promises made in BJP's manifesto are being fulfilled one by one. Those who played



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma addresses a public meeting in support of BJP candidate, Bhagirath Choudhary at Sarwar in Kekri assembly constituency in Ajmer on Wednesday. Ramcharan Bohra & others are seen.

People sitting on the stage have also come through hard work as volunteers. In future, it is from among these volunteers that representatives will emerge. Each volunteer in BJP is evaluated. Our key link is Booth Prez & coordinator of Shakti Kendra, battling in electoral arena like a warrior to mobilise votes.

BHAJAN LAL SHARMA,
CHIEF MINISTER



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma addresses during the workers' meeting held in support of BJP candidate, Damodar Agrawal in Bhilwara on Wednesday. Other local leaders were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being felicitated during the 'Vijay Sankalp Sabha' held in support of BJP candidate, CP Joshi at Pratapgarh district in Chittorgarh LS constituency on Wednesday.

with youth's future and leaked papers during the previous Congress govt in Raj, are now going to jail. Sharma said and appealed to the people to reach the polling booths in maximum numbers on April 26 and vote.

CM Sharma also addressed a BJP workers' conference in Bhilwara. "Whenever we appoint an party representative, we appoint him or her from among the workers and if one does not become an office bearer then he is not

ineligible. There are many people working who get responsibility and they have the responsibility to take the work of the party forward," he said.

"You have 36 hours, we have to complete the work. We have to see eve-

ryone at the booth, we have to contact everyone. Holi and Diwali will be celebrated together on June 4. It is only because of the hard work of our workers that we say that we are going to win so many seats," the CM said.

Mangalsutra won't be safe, if the Congress regains power: CP Joshi

PK Agrawal
Chittorgarh

Attacking Congress over its manifesto, BJP State pPresident CP Joshi on Wednesday, said that Congress and INDI alliance are now eyeing the income and property of the people.

In a press conference held in Nimbahera, Joshi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the agenda of development but Congress wants to progress on the basis of appeasement.

"According to the Congress manifesto, an investigation will be conducted into who has how much property and there will be a caste based census in the country," he said.

He said that if the Congress government comes to power, even the Man-



CP Joshi being felicitated during the 'Jansampark Sabha' held at Nimbahera in Chittorgarh district on Wednesday. Shrichand Kriplani and other local leaders are seen.

"PM Narendra Modi has set the agenda of development but Congress wants to progress on the basis of appeasement," said CP Joshi during a press conference in Nimbahera

galsutra will not remain safe. The BJP State President also said that the ideology of Congress leaders is that of Maoist.

MLAs Shrichand Kriplani, Devi Singh Shek-

hawar, former MLA Ashok Navlakha, Nimbahera Mandal President Nitin Chaturvedi, Ashok Jat, Rajendra Singh were also present during the press conference.

Dotasra: BJP's 400-seat ambition falters, expected to secure 150 seats

First India Bureau
Banswara

PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra campaigned vigorously for INDI alliance candidate Rajkumar Roat in Chorasi, Banswara LS constituency. He warned, "If BJP forms the government again, the safety of indigenous people, nation, democracy, and constitution will be at risk."

He predicted BJP's seat count to drop from 400 to around 150. "The BJP, known for its 400-seat chant, will be reduced to around 150 seats." Congress in-charge Sukhjinder Randhawa and candidate Rajkumar Roat also targeted BJP. The event highlighted the escalating political competition as the election approaches.

Gehlot's ex-aide exposes audio tape scandal, criticises leadership

Kamalkant Vyas
Jaipur

Lokesh Sharma, former OSD of former CM Ashok Gehlot, in a press conference in Jaipur, asserted that Gehlot provided him with incriminating audio tapes during a crisis in 2020, implicating the BJP in MLA horse-trading accusations. Sharma revealed that Gehlot instructed him to destroy the mobile used for the audios. Gehlot suspected Sharma hadn't complied, leading to an SOG raid on his office. He criticised Gehlot's leadership, claiming he ignored his well-being after legal troubles and defended others implicated in misconduct. "When FIR was filed against me for phone tap-



ping, Gehlot promised SC action, but I face harassment from Delhi Police now. Gehlot protected DP Jaroli in paper leak case. I'm ready to provide evidence for an impartial probe by current govt," he said. Union Minister GS Shekhawat denied phone tapping allegations as baseless. He criticised Gehlot for prioritising political vendettas over governance, neglecting security & promises for political gain.



Om Birla greets people during the massive roadshow held in Kota on Wednesday. Other local leaders are also seen.

Birla's Kota roadshow ignites BJP's zeal for LS victory

First India Bureau
Kota

BJP candidate and LS Speaker Om Birla conducted a dynamic roadshow in Kota for the Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha constituency campaign. The streets of Kota were filled with enthusiastic supporters pledging overwhelming victory for the BJP.

Starting from Naya Gaon in the morning, the roadshow gathered a

huge gathering of BJP supporters urging votes for the lotus symbol. Later, the roadshow proceeded from the station area to Deepak Pan Bhandar near Sheetal Mata Temple, with strong support from the local community.

Crowds expressed heightened enthusiasm, aiming to elect Narendra Modi for a third term as Prime Minister and Om Birla as their Member of Parliament from Kota.

JANSAMPARK ABHIYAN

Shekhawat slams Cong's appeasement politics

Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur

Union Jal Shakti Minister and BJP candidate, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat strongly criticised Congress leaders' statements favoring minorities' rights to the country's resources, calling it appeasement politics.

Shekhawat highlighted Congress's historical policies and recent manifesto, alleging a focus on vote-bank politics. He defended PM Modi's development initiatives and



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat greets people during the 'Jansampark Abhiyan' in Setrawa village in Shergarh LS constituency in Jodhpur on Wednesday. Babu Singh Rathore and other local leaders were also present.

criticised Congress for their lack of poverty eradication during their 55-year rule. Shekhawat

expressed confidence in BJP's prospects in Jodhpur, citing Prime Minister Modi's achievements

and public support. Concerned about declining voter turnout, he emphasised the impor-

tance of democracy and urged increased voter participation to preserve the dignity of democracy.



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat being welcomed during the 'Sneh Milan Sammelan' of the Sarva Brahmin Samaj in Jodhpur on Wednesday. Rameshwar Dadheech, Jaikishan Panchariya, Amrit Panchariya & Kamal Joshi were present.

Ashok Gehlot leads energetic roadshow for son Vaibhav in Jalore

First India Bureau
Jalore

Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot led a spirited roadshow in Jalore in support of Congress candidate and his son, Vaibhav Gehlot. The streets buzzed with excitement as Congress workers joined in large numbers, rallying for the party. Gehlot urged voters to support Vaibhav and the Congress, boosting campaign morale.

Notable leaders like LoP Tikaram Jully and Congress leader Dharmendra Rathore also at-



A woman greets Ashok Gehlot by applying a 'Tilak' on his forehead during the roadshow held in support of Vaibhav Gehlot in Jalore on Wednesday. Sanyam Lodha is also seen.

tended the roadshow, strengthening the campaign. Gehlot's presence injected energy into the drive, underscoring the party's determination for victory in LS polls.

Gehlot campaigned in Jodhpur for party candidate Karan Singh Uchiyada, endorsing him during a public meeting, enhancing Congress' electoral efforts.



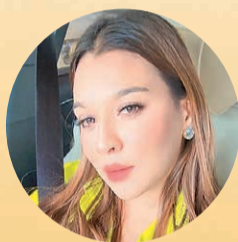
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Shirt dresses are a must-have wardrobe essential for any fashion-forward individual. City First highlights the timeless appeal, versatility, and practicality making them a go-to option for effortless style year-round.

Versatile Elegance



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Shirt dresses have stood the test of time as a versatile and timeless wardrobe staple. Combining the classic elements of a shirt with the effortless silhouette of a dress, they effortlessly blend style and comfort for a chic and polished look.

One of the key features of shirt dresses is their adaptability to various occasions and settings. Whether you're heading to the office, running errands, or attending a casual brunch, a shirt dress can seamlessly transition from day to night with just a few accessory changes. Pair it with flats or sneakers for a laid-back vibe, or dress it up with heels and statement jewelry for a more sophisticated ensemble.

The beauty of shirt dresses lies in their simplicity. With clean lines and minimalistic details, they exude an understated elegance that never goes out of style. From classic button-down designs to more modern iterations with tie-waist accents or oversized silhouettes, there's a shirt dress to suit every taste and preference.



like cotton or linen, they provide ease of movement and are perfect for warmer weather. The relaxed fit of many shirt dresses also makes them flattering for all body types, offering comfort without sacrificing style.

Another advantage of shirt dresses is their ability to be easily layered. During cooler months, simply throw on a cardigan, blazer, or denim jacket over your shirt dress for added warmth and dimension. This versatility allows you to extend the wearability of your shirt dress throughout the year, making it a smart investment for your wardrobe.

When it comes to styling shirt dresses, the possibilities are endless. For a casual daytime look, roll up the sleeves and pair with a straw hat and oversized sunglasses for a laid-back vibe.

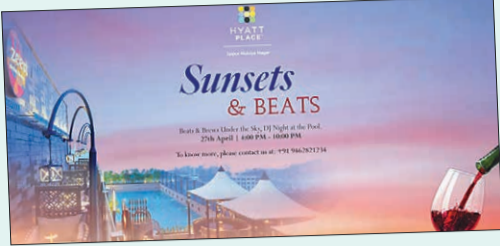
Alternatively, cinch the waist with a belt and add heels for a more tailored and polished aesthetic. Experiment with different accessories, such as scarves, statement belts, or bold handbags, to personalize your look and make it your own.

In addition to their style versatility, shirt dresses also offer practical benefits. Made from comfortable and breathable fabrics

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WHAT'S NEXT?



Sundowner DJ Pool Party Free Entry: Get ready to groove under the stars at the ultimate Sundowner DJ Night! With poolside vibes, flowing drinks, and panoramic views, this event promises an unforgettable evening of music and fun.

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Where: Hyatt Place Jaipur Malviya Nagar, Jaipur



MAIN SHAYAR TOH NAHI - India Tour Leg-2!!!! Manhar Seth's comedy set "Main Shayar Toh Nah!" along with some crowd work. This event offers unparalleled laugh-out-loud opportunities and engaging conversations.

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Where: Taxila Auditorium, Jaipur



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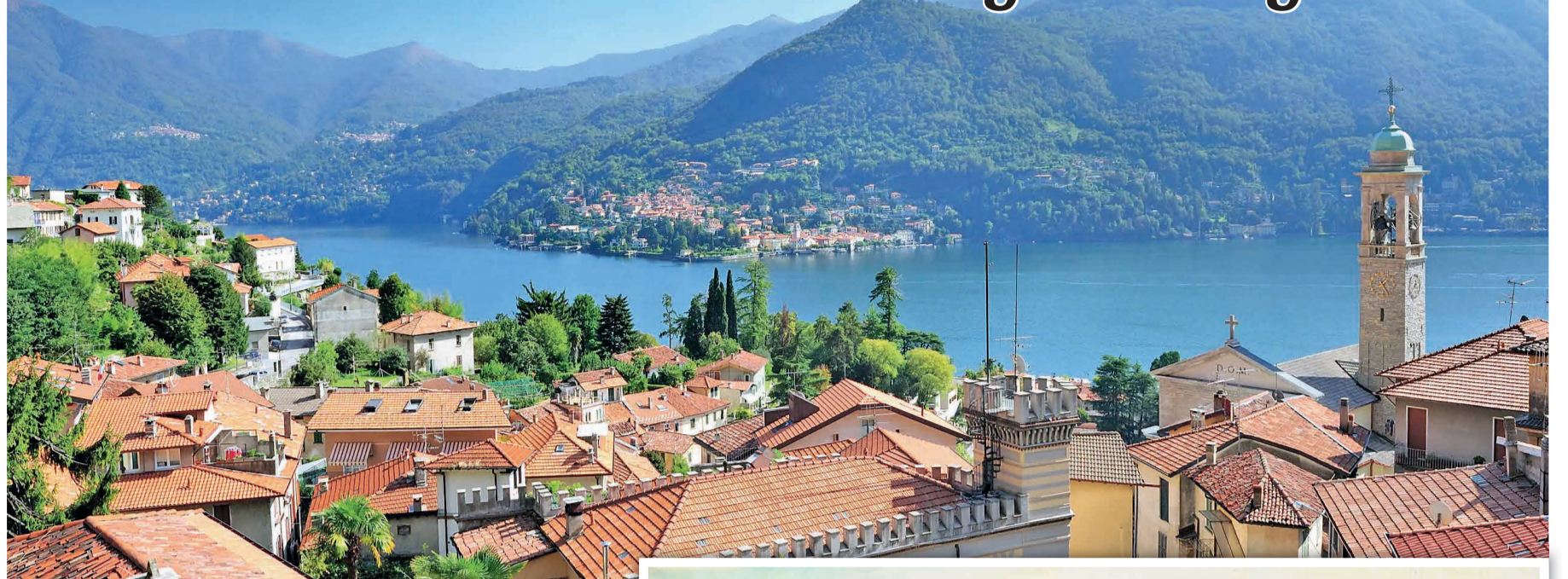
ARJIT SINGH
Taurus
APRIL 25

You may tend to feel frustrated when the results are not the way you expected, feels Ganesh. You must still work hard and finish whatever you undertake today. You will discuss some vital issues with a close friend and relive cherished secrets with your life partner. Keep a positive attitude and trust in your abilities.

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Dolce Far Niente

The sweetness of doing nothing



Sabyasachi Dutta

Country General Manager of a British MNC in India

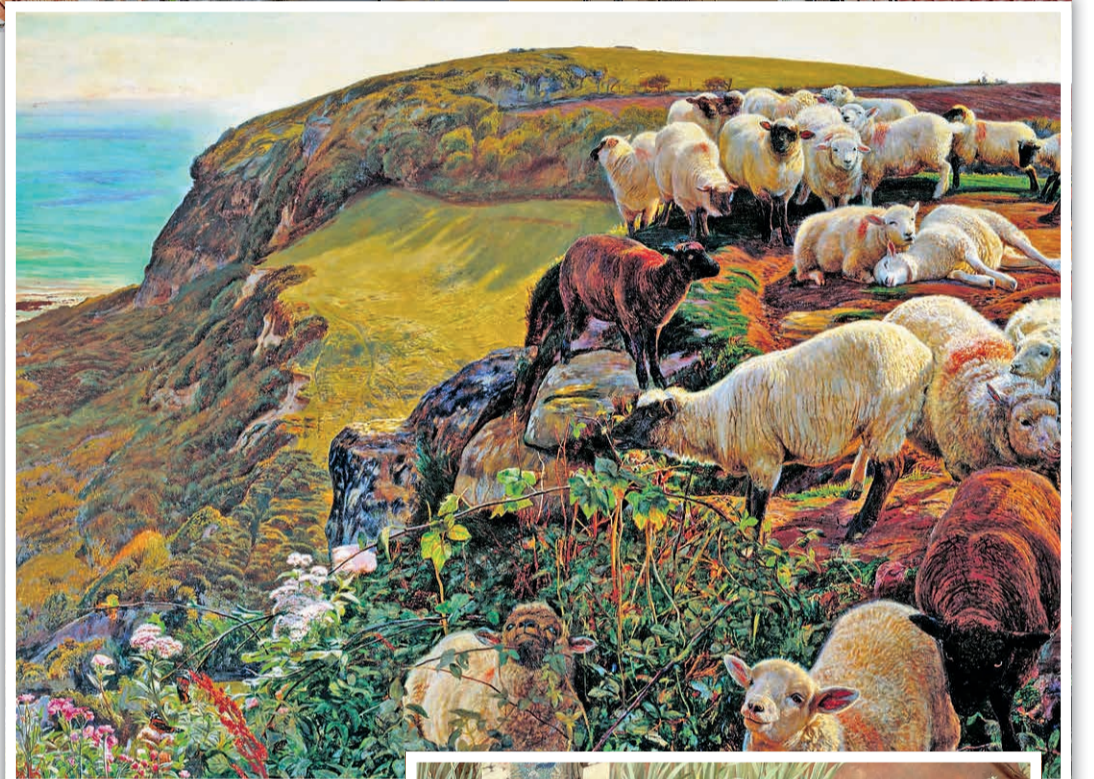
A quick English translation of the Italian phrase Dolce Far Niente is 'sweetness of doing nothing.' It is an Italian philosophy that implores people to relax and slow down the daily mad chase, oftentimes, to touch near-impossible targets. The act of discovering the joy and savouring each moment, living life in the present and finding beauty in simplicity without the constant pressure to be seen as busy are all distilled facets of Dolce Far Niente.

Many say it was first noticed being used in the movie 'Eat, Pray, Love' which is an adaptation of American author Elizabeth Gilbert's memoir.

Though dolce far niente is a practice of doing nothing it ostensibly should not make one feel guilty while availing it. Instead, it ought to inject the thought of having earned the valued 'free time' for oneself without getting haunted by the ghosts of impending tasks. There is a common belief that 'to be seen busy' is a sign of success and many bask in the glory of being branded a 'workaholic'.

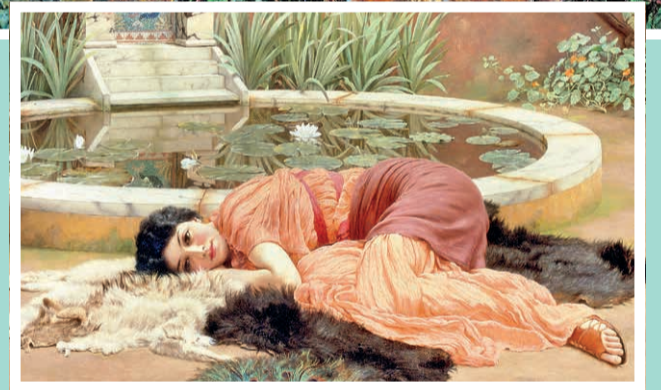
But they might be unmindful that life also demands brakes to keep their vehicle not veering off track. One needs such 'brakes' to recalibrate their journey disconnected from routine and come back stronger; recharged. To some, Dolce Far Niente may seem like lazing around or wasting precious time. However, it is not about being lazy; but taking the time off to enjoy simple pleasures in life and appreciate the beauty of the world around us that we often tend to overlook. Finding balance, sharpening focus as one unwinds, appreciating nature's marvels and establishing a deep connection with one's inner self are all wonderful outputs of Dolce Far Niente.

It need not be an extravagant exercise but can be as simple as taking a walk in the woods sipping a cup of tea watching the



world from one's window or spending 'me time' in serene isolation. Often noticed, many suffer from the guilt pang at the notion of spending time on oneself. However, the benefits are plenty of dolce far niente - to 'chill' in an environment that is laid-back and where seemingly time stands still.

Let's learn that beyond slogging hours, kudos, and rewards there exists a life. One must strive to live life to the fullest, each day every moment.



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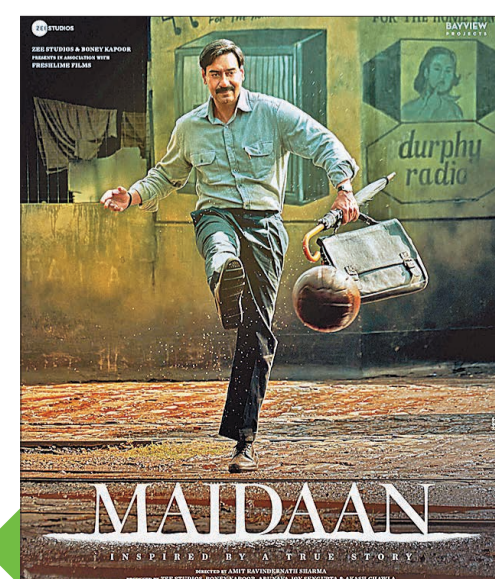
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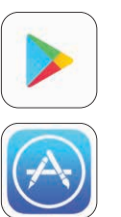
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Cast & crew: Akshya Kumar, Tiger Shroff & Sonakshi Sinha



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Cast & crew: Ajay Devgn, Priyamani, Gajraj Rao, Rudranil Ghosh



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Zolciak's Clickbait Outrage

Kim Zolciak, known for her appearances on *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*, sparked outrage on the internet with a recent Instagram post. The 45-year-old reality star shared a black and white photo with her ex-husband, Kroy Biermann, accompanied by hashtags "#RIP" and "#LinkInBio." This misleading caption led followers to believe that Biermann had passed away, causing a wave of shock and concern.

However, it soon became apparent that Zol-

ciak had used the fake death announcement as clickbait. The link in her bio directed users to an article on the Celebuzz website from February 2023, listing celebrities who had passed away that year. Zolciak's actions left many fans outraged, especially considering it wasn't the first time she had used fake news for Instagram engagement. Previously, she falsely claimed her daughter Brielle was pregnant.

Fans took to social media to express their anger and disappointment. Some criticized Zolciak for seeking attention and

speculated that she needed a "quick cash injection." Others called her actions "a new low" and pointed out the insensitivity of using a black-and-white filter to make the post appear more sombre.

Zolciak's controversial stunt has reignited discussions about her behaviour and motives. Despite her past appearances on *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*, where she was a cast member from season one to season five, her recent actions have drawn widespread criticism from fans and followers alike.



Kim Zolciak

Simpsons Shocks Fans

In a surprising turn of events, the beloved animated series "The Simpsons" has bid farewell to one of its longstanding characters, Larry the Barfly. Known for its blend of humour and social commentary, the show has once again captivated audiences with its latest plot twist.

In the recent episode titled "Remains of the Day," aired as part of Season 35, viewers were saddened to learn of Larry's passing. Homer and his friends from Moe's bar embark on a road trip to scatter Larry's ashes, reflecting on their limited knowledge of the background character. Larry, a fixture at Moe's Tavern, first appeared in the series over three decades ago in Season 1, making sporadic appearances since then. De-



spite his minimal dialogue, he became a recognizable presence, often seated alongside his friend Sam.

Fans took to social media platforms like X (formerly Twitter) to express their shock and sadness over Larry's demise. Many reminisced about his brief yet memorable moments on the show, paying tribute to the character's en-

during legacy.

While Larry's departure marks the end of an era for "The Simpsons," it also serves as a poignant reminder of the show's ability to evoke emotion and resonate with its audience after all these years. As fans mourn the loss of Larry the Barfly, they eagerly await the next chapter in the iconic series' storied history.

LOVE FOR VEDE'S BIRTHDAY

Bollywood heartthrob Varun Dhawan is ringing in his 37 birthday today, and the tinsel town is abuzz with warm wishes and affectionate messages pouring in from his fellow celebrities. This year holds extra significance for Varun, as he gears up for the release of his movie "Baby John" and the series "Citadel: Honey Bunny," alongside embracing impending fatherhood.

The social media space witnessed a flurry of greetings directed towards the actor, with



Varun Dhawan

stars like Shraddha Kapoor, Kiara Advani, Sidharth Malhotra, and Katrina Kaif expressing their heartfelt wishes. Shraddha Kapoor, known for her camaraderie with Varun, cheekily offered to devour cake on his behalf, earning chuckles and affection from fans.

Kiara Advani, Varun's co-star from "Jugg Jugg Jeeyo," shared a playful video of the duo singing and enjoying themselves, adding a sprinkle of joy to the birthday festivities. Similarly, Katrina Kaif posted a candid picture of Varun, extending her warm regards to the birthday boy.

Not to be left behind, Sidharth Malhotra, Varun's fellow "Student of the Year" alumnus, reminisced about their journey together, wishing Varun a rocking year ahead with a throwback picture from their appearance on "Koffee with Karan."

Ranveer's Father Fights

Ranveer Singh finds himself entangled in a digital storm as his Deepfake video promoting a political party sets off a chain of events. Following the uproar, Ranveer's father, Jugjeet Singh Bhavnani, takes legal action by filing an FIR against an X user, identified as @sujataindia, for allegedly disseminating the manipulated video. The Maharashtra Police Cyber Crime Cell swiftly responds, registering the complaint for further investigation.

The controversy began after Ranveer visited Varanasi for Manish Malhotra's

fashion show, where he and Kriti Sanon were spotted. A video emerged showing Ranveer purportedly endorsing a political party ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, but investigations reveal the audio is a product of AI technology.

Amid the turmoil, Ranveer's spokesperson issues an official statement confirming the police complaint and FIR against the handle responsible for circulating the fraudulent content.

Despite the digital debacle, Ranveer remains focused on his professional commitments. He's gearing up for the release of

"Singham Again" alongside Deepika Padukone, Ajay Devgn, and others, as well as the highly anticipated "Don 3" with Kiara Advani.

Amid his busy career, Ranveer is also preparing for a new role in life: fatherhood. His wife, Deepika Padukone, is expecting their first child, with the baby due to arrive in September, adding a new chapter to the actor's eventful journey both on and off the screen.



Ranveer Singh

Deacon's Discovery Drama

Deacon Sharpe's relentless pursuit of the truth takes centre stage in the latest episode of *The Bold and the Beautiful*, airing on April 24. As Deacon delves deeper into his investigation, he uncovers pivotal clues surrounding Sheila's enigmatic past, sending shockwaves through the Forrester and Spencer families.

Amidst the escalating tension, Luna and RJ find themselves embroiled in workplace turmoil following recent events involving Zende Forrester Dominguez. The aftermath of the guest house

drama casts a shadow over their professional collaboration, forcing them to confront lingering tensions and navigate an uncomfortable atmosphere at work.

Deacon's discovery of a connection between "Sugar" and Sheila Carter raises alarming questions about her alleged demise, prompting him to seek assistance from Finn. Armed with newfound evidence, Deacon confronts Finn, urging him to join forces in uncovering the truth behind Sheila's whereabouts and the potential danger she poses to those around her.

As the stakes heighten and secrets unravel, viewers can expect grip-

ping intrigue and suspense as Deacon inches closer to unraveling Sheila's secrets. Meanwhile, Luna and RJ's strained working relationship adds another layer of drama to the unfolding storyline, leaving fans on the edge of their seats. Will Deacon's revelations lead to a shocking discovery about Sheila's true identity, and can Luna and RJ overcome their differences to focus on their professional aspirations? Tune in to *The Bold and the Beautiful* for an episode packed with twists, turns, and unexpected revelations as the characters confront the consequences of their actions and confront the unknown.



Sheila Carter

Aamir's Special Revelations

Fans of Aamir Khan are in for a treat as the superstar graces the stage of *The Great Indian Kapil Show*, a rare appearance for the actor known for his elusive nature towards public events. The upcoming episode promises to be a rollercoaster ride of emotions and laughter, with Aamir Khan opening up about various aspects of his life.

One of the most anticipated moments is when Aamir discusses his absence from award shows, citing the value of time and the need to use it wisely. His candid response garners applause and laughter from the audience, shedding light on the actor's unique perspective on industry recognition.

In a surprising revelation, Aamir Khan admits that his recent films have not performed as expected at the box office. Despite this setback, he maintains his trademark humility, ac-



Aamir Khan & Kapil Sharma

knowledging that even unsuccessful films generate significant business.

Adding to the entertainment quotient, Aamir shares lighthearted anecdotes about his children, revealing the challenges of parenthood and the struggle to be heard by his offspring. His witty banter with Kapil Sharma and Archana Puran Singh adds a delightful charm to the episode.

The show also features hilarious acts by Sunil Grover and Krushna Abhishek, paying homage to Aamir's iconic characters

and memorable dialogues from his films. The playful camaraderie between the cast members ensures non-stop laughter throughout the episode.

As the promo teases, Kapil Sharma playfully nudges Aamir about settling down, sparking curiosity about the actor's response. With such entertaining segments and unexpected revelations, the upcoming episode of *The Great Indian Kapil Show* promises to be a must-watch for fans of Aamir Khan and lovers of quality entertainment alike.

Casting Insight

Imtiaz Ali, the creative force behind the acclaimed film "Amar Singh Chamkila," sheds light on the importance of portraying the singer's caste struggles without turning the movie into a "bold film." In a recent interview, Ali emphasized the need to address societal issues like casteism and inequality

while staying true to Chamkila's humble background. He clarified that the film doesn't glorify Chamkila but rather portrays him as a flawed yet relatable human being. Ali's insightful approach to storytelling has garnered praise from audiences, showcasing the power of cinema to spark meaningful conversations about social realities.



Imtiaz Ali

POETIC FUSION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greeted Aditi Nagar and Shikha Thakur of the Bharat24 family on Wednesday at Taj Mansingh, New Delhi, and wished them all the best on the occasion of their birthdays' which had been celebrated in this week.

CELEBRATIONS!



Ananda The Universe of Talent Open Stage, in collaboration with The Art of Living Organisation, hosted a bhajan sandhya titled "Hanuman Janmotsav" at Mahakaleswar Shiv Hanuman temple in Jaipur to celebrate Hanuman Jayanthi on Tuesday. The event featured spiritual bhajans performed by Shankar Hemrajani and Dr Rashmi Gupta, with support from Arvindpal Singh on tabla and guitarist Aniruddh Agrawal. Dhanushri Vyas and Anant Mani, founders of Ananda, expressed gratitude for the blessings of Lord Hanuman. Priest Ashok Sharma led the maharti, and prasad distribution followed.

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"Kam zaroor hain par acche chate chataye hain" is how Anjum Rehbar began an enchanting journey into the realm of poetry referring to the thin crowds at the opening of the "Three Shades of Music" festival on Wednesday as a part of the RIC's Foundation Day Festival. As part of the RIC's Foundation Day Festival, the event promised a captivating fusion of art and culture, drawing enthusiasts from far and wide.

Renowned national poets graced the stage of the RIC auditorium, weaving tales of love, longing, and nostalgia through their verses. The evening began with the mesmerizing recitations of Anjum Rahbar, whose poignant words stirred the hearts of the audience, setting the tone for an unforgettable experience. Her famous poem, "chuk chuk - chuk chuk, rail chali hai jeevan ki" had the engaged audience asking for more with a standing ovation!

Dr Vishnu Saxena, hailing from Aligarh, followed suit with his evocative poetry, captivating the audience with his eloquence and depth of emotion. The applause reverberated as each verse unfolded, leaving a lasting impression on all in



Anjum Rehbar presented her poem along with (L-R) Dr Vishnu Saxena, Dr Annu Sapan, Balram Shrivastav & Former IPS Anandvardhan Shukla



Former IAS NC Goyal greets Balram Shrivastav



Former IAS NC Goyal greets Dr Vishnu Saxena

attendance. Balram Shrivastav from Kanpur and Anu Sapna from Bhopal added their unique

voices to the symphony of words, transporting listeners to realms of imagination and introspection. Their soul-stirring

renditions spoke of love's timeless allure and the eternal dance of human emotions.



Dr Annu Sapan

Ankur Warikoo Inspires



Ankur Warikoo addressed the audience along with Raghushree Poddar.

City First

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Jaipur Chapter of FICCI FLO hosted an engaging session featuring renowned entrepreneur Ankur Warikoo at Mayo School Jaipur on Tuesday. The event aimed to provide insights into business, entrepreneurship, and life, attracting a packed audience of women from various backgrounds.

Warikoo, known for his entrepreneurial journey and motivational insights, engaged in a stimulating conversation with Raghushree Poddar, Chairperson of FICCI FLO Jaipur Chapter. Their dialogue covered Warikoo's entrepreneur-



Neeta Boochra greets Ankur Warikoo along with Raghushree Poddar

ial mindset, experiences of success and failure, and life philosophy. Attendees gained practical advice on business strategies and financial management, learning from Warikoo's mantras and experiences.

The event highlighted the importance of empowering women in entrepreneurship and leadership roles, fostering discussions on achieving success in diverse fields.

Poddar expressed gratitude to Warikoo for his invaluable contributions, emphasizing the significance of such interactions in empowering women and fostering entrepreneurship.

Warikoo's talk inspired attendees to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations with confidence and determination, leaving a lasting impression on all present.

SUNIL SHARMA



MUKESH KIRADOO

Renowned sand artist Ajay Rawat from Pushkar crafted a stunning sand art piece to promote voter awareness. Located in Sand Park, Pushkar, Rajasthan, the artwork aimed to highlight the significance of voting in the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. With intricate details, Rawat's creation served as a visual reminder of civic duty and democratic participation. Through his art, he encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote, emphasizing its crucial role in shaping the nation's future. The installation garnered attention and appreciation from locals and visitors alike.

TRIUMPH & PROMISE



Jaipur National University's Indoor Sports Complex was abuzz with excitement from April 22 to April 24 as the Seedling Challengers Trophy 2024 unfolded. Over 100 teams from Rajasthan's top schools converged to showcase their talents in basketball, volleyball, karate, and skating championships. The event aimed to promote sportsmanship and camaraderie among young athletes. In a thrilling finale, Seedling Public School emerged victorious in volleyball and karate, while Sanskar School clinched the basketball title. St Edmunds and MGPS triumphed in basketball and volleyball for girls respectively. Notable individual performers included Gungun Kanwar and Prince Kumar in basketball, and Dhruvika Rathore and Arav Poonia in volleyball. The presence of Dr Sandeep Bakshi and Dr Preeti Bakshi added prestige to the event, with Jaipur National University offering scholarships to talented athletes. The tournament's success underscored the importance of resilience and dedication in sports.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Shiksha Jain

In a thrilling golf tournament at Mayo College, Ajmer, young talent Shiksha Jain from Jaipur emerged victorious in the Shubhankar Sharma All India Junior Invitational Series. Competing against over 100 aspirants, Shiksha's impressive score of 75 secured her the title in the Rajasthan Qualifier. Her exceptional performance earns her a spot in the upcoming IGU tournaments in Ahmedabad and Kolkata. With aspirations for Olympic gold, Shiksha's triumph highlights her promising future in golf.



The Department of Management Studies at SKIT, Jaipur, recently hosted an international conference centred on the theme "Management, Business, and Economy." The event, held at SKIT on Wednesday, featured esteemed guests including Dr Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Director of the Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore, and Professor SS Somra, Head of the Economics Department at the University of Rajasthan. Director Jaipal Meel, along with Dr SL Surana, Dr Ona Ladiwal, Puneet Sharma, and conveners Dr Atul Gupta and Dr Savita Choudhary, graced the occasion with their presence.



Celebrating the 20 anniversary of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) availability. The event, held at (ART Dhanvantari SMS Hospital), aimed to commemorate a significant milestone in HIV/AIDS treatment. Organised by DSACS on Wednesday, KP Grant, SLN, D.LN, and Nai Soch Organisation, the program emphasized raising awareness about ART's importance for PLHIV. Healthcare professionals, researchers, and community members discussed ART's mechanisms and its impact. The event served as a platform for knowledge exchange and advocacy for an HIV/AIDS-free world.



Spiritual seekers gathered at Jaipur Club for the Wesak Meditation on Wednesday, harnessing the Taurus Full Moon's potent energy. Led by the Pranik Healing Institute of Rajasthan, the event aimed to connect participants with the spiritual hierarchy and serve humanity. Founder Trustee Nidhi A Data facilitated Lord Buddha's guided meditation, channelling peace and rejuvenation to nearly 500 attendees. Managing Trustee Deepti Jain emphasized fostering peace and compassion. Each left feeling serene, embodying community peace.