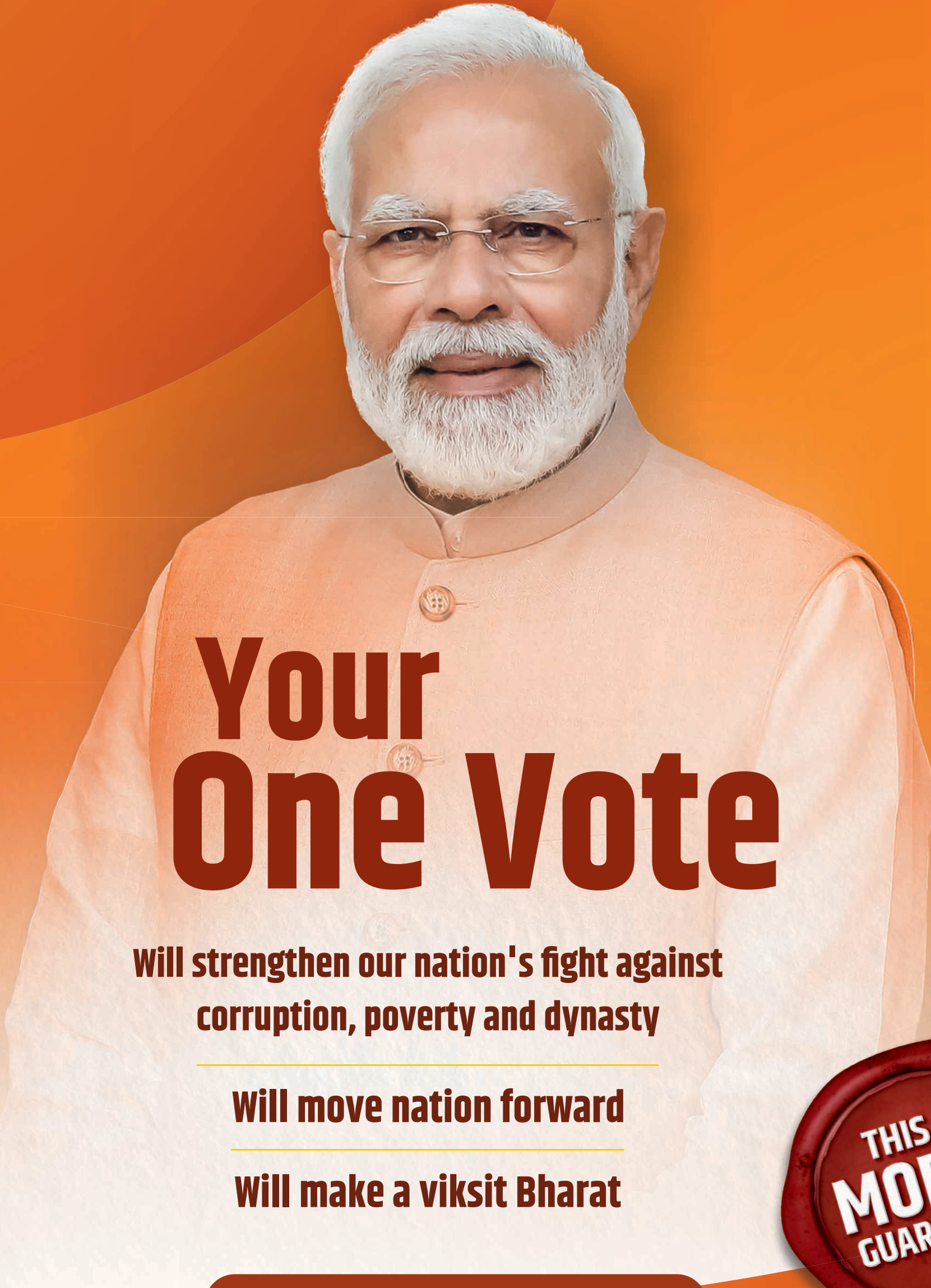




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Will move nation forward

Will make a viksit Bharat



To vote for Modi ji

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Phir Ek Baar

Modi Sarkar



FIRST INDIA Ballot Beat

INDIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024

AJMER	CHITTORGARH	JALORE-SIROHI	JHALAWAR-BARAN	JODHPUR	KOTA	PALI	RAJSAMAND
 19,95,699 Total voters Male 10,14,988 Female 9,80,684 67.32% Voting percentage of 2019	 21,70,167 Total voters Male 10,92,400 Female 10,77,740 72.39% Voting percentage of 2019	 22,97,328 Total voters Male 12,05,543 Female 10,91,771 65.75% Voting percentage of 2019	 20,30,525 Total voters Male 10,42,090 Female 9,88,409 71.96% Voting percentage of 2019	 21,32,713 Total voters Male 11,15,681 Female 10,16,985 68.14% Voting percentage of 2019	 20,88,023 Total voters Male 10,72,799 Female 10,15,186 70.22% Voting percentage of 2019	 23,43,232 Total voters Male 12,17,299 Female 11,25,895 62.98% Voting percentage of 2019	 20,60,942 Total voters Male 10,55,731 Female 10,05,186 64.81% Voting percentage of 2019

Vijendar Singh
Jaipur

The second phase of voting for the LS polls will be held on Friday in Pali, Jodhpur, Barmer-Jaisalmer, Rajsamand, Udaipur, Jalore-Sirohi, Banswara-Dungarpur, Chittorgarh, Kota-Bundi, Jhalawar-Baran, Tonk-Sawai Madhopur, Ajmer & Bhilwara where in 2,80,78,399 voters will vote.

Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta has called upon all the voters to participate in the great festival of democracy and vote. He said that for the second phase, voting will be held in 13 LS constituencies of the state on from 7 am to 6 pm. By reaching the polling booth, vote fearlessly and take an active part in strengthening Indian democracy, he said. Gupta said, "Strict security arrangements have been made. To ensure that the elderly do not have to stand in queues, they will be given the facility to vote first. Adequate arrangements for wheelchairs, shade, drinking water, have been made.

STAGE SET FOR ROUND 2

Om Birla, a two-time MP from Kota, is facing Prahlad Gunjal from the Congress party; Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is eyeing a third win from the Jodhpur seat. He is facing Congress' Karan Singh Uchiyarda

2,80,78,399 TOTAL VOTERS ON THESE 13 SEATS

MALE VOTERS 1,44,48,966	FEMALE VOTERS 1,36,02,272	THIRD GENDER 324
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13 CONSTITUENCIES
152 TOTAL CANDIDATES
28,758 POLLING STATIONS
34,931 BALLOT UNITS

TONK-SAWAI MADHOPUR	UDAIPUR	BHILWARA
 21,48,128 Total voters Male 11,21,949 Female 10,26,165 63.44% Voting percentage of 2019	 22,30,971 Total voters Male 11,33,207 Female 10,97,743 70.32% Voting percentage of 2019	 21,47,159 Total voters Male 10,89,428 Female 10,57,713 65.49% Voting percentage of 2019
BARMER-JAISALMER	BANSWARA-DUNGARPUR	
 22,06,237 Total voters Male 11,76,975 Female 10,29,253 73.30% Voting percentage of 2019	 22,00,438 Total voters Male 11,10,876 Female 10,89,540 72.90% Voting percentage of 2019	 72.90% Voting percentage of 2019

Infographic: Vinod Kumar Sharma

Rajni ka Adda

Rahul campaigned only once in Raj since MCC

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi came to Rajasthan for campaign only for one day after the implementation of the code of conduct. He held meetings in Anupgarh and Phalodi under the first phase on the same day. There was no visit to Gandhi family members after the first phase. Sonia Gandhi also came to Jaipur only once. The leaders of Rajasthan Congress took over the entire responsibility of campaigning.

Plaint against J Ramesh for calling PM 'Vish guru'

BJP Rajasthan has complained to the Chief Electoral Officer against Congress leader Jairam Ramesh for violating election code of conduct by calling PM Modi 'Vish Guru'. BJP leader Yogendra Singh Tanwar has given the complaint.

38 Cong workers join BJP amidst LS polls

Just ahead of polling, 38 Congress workers joined BJP in presence of MLA Kanwarlal Meena in Anta, Baran. The workers of Govindpura, Hanfaheri, Bhonrajdi, Jaynagar and Kotri villages joined the saffron party. Kanwarlal Meena welcomed them.

Changing political equations of Barmer

In a sudden development ahead of the polling, RLP workers supported BJP on Barmer-Jaisalmer Lok Sabha seat where Union MoS Kailash Choudhary is contesting the elections as BJP candidate. RLP District Convener Gajendra Chaudhary held a press conference and announced support to BJP against Congress. He referred to the incident of stone pelting on the convoy of Hanuman Beniwal and Kailash Chaudhary in 2019.

CEO Gupta takes stock of final preps

Sandeep Goyal
Sawai Madhopur

Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta on Thursday inspected integrated control room, webcasting and voting and other sweep activities are being run in Tonk-Sawai Madhopur for ensuring participation of all voters and increasing voter turnout during LS elections.

Addressing sweep officials in the sweep cell of Sawai Madhopur Zila Parishad, the CEO said that participation of all voters is important in strengthening democracy. He appealed to all voters to go to cast vote during the Happy Hours on April 26 and avail the benefits of attractive offers and discounts by various business establishments in urban area after showing ink mark after voting.

He said that there will be facilities of cold water, shade, wheelchairs for the disabled and the elderly at the polling stations. The CEO asked the officers to further encourage voters to exercise their franchise.



Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta inspected polling party departure point in Sawai Madhopur.

Man admitted to hosp seeks postal ballot facility, gets it

Sandeep Rathore
Pali

Encouraged by the awareness drive of district election officer L N Mantri for increasing voting percentage, an injured employee admitted in hospital expressed his desire to vote through postal ballot.

Mangilal was admitted to hospital due to an accident & DM LN Mantri's awareness about voting encouraged the injured personnel

Mangilal, working in MCMC cell, was admitted to the hospital due to an accident but DM LN Mantri's awareness about voting encouraged the injured personnel. Assistant Director Public Relations Saurabh Singaria met the personnel in the hospital. Voting of personnel was done by sending vehicle from the office of the District Election Officer. "Every voter should perform his duty," Mangilal said after casting vote.

POLLING PARTIES TAKE COMMAND

The voting process for the second phase of LS polls will start at 7:00 Am on Friday. Interestingly, there is a polling center which is situated at an altitude of about 1,550 meters above sea level, where there is nothing in name of connectivity. Even if you want to talk on mobile, then you will have to go out of village, climb a hill, and perhaps then you may catch some network signals. This is a polling station of Jalore-Sirohi LS seat with 119 voters.



(L) Polling officers in Utraj & Shergaon in Sirohi Dist where officials travelled 10 km on foot braving the odds to ensure polling. (R) Polling parties going for duty in Jalore on Thursday.



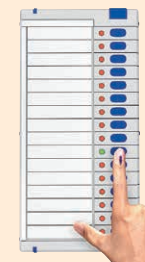
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LOK SABHA ELECTIONS 2024 PHASE 2 VOTING TODAY

ON YOUR MARK GET SET VOTE!

Moni Sharma
New Delhi/Jaipur

As India's monumental parliamentary elections progress, Phase 2 of the seven-phase electoral journey commences today amidst a backdrop of spirited campaigning. With numerous prominent figures vying for electoral victory, attention is particularly focused on the southern states of Kerala and Karnataka. The polling process is scheduled to commence at 7 am and wrap up at 6 pm, marking a pivotal moment in the democratic exercise as citizens exercise their right to vote. Phase 1 polls for 102 seats in April was completed on April 19.



Polling staff carrying EVMs and other materials leave for polling stations in Darjeeling on Thursday.

OM BIRLA AND HEMA MALINI SEEK HAT-TRICK OF WINS; RAHUL GANDHI, SHASHI THAROOR IN FRAY



Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Shashi Tharoor, and actor-turned-politician Arun Govil are among the key candidates in fray with BJP's Om Birla, Hema Malini & Gajendra Singh Shekhawat seeking a hat-trick of wins from their respective constituencies. Gandhi is the sitting MP from Wayanad in Kerala and is seeking re-election. Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor is hoping to retain the Thiruvananthapuram seat for 4th time.

Observers to strictly ensure that polling stations contain all possible amenities for voters especially to combat heat, no inducements are offered close to voting of Phase 2, forces are optimally utilised and law and order is kept under strict watch for smooth, free and fair polling.



RAJIV KUMAR, CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

PHASE 2 LOK SABHA POLLS

88	1,202
TOTAL SEATS	CANDIDATES IN FRAY
16 lakh	15.88 cr
POLL OFFICIALS	TOTAL VOTERS
1.67 lakh	34.8 lakh
POLLING BOOTHS	FIRST TIME VOTERS

STATES AND UTs WHICH WILL VOTE TODAY...

- Assam: 5 out of 14 seats
- Bihar: 5 out of 40 seats
- Chhattisgarh: 3 out of 11 seats
- Karnataka: 14 out of 28 seats
- Kerala: 20 out of 20 seats
- Madhya Pradesh: 6 out of 29 seats
- Maharashtra: 8 out of 48 seats
- Manipur: 1 out of 2 seats constituencies
- Rajasthan: 13 out of 25 seats
- Tripura: 1 out of 2 seats
- Uttar Pradesh: 8 out of 80 seats
- West Bengal: 3 out of 42 seats
- Jammu and Kashmir: 1 out of 5 seats



Paramilitary personnel leave for polling stations on Thursday.

STAGE SET FOR FINAL SHOWDOWN IN RAJ

Voting in Rajasthan will conclude during the Phase 2 today, as remaining 13 out of its 25 seats go to polls. During Phase 1, Rajasthan witnessed a voter turnout of nearly 58% across 12 seats where voting occurred, marking decrease from 2019 turnout of 63.71%.

13 POLL SEATS IN RAJ

- Ajmer
- Pali
- Jodhpur
- Barmer-Jaisalmer
- Jalore-Sirohi
- Udaipur
- Banswara-Dungarpur
- Chittorgarh
- Rajsamand
- Bhilwara
- Kota
- Jhalawar-Baran
- Tonk-Sawai Madhopur

SENSEX

BSE: 74,339.44
NIFTY: 22,570.35

486.50
167.95

IN BRIEF

Modi speaks to Meloni, thanks her for G7 invite



New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday spoke Italian PM Giorgia Meloni and thanked her for G7 Summit invite in June and greeted Meloni & the people of Italy on 79th anniversary of Liberation Day.

Anti-Naxal operation: Jawan martyred, 1 hurt

Dantewada: A security personnel fell victim to an accidental gunshot from a fellow's firearm, while another valiant soldier sustained severe injuries during an anti-Naxal operation in Dantewada.

WB: CBI files first FIR in Sandeshkhali case

Kolkata: The CBI has registered the first FIR against five "influential" persons and unknown others in connection with the allegation of sexual harassment & land grabbing in WB's Sandeshkhali.

Massive landslide in Arunachal, roads shut

Guwahati: A massive landslide has washed away a major portion of a highway in Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday, disrupting road connectivity with Dibang Valley, a district bordering China.

Congress's paper has been leaked in Rajasthan: Modi

PM Modi attacks Ashok Gehlot over claims by ex-OSD

First India Bureau
Agra

PM Narendra Modi on Thursday targeted previous Raj Congress govt on basis of Lokesh Sharma's allegations. While addressing public meeting in Agra, without naming Lokesh, PM said Cong's paper has been leaked in Raj. A person close to Gehlot has revealed that youth should be cautious of Congress. The then Gehlot govt of Rajasthan was involved in paper leak, a close aide of Gehlot made a public disclosure & now mouths of Congressmen are sealed, this is truth of Cong. P8



PM Narendra Modi during a public meeting for LS poll in Agra on Thursday. Also seen here are UP CM Yogi Adityanath and others.

DON'T KNOW WHAT EX-OSD DISCLOSED: GEHLOT ON LOKESH'S REVELATIONS IN PAPER LEAK CASE

Former CM Ashok Gehlot visited Jodhpur on Thursday where he spoke to the media about Lokesh Sharma's revelations in the paper leak case, he said that he does not know what the OSD has disclosed. Ashok Gehlot said that at present atmosphere is such that everyone in politics is moving about. P8



'SC will share case updates on WhatsApp'

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Supreme Court of India will soon start sharing information relating to cause lists, and filing and listing of cases to advocates through WhatsApp messages, Chief Justice DY Chandrachud announced on Thursday. The announcement was made by the CJ before a nine-judge bench headed by him commenced the hearing on a vexed legal question arising from the petitions whether private properties can be considered "material resources of community" under Article 39(b) of Constitution, which is part of DPSP.



6 dead, 30 injured after fire engulfs Patna hotel



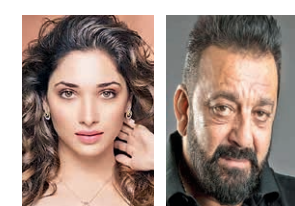
Rescue operations underway after a massive fire broke out at a hotel in Patna on Thursday. (B) Firefighters try to douse the fire.

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Patna

At least 6 died, 7 critical injured and over 30 suffered burns in massive fire that broke out in a hotel near Patna Railway Station on Thursday. Fire department officials said a cylinder explosion led to fire, initial probe indicates fire broke due to not following safety rules.



TAMANNAH, SANJAY DUTT SUMMONED



First India Bureau
Mumbai

The Maharashtra Cyber Cell has summoned Bollywood actress Tamannaah Bhatia on April 29 in a case related to the illegal broadcast of IPL 2023 matches on the betting Fairplay app — a subsidiary of Mahadev online gaming and betting application. Similarly, actor Sanjay Dutt's name has surfaced in the matter. However, Dutt's hectic schedule has led to a postponement, with the actor seeking a new date to comply with inquiry.

IAF aircraft crashes, no injuries reported

Suryaveer Singh Tanwar
Jaisalmer

A remotely piloted aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed in Pithala village in Jaisalmer district, during a routine training sortie, the IAF said on Thursday. "No



Charred remains of IAF plane that crashed in Jaisalmer on Thursday.

Will Gandhis fight from Rae Bareli, Amethi?



ANI
New Delhi

In surprising move, Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Rahul Gandhi are likely to contest LS election from Rae Bareli and Amethi seats, resp, sources told ANI on Thursday. According to the sources, the final decision will be taken after April 26 and nominations can be filed next week.

CM INSPECTS POLL MANAGEMENT OFFICES

CM Sharma plans strategy to increase maximum voting percentage in Phase 2

Aishwary Pradhan
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached State office of BJP on Thursday and inspected offices of all committees related to poll management. To boost the BJP workers' morale, the CM personally interacted with the members of Advocate Cell, Election Commission Cell, Program Cell, IT and Media Cell formed under the



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Parvesh Verma, Vijaya Rahatkar, Dr Vinay Sahasrabudhe, V Satish and Narayan Panchariya in a meeting ahead of Phase 2 poll, at State BJP office in Jaipur on Thursday.

We should participate in voting enthusiastically to elect a govt with strong and better democratic values, vision of nation building will come true only with power of vote. BHAJAN LAL SHARMA, CM

percentage as much as possible. While talking to media, CM appealed to the people of the state to vote as much as possible for the voting to be held on 13 Lok Sabha seats of the state on April 26.





Deepak Chopra

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DOES LIFE MAKE SENSE?



One thing that no one can tolerate is a meaningless life. You might even say that the entire purpose of our lives is a search for meaning, and we hope to find it in work, family, religion, politics, practically anything you can name. When meaning and purpose fail—after being fired, getting a divorce, or losing a beloved family member—people get anxious and depressed.

This aspect of the human condition is a mystery. Other creatures are satisfied to be lions, whales, rabbits, or shrews, guided by their nature. Humans alone question whether life makes sense. Does it? War is senseless but has endured for millennia. To an atheist, God doesn't make sense, while to the religiously devout the absence of God doesn't make sense. Yet few people ask why life makes sense at all.

There are really only two answers to this question. If life makes sense, we are justified in seeking deeper and higher meaning. If life doesn't make sense—in other words, if existence is random, accidental, indifferent, and simply a mechanical biological process—then seeking more meaning is just escapism. We are fooling ourselves in the hope that things matter.

To me, this is a fascinating question, not a gloomy one. There is actually a third answer: we don't know why life makes sense. Putting all assumptions aside, being uncertain takes you to a creative place. There is always the possibility that human beings are creators of meaning, and existence provides us with the colors we use to paint reality.

If that is true, then human evolution is itself a creative



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project. Despite the senselessness that surrounds us—from war, violence, hatred, racism, sexism, etc.—the creative process we call civilization endures age after age. Is there actual proof that this perspective is true? The countless people who are weighed down by suffering, not to mention those who have died needlessly and tragically, make it easy to argue that truth belongs on the other side. No less than Freud believed that civilization was a fragile veneer protecting us from our inner drive toward self-destruction.

But proof in a scientific age needs to be objective. Here's a credible argument for why life makes total sense, not just human life but all life, down to single-celled organisms. If you consider the human brain, it either creates meaning out of raw sensory input or it processes that input as an agent of the mind. We don't need to go into the intricacies of mind versus brain here. It is enough that the brain allows us to make sense of life.

primitive life forms, and Homo sapiens possible.

The key word here is "self," which the Vedic seers of India seized upon by declaring that the Self is imperishable. It is innate in existence, and like matter and energy, the Self cannot be created or destroyed. Being self-aware, humans can recognize that they have a self. "I am" is the most basic aspect of being self-aware, and its two components, "I" (the self) and "am" (existence) cannot be separated. To exist is to have a self, as proven by the fact that every level of nature is self-organizing. If atoms didn't know how to be themselves, by definition they couldn't exist.

Creation is nothing but change, and the Self morphs and evolves continuously. Simple atoms become more complex atoms; one-celled animals and plants become multicelled animals and plants. Visibly, we see these changes and therefore grasp the process of evolution. What we don't see is that as physical evolution takes place, making a rhinoceros look nothing like a tree fern, the self remains untouched. Once again, the proof lies in the fact that absolutely everything knows how to be itself.

Human beings nurture the changes that make a newborn turn into an infant, toddler, preschooler, school child, and adolescent. We wait a long time before trusting that our offspring are complete enough to be independent and mature. But even at the most helpless stage of the human life cycle, the body and mind know how to be themselves in the midst of constant change.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE PERSONAL

IN-DEPTH

UK GOVERNMENT HAS ITS WAY ON RWANDA DEPORTATION BILL

Despite Britain's Supreme Court declaring the plan unlawful, the United Kingdom passed the controversial Rwanda Deportation Bill which allows the Tory government to deport illegal immigrants, tens of thousands of whom crossed the English Channel for livelihood and better future, to the East African country. The Rishi Sunak government says the law will deter people from entering the country "illegally". Deporting the first lot of 300 asylum seekers to Rwanda is estimated to cost over \$660 million. The first chartered flight is expected to leave in July.

The British government is of the view that the deportation policy would stop human trafficking but the human rights groups disagree due to the absence of evidence. Hazardous crossings will henceforth be keenly watched. Countries impacted by the huge influx of refugees face a dilemma. On one hand they have to abide by international conventions on migrants and on the other they have to consider the burden on their resources and society.

FEATHER-BRAINED IDEA OF PITRODA



Sam Pitroda, advisor to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, is leading the Grand Old Party towards political self-destruction by proposing an inheritance tax for wealth redistribution. However, Pitroda overlooks the fact that his friend, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, dismissed the notion in 1985 due to its failure in addressing wealth inequality and aiding state development projects. Moreover, the idea faced rejection when it was mooted by former Finance Minister P Chidambaram during the UPA regime. Under the NDA govt Jayant Sinha, then Minister of State for Finance, also advocated inheritance tax.

Pitroda, the chairman of Indian Overseas Congress, has proposed initiating a dialogue regarding the implementation of an inheritance tax in India, modeled after the system existing in United States.

In the US, the beneficiary of a deceased's property or money has to pay a certain amount of tax on inheritance. Only six states — Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Iowa implement the tax.

There is something about Congress leaders which makes them adept at self-goals. During 2014 elections Mani Shankar Aiyar called Narendra Modi a chaiwala which became a defining theme and made BJP's victory march easy. In 2019 Aiyar addressed Modi as a "neech aadmi" in an opinion piece in Rising Kashmir. The other motor-mouth Congress leader has been the former MPCM Digvijay Singh whose statements caused more harm to the party than good.

The Congress has distanced itself from Pitroda's statement. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh tweeted on 'X', "The Congress has no plan whatsoever to introduce inheritance tax." It's a bit late though.



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NECESSARY INGREDIENTS

I didn't say "Body, mind, and spirit," because proof of spirit is extremely tricky in the modern secular world. Perhaps only proof by extension will convince people. In other words, if the body and mind have evolved to such incredible complexity simply by being themselves, then by extension the soul or spirit simply continues the self.

This is why Self is capitalized when speaking of Vedic philosophy or Yoga and Buddhism. The Self is higher (more evolved) than the everyday self with all its backsliding into senseless behavior, anxiety, and depression. Ultimately, it is a great gift that the self isn't created, whether lower case or upper case.

"I am" doesn't need a human brain to create self-awareness. The self is actually a catch-all for a conscious agency that is innate in creation. Before you and I have an identity, we are provided with the necessary ingredients: love, compassion, intelligence, awareness, creativity, curiosity, insight, and the impulse to evolve.



The people of Telangana believe that only Modi Ji, as the Prime Minister of India, can save Telangana from the corrupt governance and appeasement politics of the Congress and TRS. Therefore, they have resolved to elect Modi Ji again.
Amit Shah (Modi Ka Parivar) @AmitShah



The lives of people in Amethi block of Amethi Lok Sabha constituency have improved due to the schemes run by the double engine BJP government for public welfare and development of the region. Amethi block is being empowered by ensuring basic amenities like electricity, water, roads.
Smriti Z Irani (Modi Ka Parivar) @smritiirani

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love; this is the eternal rule.

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CRIME ON THE RISE

Miscreant posed as an official from ED and threatened the 64-yr-old man

Elderly duped of ₹ 5 lakh in Jaipur

First India Bureau
Jaipur

In a recent incident at Bajaj Nagar police station area, a 64-year-old man named Rajendra fell victim to a scam where he was duped of a significant sum by someone posing as an ED officer.

According to reports, Rajendra received a call from an unknown person claiming to be from the ED, alleging that Rajendra had opened a bank account using a fake Aadhaar card and had conducted transactions amounting to crores. The impersonator threatened Rajendra with arrest unless he transferred 5 lakh rupees immediately.

Panicked, Rajendra complied and transferred the money. However, upon realizing the deception, he reported the incident to the Bajaj Nagar police station, leading to registration of a case.

MISCREANTS, INCLUDING KINGPIN WHO LOOTED ₹71 LAKH FROM A GRAM SEVAK ARRESTED

The miscreants, including the kingpin who looted Rs 71 lakh from a gram sevak in the Muhana police station area of Jaipur have been arrested. Additional Police Commissioner Kailash Bishnoi said that when the police were chasing the three, they fell from a wall and broke their legs. After their arrest, it also came to light that the loot amount was only Rs 51 lakh. Bishnoi clarified, "The victim had said that he had brought Rs 71 lakh for the land deal. Usually, the transaction amounts are in the denominations of 11, 21, 51 or 101. This was the first time I heard Rs 71 lakh."

WOMAN FOUND HANGING IN BEAUTY SALON: COPS SUSPECT LOVE AFFAIR

Preliminary investigation by police into the death of a woman who was found hanging in the beauty parlour of a hotel in Churu on April 20 has revealed it to be a case of love affair. Investigation revealed that the girl wanted to marry a teacher, who was already married. The teacher had kept distance from the woman and his wife had also told her to stay away. But she was adamant on marrying him and was under stress. However, the girl's family had accused three men working with her of murder or abetting her suicide.

ABSCONDING ACCUSED OF AXE ATTACK IN BUNDI CAUGHT BY COPS

Tejmal, accused in the case of attacking a man with an axe during a jagran on Tuesday in Kapren of Bundi district, was arrested. After Tejmal attacked victim Banwari and fled, police registered a case after Banwari's brother Rajnit reported the matter. Deputy SP Ashish Bhargava said that a case was registered and search began. Raids were conducted at his house and nearby areas. After a tip-off, the accused was arrested. Investigation revealed that Tejmal's wife had died in an accident a year ago and he held Banwari responsible.

ACCUSED IN SI PAPER LEAK CASE APPROACH SC, HEARING TODAY

In the case related to refusal of bail to accused in SI recruitment paper leak, 12 accused including Abhishek Bishnoi have now approached the Supreme Court. They have filed a petition challenging the order of Rajasthan High court in which the court had refused bail to the accused 11 trainee SIs and one constable and had reversed the order of lower court which had given the bail. Double bench of justice J K Maheshwari and justice Sanjay Karol will hear the petition.

7 ARRESTED FOR WITH ILLEGAL GUM WORTH ₹6.50 LAKH

In a joint action by police and the forest department, 5 quintals gum in 10 plastic bags worth Rs 6.50 lakh was seized from a pickup near Sarund toll point on Sikar Kotputli Road and seven people have been arrested. A speeding pickup from Sikar on Kotputli Road was stopped and Prahlad Kevat (23), Ravi Singh (22), Harveer Singh Pawar (40) Pritam Singh (24), Lala Ram (26), Kanhaiya (29), Tehsildar Singh (19) were arrested.

Jaipur DGGI unit arrests alleged mastermind of ₹215.67 Cr GST evasion

Vimal Kothari
Jaipur

Jaipur zonal unit of Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence-DGGI, after several months of hide and seek, finally succeeded in arresting the alleged mastermind of GST evasion of Rs 215.67 crore identified as Pankaj Agarwal, resident of Old Gupta Colony, Vijay Nagar, Delhi, on April 23 and succeeded in sending him to judicial custody for 14 days by presenting him in the Economic Offenses Court on Wednesday.

DGGI Jaipur regional unit's intelligence officer Shivam Kumar Sharma produced the accused in the court, where the department's special public prosecutor R. N. Yadav argued the case. According to the documents presented in the court, Pankaj Aggarwal is accused of evading GST through 49 bogus firms. The allegation is that he has been taking help in his work by luring the general public. Pankaj Aggarwal's name came to light in November 2023



through Ashutosh Garg, who was arrested in the case of GST evasion of Rs 1032 crore. It is alleged that Pankaj Aggarwal is also a co-accused in this case. After this Pankaj Aggarwal escaped from the grip of DGGI officials. DGGI sent several summons to the known address of Pankaj Aggarwal, filed a complaint in the court, summons were also issued to him from the court to appear, but he did not appear and on the contrary, opened a front against the officers investigating the case and tried to get interim relief in the High Court. After not getting relief from the High Court, DGGI officials tightened the noose against Pankaj Aggarwal and finally arrested him on 23 April.



Students from Rajasthan who achieved ranks in JEE-mains 2024 Examination.

IIT-JEE RESULTS-2024

Jaipur's Yashneel secures 45th rank in the countryFirst India Bureau
Jaipur

Maharashtra's Neelkrishna, who is a coaching student from Kota has topped in the country after National Testing Agency (NTA) announced the JEE-Mains 2024 results.

Yashneel of Jaipur secured 45th rank in the country and topped in Jaipur. Saksham Khandelwal has secured 117th rank and second rank in Jaipur City and Palaksh Goyal is third in Jaipur by securing 122nd rank. Yashneel said, "I want to fulfill the dream of my parents by getting admission in IIT Bombay," he said.

About 2.5 lakh students have qualified for the advanced ex-

amination, in which 1,01,324 students are from the general category, 25,029 from EWS, 67,570 from OBC, 37,581 from SC and 18,780 from ST. The percentile cutoff of general category was 93.2362181, EWS was 81.3266412, OBC was 79.6757881, SC was 60.0923182, ST was 46.6975840.

Alongside the results, the NTA has revealed the cutoff for JEE Advanced, all India rank holders, and state-wise toppers, following the recent release of the final answer key, which omitted four questions

WOMAN GANG-RAPED AT KNIFEPOINT IN FRONT OF DAUGHTER IN DUNGARPUR



A woman was allegedly gang-raped at knifepoint by two men in front of her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter in Dungarpur in Rajasthan, police said on Thursday. Station House Officer Bhagwan Lal Meghwal said that the incident occurred on Wednesday night. The woman was staying in the guards' room of an apartment with her husband and daughter for the last six years, the SHO said. Two men, riding a bike, forcefully entered the room and raped the woman at knifepoint in front of her daughter. They also threatened to kill the child, if she screamed, he said.

No water in houses, women climb water tank, lock water supply dept in Bharatpur



Women protesting on the water tank in Bharatpur on Thursday.

Ravi Katara
Bharatpur

Furious over non-availability of water, women climbed a water tank in Bharatpur under the Bhusawar police station area. Besides, people also locked the water supply department office.

After getting information, AEN of the water supply dept rushed to the spot and assured the people that water would ar-

rive soon. An hour later, women came down the water tank.

The women of Barpada Colony said there was no water in their houses for two days and they were facing much difficulty. Water supply department officials said that due to some illegal water connections, supply was not available to the people of the town but it would be resolved in two days.

Govt says no to joint probe panel in organ transplant fake NOC case

First India Bureau
Jaipur

After legal opinion from Advocate General, the medical education department has decided that a joint action team will not be formed to investigate illegal organ transplant in the state.

The scope of authorized officer for investigation will increase. The govt is also contemplating making more than one authorized officer for investigation.

The legal opinion was given on the basis of two old decisions of the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, former health minister and Malviya Nagar MLA Kalicharan Saraf has sent a letter to the Chief



Minister demanding an NIA investigation into the fake NOC case in organ transplant.

Saraf said that a gang of foreign middle men is active in many states of the country with which the people caught in Rajasthan are also connected.

He said that the state police and ACB have been able to catch only small fishes and after the matter came to light, the agencies are

only going through the records.

Saraf has also written in the letter that the meeting of the state level committee has not been held for the last 3 years, but kidney transplants have been taking place in private hospitals as well as SMS government hospital.

The BJP MLA said that the information was also known to the responsible officials of the state level committee and therefore this work cannot be done without their involvement.

On the other hand, a meeting of the state level committee for organ transplant was held in the conference hall of SMS Hospital today.

25th edition of 'Rough and Cut Gemstone Show' to be held tomorrow in JaipurFirst India Bureau
Jaipur

The Jewellers Association Jaipur, will organise the Rough and Cut Gemstone Show (JAGS) tomorrow. The B2B event will be held in public utility building of the association at Janta Colony.

It will be inaugurated by Pramod Derewala, Chairman of National Gem and Jewellery Council of India. Asso-

ciation President DP Khandelwal said that the 25th edition focuses on connecting the gem mines to the market.

Association's Neeraj Lunawat said that jewelers will be able to purchase from this exhibition to supply the orders received. According to coordinator Abhishek Sand, this time different types of cut stones and Kharar will be displayed at 81 booths in the show.

Consumer forum slaps ₹70k fine on resort for not refunding money

Kamalkant Sharma
Jaipur

District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Jaipur IV slapped a fine of Rs 70,000 citing service flaw on a resort for not returning the booking amount in case of cancellation of a wedding.

Complainant Ramprasad Sharma, said that the marriage of his daughter was on November 25, 2022. He had booked the resort for Rs 12.80 lakh. He gave an advance of Rs 21,000 and a cheque of Rs 3 lakh was given on July 8.

The form gave instructions to return the amount of Rs 3,21,000 with 9% interest. A fine of Rs 70,000 was imposed on Achrol Bagh Resort.

PADHARO MHARE DES

Raj may host record 20 cr tourists this season

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

Rajasthan, which was visited by more than 18 crore tourists last year, can break this record in the current year and create a new record of hosting 20 crore tourists.

For the current financial year, fairs and festivals have started in the state with Gangaur Utsav. A total of 28 fairs and festivals will be organized in this financial year.

In view of this, it is expected that this time there



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will be a strong increase in the number of domestic and foreign tourists coming to the state.

A total of 28 meets and festivals will be organized in the current finan-

cial year by the Tourism Department.

Maximum 7 fairs and festivals will be organized in the capital Jaipur and two fairs and festivals each in Mount Abu,

TOURISTS TO RATE MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS IN RAJASTHAN'S UNIQUE FEEDBACK INITIATIVE

In a unique initiative by Archaeology and Museum Director Pankaj Dharendra, tourists visiting monuments and museums are asked to fill a feedback form. Based on the feedback, work will be done on rating the monuments and changes would be made there. Feedback is being taken on many points. Some of them are, guide's knowledge, facilities and services, accessibility, cleanliness, maintenance by the department, behaviour of the staff and more. So far, feedback has been taken from more than 8000 tourists on a total of six points.

Udaipur, Bundi and Bikaner. This time, Bikaner's Momasar Utsav will be a new attraction for tourists visiting the State, while Jaipur Literature Festival will be organ-

ized from 1 to 5 February instead of January.

Next month, Summer Fest will be organized in Mount Abu from 10 to 12 May which is very popular among the tourists.

Huge pothole again near Gurjar Ki Thadi, raises concerns for JDA

Abhishek Shrivastava
Jaipur

A major casualty was averted on Thursday when a 20-foot-deep pothole was formed on the road near Gurjar Ki Thadi underpass on Gopalpura bypass after the road caved in. People around informed the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) about it. Traffic came to a halt but the JDA officials started the work of repair.

An eyewitness said, "This is not the first time this has happened on this road. But JDA officials



The 20-ft-deep pothole formed suddenly near Gopalpura bypass in Jaipur on Thursday.

are not paying any attention to this. Thousands of vehicles move on this road every day. A large number of students on

foot take this road. Such carelessness by the officials may cause a major incident in the near future."

All arrangement in place for phase 2 of LS polls today

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Election Commission of India (ECI) is all geared up for the phase 2 of the Lok Sabha polls that commences on Friday. With weather conditions predicted to be within normal ranges, voters can cast their votes comfortably. For convenience for voters, me-

ticulous arrangements have been made at all polling stations including facilities, to deal with hot weather conditions.

Polling is scheduled in 88 Constituencies across 13 States/UTs. It may be recalled that polling for 29-Betul PC in Madhya Pradesh was rescheduled in third phase due to death of a candidate from Bahujan Samaj Party. Remain-



Polling officials at a distribution centre before the second phase of Lok Sabha elections, in Bhagalpur, on Thursday. PTI

ing 5 phases of polls will continue till 1st of June with counting of votes scheduled on 4th June. Polling for 102 seats in phase 1 was completed in smooth and peaceful manner on 19th April.

Election Commission has called upon voters to turnout in greater numbers at polling stations and vote with responsibility and pride.

EC TAKES NOTE OF ALLEGED MCC VIOLATIONS BY PM MODI, RAHUL GANDHI

New Delhi: The Election Commission of India has taken cognizance of alleged Model Code of Conduct violations by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Both BJP and INC had raised allegations of causing hatred and division based on religion, caste, community, or language ECI

has invoked section 77 of the Representation of the People Act and held party presidents responsible, as a first step, to reign in star campaigners. MCC allegations against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Rahul Gandhi are exchanged with BJP President JP Nadda and INC President Mallikarjuna Kharge as a first step.



PM in Madhya Pradesh At a rally in Morena, PM attacks Cong

Cong divided country on basis of religion: PM Modi

First India Bureau
Morena

Prime Minister Narendra Modi continued to sharpen his attack on the Congress on Thursday during an election rally, alleging that the grand old party accepted the country's division on the basis of religion.

The PM made this accusation while addressing a public rally in Madhya Pradesh's Morena on Thursday.

He said that the BJP was trying to cleanse the "sin" that the Congress committed years ago. "Instead of opening the chains of 'Ma Bharati', the Congress cut its arms. The Congress accepted the country's division on the basis of religion," PM Modi said while addressing a large gathering. PM Modi said that the Con-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Morena, Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister and BJP leader Jyotiraditya Scindia is also seen. PTI

gress divided the country earlier and is not ready to listen even today.

"The Congress' agenda is to divide the country for power. Once again, it is desperate to return to power," the PM added.

The BJP has won the Morena Lok Sabha seat for the last seven terms since 1996.

RAJIV GANDHI SCRAPPED INHERITANCE LAW TO SAVE THEIR FAMILY PROPERTY, SAYS PM MODI

Morena: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the then PM Rajiv Gandhi scrapped the inheritance law during his tenure to save the wealth and family property that was to be taken by the govt after the death of his mother Indira Gandhi. At a rally here, PM Modi said, "The facts relating to Inheritance Tax are eye-opening. When Indira Gandhi died, her children were going to get her property. But there was a rule earlier, that before the property goes to the children some part of it was taken by the government. Congress had formulated a law on this."

BJP's Hyderabad candidate Latha declares assets of ₹221 crore

Agencies
Hyderabad

BJP's candidate for the Hyderabad Lok Sabha seat, Kompella Madhavi Latha owns family assets of Rs 221.37 crore, making her one of the richest candidates in Telangana. She, her husband Kompella Viswanath, both business persons, and their three dependent children, have movable assets of Rs 165.46 crore and the couple has immovable assets of Rs 55.91 crore. Latha revealed details of the family assets in an affidavit submitted to the Election Commission on Wednesday while filing her nomination.



Madhavi Latha campaigns with Anurag Thakur. FILE

BJP will end reservation for Muslims in Telangana: Shah



Union Minister Amit Shah during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections in Telangana. PTI

First India Bureau
Siddipet

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that BJP will end reservation for Muslims in Telangana and provide the benefit to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

"BJP will end reservation for Muslims done by Congress and TRS in Telangana and make reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs," Shah said here.

Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy had said last



Union Home Minister Amit Shah offers prayers at the Kalbhairav temple, in Varanasi, on Thursday. PTI

He said the BJP-led government has worked to eliminate pending problems in the country.

He said pran pratishtha of grand Ram temple in Ayodhya was done during the rule of Modi government and Article 370 was scrapped from Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah accused Congress of not probing "scams" committed by the previous Bharat Rashtira Samithi government. Telangana Rashtira Samithi later changed its name to Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS).

Kharge writes to PM Modi; seeks time to explain Cong's Nyay Patra

ANI
New Delhi

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday wrote a letter to PM Narendra Modi and sought time from him to explain in person the party's 'Nyay Patra'.

In his letter, he said he is neither "shocked" nor "surprised" by the language used by the PM in his recent speeches.

"I am neither shocked nor surprised by your language or your speeches over the last few days. It was expected that you and other leaders from your party would start speaking in this manner.



AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge

The Congress has been talking about the deprived poor and their rights (Nyay). We are aware that you and your government do not have any concern for the poor and dispossessed," Kharge said in his letter to the Prime Minister.

RAHUL GANDHI APPEALS TO VOTE FOR CONG'S 'HAND'

New Delhi: Ahead of 2nd phase of Lok Sabha polls,

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi appealed to the voters to support the Congress and vote for the 'hand' symbol.



In a video message shared on his official 'X' handle, he said that this election is meant to protect the Constitution and democracy while urging the citizens to 'fulfil their duty towards democracy'.

ED opposes Kejriwal's plea against arrest

ANI
New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court opposing Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea against his arrest and said that he did not cooperate with the central agency despite multiple summons issued to him.

The Enforcement Directorate told the apex court that Arvind Kejriwal was avoiding interrogation by not remaining present before the investigating officer despite being summoned nine times.

Akhilesh files nomination from Kannauj

- Nomination process for phase 4 LS polls ended on Thursday
- Gazette notification for 5th phase of LS polls to start today

ANI
Kannauj

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday filed his nomination from Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj Lok Sabha seat. Party's MP Ramgopal Yadav accompanied Akhilesh while filing his nomination.

Akhilesh Yadav served as Lok Sabha MP from 2000-2012. He resigned from the Kannauj parliamentary seat in 2012 after he became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

In 2017, his party was unable to form a govern-



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav files his nomination for Lok Sabha elections, in Kannauj. PTI

Akhilesh served as LS MP from 2000-2012. He resigned from the Kannauj seat in 2012 after he became the CM of UP. In 2017, his party was unable to form gov in UP. He was elected Lok Sabha MP in 2019 and went on to be elected to the UP Assembly in 2022

ment in UP and he submitted his resignation to the Governor. He was elected Lok Sabha MP in 2019 and went on to be elected to the UP Assem-

bly in 2022. Voting on the Kannauj parliamentary constituency will be held in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha polls on May 13.

I.N.D.I.A. BLOC SCARED OF PM'S POPULARITY: APARNA IN A DIG AT AKHILESH

Lucknow: Bhartiya Janata party leader and Akhilesh Yadav's sister-in-law Aparna Yadav on Thursday took a dig at I.N.D.I.A. alliance while expressing confidence in the BJP's prospects in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "The I.N.D.I. Alliance leaders have a fear of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity and they have decided to pitch their top leaders in the fray...They have decided that if they want to defeat PM Modi, then the senior leadership has to enter the battleground, and hence he (Akhilesh Yadav) has filed his nomination," she said.

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

Yogi attacks Opposition parties at Agra rally

First India Bureau
Agra

Launching a scathing attack on Opposition, UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said that those who are against welfare and development initiatives, along with a secure India, are conspiring against India again.

At a rally here, he said, "The result of your trust in the leadership of PM Modi in 2014 is that India's respect has increased in the world. Our borders are now secure, and India



UP CM Yogi Adityanath with others at meeting for Lok Sabha elections, at Kirawali in Agra. FILE

has been freed from terrorism and Naxalism. Besides, significant development has taken place."

He said, "The public is benefiting from welfare schemes without any

bias. India seems to be emerging as the world's largest economic power."

Yogi urged the voters to re-elect sitting Agra MP and BJP Lok Sabha candidate SP Singh

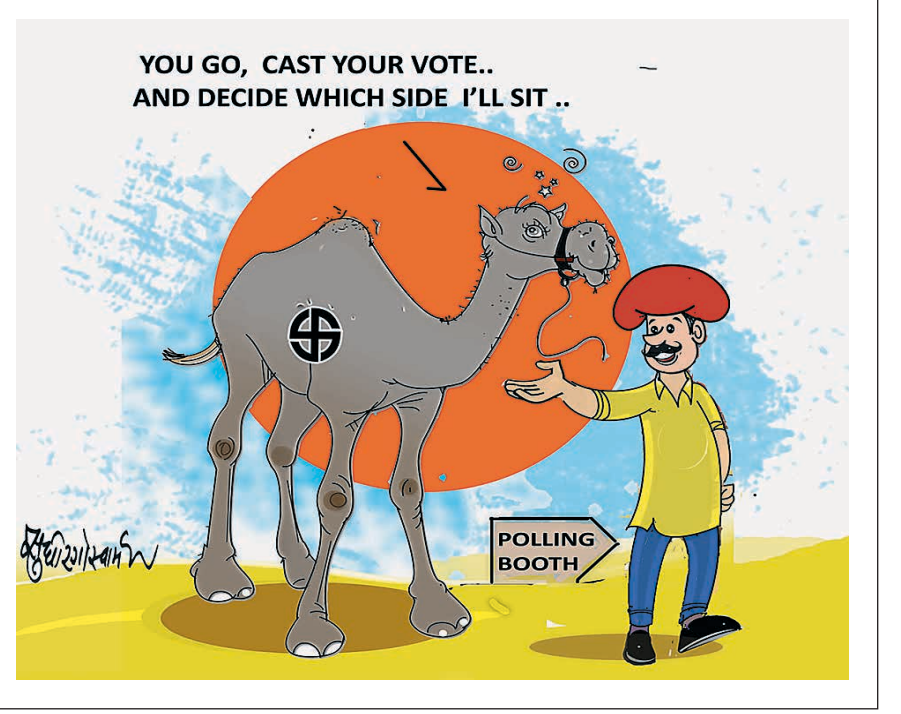
Baghel, as well as Fatehpur Sikri MP and BJP candidate Rajkumar Chahar, to Parliament.

He highlighted that during the 'Azadi ke Amrit Mahotsav year', PM

Narendra Modi had urged the nation to embrace Panch Pran (five pledges), which include ending the traces of slavery in India, respecting the heritage, and working together with every Indian to carry forward the concept of a self-reliant and developed India.

He said, "In contrast, Congress and SP harbour negative sentiments towards India. Members of the I.N.D.I. alliance have a track record of betraying the nation and dividing society based on caste, region and language."

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INDIA KA TYOHAR



RCB end 6-match losing streak

18 nations urge Hamas to release hostages, end crisis

First India Bureau
Hyderabad

Rajat Patidar's explosive fifty and a collective effort from the spinners set up Royal Challengers Bengaluru's 35-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL here on Thursday, bringing an end to their six-match losing streak.

Patidar's 50 off 20 balls stood in stark contrast to Virat Kohli's measured 51 off 43 balls as RCB put up 206 for seven after opting to bat.

For a team that has breached the 250-run mark thrice season, the target was very gettable but the in-form SRH batting line-up could not deliver on this occasion and ended at 171 for eight in 20 overs. It was a much-needed result for RCB, who lost seven of their first eight games. The loss was SRH's third in eight matches.



Royal Challengers Bengaluru players celebrate the wicket of Sunrisers Hyderabad batter Heinrich Klaasen during the IPL match between SRH and RCB in Hyderabad on Thursday.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- RCB ace Virat Kohli hit a 43-ball 51 versus Sunrisers Hyderabad in Match 41 of the IPL match on Thursday.
- Jaydev Unadkat marks his 100th IPL appearance with a three-fer
- RCB's Rajat Patidar smashes a fifty versus SRH



SRH players celebrate the wicket of RCB batter Rajat Patidar.



Virat Kohli plays a shot during the match on Thursday.



RCB batters Virat Kohli and Rajat Patidar during the match.

Agencies
Washington

The United States and 17 other countries on Thursday issued an appeal for Hamas to release sick, elderly and wounded hostages as a pathway to end the crisis in Gaza.

"We call for the immediate release of all hostages held by Hamas now for over 200 days," a statement by the countries said, in what an official called an extraordinary display of unanimity.

The 18 countries all have citizens held by Hamas six months after the Palestinian militant launched its assault. The signatories were the leaders of the United States, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Thailand and Britain.

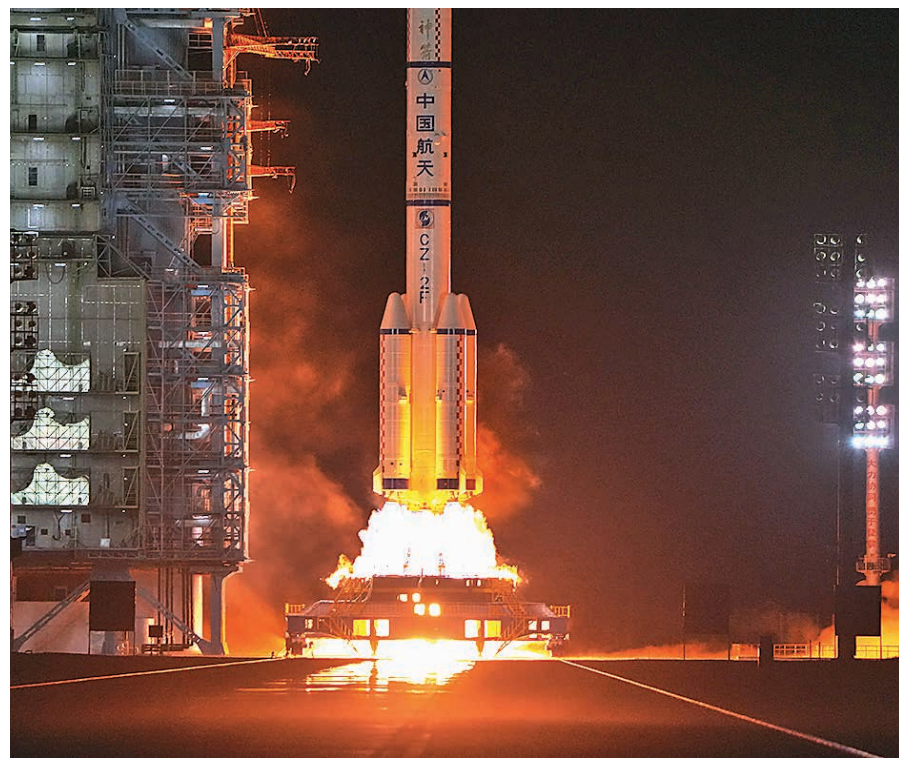


A person prays in front of photos of hostages posted on campus near an encampment where students are protesting in support of Palestinians at Columbia University in New York City.

US SECRETLY SENT MISSILES TO UKRAINE; BIDEN SAYS CHINA, IRAN & NORTH KOREA HELPING RUSSIA

Washington: The US has secretly delivered long-range ballistic missiles to Ukraine to be used against Russian forces, the Pentagon has confirmed, while President Joe Biden alleged that China, Iran and North Korea were supplying weapons and technology to Moscow to boost its military. President Biden secretly approved the transfer of the long-range ATACMS missiles in February for use inside Ukrainian territory. The ATACMS missiles were then quietly included in the USD 300 million aid package announced on March 12 and ultimately delivered to Ukraine earlier this month, according to Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Garron Garn said on Wednesday. "It was not announced that we are providing Ukraine with this new capability at the time to maintain operational security for Ukraine at their request," Garn said, deferring questions about their use to Ukraine's military.

The Moon Mission



China launched a three-member crew to its orbiting space station on Thursday as part of its ambitious programme that aims to put astronauts on the moon by 2030 on Thursday.

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India dismisses US human rights report as 'deeply biased'

Agencies
New Delhi

New Delhi said on Thursday it does not attach any value to a U.S. State Department report critical of human rights in India, and called it deeply biased.

Asked about it, Indian foreign ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told journalists that the report "as per our understanding, is deeply biased and reflects a very poor understanding of India."

"We attach no value to it and urge you to also do the same," Jaiswal said.

Responding to a question about the growing protests on U.S. university campuses, Jaiswal said that "there has to be the right balance between freedom of expression, sense of responsibility and public safety and order".



Protests against Israel filled streets in Brooklyn and escalated at universities across the United States, some of which included Jewish Passover Seders, as demonstrators demanded an end to civilian casualties in Gaza. Students build a protest encampment in support of Palestinians, at the University of Southern California's Alumni Park, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas.



IndiGo to buy up to 100 wide-body A350 planes

PTI
New Delhi

Marking its foray into the wide-body segment, the country's largest airline IndiGo on Thursday announced placing a firm order for 30 A350-900 aircraft and will also have the option to purchase 70 more such aircraft.

Flying for more than 17 years, IndiGo currently has a fleet of more than 350 narrow-body planes and is expanding its presence overseas. The carrier is also operating two wide-body Boeing 777

aircraft leased from Turkish Airlines to Istanbul from Delhi and Mumbai. The A350-900 planes will be powered by Rolls Royce's Trent XWB engine and the exact configuration of these aircraft, whose delivery is expected to start from 2027, will be decided later.

In a release, IndiGo said it is entering the "wide-body space with an order for 30 firm Airbus A350-900 aircraft".

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers termed it as a "historic moment".



UN REPORT SAYS

282 million people faced acute hunger in 2023, with the worst famine in Gaza



Agencies
United Nations

Nearly 282 million people in 59 countries suffered from acute hunger in 2023, with war-torn Gaza as the territory with the largest number of people facing famine, according to the Global Report on Food Crises released on Wednesday.

The UN report said 24 million more people faced an acute lack of food than in 2022, due to the sharp deterioration in food security, especially in the Gaza Strip and Sudan.

The number of nations with food crises that are monitored has also been expanded.

Maximo Torero, chief economist for the UN's Food and Agriculture

Organisation, said 705,000 people in five countries are at Phase 5, the highest level, on a scale of hunger determined by international experts - the highest number since the global report began in 2016 and quadruple the number that year.

Over 80 per cent of those facing imminent famine - 577,000 people - were in Gaza, he said.

Over 36 million people in 39 countries and territories are facing an acute hunger emergency, a step below the famine level in Phase 4, with more than a third in Sudan and Afghanistan.

South Sudan, Burkina Faso, Somalia and Mali each host many thousands also facing catastrophic hunger.

According to the report's future outlook, around 1.1 million people in Gaza, where the Israel-Hamas war is now in its seventh month, and 79,000 in South Sudan are projected to be in Phase 5 and facing famine by July.

CRUCIAL READ

LS polls: Cong releases list of 8 candidates from Haryana

New Delhi: The Congress on Thursday released a list of eight candidates for the Lok Sabha polls from Haryana. The party has nominated Kumar Selja from Sirsa constituency and Deepender Singh Hooda from Rohtak. Other candidates include Varun Choudhary (Ambala), Jai Prakash (Hisar), Divyanshu Budhiraja (Karnal), Satpal Brahmachari (Sonapat), Rao Dan Singh (Bhiwani Mahendragarh), Mahendra Pratap (Faridabad).

Indian Air Force beat Sri Lanka AF in Arjan Singh hockey meet

Chandigarh: The Indian Air Force beat Sri Lanka Air Force on Day 1 of the 5th edition of the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament -- 2024, on Thursday at No. 3 Base Repair Depot (BRD) here. Four matches were played on the first day. The Indian Air Force won 4-0 against Sri Lanka Air Force. JWO Lovdeep Singh of the Indian Air Force scored four goals. He was declared the man of the match.

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Only once we are really free, can we know and understand life in its many profound dimensions.
Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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BJP will win all 25 seats in Rajasthan, CM reiterates

PEOPLE WILL RESPOND TO CONGRESS IN LS POLLS:CM

The revelations by Ashok Gehlot's former OSD will prompt public to seek answers on corruption, paper leaks, and appeasement, he adds

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma addressed the media on Thursday and stated that the people will respond to Congress in the Lok Sabha elections. He emphasised, "Congress has dealt a blow to the youth by leaking the paper. The people of Rajasthan are ready to respond to them. BJP will win all the seats in the state in the Lok Sabha elections. BJP will secure a significant victory in the elections for the seats where voting took place on April 19. Friday's elections will also witness a resounding victory for BJP. Everyone has faith in PM Modi, as he will fulfill the dream of developing India and Rajasthan."

Sharma also commented on the claims made by ex-CM Ashok Gehlot's former OSD, Lokesh Sharma. "The revelations by Ashok Gehlot's OSD will prompt the public to seek answers regarding corruption, paper leaks, and appeasement. BJP will win all 25 seats in Rajasthan," he concluded.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being greeted by Onkar Singh Lakhawat during his visit to various departments of Election Management Committee at BJP HQs in Jaipur to review poll preparations. Balmukund Acharya and others were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma reviews the poll preparations for the second phase of LS polls in Election Management Committee's room at BJP Headquarters in Jaipur on Thursday.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being briefed about the work related to the 2nd phase of LS polls by Vijaya Rahatkar at the IT Cell at BJP Headquarters.

Rajasthan canals get relief amid Punjab closure

Vinod Singh Chouhan
Jaipur

Amid a partial canal closure in Punjab, the people of the canal command area in Rajasthan have received relief due to the efforts of the Bhajan Lal government.

The government had previously announced that canal closures would not occur in Rajasthan.

Additional Chief Secretary Abhay Kumar formulated an action plan following the government's instructions.

As a result, the Bhakra Canal and Indira Gandhi Canal Project received a new lease of life for the summer. Additionally, the Gang Canal and Nohar Bhadra area also received water.

This decision was made during the Bhakra Beas Management Board meeting held in Chandigarh, fulfilling Rajasthan's demands.

The meeting was chaired by Chairman Manoj Tripathi.

The Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP) will receive 7750 cusecs of water, the Bhakra canal system will receive 1200 cusecs of water, and the Gang Canal will receive 1500 cusecs of water, while the Sidhmukh Canal will receive 650 cusecs of water.

Lessons from LS polls Phase 1: Boosting voter turnout in Phase 2

BJP's focus on getting its own votes cast by noon

Congress mobilises Assembly-wise War Rooms

Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

Both BJP and Congress are intensifying efforts to increase voter turnout in the second phase of elections following a six per cent decline in voter participation during the first phase. Today, voting will take place for 13 seats in Rajasthan out of the 88 Lok Sabha seats in the second phase. The outcome of this phase is crucial for both parties, given the significant number of seats at stake.

BJP's voter mobilisation strategy

In a bid to increase voter turnout, BJP is strategically focusing on early voting. Party workers aim to escort voters to polls before noon, especially targeting women and young voters. For those unable to vote in morning, BJP leaders and booth-level workers will assist in afternoon and evening. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma personally engaged with the election management team to ensure the effective



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with BJP officials during his visit to review preps for 2nd phase of LS polls at BJP Headquarters on Thursday.



Govind Singh Dotasra chairs a meeting to review preps for the second phase of LS polls at PCC War Room in Jaipur on Thursday. Swarnim Chaturvedi and others were present.

DOTASRA ENGAGES WITH PARTY WORKERS AHEAD OF 2ND PHASE OF LS POLLS TODAY

Raj PCC President GS Dotasra convened with party workers at the state Congress war room ahead of voting in 13 parliamentary constituencies today. He discussed strategy and gathered feedback from organisational officials. Campaigning concluded on Wednesday evening, with candidates focusing on door-to-door outreach on Thursday.

ive execution of the strategy, emphasising the slogan, 'Pehle Matdaan, Phir Jalpaan.'

Congress mobilises traditional voters

Facing concerns over low turnout, Congress is mobilising its traditional voter base. The party has

activated Assembly-level war rooms to coordinate efforts in encouraging supporters to cast their votes. Congress War Room Chairman, Jaswant Gurjar highlighted efforts to motivate voters through phone calls and personal outreach to ensure maximum participation.

Shekhawat seeks support in door-to-door campaign



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat poses with advocates during his visit to the High Court premises during the 'Jansampark Abhiyan' in Jodhpur on Thursday.

Shiv Prakash Purohit
Jodhpur

Union Jal Shakti Minister and BJP candidate for the Jodhpur Lok Sabha seat, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, conducted door-to-door visits in the inner areas of Jodhpur city on Thursday.

He met women worshipping Dhinga Gangaur at the Gopal temple in

Jalop Mohalla and sought votes and support for the Bharatiya Janata Party.

The women warmly welcomed Shekhawat.

The tradition of worshipping Dhinga Gangaur has been ongoing in Jodhpur city for centuries, during which women form groups in different areas of the city and worship Gangaur for 16 consecutive days.

PANT CHAIRS REVIEW MEETING

Showcase Rajasthan's art, tourism and history attractively at GITB: CS to officials

Dr Rituraj Sharma and Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

A meeting was convened at the Secretariat on Thursday under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant to review preparations for the three-day 'The Great Indian Travel Bazaar 2024' scheduled to be held in Jaipur from May 5 to 7, aimed at promoting tourism in Rajasthan.

Pant emphasised the importance of showcasing state tourism and inviting stakeholders, including foreign delegates. He directed that Rajasthani dishes should be included in at least one meal during the event to promote the



Sudhansh Pant on Thursday, chairs a meeting at the Secretariat to discuss the preparations for 'The Great Indian Travel Bazaar 2024' scheduled to be held in Jaipur from May 5 - 7, 2024. Dr Rashmi Sharma, UR Sahoo, Aparna Arora, Biju George Joseph, Hawa Singh Ghumariya, Bhaskar A Sawant, Prakash Rajpurohit and others were present.

state's cuisine.

Tourism Director Rashmi Sharma said that on May 5, a wedding expo titled 'Wed in India' will be hosted at Ma-

harani Mahal, Rambagh Palace. "The objective is to encourage tourists from India and abroad to consider getting married in Rajasthan. On May 6

and 7, an exhibition will be organized at JECC Hall in Sitapura, where B2B meetings will be held with foreign tour operators," she added.

Gehlot dismisses Lokesh's charges as poll gimmick

Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur



Ashok Gehlot

Former CM Ashok Gehlot criticised BJP's tactics, accusing them of misleading voters with false promises. Gehlot highlighted the impact of BJP's campaign gimmicks during assembly polls, noting that people in every village remember his government's work. "There is no justification for the audio released by Lokesh Sharma. It's merely an election gimmick; there's no need to worry about it," he said.

Gehlot accused GS Shekhawat of failing to secure national project status for ERCP. Overall, Gehlot's remarks underscored his dissatisfaction with BJP's campaign strategies and gover-

nance. Gehlot demanded that the Election Commission ban PM Narendra Modi from the entire election campaign after his "redistribution of wealth" statement in Banswara. He said the Election Commission has served notices to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as well as Prime Minister Modi but he will consider the commission impartial only when the prime minister is banned from campaigning.

WORKERS' MEET IN KOTA

Birla urges maximum voter turnout in Kota-Bundi

First India Bureau
Kota

BJP candidate and Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla urged the people of Kota-Bundi to actively participate in today's election, emphasizing the importance of maximum voter turnout for the nation's security, progress, and development. He urged voters to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Leading up to this, Birla spent Thursday preparing for the upcoming



Om Birla interacts with BJP workers during a meeting in Kota on Thursday.

ing polls, engaging with polling booth workers and local leaders over

the phone. He also interacted with senior workers from villages, in-

structing them to ensure high voter turnout before 11 a.m.

He further emphasised the need for a 100% voter turnout at every booth to achieve PM Modi's goal of winning over 370 seats and advancing India's development. Workers are determined to achieve this goal through their hard work. "PM Modi has uplifted every segment in 10 years. His schemes benefit more people globally than in many countries. Everyone gains from his initiatives. PM says this is just the trailer; true reconstruction will be seen in his third term," Birla said.

Super Singer+ auditions in Bikaner



Bikaner echoed with captivating tunes during the Super Singer+ Rajasthan auditions hosted by First India Plus at Hotel Vrindavan Regency on Thursday. Seventy-eight aspiring singers from Bikaner showcased their talent before a distinguished panel of judges, including Padma Shri Ali Mohammad and Padma Shri Gani Mohammad. MLA Siddhi Kumari and other notable guests graced the event, highlighting the rich musical heritage of the region. Priyanshu Gour, Shubhra Pareek, Niyaz Hasan, and Mustak Bagdwa secured the coveted 'Ticket to Jaipur,' impressing both judges and spectators. Generous sponsorships and dedicated organising efforts ensured seamless execution. More on P11.



BIKANER'S SINGING STARS
Vibrant city of Bikaner was filled with the enchanting melodies of Super Singer+ Rajasthan, presented by First India Plus, as it hosted auditions at Hotel Vrindavan Regency on Thursday. **P11**



Fringe Frenzy

Step into effortless elegance with the fringed raffia midi dress, a captivating fusion of rustic charm & playful allure that's taking the fashion world by storm. From beach escapades to chic urban adventures, this versatile piece embodies laid-back luxury like no other!

In the ever-evolving world of fashion, one trend has woven its way into our hearts and closets: the fringed raffia midi dress. Originating from the rustic charm of natural fibres and the playful allure of fringes, this dress is a whimsical yet sophisticated addition to any wardrobe.



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Picture this: You're strolling along the sun-kissed shores of a tropical paradise, the gentle breeze whispering through the palm trees. What better way to embody island chic than with a fringed

raffia midi dress? Its lightweight, breathable fabric and swaying fringes effortlessly capture the essence of laid-back luxury.

But don't be fooled by its relaxed vibe – this dress is versatile enough to transition seamlessly from beachside cocktails to rooftop soirées. Pair it with strappy sandals and oversized sunglasses for a daytime look that exudes effortless glamour, or dress it up with statement jewellery and sleek

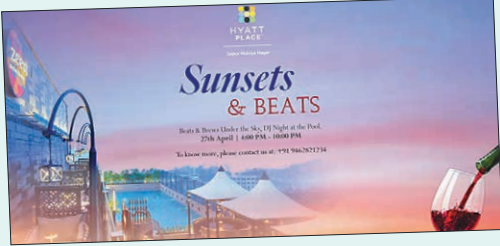


heels for a night on the town. The beauty of the fringed raffia midi dress lies in its timeless appeal. While it may be having a moment in the spotlight now, its classic silhouette and artisanal craftsmanship ensure that it will remain a staple in your wardrobe for years to come. Plus, its eco-friendly credentials make it a guilt-free choice for the conscientious fashionista.

As we look to the future of fashion, one thing is clear: the fringed raffia midi dress is here to stay. With designers experimenting with bold colours, intricate patterns, and innovative silhouettes, this timeless piece is sure to continue making waves on and off the runway. So why not embrace the fringe frenzy and add a touch of bohemian flair to your wardrobe? After all, life's too short to blend in – it's time to stand out in style!



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.

When: April 27, 4:00 PM
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.

When: April 28, 7:00 PM Onwards
Where: Taxila Auditorium, Jaipur



Startup Mixer @Jaipur: The 345th Startup Mixer, where innovators and trailblazers come together to ignite connections, gain valuable insights, and discover hidden gems in the startup ecosystem. With a dynamic community of founders, investors, and enablers, this event offers unparalleled networking opportunities and engaging discussions.

When: April 27, 4:00 PM Onwards
Where: Jaipur

BIRTHDAY FORECAST!



MOUSHUMI CHATTERJEE
Taurus
APRIL 26

You may tend to feel frustrated when the results are not the way you expected, feels Ganesha. It is important for you to be cautious and aware of your surroundings. The planetary alignment suggests that you may face unexpected challenges and obstacles throughout the day.

Lucky Number: 8 **Lucky Colour:** Green



Selectors prioritize IPL performance for ICC T20 World Cup 2024; Indian team announcement imminent; standout players likely contenders.

IPL 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



TEAM INDIA'S FIRST MATCH AGAINST IRELAND

The first match of Team India in the T20 World Cup 2024 will be played between India and Ireland on June 5. After this, the match will be played between India and Pakistan. This match will be held on June 9. Team India's third match is against the USA. After this, the match will be played between India and Canada. Three matches of Team India will be played in New York. The Indian team will play the fourth match against Canada in Florida.



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I CC T20 World Cup 2024 is going to be organized in the USA and West Indies right after IPL 2024. The Indian team for this is going to be announced soon. In such a situation, the selectors are focusing completely on the performance of the players in IPL. Many players are performing brilliantly during the tournament. These strong players have the power to get a chance in Team India soon.

SHASHANK SINGH AND ASHUTOSH SHARMA PROVED TO BE THE DISCOVERY OF THIS IPL FOR PUNJAB
Let us talk about Shashank Singh and

Ashutosh Sharma playing for Punjab who have proved to be the discovery of this IPL. Both of them have tried their best to make their team win in the stuck match. This pair first showed their talent in this IPL 2024 in Gujarat Titans on 4th April. In this match, 32-year-old Shashank Singh played a strong inning of 61 runs in 29 balls, while he also got excellent support from impact player Ashutosh Sharma. Ashutosh had played an innings of 31 runs in just 17 balls. This was Ashutosh's debut match in IPL.

After this, in the match played between Punjab Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad on April 9, Ashutosh Sharma and Shashank Singh missed out on making Punjab win, but they played brilliant innings in this match. Punjab needed 29 runs to win in the last over and missed winning this match by only 2 runs. In the match against Mumbai on 18th April, Shashank Singh and Ashutosh Sharma im-

pressed with their batting. Shashank played an innings of 41 runs in 25 balls whereas Ashutosh scored 61 runs in 28 balls.

MAYANK YADAV IS DISCUSSED EVERYWHERE
In IPL 2024, Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) fast bowler Mayank Yadav is being discussed everywhere. Mayank Yadav had bowled the ball at a speed of 156.7 km per hour in the match against RCB in this IPL season. Mayank Yadav became a star overnight by bowling the ball at a speed of 156.7 km per hour. Mayank Yadav can bowl at a speed of 150 km per hour continuously.

A DIFFERENT STYLE OF RIYAN PARAG IS BEING SEEN
A different style of Rajasthan Royals batsman Riyan Parag is being seen in IPL 2024. There is a demand to include Riyan Parag in the T20 World Cup 2024 also. Some reports have claimed that the selectors are considering including Riyan Parag in the team of T20 World Cup 2024.

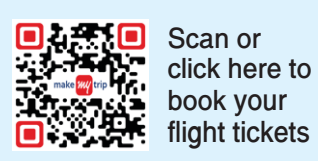
ABHISHEK SHARMA IS THE LIFE OF SUNRISERS HYDERABAD TEAM IN IPL 2024
The opening pair of Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head are giving a stormy start to Sunrisers Hyderabad in almost every match. A dangerous batsman like Abhishek Sharma has the potential to get a chance in Team India soon. The replacement of experienced players KL Rahul and Bumrah is almost confirmed for T20 World Cup!

KL Rahul seems to be in good touch in IPL 2024. His name is included in the list of players who have scored the most runs this season. KL Rahul is now one of the experienced batsmen of the Indian team. India may need his experience in the T20 World Cup. Jasprit Bumrah is also in form. Bumrah has performed brilliantly so far. If Bumrah gets a chance, he can create a stir in the T20 World Cup also.



Jaipur Flight Plan

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- DELHI-** Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo & Vistara
- SURAT-** Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo & Vistara
- CHENNAI-** Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo & Vistara
- KOLKATA-** Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo, SpiceJet & Vistara
- CHANDIGARH-** Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo
- GOA-** Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo, SpiceJet
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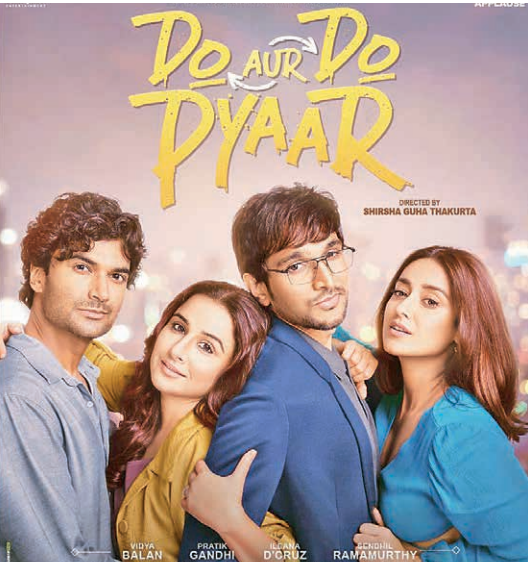
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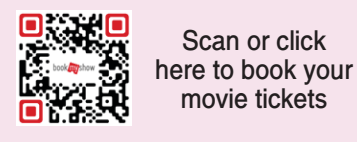
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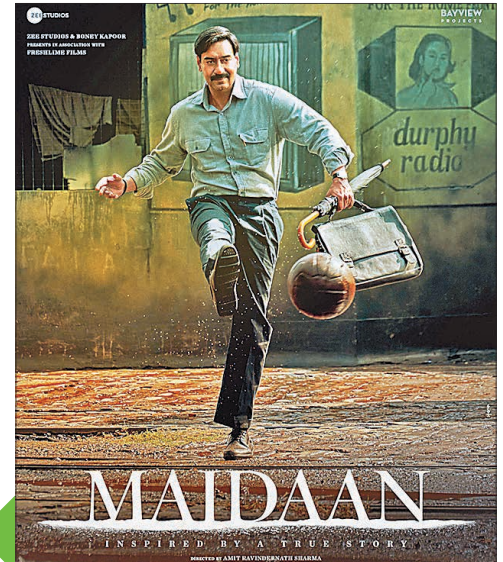
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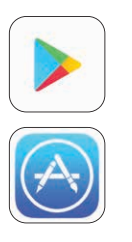
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Director: Shirsha Guha Thakurta
Cast & crew: Vidhya Balan, Prateek Gandhi & Ileana D'Cruz



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Director: Amit Ravindernath Sharma
Cast & crew: Ajay Devgn, Priyamani, Gajraj Rao, Rudranil Ghosh



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TUNING INCLUSION!



Laxman Raghav, a senior journalist from Bikaner, played a key role in organizing the successful Super Singer+ Rajasthan Bikaner Audition, a notable initiative by First India Plus. With his in-depth knowledge of the local culture and community, he fostered an inclusive and lively environment, enabling talented singers from various backgrounds to showcase their skills on stage. Sihag's commitment and careful planning were commended by the entire team, ensuring a seamless audition process for 'Super Singer+ Rajasthan' in Bikaner.

BIKANER'S Singing Stars



Swaroop Singh



Julfikar



IGP Omprakash gave a mesmerising singing performance

TUNE IN!	
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BELOW ARE THE AUDITION DATES FOR SUPER SINGER+ RAJASTHAN IN VARIOUS CITIES:	
JAIPUR	APRIL 27-29, 2024
GUWAHATI	APRIL 28, 2024
BHARATPUR	MAY 2, 2024



Jury members: (L-R) Ali Mohammad, Rosy Srivastava & Gani Mohammad



(L-R) MLA Jethanand Vyas, MLA Siddhi Kumari, Laxman Raghav & Manoj Bajaj

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The vibrant city of Bikaner was filled with the enchanting melodies of Super Singer+ Rajasthan, presented by First India Plus, as it hosted auditions at Hotel Vrindavan Regency on Thursday, April 25. Seventy-eight talented singers from across Bikaner gathered with eager anticipation, aiming to impress a distinguished panel of judges including Padma Shri Ali Mohammad, Padma Shri Gani Mohammad, and Rosy Srivastava. The event, graced by MLA Siddhi Kumari, MLA Jethanand Vyas (Bikaner West), Manoj Bajaj (Director of Synthesis Institute), BJP leader Gopal Agrawal and IGP Om Prakash Paswan as guests of honour, showcased the rich musical heritage of the region. IGP Om Prakash Paswan mesmerised the audience by showcasing his extraordinary singing talent.

The esteemed panel of judges, comprising seasoned musicians and industry professionals, meticulously assessed each performance, seeking a perfect blend of skill and emotion. Priyanshu Gour, Shubhra Pareek, Niyaz Hasan, and Mustak Bagdwa emerged as frontrunners, captivating both the audience and judges with their exceptional vocal abilities and stage presence. Following intense deliberation, the judges awarded the winners with the coveted 'Ticket to Jaipur' (Golden Pass), granting them direct entry to the next round of the competi-



Indu Rathore, Padam Shri Ali Gani, IGP Police Om Prakash, Laxman Raghav, Dr Rosy Srivastava, Sarita Dwivedi, Shruti Srivastava, Manmeet Singh, Hemant Sharma and others



tion in Jaipur. Their remarkable performances not only earned them recognition but also garnered widespread admiration from the audience and fellow contestants.

The event was made possible through the generous support of sponsors including Wonder Cement (Powered by), AU Small Finance Bank (Co-Powered by), Jaipur National University (Associate Sponsor), Spring Board Academy (Associate Spon-

sor), Competishun (Associate Sponsor), JK Masale (Associate Sponsor), Shri Mahaveer College, Jaipur (Associate Sponsor), Synthesis Bikaner (Associate Sponsor), Seth Tolaram Bafna Academy Bikaner (Associate Sponsor), Vrindavan Regency (Hospitality Partner), Dr Kamdar Eye Hospital (Supported By), Eakia X Orab-Couture House (Supported By), Metta Yoga & Music Centre (Supported By) and Devranjani Music School

(Supported By). The seamless execution of the event was attributed to the dedicated efforts of the First India OTT team, led by Hemant Sharma (Programming Head), Sanjeev Kumar (Productions Head), Manmeet Singh (Anchor), Sarita Dwivedi & Alok Dwivedi (Show Mentors), Shruti Anindita Verma (Show Director), Laxman Raghav (Senior Reporter), Shubhanshi Pathak (Content Head), Suraj B Goswami (Reality Director), Maanya Varma (Reality Producer), Indu Rathore (Anchor), Vania Singh (Snow Stylist), Pratiksha Kanwar & Arushi Bubber (IT Team), Pankaj Punjabi (Event Coordinator), Rahul Meena, Hitesh Saini, Siyaram Meena, Abhishek Inkia, Anil Meena, Ajay Mahwar, Vishal Meena & Dheeresh Mewara (Team of V Production) and Ram Chandra Singh, Rohtash Kumar, Ghanshyam Karol, Sandeep Rawat, Ankit Singh Rathore, Ashmit Yogi and Chittar Khan (Productions Team). With auditions spanning across 13 cities, Super Singer+ Rajasthan continues its quest to unearth the finest musical talents across the region, promising more enthralling performances in the days to come.



Shambhavi Sharma



Khushi Panchariya



Shoaib Kadri



Dhudi Pataliya

outside India, auditions will also be held in Dubai and California, further extending the reach of this exciting talent hunt.



Priyanka Chopra & Nick Jonas

EGG FREEZING CONSIDERATION

Bollywood's sweetheart, Mrunal Thakur, isn't just lighting up the silver screen with her stellar performances; she's also stirring up some spicy gossip off-camera. In a recent interview, the actress peeled back the layers of her glamorous life, revealing the raw and real struggles behind the glitz and glam. Thakur, known for her standout roles in hits like "Hi Nanna" and "Sita Ramam," didn't hold back as she delved into the complexities of relationships. With a hint of vulnerability, she confessed that love isn't always a bed of roses, hinting at the challenges she faces in her romantic journey. But the bombshell didn't end there - Thakur sent shockwaves through the gossip mill by dropping the bombshell that she's considering freezing her eggs. This unexpected revelation has

tongues wagging and fans buzzing with speculation about her plans. However, Thakur isn't just about relationship drama; she's also championing body positivity with unapologetic confidence. Embracing her curves and flaunting her pear-shaped physique, she's on a mission to redefine beauty standards and silence the critics who dare to body shame her. Beyond the glitz and glamour, Thakur's honesty about her battles with self-doubt in the era of social media perfection adds a refreshing dose of authenticity to the entertainment world. She's not just an actress; she's a force to be reckoned with, inspiring fans to embrace their flaws and celebrate their uniqueness. So, grab your popcorn and buckle up for more updates on Mrunal Thakur's captivating journey - because this Bollywood bombshell is just getting started, and the drama is far from over!



Mrunal Thakur

PRIYANKA CHEERS FOR NICK

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas once again proved why they're the ultimate power couple, as Priyanka took to Instagram to express her excitement for her husband's upcoming film, The Good Half. With emojis of raised hands and clinking glasses, Priyanka celebrated the announcement that Utopia Distribution had acquired

the movie and set a release date for preview screenings on July 23 and July 25. The Good Half, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2023, stars Nick Jonas as Renn, a writer returning home for his mother's funeral, where he must confront his past while dealing with grief. The anticipation for the film is high, especially with the exclusive

virtual conversation featuring Nick and director Robert Schwartzman during the preview screenings in over 900 theatres across North America. Meanwhile, Priyanka Chopra has been making waves in the entertainment industry, recently narrating DisneyNature's film Tiger, released on Earth Day. Currently filming Heads of State

in Nice, France, alongside Idris Elba and John Cena, Priyanka continues to keep fans updated on her social media adventures, even as she revealed she would be skipping the Met Gala this year. With Priyanka and Nick's careers flourishing and their unwavering support for each other, fans can't wait to see what's next for this dynamic duo both on and off-screen.

KJO's Social Responsibility

Karan Johar, known for his outspoken views, emphasized the nuanced responsibility filmmakers hold towards society at AIMA's 9 National Leadership Conclave. Acknowledging cinema's slow but steady impact, he stated that while one film can't overhaul societal norms, it contributes to change over time. Johar also addressed concerns about harmful portrayals in films, urging filmmakers to recognise the influence of their platform. Meanwhile, his upcoming project "Mr & Mrs Mahi" starring Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkumar Rao is slated for release on May 31, 2024, promising a narrative beyond conventional love stories. Johar's insightful remarks continue to fuel conversations on cinema's societal impact.



Karan Johar

SUNIL SHARMA



EMERGING STAR

The amazing hoarding by First India conceptualising the charisma and hard work of the New Emerging Star Vishakha Khatri, has been put up at the City Mall Jaipur and has quickly become the centre of attraction as Vishakha Khatri, catches both the eyeballs and the imagination of the reader and the viewer.

Touching a Chord

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Day two of the "Three Shades of Music" festival at the Rajasthan International Center (RIC) hosted Chandan Das, the renowned ghazal singer, accompanied by his talented musicians.

Introducing the accompanying artists in his team, Arshad Khan on the 'Tabla', Ustad Aleem Khan Violinist, Sudhir Mishra on the keyboard and Ajay Prassana on Guitar he captivated the crowds, evoking love, longing, and nostalgia through his ghazals.

Accompanied by four talented musicians, Chandan Das created a symphony of music that reverberated through the auditorium, enveloping the audience in its embrace. Each musician added their unique flair to the performance, en-



Chandan Das performed his gazal during the event along with his team



Captivated audience

hancing the enchantment of the evening.

"Kaise Dil Ko Mana Liya Humnay, Socha nahi Tumne," echoed his voice, evoking memories of love's sweet agony and the bittersweet nostalgia of days gone by. The audience hung onto his every word, transported to a world where love's complexities were laid bare.

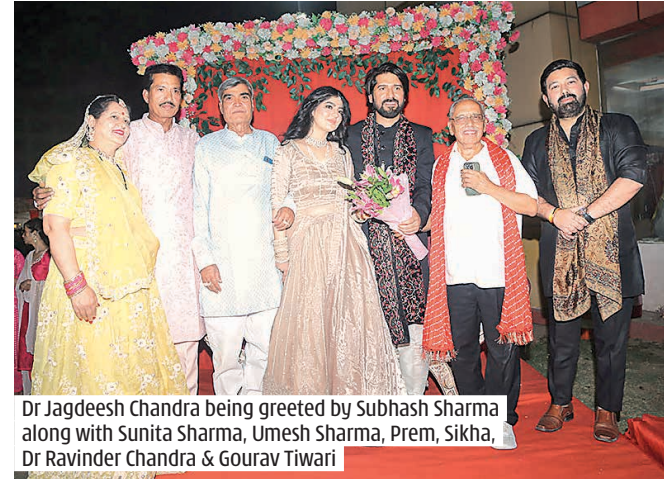
The blend of soulful music and heartfelt lyrics created an experience that resonated deeply with listeners.

As the final notes of the last Ghazal faded into the night, the audience erupted into thunderous applause, their hearts full and their spirits uplifted. For on this magical night, Chandan Das had not just sung Ghazals – he had painted a masterpiece with the hues of his voice, leaving an indelible mark on the souls of all who were fortunate enough to witness his artistry.



Chandan Das

GREETINGS & CELEBRATIONS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra being greeted by Subhash Sharma along with Sunita Sharma, Umesh Sharma, Prem, Sikha, Dr Ravinder Chandra & Gourav Tiwari



Sikha and Prem performed during the sangeet

The beautiful Sangeet ceremony of Sikha, daughter of Sunita & Subhash Sharma, with Prem, son of Geeta Devi & Ravindra Prasad, was held at their residence Gokul Niwas in Jaipur on Wednesday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra reached the occasion and blessed the soon to be married couple, and congratulated the family members. Various dignitaries along with friends and family also reached to bless the couple.

MUKESH KIRADDO

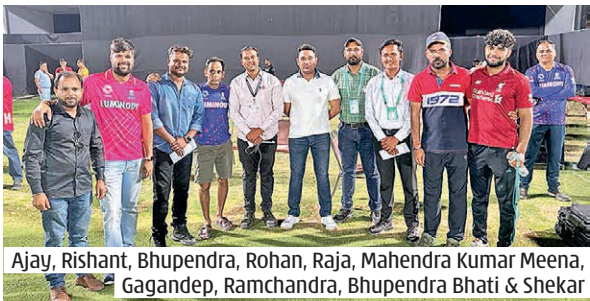
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(L-R) Nikhil Joshi, Sonia Malhotra, Keerti Sharma, Ankit Khandelwal, Pawan Goyal, Anita Sharma & Basant Jain

Jaipur witnessed the Diwaj Club's annual devotional event, "An Evening in the Name of Baba Khatushyam," on April 27, 2024, aiming to connect youth with timeless culture and spirituality. Hosted at Anand Mahal in Mansarovar, graced by MLA Balamukundacharya of Hawa Mahal, the event featured renowned bhajan singer Raj Parik and Kolkata artists praising Baba Khatushyam. A majestic procession and car rally from Hotel Prime Safari added fervour. Notable figures including Kirti Nikhil Joshi, Sonia Malhotra, Pawan Goyal, and celebrity anchor Ankit Khandelwal graced the occasion.

MUKESH KIRADDO



Ajay, Rishant, Bhupendra, Rohan, Raja, Mahendra Kumar Meena, Gagandep, Ramchandra, Bhupendra Bhati & Shekar

Paltan's Security EXCELLENCE

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During the recent IPL matches held at the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Stadium in Jaipur, Paltan Security exhibited outstanding professionalism in providing top-notch security. The team's dedication and efficiency were lauded by none other than the manager of the Rajasthan Royals, Rohan, along with player Dhruv Jurel, and representatives from Spark Sports Security, Bhupinder Bhati and Nishant.

Managing director of Paltan Security, Mahendra Kumar Meena and his



Mahendra Kumar Meena and Dhruv Jurel

team received heartfelt congratulations for their diligent efforts in ensuring the safety and security of the event. Their commitment to excellence underscored the successful execution of their responsibilities throughout the matches.

VOTE APPEAL!



Rajasthan witnessed a unique initiative blending art and civic duty as voters headed to the polls. Renowned artist Sunish Maru's masterpiece, "Marble Map of Rajasthan," served as a poignant reminder to voters across the state on Thursday. Emphasizing the importance of voting, the artwork urged citizens to fulfil their democratic responsibility. Placed strategically at polling stations, it aimed to inspire voter turnout. Maru's message resonated with voters, urging them to casting their votes amidst the ongoing elections.

Empowering Wellness

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Celebration of self-love and holistic wellness, Jaipur played host to a special wellness carnival on Thursday, marking the completion of a decade for Rasa Wellness. The event, themed 'Self Love,' resonated with the essence of nurturing one's mind, body, and spirit. Renowned life, wellness, and spiritual coach, Leena Gupta, graced the occasion with her wisdom, offering invaluable tips on embracing self-love and fostering a healthy lifestyle through spirituality and positivity.

Founder of Rasa Wellness, Rupali Seth, expressed her joy at the milestone achievement, emphasizing the organisation's unwavering commitment to women's holistic health over the past ten years. Seth underscored the pivotal role of women in shaping society and future generations, stressing the importance of their mental and physical well-being.

The event featured insights from clinical nutritionist Surbhi Singh, advocating for a balanced diet, yoga, and exercise as pillars of fitness. Home-made recipes and local grains took centre



The well-known life coach, Leena Gupta conducting an interactive wellness session



Swati Saharan, Leena Gupta, Rupali Seth & Surbhi Singh



Minal Sahni, Rupali Seth & Alia Seth

stage as Singh highlighted their significance in maintaining overall health.

Yoga and fitness coach, Swati Saharan, led a session on specialised breathing exercises, offering attendees tools to combat stress and enhance mental well-being. Attendees also engaged in interactive sessions, seeking guidance on diet modifications, nutrition, and skincare, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of learning and empowerment.

The carnival further enriched attendees with activities ranging from instant glow treatments to nail care, aligning with the overarching theme of holistic wellness. Pop-ups featuring Rasa products, healthy eats, and skincare essentials added an enriching dimension to the event, captivating the attention of all participants.

SUNIL SHARMA

EVENTS!



(L-R) Gyanendra Singh, Ajay Singh, Pratap Singh, Hem Singh and Dheer Singh

Aquili, a renowned provider of nationwide safety and security solutions, inaugurated its office in Shanti Nagar, Durgapura, Jaipur on Thursday. Founded by Ajay Singh, it marked the company's first venture in Rajasthan's capital. Highlighting the city's need for advanced security solutions, Ajay Singh emphasized the inadequacy of CCTV alone in ensuring safety. Chief guest Gyanendra Singh Shekhawat praised Aquili's arrival, noting its significance in urban development.

MUKESH KIRADDO



An awareness program on preventing domestic violence against women was organised by Matsya Jan Kalyan Sansthan in collaboration with the Women's Safety and Advice Center of Jaipur West Police Station on Thursday. Held at Lakshminagar Mahadev Temple in Vaishali Nagar, the program, led by counsellors Mohita Sharma and Dimple Sharma, aimed to educate women about domestic violence, their rights, and available support services.

SANTOSH SHARMA



A three-day Prana Pratishtha Mahotsav's Kalash yatra was held at the Shri Ramgopal Ji Temple on Wednesday. Eminent scholars from South India, under the guidance of Galta Peeth's Chief Priest Avadheshacharya, organised the event. It aimed to conduct the Prana Pratishtha of the idol of Shri Kishori Ji. The event took place at the Temple Shri Ramgopal Ji on Amer Road, within the premises of Shri Galta Ji Peeth. Hundreds of devotees.