

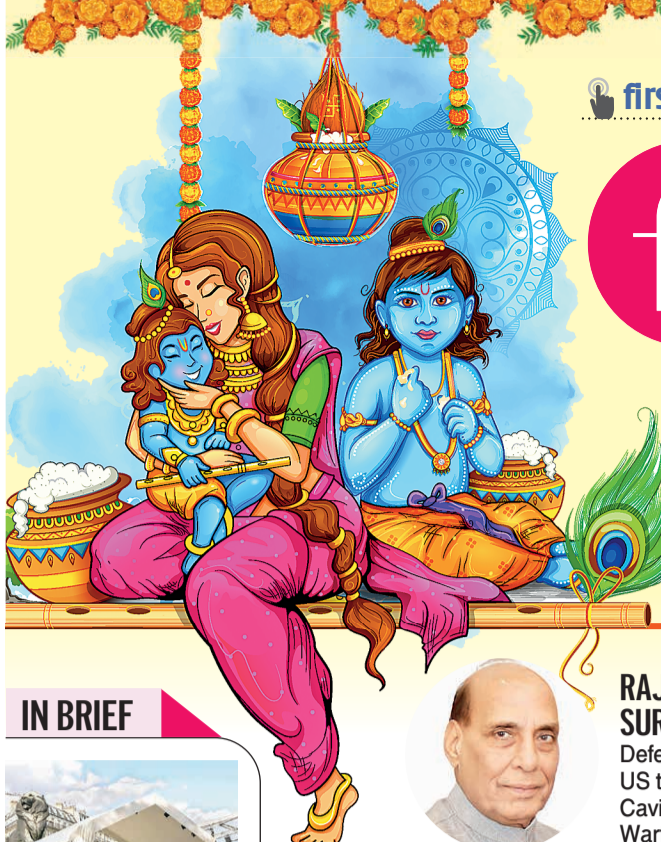


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**HAPPY Janmashami**  
.....Jai Shri Krishna.....



**IN BRIEF**



The torch for upcoming Paris 2024 Paralympic Games is presented ahead of opening ceremony, in Paris, France, on Sunday. **PTI**

**Abrogation of Article 370 brought citizens rights in J&K: Dr Singh**  
New Delhi: Union MoS Dr Jitendra Singh lauded PM Narendra Modi for his leadership in restoring normalcy in J&K, noting that this has allowed even opposition leaders freely enjoy the region's newfound stability, as evidenced by the recent visit Lal Chowk.



**J&K Polls: DPAP's 1st list of 13 candidates**  
Srinagar: The Democratic Progressive Azad Party on Sunday released its first list of 13 candidates for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. It will be the maiden assembly polls for the party floated by former J&K CM Ghulam Nabi Azad.

**2 killed in explosion at fireworks unit in TN's Mayiladuthurai**  
Mayiladuthurai: At least two people were killed in an explosion at a fireworks manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu's Mayiladuthurai district on Saturday. Two people were also injured in the incident and are undergoing treatment for their burn injuries.



**At least 40 people were killed and many injured in 2 separate bus accidents in Pakistan on Sunday.**



**5 people were killed & 12 hurt in a shelling on Sunday by Ukrainian forces of Russia's Belgorod region.**

**Bangladesh's former textile minister Golam Dastagir Gazi was arrested in Dhaka, police said on Sunday.**



**RAJNATH SINGH VISITS NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTRE IN US**  
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, during his US tour, visited the William B Morgan Large Cavitation Channel in the Naval Surface Warfare Centre at Memphis, Tennessee. **P7**



**TELEGRAM CHIEF PAVEL DUROV ARRESTED AT FRENCH AIRPORT**  
Telegram chief executive Pavel Durov was arrested by French police at an airport. He was detained after his private jet had landed at Le Bourget Airport, media reported. **P7**



**KEIR STARMER PREPARES FOR FIRST DOWNING STREET KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
British PM Keir Starmer is preparing for his first Downing Street keynote speech since being elected last month and ahead of Parliament resuming after its summer recess.

AT TWO SEPARATE EVENTS ON SUNDAY, PRIME MINISTER MODI HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN MAKING THE COUNTRY A DEVELOPED ONE AND SAID THAT THE GUILTY OF CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF RAJ HC IN JODHPUR JUSTICE TO ALL IS IMPORTANT FOR DEVELOPED INDIA: PM

**Shivprakash Purohit & Kamalant Sharma**  
Jodhpur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the guarantee of simple and accessible justice to all is important as the country moves towards the dream of a developed India. Speaking at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of Rajasthan High Court here, Modi also referred to his Independence Day remark on 'secular civil code' and said that the judiciary has been advocating this for decades.

He said that today the people's dreams, their aspirations are bigger, "so it is important that our systems are modernized". "Innovation and modernisation of the system is equally important for providing justice for all," he added.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Chairperson of National Legal Services Authority Justice Sanjiv Khanna, and Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice MM Srivastava were present. **MORE ON P8**



PM Narendra Modi with Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal during the platinum jubilee celebrations of the court, in Jodhpur, on Sunday.

**AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DREAM OF A DEVELOPED INDIA, THERE SHOULD BE A GUARANTEE OF SIMPLE, EASY AND ACCESSIBLE JUSTICE FOR EVERYONE. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.**  
NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

## Crimes against women unpardonable sin: Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with 'Lakhpati Didis', in Jalgaon, Maharashtra, on Sunday. **PTI**

**PTI**  
Jalgaon (Maharashtra)

PM Narendra Modi on Sunday termed crimes against women an unpardonable sin, adding the guilty should not be spared. Modi's remarks follow protests against the rape and murder of trainee doctor in Kolkata.

## JOIN POLITICS TO BOOST DEMOCRACY: PM MODI

PM Narendra Modi asserted on Sunday that a lot of things are happening in India in the 21st century which are strengthening the foundation for a 'Viksit Bharat'. He said this in his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' broadcast aired on Sunday. **P5**

## Need is to dismantle the narcotics network: Shah

**First India Bureau**  
Raipur

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that illicit trafficking of narcotics in India is severely impairing national security and the entire narcotics network needs to be dismantled with a 'Top to Bottom and Bottom to Top approach'. The Union Home Minister said that money earned from illicit drug trade promotes terrorism and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and weakens the country's economy and drugs not only ruin the country's young generation but also weaken the country's national security.

Shah was speaking after virtually inaugurating the Zonal Unit Office of



Union HM Amit Shah speaks during the inauguration of Narcotics Control Bureau's zonal unit office, in Raipur, on Sunday. **PTI**

### UNION HM INAUGURATES NCB'S ZONAL OFFICE IN CHHATTISGARH'S CAPITAL

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday inaugurated the zonal office of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur, a government official here said. The office is located on the third floor of the Central Secretariat building in Sec-24 of Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, he said.

the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Raipur. He also chaired a review

meeting on the Narcotics scenario in Chhattisgarh. **RELATED REPORT P5**

## CBI raids at the premises of RG Kar ex-principal

**First India Bureau**  
Kolkata

The CBI on Sunday conducted raid and search operations at four places, including the residence of Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College & Hospital in connection with the financial irregularities.

Apart from Ghosh's residence, three other places where CBI sleuths are conducting raids include the residences of RG Kar's former medical superintendent and vice principal Sanjay Vashisth at Entally; Demonstrator of the hospital's forensic medicine department, Debasis Som Keshtopur in northern outskirts of Kolkata; and a medical equipment supplier Biplab Sinha in Howrah district.

## Israel, Hezbollah engage in heavy fire exchange



Kin of hostages held by Hamas militants call for their release.

**Agencies**  
Jerusalem

Israel launched a wave of airstrikes across Lebanon on early Sunday in what it called a preemptive strike to avert a large Hezbollah attack. The militant group responded, saying it fired hundreds of rockets and drones to avenge the killing of a top commander last month. **FULL REPORT P7**

### 48-HOUR NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY IN ISRAEL

Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant declared a 48-hour nationwide emergency on Sunday after the Israeli military launched pre-emptive strikes against Hezbollah in Lebanon. The emergency aims to empower the Israeli Defense Forces to implement crucial directives and closure of vulnerable sites.

## Pakistan needs leader like Modi: Pak-US bizman



**PTI**  
Dubai

India has done extremely well under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan needs a leader like him, a prominent Pakistani-American businessman has said. "Modi's slogan of nationalism has worked well for Indians in India and also Indians living and working in the United States, where they dominate critical areas. When that happens, you know a nation has arrived," Baltimore-based Pakistani-American businessman Sajid Tarar (in pic) said.

## COMMON MAN'S CHIEF MINISTER

# Following PM's footsteps, CM travels by train to Jodhpur

**Aishwary Pradhan**  
Jaipur

Following the footsteps of PM Narendra Modi, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma on Sunday travelled to Jodhpur by train.

Like PM Modi, who had travelled to Ukraine from Poland by train on Friday (Aug 23) instead of a flight, CM Sharma on Sunday departed for Jodhpur from Jaipur on board the Jaipur-Jodhpur Intercity Superfast Train. During the journey, the CM visited different com-

partments of the train and interacted with passengers. His presence delighted the passengers, including children, youth, and women, who eagerly took selfies with him. He spoke with elderly, sought their blessings and showed love affection to children.

In an exclusive interview with **First India**, the CM mentioned, "I travelled extensively on this train while serving as the in-charge of the Jodhpur Division. The information gathered by meeting the general public is authentic. This train mostly

was warmly welcomed. He also listened to the grievances of people and told the media, "It is good to listen to small problems because if not addressed, they can escalate."

During this, several people presented memorandums to the CM. At Nagaur's Merta City, Sharma was given a warm welcome at Merta Road. During the welcome, the CM showed affection for children and adorned a child with a garland, which was earlier placed on him by the welcoming party. **MORE ON P8**

CM Sharma's presence delighted the passengers, who eagerly took selfies with him, including children, youth, and women carries women, youth, and working individuals. Meeting them and listening to their issues provides an opportunity for solutions. PM Modi's vision is connected to his hard work. Modi Ji works for 18 to 20 hours a day, which is inspiring." In Gotan, CM Sharma



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being welcomed by BJP workers and others at Phulera station while traveling to Jodhpur to attend Rajasthan event Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of Raj HC in Jodhpur. **PTI**



**Jai Kanhaiya Lal Kil:** Devotees throng & make beeline at Govind Dev Ji temple in Walled City, on Sunday, ahead of Janmashtami celebrations today. **SUNIL SHARMA**

## All decked up for Janmashtami

Special arrangements for traffic and parking in city for Shri Krishna Janmashtami at major temples today; Governor & CM extend wishes



First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The festival of Shri Krishna Janmashtami is being celebrated on Monday, with devotees expected to flock to temples from early morning. In anticipation of the large crowds, traffic arrangements in the city have been altered. The police have changed routes around major temples such as Govind Devji, Akshaya Patra Jagatpura, and ISKCON Temple in Mansarovar. Parking and movement routes near these temples have also been modified to manage



Akshaya Patra Mandir, Jagatpura lit up for Janmashtami on Sunday night. **MUKESH KIRADOO**

the influx of visitors. Governor Haribhau Bagade and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma extended their greetings on this auspicious occasion.



## Cop suicide: Probe may be transferred to CBI

**CRIME ROUNDUP**  
Satyanaryan Sharma  
Jaipur

Amid ongoing protests by the family of Head Constable Babul Bairwa, who committed suicide, the state government has initiated the process to transfer the case to CBI.

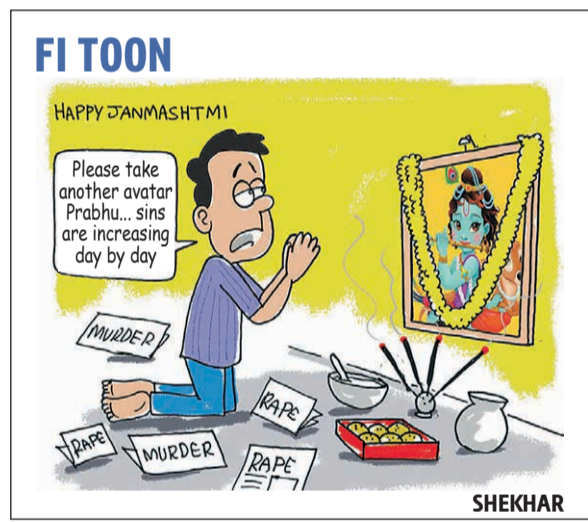
Babul's suicide note requested a CBI inquiry and named several individuals, including police officers. The family's dharna continues outside the SMS mortuary, with prominent figures such as LoP Tikaram Jolly, Indira Meena, Amin Kagzi, and Anil Chopra showing support. Babul's wife and son have demanded that the postmortem not proceed without their consent and seek the arrest of those named in the note.



Screengrab of the video made by family of Constable Babul.

### DOMESTIC STRIFE LEADS TO MURDER-SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Jaipur: In Maharani Farm area, Vishnu Gupta, 56, allegedly killed his wife, Sarita Gupta, 50, by bludgeoning her with a hammer during a domestic argument. After murder, Vishnu consumed poison and was found unconscious by police. Their son had left for Chennai earlier that morning. Vishnu is currently receiving treatment at SMS Hospital. Initial investigations suggest domestic strife as the motive behind the tragic incident.



### FRIENDSHIP ON INSTAGRAM LEADS TO LOSS OF ₹4.78L

Jaipur: The Airport police station has registered a case of fraud involving Rs 4.78 lakh based on a complaint lodged by Nidhi Jain, who lost Rs 4.78 lakh after being scammed by a woman she befriended on Instagram, who promised her earnings through the platform. The fraud occurred when Nidhi downloaded a link sent by scammer, resulting in the loss of her savings. Upon realizing the deception, she contacted police, who are now probing case.

### YOUNG MAN SITTING OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE SHOT DEAD IN NOHAR

Hanumangarh: A Jagran night turned tragic in Dhani Lal Khan village in Nohar (Hanumangarh) as a dispute escalated into gunfire Sunday morning, claiming the life of a young man.

Man Singh (25) was fatally shot in the head during the altercation, with his father and brother among three others injured in firing. The incident unfolded around 8 am, sparking a protest outside the hospital on highway by relatives and villagers demanding the arrest of the suspect, who refused to surrender. Police officer Vijendra Singh of Fefana station informed that the situation remains tense as injured receive treatment at Nohar sub-district hospital.

## RMSCL gets 'Technology Sabha Award' for free medicines, e-aushadhi

Vikas Sharma  
Jaipur

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation has been awarded with the Technology Sabha Excellence Award-2024 for better operation of free medicine scheme through e-aushadhi software in the state. The award was given to RMSCL in Enterprise Application category at the Technology Sabha organized by Express Computer-Indian Express Group in Lucknow. Addl Director of RMSCL Vikram Singh Sankhla received award. RMSCL Managing Director Neha Giri said that through e-aushadhi software, availability of medicines is being ensured in all the medical institutions of the state. Uninter-



RMSCL's Vikram Singh Sankhla receiving the award on Sunday.

rupted supply of medicines is being done in the state through e-aushadhi application. It is noteworthy that the Technology Sabha Excellence Award is given for facilitating work and effective management through technical innovation and technology in government departments, agencies and institutions.

**JDA in action:** Illegal colonies at five different locations razed  
First India Bureau  
Jaipur

The Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) enforcement team conducted operations at five locations, targeting illegal constructions.

In Kishorpura village, preparations to establish an illegal colony named Shiv Vihar on approximately 5 bighas of land were dismantled. Additionally, encroachments near the road were removed, and another 3 bighas of land intended for unauthorized construction were cleared. In Muhana village, illegal warehouses on agricultural land near the Ring Road were demolished. Similarly, in Jaisinghpura village, plans to set up an illegal colony named Kamla Residency were thwarted as all related constructions were destroyed. JDA continues its crackdown on unauthorized developments.

## Forest officials clear encroachment in Amber's Nahargarh sanctuary

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

Deputy Forest Conservator Jagdish Gupta has issued a clarification regarding removal of encroachment in the middle of Sagar in Amber under Nahargarh sanctuary area on a complaint. He said that Nahargarh Ranger Rajendra Singh Jakhar was directed on 24th August to remove the en-



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croachment following which a team was formed. "The team found four iron gates installed by the encroacher which had blocked the way at the

Chhatri in the middle of Sagar. There was also information about installing two aluminium gates and they were removed from the spot and the area was made encroachment free," he said. He said that an FIR was against the encroacher. Apart from this, encroachment was done by putting up a tin shed which was removed and an FIR was registered.

## Veterans protest against shifting of Sainik Canteen

First India Bureau  
Sikar

The protest against the shifting of the Sainik Canteen located near the Collectorate premises of Sikar has intensified with ex-servicemen raising slogans outside the canteen today. The soldiers say that if the canteen is shifted, they will be forced to protest. Colonel Rameshwarlal said that the Sainik Canteen of Sikar is being shifted from near the Collectorate to



Ex-servicemen and their families protesting outside the Zila Sanik Kalyan Office in Sikar on Sunday over shifting of canteen.

near Kudli Stand. "It is quite far from the district headquarters. Also, there is no place for parking there. There is

also waterlogging there during the rains. The Veeranganas and their children who come from rural areas to bring goods,

find it very difficult to go there," he said. He said that location of canteen should not be changed.

"At present, due to Sikar being an education hub, children from other cities and states also come to study. In such a situation, the load here has increased. But there is a lot of delay due to having only one counter here. In such a situation, there should be 2 counters here. If the canteen is shifted, our movement will become fierce," he said.

**2,098 CASES RESOLVED**

## Jpr tops in disposal of revenue cases

Dinesh Kasana  
Jaipur

The Jaipur district administration leads in revenue case disposal and the number of new cases being disposed of monthly has increased significantly. However, there are still 32,738 pending revenue cases in Jaipur district. On average, more than 50 new revenue cases are being filed daily. In July alone, 1,570 new revenue cases were registered, while 2,098 cases were re-



In July alone, 1,570 new revenue cases were registered. **FILE**

solved in various state courts across the district. In July, the Chaksu sub-division saw the highest number of cases registered, with 190 cases, and also had the highest pending cases, totaling 2,879, despite resolving 204 cases that month. District Collector Prakash Rajpurohit is also on target. Although the city has lagged behind, the rural areas of the district have exceeded targets for case disposal. In Jaipur city, 74 cases were disposed off against 84 new cases filed, while in Jaipur Rural, 68 cases were disposed off against 47 new cases filed.

**Jaipur district excels in revenue case disposal, resolving 2,098 cases in July; however, 32,738 cases remain pending, with Chaksu sub-division having the highest backlog**

2-day long IG-SP conference in Jpr on August 29-30

Shivendra Parmar  
Jaipur

Rajasthan Police will hold an IG-SP Conference on August 29-30 at RIC in Jaipur.

Additional Superintendents of Police, Deputy SPs, and Police Inspectors will also participate. During the DGP-IG Conference held in Jaipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested organizing IG-SP conferences at the state level. Rajasthan Police is pioneering this initiative, acting on the PM Modi's suggestion.

## Truck overturns on bike in Churu, three killed

PTI  
Churu

Three youths were killed when a truck carrying wood overturned on their bike in Churu district, police said on Sunday. The incident happened near the Parvatisar bridge on Saturday night. The deceased were identified as Shahrugh Khan (22), Soyol (20), and Saddam (18).

According to police, the truck driver lost control of the vehicle and overturned on the bike. Shahrugh and Saddam died on the spot while



Truck being straightened with the help of JCB and crane.

Soyal died on the way to the hospital.

The bodies were handed over to the families after post-mortem on Sunday, police said. The police have seized the truck and efforts are being made to nab the truck driver, police added.

## MONSOON SURGE SOLVES DRINKING WATER WOES

## Water level at Bisalpur Dam rises after heavy rains; nears 313.56 M

After good rainfall in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara, Bedach, Menali & Banas are flowing together

Vinod Singh Chouhan

Jaipur

Thanks to a favorable monsoon, the water level at Bisalpur Dam, crucial for Jaipur and Ajmer, has risen to 313.56 RL meters. The current water level of the dam has reached 313.56 RL meters. Due to good rains in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand, the height of Triveni in the dam's flow area has reached 4.35 meters.

This monsoon has already delivered nine months' worth of water in Bisalpur dam, with expectations for further increases due to upcoming rains. Since inflow began on August 6, the water level has been steadily rising.

After good rainfall in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara, Bedach, Menali and Banas are flowing together. The water level of Triveni is running at a height of 4.35 meters. The water level of the dam is expected to reach 313.90 RL meters by Monday morning.



Heavy inflows have caused the water level of Bisalpur Dam to rise sharply in last few days.

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Deep depression to bring heavy rains to state; rain activity expected to reduce from 28 August

First India Bureau

Jaipur

Heavy to very heavy rains at several places and very heavy rains are expected at some places in the southern and eastern parts of the state during next two-three days.

The MeT department said that a low pressure area formed over MP has intensified today and is located over north-west Madhya Pradesh and eastern Rajasthan in the form of depression.



Tourists throng Amber Hall amid pleasant weather after rains subside in Jaipur on Sunday.

NAIM KHAN

"It is very likely to move slowly towards the west in the next two-three days and intensify further to become a deep depression and due to the effect

of this system, there is a strong possibility of heavy to very heavy rains at several places and very heavy rains at some places in the southern and eastern parts of Rajasthan," an official said.

On the other hand, torrential rainfall led to waterlogging at many places in Chauth Ka Barwada of Sawai Madhopur. 123 MM rainfall has been recorded in Chauth ka Barwada. The rainfall activities will reduce in the state from 28 August.

## 2 kids &amp; father son duo drown in separate cases

First India Bureau

Didwana/Sardarshahar

In Didwana city, two innocent children drowned in a pond located in front of the Sheetal Kund Balaji Temple. The local police reported that the children were playing while heading towards the settlement from their home. During this time, they suddenly slipped and fell into the pond, leading to their drowning and subsequent death.

Upon receiving the information about the drowning, people quickly arrived at the scene, pulled the children out of the pond, and took them to the Bangar District



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Hospital, where doctors pronounced them dead. The hospital saw a large crowd gather as soon as the news spread.

Meanwhile, Didwana police also arrived at the scene and placed the bodies of the two children in the hospital mortuary.

A tragic incident in Sardarshahar has claimed the lives of a father and his five-year-old son, who got drowned in a water reservoir. The 25-year-old father and his son drowned in a reservoir located on their farm in Devasar.

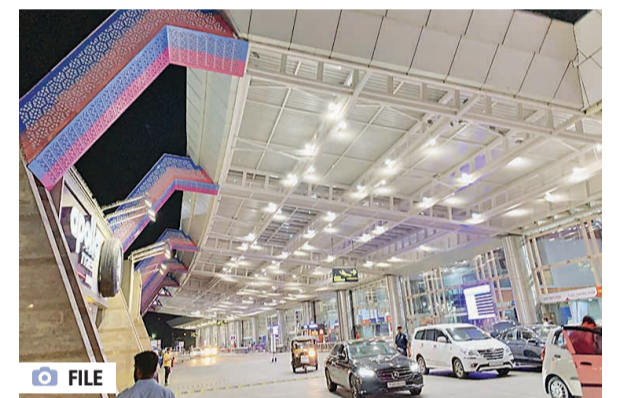
## Bhopal-bound flight evacuated after engine failure on runway

Ziauddin Khan

Jaipur

A Bhopal-bound plane experienced an engine failure on the runway. The airline staff evacuated more than 50 passengers safely from the 70-seater aircraft.

The passengers waited at Jaipur Airport for four hours before being transferred to Bhopal on another plane around 1 PM. Frustrated passengers expressed their anger towards the airline. Dr. Sachin Chittawar, a Bhopal



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resident, described how passengers were alarmed when one engine failed shortly after takeoff.

The pilot informed the

passengers about the engine failure after which the crew members promptly evacuated the passengers.

## Rajasthan to host sports week from August 26-31

Naresh Sharma

Jaipur

For the first time in Rajasthan, various sports events will be organized for a week on the birth anniversary of Hockey Magician Major Dhyanchand. All the players will also be administered the oath of 'Fit India'.

The event will be organized at a wide and grassroot level from 26 to 31 August across the state. The sports week will begin with a Prabhath Ferry at 7 am on Monday at the Chaugan Stadium.

Secretary of Rajasthan Sports Council Sohan Ram Chaudhary said that the Government of India has suggested organizing games like race, volleyball, hockey, football, tennis ball cricket, bad-



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minton, chess, basketball, table tennis, tug of war, rope jumping, kho-kho among others on the occasion of Sports Day.

"For the first time in the history of the state, sports events will be organized for a week. Along with this, everyone will also be encouraged to increase awareness towards cleanliness and tree plantation," he said.

## Coffins on Wheels? Outdated vehicles a risk to public

Naim Khan

Jaipur

As the city waits for e-buses and more low floor city buses, many knackered mini buses are plying in the city ferrying passengers who are under compulsion to use these buses in absence of better quality of buses.

While the transport department has ordered for HSRP on private vehicles, it appears that not much attention is paid to the condition of these broken buses running on road freely which cause great inconvenience to the passengers. It is often observed that these buses carry passengers more than their capacity and drive in a hazardous manner. The e-buses will ply when they arrive but action must be taken against these buses.



Old and worn out vehicles plying across the city apart from causing inconvenience to the passengers are also unsafe for seating people and ferrying goods as there is often a fear of them causing accidents due to breakdown.

## ENHANCED TOURIST EXPERIENCE

## New golf cart service eases travel between Amber and Jaigarh Forts

First India Bureau

Jaipur

To provide convenience to the tourists and make their experience more special, golf cart service from Amber Fort to Jaigarh Fort was launched today. The distance from Amber to Jaigarh, the well-known tourist spot of the Pink City, will now be accessible easily to the tourists. The golf cart can be booked from the 'Hathi Stand' booking counter in Amber.

With this cart service, tourists will be able to reach Jaigarh from Amber in less than 15 minutes while admiring the scenic beauty of the Aravali Mountains spread around this route

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, Jaigarh Public Charitable Trust (JPCT), Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh said that this golf cart service will not only reduce the

time spent travelling from Amber to Jaigarh for tourists but will also enhance their experience of the visit while playing an important role in protecting the fort and the forest around from pollution.

The fare for a one-way trip by golf cart from Amber to Jaigarh will be Rs. 200 per person. The fare for the round trip from Amber to Jaigarh and back will be Rs. 250 per person. This service can be booked on all days of the week between 11 am and 6 pm.

## PALACE ON WHEELS TO START NEW SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 25

Nirmal Tiwari

Jaipur

The schedule for the new season of the Palace on Wheels has been announced, featuring 35 trips from September 4 to April 30. Trips will be operated based on tourist bookings, with the first journey commencing on September

ber 25. The train will depart every Wednesday from Delhi's Safdarjung station.

So far, 34 bookings have been received for the inaugural trip. The Palace on Wheels is a luxury train that offers a unique way to explore India. It was launched in 1982 and is reminiscent of royal Indian palaces.



The golf cart service launched on Sunday will facilitate easier movement of tourists from Amber Fort to Jaigarh Fort.

# THE JOURNEY TO ENLIGHTENMENT



**SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR**

The writer is an Indian yoga guru, a spiritual leader, founder of The Art of Living



## INNER CLARITY

Enlightenment cannot be talked about or understood at second-hand. It is the very core of our being; it implies the experience of going into the core of our self and living our life from there.

We all come into this world gifted with innocence, but gradually, as we became more intelligent, we lost our innocence. We are born with silence, but as we grow up, we lose that silence and are filled with words. We live in our hearts, to begin with, but as time passes, we move into our heads.

The reversal of this journey is enlightenment. It is the journey from the head back to the heart, from words back to silence; it is the act of recovering our innocence despite the intelligence we have developed. Although it seems very simple, this is a great achievement. Knowledge should lead us to that beautiful point of being able to say 'I don't know'.

**M**any seekers have posed the question - what is enlightenment? Enlightenment is like the ocean in the parable about a congregation of ocean fish, who once got together to discuss who had seen the ocean.

None of them could actually say they had seen the ocean. Then one fish said, "I think my great grandfather had seen the ocean!" A second fish said, "Yes, yes. I have heard about this." A third fish spoke up, "Yes, certainly, his great-grandfather had seen the ocean." So the fish built a huge temple and made a statue of the great-grandfather of the first fish. They said, "He had seen the ocean. He had been connected with the ocean."

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It is easy to define what not enlightenment is. It appears when we limit our self by saying, 'I belong to this particular place', or 'I am from that culture'. It is rather like children saying, 'My dad is better than your dad' or 'My toy is better than your toy'. Many people around the world are stuck in that mental age group, only the toys have changed.

We attribute glory to our ethnic group, religion or culture just because we belong to it, not because we see it for what it is. If one could take credit for all that exists throughout the ages and feels that 'all this belongs to me', then that is a sign of maturity.

We should be able to say, 'All this is my wealth,

because I belong to the Divine'. The Divine has manifested itself in the form of various kinds of knowledge, depending upon the circumstances of space and time. One becomes the knower of the whole universe and sees that 'all the beautiful flowers are from my garden'. In such a state, the mind is fully in the present moment. Whatever is necessary is revealed to us in a natural and spontaneous way. We simply have to sit and the song flows through us.

The whole evolution of man is from being somebody to being nobody - and so, from being nobody to being everybody. As young children, we have that sense of belongingness with other beings. But as we grow up, we lose that innocence and become more cunning. Like the innocence of an ignorant person, the cunningness of an intelligent person has no value.

Enlightenment is that rare combination of innocence and intelligence, a state that is reached after ignorance and cunning have been renounced. We must have the words to express our inner being; and at the same time, we must know the value of remaining silent.

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## IN-DEPTH

### WILL CONG-NCP OPEN THE DOOR TO LET PDP IN

**F**ollowing the Congress and National Conference's alliance for the upcoming elections in the Union Territory's assembly, Mehbooba Mufti has expressed interest in joining the coalition, provided her agenda aligns with the two parties. Mufti's party, the PDP, is focused on resolving the Kashmir issue, advocating for an alliance based on shared objectives rather than simple seat-sharing arrangements.

However, it seems unlikely that traditional allies Congress and the National Conference will welcome the PDP into their fold. The PDP's previous alliance with the BJP might complicate its inclusion in a coalition that aims to present a united front against the BJP. As the situation develops, the political scene in the region could be reshaped by these strategic decisions. Ultimately, Mufti's proposition highlights the complexities of forming alliances in a politically sensitive environment like Jammu and Kashmir, where past affiliations and current agendas, determined by the abrogation of Article 370, play a crucial role in shaping the future of its governance.

### INDIA'S GLOBAL HEFT ON DISPLAY IN KYIV



**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kyiv marks a significant moment in India's diplomatic history, positioning the nation as a potential mediator in the Russia-Ukraine conflict which has ramifications for Europe. Modi's direct approach to President Vladimir Putin, emphasizing that "this is not the era of war," underlines his commitment to peaceful resolution and his desire to de-escalate the situation. By advocating for dialogue over conflict, Modi has made it clear that solutions are not found on the battlefield but through constructive talks.

In his meetings with both President Putin and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Modi highlighted the importance of negotiations to end the ongoing war, showcasing India's growing global influence and diplomatic prowess. By offering to play an active role "upfront or behind or supporting somebody" in facilitating peace talks, Modi has positioned India as a credible intermediary that can engage with both sides of the conflict. The visit also helped assuage the hurt felt by Zelenskyy after the 'jhappi' Modi gave to Putin last month. It is more than likely that if there is a peace dialogue it will be at the initiative of India and not Europe or America.

This balancing act between Russia and Ukraine is a testament to India's rising stature on the global stage. It reflects a nuanced foreign policy that prioritises peace and stability, recognising that the implications of the Russia-Ukraine war extend far beyond their borders. As India continues to advocate for dialogue and diplomacy, Modi's visit to Kyiv serves as a reminder of the country's commitment to promoting peace and stability in a tumultuous world.

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## TOP TWEETS



**X** It was a pleasure to meet Ms. Cindy Lim, CEO of Infrastructure at global asset manager and operator, Keppel. Discussed the company's investment plans in India to support sustainable development through decarbonisation and help accelerate India's target of achieving net zero carbon emissions.

Piyush Goyal@PiyushGoyal



**X** Felicitations to FM @OmarPaganini and the Government and people of Uruguay on their Independence Day. Will continue efforts to deepen our cooperation.

Dr S. Jaishankar @DrSJaishankar

## SPIRITUAL SPEAK

As the ignorant perform their duties with attachment to results, the learned may similarly act, but without attachment, for the sake of leading people on the right path.

BHAGAVAD GITA



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In 'Mann Ki Baat' The PM said many things are happening in India in 21st century

# PM Modi: India can never forget achievement of Chandrayaan-3

First India Bureau  
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said on his monthly radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat' that the country can never forget the Chandrayaan-3 achievement and the scientific developments are happening because of the collective efforts of the people. The Prime Minister said a lot is happening in 21st-century India, which is strengthening the foundation of a developed nation. "...For example, on the 23rd of August, the country celebrated the first National Space Day.

"I am sure that all of you must have celebrated this day. Once again you all must have celebrated the success of Chandrayaan-3. Last year on this day, Chandrayaan-3 successfully landed at Shiv-Shakti point on the Southern part of the Moon. India became the first country in the world to achieve this feat," said PM Modi. He said the youth of the country have benefited a lot from the space sector reforms.

During the broadcast, PM Modi interacted with a team from Spaceteck Startup Galaxeye, which was started by the alumni of IIT Madras.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, CM Eknath Shinde, and Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar during 'Lakshmi Didi Sammelan', in Jalgaon, on Sunday. **PTI**

## PM MODI URGES YOUNGSTERS TO ENTER POLITICS

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said collective efforts will help the youth sans a political background to rise in politics and asserted that the spirit shown by such people during the freedom struggle is required again to attain the goal of 'Viksit Bharat'. Modi said his Independence Day call for one lakh youth without any political background to join politics has evoked wide reactions with some youth stating that dynastic politics crushes new talent. "This year, I have urged one lakh youth who are not from a political background to connect with the political system," Modi said.

## MY GOVT DID MORE FOR WOMEN IN 10 YEARS THAN WAS DONE SINCE INDEPENDENCE: MODI

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said his government has done more for women in the last 10 years than was done by all the previous regimes since Independence. Addressing a Lakshmi Didi rally at Jalgaon in north Maharashtra, Modi also said his government is strengthening laws to provide for stringent punishment for crimes against women. Till 2014, less than Rs 25,000 crore loans were given to women self-help groups but in the last 10 years, Rs 9 lakh crore was given, Modi said. Modi also said Maharashtra needs the BJP-led Mahayuti government to continue for years to come to ensure the state's stability and prosperity. Maharashtra is the shining star of a developed India. The future of the state lies in more investment and job growth, he said. Modi released the Rs 2,500 crore revolving fund benefiting 48 lakh members of 4.3 lakh self-help groups. The Lakshmi Didi scheme is not only about boosting the income of women, but also about empowering future generations, Modi said.



## PM TO VISIT ODISHA ON SEPT 17 TO LAUNCH SUBHADRA YOJANA

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Odisha on September 17 to launch the 'Subhadra Yojana', an ambitious scheme of the BJP government in the state for women, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Sunday. Speaking to media persons after visiting Jagannath temple in Puri, the Union Education minister said Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and two Deputy CMs had invited the Prime Minister to launch the Subhadra Yojana in Odisha on September 17 and the PM had agreed to it.

## Sarma links crime against women to 'large encroachment strategy'

Agencies  
New Delhi

Amid an uproar over the alleged rape of a minor girl in Assam this week, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said the crime against women in some parts of the state is "part of a large encroachment strategy". Speaking to reporters, he said the culprits "scare families and then grab their lands".

He said that in 12 to 14 Assam districts, indigenous Assamese people are turning to minorities and the trend is that they (culprits) initiate criminal activities so that the people leave that area. "This is not only a crime against women, this is linked to encroachment of land," Mr Sarma said.



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma beats a drum in Ranchi district, Sunday. **PTI**

"This is a pattern they have been following for the last 15 years. They first commit a crime and instill a sense of insecurity among Assamese people so that they start leaving the area."

## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Assam CM Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has claimed that the recent incidents of crimes against women in the state are being committed with a "bigger intention of grabbing land and threatening the identity of the Assamese people"

- He hinted at 'political patronage' behind the crimes, while also claiming that financial power is shifting out of the hands of the Assamese people

- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma also demanded the resignation of his Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren for "failing" to fulfil promises made to people during the 2019 assembly elections



BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad addresses a press conference at BJP headquarters, in New Delhi, Sunday. **PTI**

## BJP slams Congress over OPS promise in states

PTI  
New Delhi

The BJP on Sunday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the decision to bring a unified pension scheme for central government employees and hit out at the Congress, asking why it has not implemented its promise of bringing back the old pension scheme in Himachal Pradesh and other states where it is in power.

Addressing a press conference at BJP headquarters here, senior party leader Ravi Shankar Prasad slammed Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for his U-turn jibe at the Centre and said Prime Minister Modi is "sensitive" to public issues and takes decisions in public interest after careful consideration.

## Assembly polls: BJP's poll body holds meet to finalise candidates

PTI  
New Delhi

The BJP's Central Election Committee (CEC) met here on Sunday evening to finalise the party's candidates for the upcoming assembly polls.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president J P Nadda were joined by other CEC members, including Home Minister Amit Shah, as they deliberated with party leaders from Jammu and Kashmir.

Last week, the J&K leaders had held a long meeting with Nadda and Shah, among others, to narrow down the list of probable candidates and strategise for the polls.

The CEC will later be holding meeting with Haryana leaders to finalise party candidates for the assembly polls. The 90-member assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is going to the polls in three phases on September 18 and 25 and October 1.



BJP President JP Nadda arrives at BJP headquarters, in New Delhi on Sunday. **PTI**

The 90-member assembly of Haryana will go to the polls on October 1. The counting of votes is scheduled for October 4. In the last assembly elections held in 2014, when Jammu and Kashmir was a full-fledged state, the BJP had won 25 seats.

## UNDER INDO-US SPACE COOPERATION

# Indian astronaut from Gaganyaan to join ISS: Singh

Agencies  
New Delhi

An Indian astronaut from the 'Gaganyaan' mission is set to join the International Space Station (ISS), marking a significant milestone in the Indo-US space collaboration, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, said on Sunday.

Chairing a pivotal bilateral meeting on the US-India Civil Nuclear Commerce in the nation-

al capital, the minister highlighted the deepening cooperation between the two nations in critical areas of science, technology and clean energy. The high-level US delegation was led by John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the US President for International Climate Policy and David Turk, Deputy Secretary, the Department of Energy.

Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening their cooperation in emerging technologies, with mutual interests in enhancing economic growth, national security and global leadership in technological advancements.



Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) Science and Technology Jitendra Singh chairs a bilateral meeting on US-India Civil Nuclear Commerce as Indian astronauts from the Gaganyaan Mission are set to join the International Space Station under Indo-US Space Cooperation, in New Delhi on Sunday. **ANI**

Dr Singh emphasised the importance of the partnership in securing global supply chains, especially in sectors like semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and clean energy technologies, which are increasingly vital in today's interconnected world.

The minister also underscored the Green Hydrogen Mission as a cornerstone of India's strategy to decarbonise heavy industry, transportation and power generation. "Through robust policy frameworks and international collaborations, India is poised to lead the

transition to a sustainable and resilient energy future," the minister told the US delegation.

The Centre is also exploring international partnerships, investing in research and development, and considering regulatory frameworks to support the deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs). According to the minister, SMRs would play a significant role in India's clean energy transition, contributing to energy self-reliance and meeting climate commitments.

## BJP Mahila Morcha slams TMC

# "Mamata's govt failed to ensure women's safety"

PTI  
Jammu

BJP Mahila Morcha national president Vanathi Srinivasan on Sunday criticised the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government in West Bengal for its alleged failure to ensure safety of women and said "it will pay the price for it".

Srinivasan, who was here to meet with party's women wing leaders ahead of upcoming three-phased assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir beginning Sep-

tember 18, said the alleged rape and murder of a doctor has shaken the society and the women are marching in thousands to seek justice for the victim.

"As far as the Kolkata rape and murder (of a postgraduate doctor at RG Kar Medical college) is concerned, it is highly unfortunate that the state government is not understanding the importance of safety of the women," the BJP women wing chief told reporters on the sidelines of the function.

## Protests in different parts of Assam against gang rape of 14-year-old girl

**PTI**  
Guhawati

People hit the streets in different parts of Assam on Sunday, protesting the alleged gang rape of a 14-year-old girl in Nagaon district and demanding exemplary punishment for the culprits.

The girl was allegedly raped by three persons, who came on a motorcycle and surrounded her while she was returning home from tuition on her bicycle in Dhing on Thursday evening.

At Dhing, shops and business establishments reopened today after two days of spontaneous closures to protest against the crime. A march was held in the area demanding the arrest of the remaining culprits and exemplary punishment for them.

The prime accused, who was arrested on Friday, in the rape case allegedly escaped from custody, jumped into a pond and died on Saturday morning, police said.

The other two accused are still absconding and search was continuing for them. "We want the culprits to be arrested soon and they should be given exemplary punishment," Farida Begum, one of the protesters, said.



Locals protest against an alleged gang-rape of a 14-year-old girl by three men at Dhing area, in Nagaon district.

### MAN, 41, RAPES 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN DEORIA, PROBE ON

Deoria: A seven-year-old girl was allegedly raped on Sunday by a man here, police said. The incident took place when the girl had gone to purchase milk at a nearby shop when Safiullah (aged about 41 years), belonging to another community, took her inside the shop and allegedly raped her, Additional SP Deependra Nath Chowdhury said. Hearing the screams, people gathered there and nabbed the accused, beat him up.

### KOLKATA: MAIN ACCUSED ROY UNDERGOING LIE DETECTION TEST AT PRESIDENCY JAIL

Sanjoy Roy, prime accused in the rape and murder case of a Kolkata doctor, underwent a lie-detector test on Sunday. The test was conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on the arrested civic volunteer. The lie detection test on Sanjay Roy, the main accused in the alleged rape and murder of a RG Kar Medical College trainee doctor, took place at Kolkata's Presidency Jail where he is lodged, officials said on Sunday. Earlier, Sanjoy Roy had told a Kolkata Court judge that he was being 'framed'. When consent was sought from him for the polygraph test, Sanjoy Roy broke down in court and claimed that he had not 'committed a crime'. Roy had reportedly said, "The polygraph test would prove his innocence".



### KOLKATA, THANE PUT FOCUS OF FAST TRACK COURTS

A nationwide uproar over the rape-murder of a Kolkata medic and the sexual assault on two kindergarten girls in Thane has led to a demand for fast-track trial in cases of crimes against women and children. West Bengal CM and former Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray, are demanding speedy justice for the victims, central govt officials said a fast track court scheme launched nearly 5 years ago has disposed of cases in a timely manner.

### MAN RAPES 10-YEAR-OLD NEIGHBOUR IN THANE DISTRICT; HELD

Thane: A man was on Sunday arrested for allegedly raping his 10-year-old neighbour in Kalyan town of Maharashtra's Thane district, police said. The 32-year-old accused has been booked on the charges of assault and rape under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, an official said. The assault took place on Saturday afternoon when the child went to the accused's house to play with his children. The accused was alone in the house at the time, and he allegedly touched her inappropriately and raped her, he said.

### CASES OF CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

- All 5 arrested for gang-raping minor in public-bus in Dehradun
- 4 arrested for gang-raping teen in Maharashtra, main accused yet to be held
- Man, 72, sexually assaults 7-year-old girl in Delhi, arrested: Police
- Man, 42, arrested for raping 12-year-old girl in Maharashtra
- Man, 35, arrested for killing wife, child in Arunachal Pradesh

## Missing trainer aircraft found in Jharkhand Dam



Indian Navy personnel conduct a search operation to trace missing trainer aircraft and both pilots near the Chandil Dam.

**PTI**  
Jamshedpur

A missing trainer aircraft was finally located on Sunday after an extensive search operation was launched to locate the missing aircraft. The aircraft was located in the Chandil dam's reservoir in Seraikela-Kharswan district of Jharkhand, an official of the aviation company that owned it said.

The aircraft, a Cessna-152, with a trainee and an instructor on board went missing on Tuesday after taking off from the Sonari aerodrome in Jamshedpur in East Singhbhum district. The bodies of the instructor, Captain Jeet Satru, and trainee Subrodeep Dutta were found in the

**A massive search operation was launched which involved the administrations of East Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan districts, local police, and the Forest Department. Search efforts was extended**

reservoir of the dam on Thursday."The aircraft has been located deep in the dam's reservoir by the search team but it is yet to be retrieved," Alchemist Aviation MD Mrinal Paul told PTI. The search operation was being led by a 19-member team of the Indian Navy."The operation is still underway," said.

## Jharkhand: Security forces discover, neutralize 4 IEDs



**PTI**  
Chaibasa

Four powerful IEDs were found on Sunday during an anti-Naxal operation in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district, police said. The seizure was made during a combing operation launched jointly by CRPF, Jharkhand Jaguar and district armed police in Naxalism-affected forest areas near villages such

as Jimki Ekir, Murumbura and Hussipi bordering the Tonto and Goikera police stations areas, Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar said. The IEDs weighing 5 kg each were defused by the bomb disposal squad on the spot, he said. Combing operations were underway till late in the evening, he added. The IEDs were planted by Maoists to target security forces.

## Hundreds of people shifted to safety amid heavy rains in south Gujarat

**Agencies**  
Ahmedabad

Several hundred people were shifted to safety in Valsad and Navsari districts as heavy rains lashed south Gujarat on Saturday and Sunday, officials said.

As per data from the State Emergency Operation Centre, Vapi taluka in Valsad district received 326 millimetres rainfall in a 24-hour period till 6 am on Sunday, the highest in the state, while Khergam in Navsari got 248 mm since 6 am. Districts like Surat, Tapi and Narmada have also been severely affected due to heavy rains, official said. More than 600 persons living in low-lying areas in Valsad were relocated.



A waterlogged area after heavy rains, in Rajkot, Sunday.

### TRIPURA CONGRESS DEMANDS SPECIAL CENTRAL RELIEF PACKAGE AFTER FLOOD DAMAGE

Agartala: The Tripura Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) on Sunday demanded a special package by the Centre for restoration of damage caused by the devastating flood in the state. At least 26 people died while two went missing in the floods. "The damage caused by the flood is huge... At the all-party meeting held yesterday, we put forward some proposals before Chief Minister Manik Saha for rebuilding the state and its people", senior Congress MLA Sudip Roy Barman said at a press conference here.

## Anil Ambani to challenge SEBI's ₹25 crore fine & ban

**PTI**  
New Delhi

Businessman Anil Ambani is reviewing a Sebi order imposing a fine and banning him from capital markets for five years in an alleged fund diversion case and will take appropriate next steps as legally advised, his spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday.

Ambani, the spokesperson in a statement from the board of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd and Reliance Power Ltd, pursuant to Sebi's interim order dated February 11, 2022 in the matter pertaining to Reliance Home Finance Ltd. He "is in compliance with the said interim order (of February 11,



Anil Ambani

2022) for the last two and half years," the statement said. On the August 22 order that banned him and 24 others from the securities market for five years on charges of dilution of funds, the spokesperson said, "Mr Ambani is reviewing the final order dated August 22, 2024 passed by Sebi in the said matter, and will take appropriate next steps as legally advised."

### IN BRIEF

**2 die after inhaling toxic gas inside well in MP's Anuppur**  
Madhya Pradesh: Two persons died due to suspected inhalation of toxic gas inside a well in Madhya Pradesh's Anuppur today (August 25), police said. The incident occurred in Jamudi village under the Kotwali police station area in the morning, an official said. Jain said a team of the (SDERF) fished out the bodies later. The deceased have been identified as Madan Singh (50) and Devlal (45), he said.



**Naxalite couple with cumulative bounty of Rs 10L surrenders**  
Dhamtari: A Naxalite couple surrendered to security forces in Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari district, according to senior police officials. The duo, carrying a combined bounty of Rs 10 lakh, cited disillusionment with Maoist ideology as their reason for surrender. The couple was responsible for multiple violent incidents.

**Sikkim CM Tamang announces pension hike for former MLAs**  
Sikkim: Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang announced that former MLAs would now receive a minimum monthly pension of Rs 50,000. The chief minister said former legislators who had served a single term as MLA will now receive a monthly pension of Rs 50,000. At present, they are getting Rs 22,000 as monthly pension.

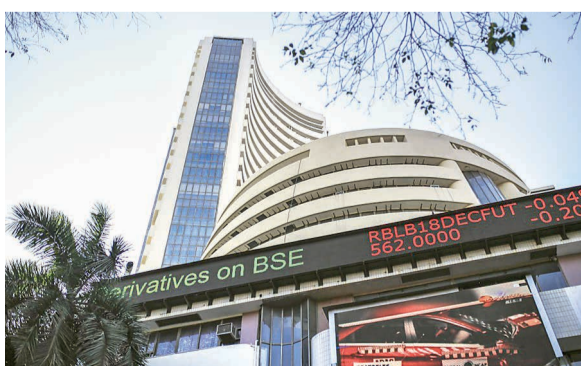
## STOCK MARKET WATCH

# MARKET POISED FOR GAINS WITH IPO SURGE



**Vimal Kothari**  
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Driven by international improvements, monsoon effects, and better company results, the Indian stock market is poised for another phase of recovery. The strength of the Indian market is evident as the number of companies entering the capital market through IPOs continues to rise, potentially setting new records in 2024. Despite the upcoming monthly futures market settlement on Thursday, technical experts remain optimistic about reaching new mar-



ket highs, though international conditions will play a significant role. Last week saw a continuation of gains, marking the second consecutive week of upward movement. This week, expectations are bolstered by the U.S. Federal Reserve's interest rate cut, suggesting that last week's bullish trend could indicate new market movements, with Indian economic strength playing a crucial role. Last Friday, the BSE index improved by 649.37 points (0.81%) to close at 81,086.21, while the NSE Nifty index rose by 282.00 points (1.15%) to close at 24,823.15. Midcap and smallcap indices also showed better performance compared to the main indices, with smallcap stocks outper-

forming the main indices. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought shares worth ₹1,944 crore, supported by Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) who purchased shares worth ₹2,896 crore. In the bullion market, gold prices rose by ₹300 per 10 grams to ₹73,600, while silver prices improved by ₹2,600 per kilo to ₹87,900. Traders expect continued improvement in gold and silver prices. For this week, traders anticipate a technical recovery. The monthly futures market settlement on Thursday might have a limited impact. Investments in companies such as Tata Technologies, BEL, Zomato, SEAGAL, HFCL, Lenskart Holdings, Paytm, Himadri Chemicals, De-

livery, and Bombay Dyeing are considered secure, but investors should be cautious as even strong stocks might not be immune to downturns. IPO opportunities include three main board companies and six MSME platform companies. Investors should be cautious of high premiums demanded by new IPOs. Additionally, SEBI has received draft prospectuses from nine companies this week, with major ones being JSW Cement and Kalpataru Limited.

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## Harris raises \$540 million since launching presidential campaign

The Harris fundraising totals were raised by Harris for President, the DNC, and joint fundraising committees



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during the Democratic National Convention.

**Agencies**  
Washington

Democrat Kamala Harris has raised \$540 million in little more than a month since she began her race for U.S. president, with a surge of donations flowing in during the Democratic National Convention last week, her campaign said on Sunday.

A memo released by Harris' campaign manager, Jen O'Malley Dillon, said the \$540 million raised included \$82

### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

- Harris faces uphill battle to win back Muslim votes in Michigan
- Community leaders, angered by Biden's support for Israel, 'are in listening mode' with new nominee, even as Muslim Women for Harris disbands after pro-Palestinians snubbed at DNC
- Americans heavily favored George W. Bush in the 2000 election.
- But they swung firmly to the Democratic camp after years of the US "War on Terror," which saw fighting in the Middle East and Afghanistan, and Muslim American communities put under stricter law-enforcement scrutiny.

million that came in during convention week and is a sign of Democratic enthusiasm for her candidacy.

"This is the most ever

for any presidential campaign in this time span," she said.

Vice President Harris became a candidate for president on July 21

when President Joe Biden stepped aside under pressure from fellow Democrats concerned about his cognitive ability after he

stumbled during a June 27 debate against Republican Donald Trump.

The Harris candidacy has generated momentum that has put Trump on the defensive and he has struggled to maintain the media spotlight on him. Harris and her vice presidential running mate, Tim Walz, take their campaign for the White House on a bus tour through Georgia this week, looking to build support in a state looming large in the Nov. 5 election.

## India, US look forward to working together: Def Min Rajnath Singh

**PTI**  
Washington

India and the US look forward to working together and benefiting from each other's experiences, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said, as he visited a top American naval surface warfare facility in Maryland.

Singh is in the US on a four-day official visit to further boost the comprehensive global strategic partnership between the US and India.

"Visited the Naval Surface Warfare Centre at Carderock and witnessed the pathbreaking experiments at the facility," Singh said.

"India and the US look forward to work together and benefit from each other's experiences," he wrote after he visited the



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a visit to the William B Morgan Large Cavitation Channel (LCC) in the Naval Surface Warfare Centre (NSWC), at Memphis (Tennessee), in USA, Sunday.

top American naval facility on Saturday.

Earlier during the visit, Singh met the US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin.

Austin praised the momentum behind the US-India relationship during the meeting with Singh. He noted the coun-

tries' increased cooperation on a range of defence issues, including efforts to strengthen critical supply chains and interoperability between their militaries.

"We share a vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and our defence cooperation continues to grow stronger and stronger," Austin said.

## Famous Indian origin Doctor shot dead in US: Report

**Agencies**  
New Delhi

An Indian-origin doctor was shot in US in Tuscaloosa, a city in Alabama, on Friday. The victim, identified as Dr Ramesh Babu Peramsetty, died on the spot. He was a renowned physician who operated several hospitals in America.

Ramesh, who was from Andhra Pradesh, was one of the founders and medical director of a group of local medical officers operating as the Crimson Network. He was known for his contributions in the field of healthcare.

The Crimson Care Network said its team "is prepared to make more statements within the next few days.

## Israel and Hezbollah trade heavy fire before pulling back, jolting a region braced for war

**Agencies**  
Jerusalem

Israel launched a wave of airstrikes across southern Lebanon early Sunday in what it called a preemptive strike to avert a large Hezbollah rocket and missile attack.

The militant group responded, saying it fired hundreds of rockets and drones to avenge the killing of a top commander last month.

Both sides halted the heavy exchange of fire by mid-morning, signalling no immediate further escalation. It came as Egypt hosted high-level talks aimed at a cease-fire in the 10-month-old Israel-Hamas war in Gaza that diplomats hope will ease regional tensions.

Both Israel and Hezbollah said they aimed



Missiles were visible curling up through the dawn sky, dark vapour trails behind them, as an air raid siren sounded in Israel and a distant blast lit the horizon, while smoke rose over houses in Lebanon.

only at military targets. Israel's military said one soldier with the navy was killed and two others were wounded either by an interceptor for incoming fire, or by shrapnel from one. Two Hezbollah fighters and a militant from an allied group were killed, the groups said.

### "40,405 PALESTINIANS KILLED IN ISRAEL'S MILITARY OFFENSIVE ON GAZA SINCE OCT 7"

Cairo: At least 40,405 Palestinians have been killed and 93,468 others injured in Israel's military offensive on Gaza since Oct. 7, said the Gaza Health Ministry. Q"massacres" by Israel in the strip. The recent war in Gaza started after Hamas militants attacked Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies.

## INS MUMBAI'S FIRST VISIT

# Naval ship to make first visit to SL on Aug 26

**PTI**  
Colombo

The Indian Naval Ship (INS) 'Mumbai' will arrive at the port of Colombo on Monday for a three-day maiden visit to Sri Lanka, the Indian High Commission has said.

INS Mumbai, the Indian Navy's frontline warship, will be received ceremonially by the Sri Lanka Navy, the high commission said in a press release on Saturday. "This is INS Mumbai's first visit to any port in



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Sri Lanka and will be the eighth port call by Indian Ships this year," it said.

INS Mumbai -- the third of the Delhi class destroyers -- will bring essential spares for the

Sri Lanka Airforce (SLAF)-operated Dornier maritime patrol aircraft -- the pilots and flight navigators of which are being trained by the Indian Navy. Apart

from this, the Indian Navy also supports the aircraft's maintenance with a technical team and spares. "The Dornier aircraft provides a unique and

critical capability of surveillance over the Sea Area of Responsibility (AOR) of Sri Lanka since induction two years ago," the press release said.

Upon arrival, the Commanding Officer will call on the Commander of the Western Naval Area, Rear Admiral WDCU Kumarasinghe, at the Western Naval Area Headquarters.

The ship will also undertake joint activities with the Sri Lanka Navy, such as sports fixtures, Yoga and beach cleaning, it said.

## Second ISMR Meet: Jaishankar, Goyal Sitharaman and Vaishnav to attend

**Agencies**  
New Delhi

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman; Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal; External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar; and Railways, Electronics, and Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav will on Monday attend a key meeting that aims to strengthen bilateral ties between India and Singapore.

The second India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) is scheduled to be held in Singapore. The meeting will enable



S Jaishankar, Piyush Goyal, Ashwini Vaishnav, Nirmala Sitharaman to attend second ISMR to be held in Singapore today.

both sides to review various aspects of their strategic partnership and identify new avenues to further elevate and broaden it, an official statement said on Sunday.

ISMR is a mechanism established to set a new

agenda for India-Singapore bilateral relations. Its inaugural meeting was held in New Delhi in September 2022. During their visit, the ministers will interact with their Singaporean counterparts and leadership.



# FIRST INDIA 2ND FRONT

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Greetings on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami ! May our beloved Lord Krishna protect each one of us from evil and grant us the willpower to walk on the path of Dharma.

Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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## PM: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita frees democracy from colonial mindset



PM Narendra Modi, (L-R) Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma & Arjun Ram Meghwal during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Rajasthan High Court in Jodhpur on Sunday.

Over 18k courts are computerised, showing our resolve for justice, PM adds

Shivprakash Purohit & Kamalkant Sharma

Jodhpur

During the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the Rajasthan High Court in

Jodhpur on Sunday, PM Narendra Modi criticised the long and often frustrating legal procedures of the past. He remarked, "Decades ago, the term 'court chakkar' became synonymous with the endless cycle of litigation. Today, effective measures are being taken to ease citizens' suffering." He highlighted significance

of newly adopted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which replaces the Indian Penal Code. PM called for collective responsibility to simplify and make justice more transparent. "We have made historic strides, such as repealing outdated colonial laws & adopting Indian Judicial Code in place of Penal Code," PM Modi said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with CM Bhajan Lal Sharma during the concluding ceremony of Rajasthan HC's platinum jubilee celebrations in Jodhpur.



Diya Kumari, Dr PC Bairwa, Vasudev Devnani, Jogaram Patel, Sudhansh Pant and PP Chaudhary during the platinum jubilee celebrations on Sunday.

### RAJ HIGH COURT PROTECTED THE LAW DURING THE EMERGENCY, SAYS CM

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma extended his congratulations on the Rajasthan High Court's 75th anniversary, praising its prestigious legacy. Addressing the platinum jubilee ceremony, "Rajasthan High Court protected the law during the emergency," he said and highlighted its contribution of many judges to the Supreme Court. He expressed gratitude to the judges and dignitaries present. "Today is a proud day for all of us. The court

has always respected the rule of law," the CM said. Sharma praised the efforts of the judiciary, executive, and legislature in the state, and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for simplifying laws and processes. CM Sharma further affirmed the commitment to advancing justice through initiatives like Mission Karmayogi, emphasising ongoing reforms and the dedication of all stakeholders in strengthening the legal framework for a just society.

### WE ARE THE FIRST TO CONDUCT HEARINGS IN HINDI, SAYS UNION LAW MINISTER MEGHWAL

In a grand celebration marking the Platinum Jubilee of the Rajasthan HC, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal highlighted significant milestones and offered heartfelt congratulations. He welcomed PM Modi to Rajasthan, praised the Constitution. "We are the first in the country to start hearings in Hindi," he noted. He lauded the repeal of outdated laws and the introduction of the Indian Judicial Code. He praised Raj HC's history and recognized the achievements of former Justice R.M. Lodha, while clarifying Justice Dalbir Bhandari's association with Jodhpur.

## Cong responsible for nation's partition & emergency rule: CM

During membership workshop state prez Rathore urged party men to participate

First India Bureau  
Jodhpur

At a BJP membership workshop in Jodhpur, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma provided a detailed overview of the membership drive strategy and methodology. He urged party workers to focus on increasing party membership and involving more citizens of Sun City in the campaign.

During his speech, Sharma reflected on the budget planning, mentioning, "When we were allocating the budget, I thought there wouldn't be a need for additional allocations to Jodhpur." He expressed surprise at the ongoing issues reported from the region, noting, Sharma reassured that efforts were made to address issues in every assembly constituency.

He continued, "Jodhpur's representatives have shared their demands with me. Rest assured, we will fulfill the promises made in our manifesto. I propose a special package but stress that any corruption will be thoroughly investi-



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being felicitated during the BJP's 'Sadasyata Abhiyan' workshop in Jodhpur on Sunday. Madan Rathore and other local leaders were also present.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being felicitated during his visit to the famous Juna Ramdwara in Jodhpur on Sunday. The CM also sought the blessings of the saints during his visit.

gated, and those responsible will face justice." Sharma criticised the Congress, stating, "The Congress made agreements with the National Conference and was responsible for the partition of the country and the imposition of emergency rule."

The CM also conducted a 'Jansunwai' at the Circuit House.

### CM ASSURES PROBE INTO POOR ROADS

During Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's convoy passing through Jaljog Chowk, local residents raised concerns about poor road conditions. In response, CM acknowledged their complaints, stating, "I have seen everything; I am getting it investigated."

## CS to chair review meet on environmental safeguards & illegal mining on Aug 27

Nirmal Tiwari  
Jaipur

CS Sudhansh Pant will chair an important review meeting focusing on environmental safeguards and actions against illegal mining tomorrow. The meeting will include key officials such as Additional Chief Secretaries Aparna Arora (Forest and Environment), Sreya Guha (Transport), and Anand Kumar (Home), along with Director General of Police UR Sahoo, Principal Secretaries from the Law and Legal Affairs and Revenue Departments, Secretary of Mines and Petroleum Anandhi, and Transport Commissioner Manisha Arora.

All District Collectors, Superintendents of Po-



lice, Deputy Conservators of Forests, DTOs, & Mineral Engineers will participate virtually.

The agenda includes a 10-point discussion: reviewing compliance reports from Jan 11, assessing progress on illegal mining actions, evaluating district committee meets, addressing issues like mining mafia obstruction, violence, & damage to property. It will also cover Mining areas, land banks and prevention.

## Cong condemns BJP's new State in-charge for offensive remarks

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Jaipur

A political uproar has ignited in Rajasthan following a controversial statement made by the BJP's new state in-charge, Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal. Agrawal's remarks regarding Congress leaders Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot have sparked significant backlash.

Congress leaders have expressed strong objections to Agrawal's comment, which was described as 'unfortunate' and 'insensitive' by PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra. The Leader of Opposition, Tikaram Jolly, condemned the statement as a reflection of a 'poisonous mindset.'

In response to the controversy, Congress's so-



Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal



Govind Singh Dotasra

cial media team has become highly active, launching a campaign against Agrawal's remarks. Plans are underway in some areas to burn effigies, and supporters of Gehlot and Pilot are preparing to take to the streets in protest.

PCC Chief Govind Singh Dotasra criticised the BJP's new State in-charge, saying, "Whether it's the new BJP in-charge or their Ministers and legislators, the use of

crude language and unbecoming conduct has become their hallmark." Dotasra accused Radhamohan Agrawal of continuously making disparaging remarks about party and opposition leaders, calling his comments about Gehlot, Pilot, and Rajendra Rathore 'highly condemnable & shameful.' He emphasised that this insult isn't just towards the senior leaders but to the people of Rajasthan as a whole.

## BJP hails PM's UPS Scheme, Gehlot criticises it

First India Bureau  
Jaipur

BJP State in-charge Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal welcomed the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), calling it Prime Minister Modi's masterstroke. He noted that the scheme stunned the opposition, who had previously spread rumors. Agrawal praised the Modi government's commitment to public welfare and employee trust.

BJP State President Madan Rathore endorsed the UPS as a commendable move reflecting the government's dedication to employee welfare and social security.

In contrast, former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot criticised the UPS, arguing that it exposes flaws in the National Pension System (NPS) that his Old Pension Scheme (OPS) had previously addressed.

## BJP's focus on inclusive development remains strong, says GS Shekhawat



GS Shekhawat being felicitated during the 'Jan Ashirwad Rally' held at Loharu assembly constituency in Haryana on Sunday. Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini & others were also present.

First India Bureau  
Bhiwani

Union Tourism Minister and Jodhpur MP Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited poll-bound Haryana, where he participated in a booth committee meeting at Lohani under the Kairu Mandal Shakti Kendra. Addressing party workers, Shekhawat emphasized that while the opposition in Haryana remains limited to spreading misinformation, the BJP is steadfast

in its commitment to PM Modi's policy of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (inclusive development).

Shekhawat also took part in a Jan Ashirwad rally in Loharu assembly area (Haryana) with Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini. Shekhawat in his address, said that large turnout was a testament to growing trust in the double-engine govt. He lauded Haryana govt's efforts to raise farmers' income and create job opportunities for youth.

## New building of Tejaji Trust is a testament to the community's resolute spirit: Om Birla

First India Bureau  
Kota

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla attended the inauguration of the new building of the Shri Tejaji Temple Trust and the Bhama Shah Award Ceremony on Sunday. Birla inaugurated the building, which was constructed with the support of Bhamashahs for various community activities. He described the new building as a priceless heritage and a testament to the community's



Om Birla inaugurates the Teja Mandir Trust building in Talwandi area in Kota district on Sunday. Heeralal Nagar and other local leaders were also present on the occasion.

collective resolve. He praised the Shri Tejaji Temple Trust for its exemplary social service

based on Lord Tejaji's ideals and its efforts to enhance education for the community. Birla

highlighted the community's unique contributions across India in farming and border defense. Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar was also present on the occasion.

Birla honoured talented students from Khatik Society at a ceremony organized by the Shri Parmanand Bharti Khatik Society Youth Development Committee. He commended the society's progress through education and called on its members to ensure no student is deprived of education due to finan-

cial constraints, assuring his support in the community's endeavors.

Birla also participated in the oath-taking ceremony and honor function of the Retired Officers Association, administering the oath to the new executive committee and honoring retirees for their outstanding service.

He acknowledged the challenges faced by retirees and praised their dedication to public service, stating that their experience will be utilized in the development of Kota-Bundi.

## Guv: Varsities must accelerate NAAC accreditation, focus on quality edu

First India Bureau  
Jodhpur

During a review meeting with Vice-Chancellors of Jodhpur-based universities at the DRDO auditorium on Sunday, Governor Haribhau Bagade has urged universities in Rajasthan to accelerate their NAAC accreditation processes and emphasise both skill development and quality education. "Our goal is to make Rajasthan a leader



Guv Haribhau Bagade chairs a review meeting with the V-Cs of Jodhpur-based universities at the DRDO auditorium in Jodhpur on Sunday. AK Sharma, Dr Kusumlata Bhandari, Prof PK Prajapati, Dr MK Aseri & others were present.

in higher education," he stated. The Governor highlighted educational inno-

ventions and urged universities to become centers of excellence and supreme knowledge.

**“Achyutam  
Keshavam Krishna  
Damodaram,  
Ram Naraynam  
Janaki Vallabham,  
Naam Japate Chalo  
Kaam Karte Chalo,  
Har Samay Krishna  
Ka Dhyaan  
Karte Chalo”**

**'Jis roop mein ho, Jis rang mein ho...  
Hari aan milo, Prabhu aan milo'**

**R**adhe Radhe! As Krishna Janmashtami neared, I found myself singing this to my beloved Lord and Lo and Behold! He answered... He said unto me that He is everywhere, in all 'roop and rang', in the smiles of the innocent children and also the outstretched begging hands of the needy; in the beautiful hennaed hands of the laughing young women as in the gnarled wrinkled barefoot people walking in desolation, in the healthy young persons running on the treadmill as also the ill and the diseased dragging their feet slowly across hospital corridors; the pious helping others and in the inmates serving a prison sentence... in the wind, the ocean, the desert, the sky, look around my child, He said, "I am in each and everyone, in all and everything..."

We can only find our beloved Lord through the eyes of love...through bhakti...

—Anita Hada

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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Manoj Jagyasi, Ashok Gulabani, Rakhi Khurana, Jimmy Shergill welcomes Dr Jitender Singh



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Manoj Jagyasi, Dr Mandeep Basu, Sunil Ramdas Agarwal, Dr Jitender Singh, Mahant Darshan Bharti, Dr Khalid Khan, Dr Arpit Chopra Jain, Simarpreet Singh during the lamp lighting ceremony

# Naye Bharat ki Nayi Udaan

‘BHARAT24 PRESENTS GAME CHANGERS 2024’

Bharat24 presented the grand media conclave “Game Changers 2024 - Naye Bharat ki Nayi Udaan” at Hotel Taj Mahal in New Delhi on Sunday. Olympian Aman Sehrawat was honoured by Dr Jagdeesh Chandra for his remarkable performance at the Paris Olympics, expressing his commitment to bringing home gold. Swami Jitendranand discussed the economic potential of religious tourism, while Mahant Darshan Bharti stressed public awareness of “Love Jihad.” Acharya Pramod Krishnam spoke on his departure from Congress, emphasizing the importance of “Sanatan.” Dr Mahesh Sharma praised PM Narendra Modi as a mentor, and Manoj Tiwari highlighted the benefits of a Double Engine government.



Poomima Mishra in conversation with Dr Jitender Singh



Aditi Nagar in conversation with Bhagirath Choudhary



Shikha Thakur in conversation with Manoj Tiwari



Pooja Yadav in conversation with Aman Sehrawat



Pooja Yadav in conversation with Mahant Darshan Bharti



Pooja Yadav in conversation with Swami Jitendranand Saraswati



Poomima Mishra and Jimmy Shergill in conversation with Sunil Ramdas Agarwal



Poomima Mishra in conversation with Acharya Pramod Krishnam



Poomima Mishra in conversation with Jimmy Shergill



Shikha Thakur in conversation with Dr Mahesh Sharma



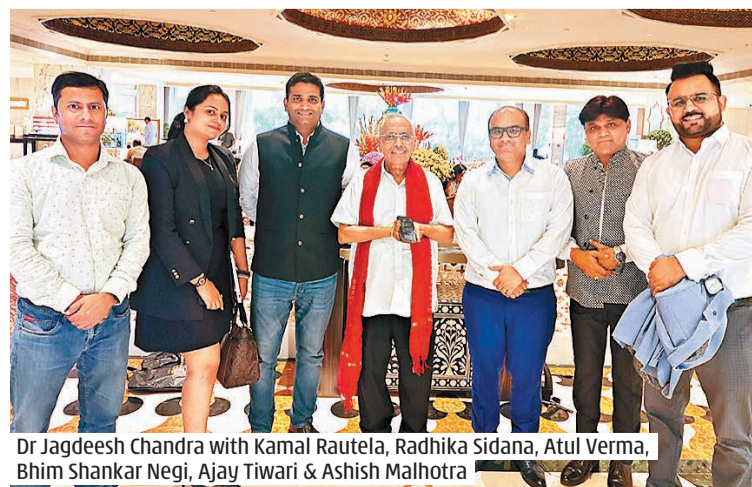
Priya Sinha and Jimmy Shergill in conversation with Dr Khalid Khan and Satvinder Singh Saluja



Shikha Thakur and Jimmy Shergill in conversation with Rajneesh Tyagi, Rajesh Bhardwaj and Simarpreet Singh



Priya Sinha and Jimmy Shergill in conversation with Dr Arpit Chopra Jain and Dr Mandeep Basu



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Kamal Rautela, Radhika Sidana, Atul Verma, Bhim Shankar Negi, Ajay Tiwari & Ashish Malhotra



Shikha Thakur in conversation with Pawan Khera



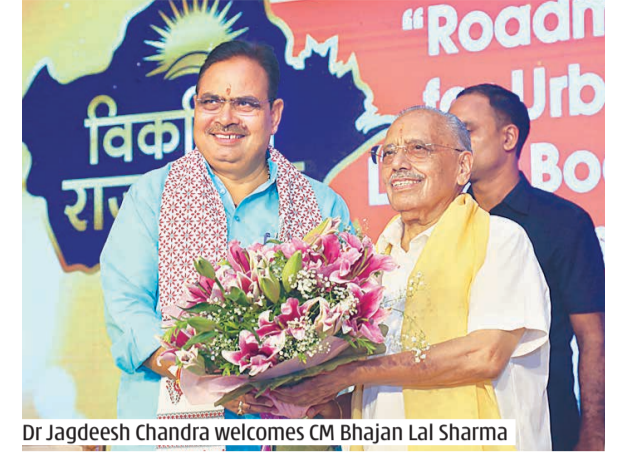
☑ SANTOSH SHARMA, MUKESH KIRADOO, SUNIL SHARMA & NAIM KHAN



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with (L-R) Jhabar Singh Kharra, Pawan Arora, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, and Virendra Choudhary



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Pawan Arora captured in a joyous moment



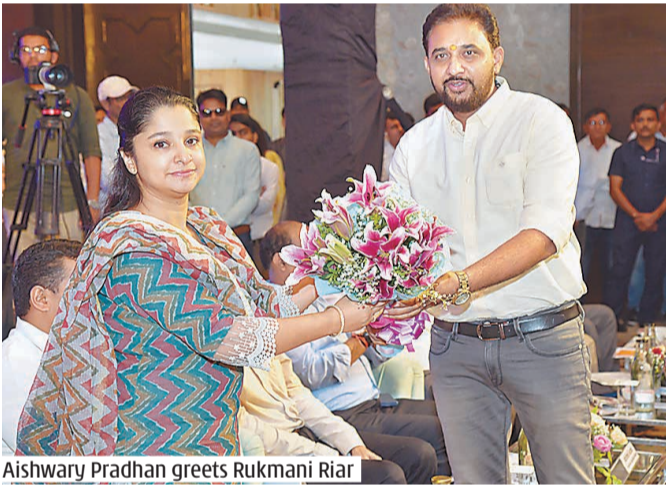
Dr Jagdeesh Chandra welcomes CM Bhajan Lal Sharma



Pawan Arora greets Rafeek Khan



Pawan Arora in conversation with Amit Agarwal as Asif Khan look on smilingly



Aishwary Pradhan greets Rukmani Riar



Eye-catching standee of CM Bhajan Lal Sharma at the venue

# Rajasthan's VISION@2047

Jaipur's City Hotel Clarks Amer became the epicentre of forward-thinking as First India News hosted the "RoadMap for Urban Local Bodies" workshop on Monday. The event, brimming with strategic insights, emphasized Rajasthan's ambitious goal of becoming a fully developed state by 2047. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, alongside Urban Development Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, emphasized the importance of comprehensive planning to equip cities with essential amenities—housing, healthcare, education, and more. The workshop delved into enhancing livability and ecological protection, with contributions from industry leaders and top urban development officials, all aligning with the Vision 2047 blueprint for Rajasthan's future. City First highlights some more glimpses of the event.



During the panel discussion



Pawan Arora shares lighter moment with Vinod Sankhla



Prakash Raj Purohit and Indrajeet Singh



An eye-catching standee of Pawan Arora greeting visitors at the entrance



Shweta Mishra Awasthi & Dimple Sharma



Shivendra Parmar greets Indrajeet Singh



Tripti Gautam and Poonam Sharma Solanki



Yogesh Sharma greets Hem Pushpa Sharma



(L-R) Ashvini Yadav, Laxman Raghav, Vishal Mathur & Lalit Gangwani



(L-R) Imran, Manish Dixit, Ravi Sharma, Kamalkant Sharma, Sandeep Goyal



(L-R) Vishal Mathur, Mahesh Sharma and Ashish Aman



Nisha Swami & Moni Sharma

# FESTIVITIES DAZZLE

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**T**he Janmashtami celebrations at the Nandlal Kids Fashion Show, organised by JKY Jewellers Yashoda and Flesh Entertainment, were a vibrant and joyous affair on Saturday. Children dressed as Krishna and Radha delighted the audience with their adorable performances, capturing the playful and divine essence of these beloved deities. Each child brought their character to life with enthusiasm, winning hearts and applause from the crowd. Women also participated, beautifully embodying Yashoda, Krishna's foster mother, adding an emotional and maternal touch to the event. The fashion show featured children across different categories performing as Krishna and Radha, showcasing their creativity and charm. Notable highlights included Lokit and Sanvi from Flesh Dance Academy, who portrayed Radha and Krishna in a captivating performance titled "Prem Swaroop," which mesmerized everyone present. The event was honoured by the presence of several distinguished guests, including Chief



Little Radhas and Krishnas spread joy and colour at the event with their enchanting costumes and vibrant smiles



Guest Vikas Sirohi from the Rajasthan Vikas Foundation, Anjali Sirohi, Director of The Fact India and a social activist, special guest Ranjita Jain, Director of Golden Divine Creation, and Shweta Naredi, Director of Baby First Hug. Other esteemed attendees were Jatin Mosun of JKY Jewellers, Suhana Gupta from Neo Clinic, Sunil Maheshwari of Sanjivani Buildhome, Arjun Nattani from Baby First Hug, Mahendra from Chocohome, Anshu Somendra Harsh of Simply Jaipur, and Vimal Chandra from Design & Print. The judges, Kamakshi and Rustam Bora, added their expertise to the event, ensuring a fair and memorable competition.



Dravya Jain & Kavya Soni

## Celebrating Janmashtami



Shaurya Khandelwal

Shreyasi, Swara & Aanya

City First extends warm wishes to its readers on the joyous occasion of Janmashtami, celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna. The festival's charm is palpable as locals prepare with great enthusiasm. Our avid readers shared delightful pictures of their children dressed as little Kanha and Radha, capturing the essence of the celebrations. We are thrilled to bring you some of these heartwarming glimpses. Dr Seemaa Goel, Director of Nritya Sanskriti Institute, shared that her students Shreyasi, Swara and Aanya prepared a beautiful classical dance performance to honour this special occasion. Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous Janmashtami! —City First



Kriyansh Lawas



Aanay Raturi



Mayank Mahavar

## Exhibition Spotlight



MLA Gopal Sharma with Sanjay Kumawat, Renuka Kumawat, Komal, Jaysree, Duvisha, Apoorva, Aditi Somaya and Tesha

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**T**he third edition of the International Nazari Photo Exhibition concluded with the announcement of the winners on Day 3, showcasing remarkable talent at Jawahar Kala Kendra and organised by the Rajasthan Photo Festival on Sunday. Virat Paliwal secured first, followed by Sushil Joshi in second place and Ananya Sharma in third place. Consolation awards were given to Agroneel Mandal, Varun Pandey, Lakshit Kumawat, Honey Jangid,

Vikram Soni, Durgesh Nandini, Kirti Sharma, and Vivek Kakkar, recognising their creativity and dedication. On day 2, the event captivated Jaipur's art community with a display of vintage cameras from the 1890s and notable photographs, including one of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. The exhibition featured over 600 photographs, depicting the history, culture, and natural beauty of various regions, including a remarkable depiction of Radha Krishna Leela by Nehal Bafna. The event was a celebration of photography, talent, and cultural heritage.



Virat Paliwal & Sushil Joshi

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!



MLA Kalicharan Saraf, along with his family and 850 workers from Malviya Nagar assembly constituency, watched the "Veer Savarkar" movie at Raj Mandir cinema hall on Saturday. The screening was organised under Saraf's instructions, and coordinated by Brahma Kumar Saini. Attendees included senior RSS pracharak Ram Prasad, MP Manju Sharma, former MP Ramcharan Bohra, former Women's Commission chairperson Suman Sharma, various councilors, divisional presidents, and officials from Mahila Morcha and Yuva Morcha, among others, were also present.

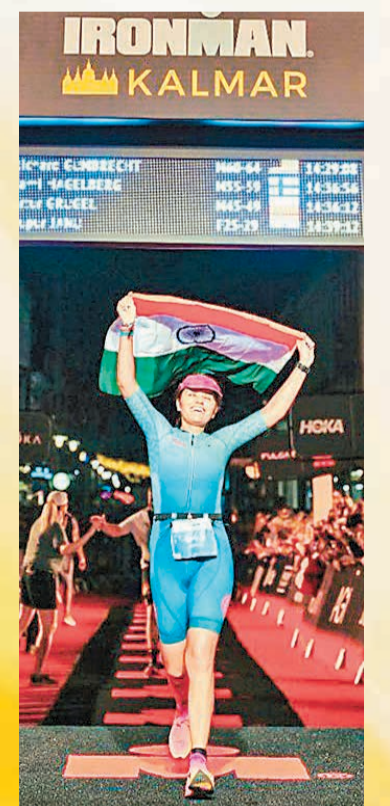


The 39th Eye Donation Awareness Fortnight was inaugurated by Superintendent of Police (Kota) Rural, Karan Sharma, through the Shine India Foundation on Sunday. The initiative, dedicated to promoting eye donation, began with SP Sharma filling out the Eye Donation Pledge Form and releasing an awareness poster. He emphasized the importance of eye donation, urging residents to support the cause and transform lives. A seminar on eye donation awareness with rural police officers is also planned to further the campaign.



Vimal Chand Surana, Nandini Gupta and Rajiv Jain

The theme poster for the Jaipur Jewellery Show (JJS 2024) was unveiled by Femina Miss India World 2023, Nandini Gupta, at the city hotel. Alongside, the JJS-Ruby Promotion Group was launched in the presence of the JJS Organising Committee and prominent jewellers. Nandini praised JJS for uniting the jewellery community and promoting Rajasthan's rich heritage globally. JJS Chairman, Vimal Chand Surana, announced the theme "Ruby" for this year, emphasizing the show's growth and its role in preserving the state's jewellery legacy.



Jaipur's 27-year-old Nupur Janu has made history by becoming the youngest and fastest Indian woman to complete the Ironman Kalmr, one of the world's toughest one-day endurance events. Held in Kalmr, Sweden, the event included a 3.8 km swim, 180.2 km bike ride, and a 42.2 km marathon, all completed in 14 hours and 39 minutes. Nupur's performance included 1 hour and 32 minutes for swimming, 7 hours and 24 minutes for cycling, and 5 hours and 8 minutes for running. Her achievement is a testament to her dedication and extensive endurance training.

## ANNUAL MEETING!



Gaj Singh Alsisar, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat & Deepraj Singh

The 23rd Annual General Meeting and 11th Annual Convention of the Indian Heritage Hotels Association (IHHA) will take place on September 19-20 at Indeco Hotels Swamimalai, Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu. Themed 'Revitalizing Indian Heritage,' this is the first IHHA event held outside Rajasthan. Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Tamil Nadu Tourism Minister K Ramachandran will inaugurate it. The convention aims to boost heritage tourism and inspire future leaders, with around 150 heritage hoteliers expected to attend.

## HORMONAL HEALTH FOCUS AT RAJ ESICON

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**T**he second two-day state-level conference of the Endocrine Society of Rajasthan (Raj ESICON) was inaugurated at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, by Chief Guest Jhabar Singh Khara, Minister of Urban Development and Housing. He emphasized the growing issue of hormonal imbalances leading to diseases like diabetes and thyroid disorders,



urging doctors to promote healthy lifestyles alongside medical treatments. Dr Deepak Maheshwari highlighted the need for state support for doctors, while Dr Prakash Keshwani discussed the impact of lifestyle changes during lockdown on health. Dr Sanjay Saran introduced new treatments and stressed the importance of exercise and diet for immunity.

## POSTER LAUNCH!



Cabinet Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore unveiled the poster for the Jaipur District Roller Skating Championship, scheduled for September 7-8, organised by the Jaipur Skate Association. The first phase will take place at 007 Skating Club, while the second phase will be held at JP Skating Club. Participants can apply until August 31. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore emphasized that this competition is crucial for qualifying for state, national, and Asian games, with 400 skaters from various schools expected to participate.