

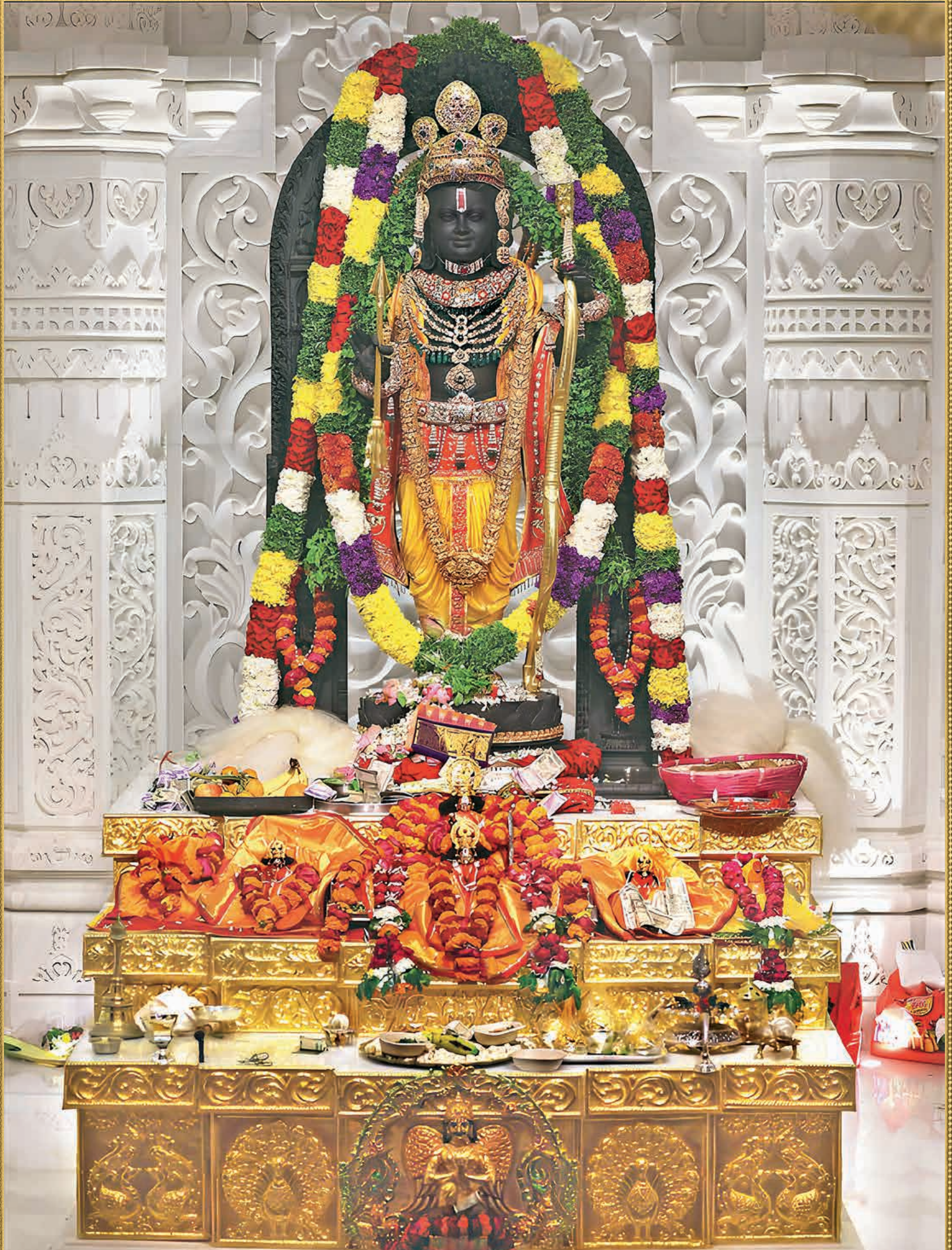


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Congratulations on the historic occasion of 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Lalla. Embrace the significance of this moment by framing the provided picture and embellishing your homes with this image.



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Jai Shri Ram!

The idol of Ram Lalla after the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at the Ram Mandir, in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the rituals during the 'Pran Pratishtha'.





The Ayodhya airport handled around 100 chartered flights on Monday as many people flew into the city to attend the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple. Around 8,000 people were invited to the consecration ceremony

During the Abhijeet Muhurt, PM Narendra Modi led the 'Pran Pratishtha' as Lord Ram's homecoming happened after 500 years in Ayodhya. The inauguration of Ram Mandir saw massive celebrations as Ram Lalla's face was revealed on Monday amid chants of Jai Shree Ram

RAM LALLA VIRAJMAN

ENTIRE BHARAT REJOICES!

Pankaj Soni
Ayodhya

After a wait of five hundred years, Ram Lalla has once again resided in the opulent temple in Ayodhya. Enthusiasm, reverence and devotion reverberated in the air of Lord Ram's city. The consecration of Ram Lalla's life was completed amidst the auspicious sound of musical instruments including drums, conch shells and chanting of mantras in a grand ceremony. There was less activity in the streets of Ayodhya, which was shrouded in fog with tight security since the morning, but despite the restrictions on the main roads, the crowd was still moving. Despite barricades on both sides of the road, many Ram devotees came on the road and started raising slogans of Jai Shree Ram. After all, after waiting for five hundred years, Lord Shri Ram was returning to his city.

As soon as the dawn broke on the day of Ram Mandir Pran Pratistha, the wheels of e-rickshaws that used to ply the roads also stopped on Monday. The rickshaw drivers said that rickshaws run in the streets of Awadh every day but today is the day of Ramotsav. Ram devotees present at home remained glued to the TV watching the live telecast. As soon as the divine darshan of Ram Lalla Sarkar was shown on TV, shouts of Jai Shri Ram started being heard from every house. The sounds of Ram Bhajan being played on the mic from the temples became louder.

As soon as PM Modi reached the sanctum sanctorum, everyone sat close to the screen to capture this scene in their eyes forever. Arrangements were made for a live telecast of the programme at various places. Where there was no live telecast, people were watching the program from their mobile phones. After the completion of the program, the enthusiasm of the people was palpable. People on the road started ringing gongs happily.

DIWALI NIGHT

Monday night in Adhyadhy looked like Diwali. One lakh lamps were lit on the banks of Saryu. There was an emphasis on bursting firecrackers along with lamps in every house. After the consecration of Ram Lalla, devotees celebrated by lighting earthen lamps in the Hanuman Garhi temple of Ayodhya. The presentation of devotional songs on bhajans continued in loud voice on the streets till late at night.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat offer puja at Ram Temple, Ayodhya on Monday.

Ram Lalla's garments and jewellery have been prepared in accordance with scriptures through research and detailed study. The creation has been based on study of spiritual epics like Adhyatma Ramayana, Shrimad Valmiki Ramayana, Shri Ramcharitmanas, and Alavandar Stotra. In accordance with this research, Ankur Anand of Har Sahaymal Shyamli Jewellers, Lucknow, under the direction of Yatindra Mishra, crafted these ornaments, garments were created by Delhi's textile designer, Manish Tripathi.

- 1 Lord Ram's Banarasi vastras are adorned with golden garments, a yellow dhoti, and a red-colored shawl, all embellished with pure gold threadwork and stars.
- 2 Gold crown embedded with rubies, emeralds and diamonds has been crafted in North Indian tradition. At the centre it has emblem of Surya Dev, on right strands of pearls are woven.
- 3 Earrings are designed in the form of crowns with peacock motifs, embellished with gold, diamonds, and rubies
- 4 Vijayamala the longest necklace Ram Lalla is wearing and is studded with rubies. It has symbols of Vaishnava tradition, sudarshana chakra, lotus, shankh and the mangal kalash.
- 5 Heart of the Lord is adorned with Kaustubha Mani, decorated with large diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. According to scriptures, Lord Vishnu and his avatars wear the Kaustubha Mani, hence it is worn by Lord Rama.
- 6 Padika is another necklace worn above the navel which is a five-stranded piece made of diamonds and emeralds.
- 7 Kanchi is the detailed gold waistband studded with diamonds rubies, pearls and emeralds. It has small bells which, according to the temple authorities, symbolise purity.
- 8 Bangles are designed similar to the crown, featuring peacock shapes and embellished with gold, diamonds, rubies, and pearls.
- 9 Silver-red tilak on Ram Lalla's forehead is created with diamonds and rubies.
- 10 Finger rings on both hands are gem-studded, featuring hanging pearls.
- 11 Lord holds a golden bow in his right hand, adorned with pearls, diamonds, and rubies. Similarly, a golden arrow is held in the right hand, decorated with diamonds.
- 12 Kantha. It features floral designs symbolising good fortune, with an image of Surya Dev at the centre.

PM Modi prays at Kuber Tila, unveils Jatayu statue

PM Modi also sprinkled flowers on the idol of Jatayu at the Ram Temple premises in Ayodhya



PM Modi unveiled a statue of 'Jatayu' on the premises of the Ayodhya Ram temple.

Dimple Sharma & Tripti Gautam
Ayodhya

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday visited the Kuber Tila on the Ram temple premises in Ayodhya and offered prayers to Lord Shiva there.

He performed 'jalabhishek' (pouring water on the 'Shiva linga') and also did a 'parikrama' (circumambulation) of the temple. The ancient Shiv temple located on the Kuber Tila in the Ram Janmabhoomi com-

plex is also being renovated by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, which is constructing the Ram temple.

The prime minister later unveiled a statue of Jatayu, a mythical bird that was killed by Ravana while trying to save Goddess Sita from the demon king, on the premises of the Ayodhya temple.

Throwing light on Jatayu's integrity, Modi said such a sense of duty is the basis of a capable and divine India.

The main entrance to the

Ram temple is situated on the eastern side, which can be approached by ascending 32 stairs through the Singh Dwar. There are a total of five 'mandaps' (halls) in the temple - Nritya Mandap, Rang Mandap, Sabha Mandap, Prathana Mandap and Kirtan Mandap.

Near the temple is a historic well (Sita koop). In the south-western part of the temple complex at Kuber Tila, the ancient temple of Lord Shiva has been restored along with the Jatayu statue.



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PM Narendra Modi leads rituals at 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, in Ayodhya on Monday. Also seen here are Mohan Bhagwat, Anandiben Patel & Yogi Adityanath.



PM Narendra Modi performs pratham 'Aarti' for Ram Lalla during the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, in Ayodhya on Monday.



राम भारत की आस्था है
राम भारत का आधार है
राम भारत का विचार है
राम भारत का विधान है
राम भारत की चेतना है
राम भारत का चिंतन है
राम भारत की प्रतिष्ठा है
राम भारत का प्रताप है
राम प्रभाव है
राम प्रवाद है
राम नेति भी है
राम नीति भी है
राम निवृत्ता भी है
राम निरंतरता भी है
राम व्यापक है, विश्व है,
विश्वात्मा है

इसलिए जब राम की प्रतिष्ठा होती है तो उसका प्रभाव शताब्दियों तक नहीं होता उसका प्रभाव हजारों वर्षों तक होता है।

— प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी

PM MODI POURS HIS EMOTIONS...

● I express my gratitude to the judiciary of India, which upheld the dignity of justice. The temple of Lord Ram, synonymous with justice, was also built in a judicial manner.

● Today's occasion is not only a moment of celebration but also a moment that signifies the maturity of Indian society. For us, this occasion is not only about victory, but also about humility.

● Moving beyond the construction of the temple, now all of us citizens, from this moment, pledge to build a capable, magnificent, and divine India. The thoughts of Ram should be in 'Manas' as well as in the public psyche - this is the step towards nation-building.

● This is India's time, and India is now moving forward. We have reached here after centuries of waiting. We all have been waiting for this era, this period of time. Now, we will not stop. We will reach the heights of development.

● This grand Ram temple will be a witness to the rise of a magnificent India, to the development of India! This temple teaches us that if the goal is proven true, if the goal is born out of collective and organised strength.

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BHAYE PRAGAT KRIPALA!

Aaj hamare Ram aa gaye hain.
NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

Moni Sharma
Ayodhya

Donning a golden kurta and a cream-coloured dhoti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the rituals of "Pran Pratishtha" ceremony at the "historic" Ram temple in Ayodhya on Monday. Lakhs of people watched the live-telecast of the ceremony on their televisions. Meanwhile, thousands of people from different walks of life came to Ayodhya to witness the grand event. At the same time, a few Opposition leaders celebrated the day in a different way.

tended by PM Modi as 'Mukhya Yajman'. The unveiling happened after the hour-long rituals in the presence of PM Modi who led the ceremony. PM Modi performed the 'aarti' of the Ram Lalla idol. He also performed 'parikrama' of the deity and did 'dandvat pranam'. He also took blessings from 'sadhus'.

After the ceremony, he delivered a speech to address dignitaries at the event. He hit out at those who had opposed the construction of Ram temple and said, "Ram is not fire, but an energy he belongs not just to us, but to everyone." Modi visited Kuber Tila and unveiled a statue of 'Jatayu' on premises of the temple.

PM NARENDRA MODI BREAKS 11-DAY FAST AS RAM LALLA ASCENDS HIS THRONE IN AYODHYA



PM Narendra Modi broke his 11-day fast in presence of RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat and UP CM Yogi Adityanath, after the new Ram Lalla idol was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple on Monday.

NO ONE CAN STOP NEW INDIA, STOP FIGHTING OVER PETTY ISSUES & STAY UNITED: BHAGWAT

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the 11-day fast that he observed before the Ram Temple opening in Ayodhya. Bhagwat said that PM Modi is a tapasvi, but he alone can't do penance as he urged everyone to follow the path of the top BJP leader. The RSS chief, hailing the return of Lord Ram, said that now no one can stop the rise of 'new India'.



(From Left) PM Narendra Modi lights 'Ram Jyoti' at his residence in Delhi on Monday, after attending 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Temple. PM Modi performs 'sastang pranam' while offering prayers to Ram Lalla. PM Modi interacts with workers who were a part of construction crew at the Ram Temple.

SUPERNATURAL, UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT: CM YOGI ADITYANATH



As the consecration of the much-anticipated Ram temple took place on Monday in Ayodhya, UP CM Yogi Adityanath termed the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony as an emotional moment for the country after a 500-year wait. He remarked, "The temple has been built where we had resolved to build it." The comment is a callback to the popular "Mandir wahin banayenge" slogan of the Ram Janmabhoomi protest.

The whole nation is devoted to Lord Ram. It seems that we have arrived in 'Treta Yuga'.
YOGI ADITYANATH, UP CHIEF MINISTER

CM SHARMA CELEBRATES 'PRAN PRATISHTHA' OF RAM MANDIR

New cultural era has begun in the nation: CM

Bharat Dixit, Sanjay Prajapat & Hukum Singh
Jaipur/Churu/Sikar

Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma bowed his head after seeing this epoch-making and supernatural moment on the day of accomplishment, joy and progress through determination. He announced to establish 6 'Shri Ram Lalla- Janki Industrial hubs across the state. The Chief Minister watched the live telecast of the Pran Pratishtha ceremony along with



On the auspicious occasion of 'Pran Pratishtha', CM Bhajan Lal Sharma offers prayers at Salasar Balaji on Monday. Also seen are Chandrashekhar, Rajendra Rathore, Geeta Sharma & others.

Ram devotees from Prem Mandir in Pratapnagar, Jaipur. Sharma said that on the day of Sakal Manorath, a new cultural era has started in the country.

PM MODI AND MACRON IN JAIPUR ON JAN 25

French President Emmanuel Macron and PM Narendra Modi will visit Jaipur on January 25. Duo will hold a road show from Johri Bazaar to Jantar Mantar, visit royal palaces and forts. Modi will host the President of France at a banquet organised in a palace. Team from Delhi has reached Jaipur to take details regarding law and order.

"Today, not only in Ayodhya but Shri Ram is present in the mind of every

person. The dream of years has come true after seeing the Raghav form of Shri Ram. Ram is in our every pore," he said. Before this he also offered prayers in the temple. CM Sharma also visited Salasar Balaji Temple in Churu on Monday & offered special prayers. During the evening, a bhajan Sandhya and drone show was organised at Albert hall by Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation to celebrate Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya Ram temple.

RAJ RADIATES ON 'PRAN PRATISHTHA'



Hundreds of people enjoy special light and drone show organised at Albert Hall in Jaipur to celebrate Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha Ceremony on Monday. © SANTOSH SHARMA

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Jaipur

Entire Rajasthan was in a festive mood on Monday for the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya with temples and houses decked up with flowers, saffron flags and lights while people exchanged wishes on the occasion.

Religious events were organised across the state with bhajan, kirtan and Ramayan recitation performed in temples in many places. Processions were also taken out at different places, including Jaipur.

Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma reached Dehlawas Balaji temple on Shyampur-Pratap Nagar road and Prem Mandir in Pratap Nagar to offer prayers there. He is scheduled to visit Salasar Balaji temple in Churu and Khatu Shyamji temple in Sikar later in the day. Various Rajasthan ministers and MLAs also visited various temples. In Jaisalmer, BSF soldiers recited Ramayana at Tanot Mata Temple located on the India-Pakistan border.

On the other hand, people decorated their houses with lights while saffron-coloured flags with the image of Lord Ram and the Ram temple were visible atop houses and shops.

"Flags of all sizes were purchased by people in the last two days. The demand was high and people purchased multiple flags," Sanjay Gupta, a grocery shop owner on Tonk Road said.



The fire works at Albert Hall left the people in awe.

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Chandrashekhar during a special programme at BJP state office on the occasion of Ram Temple Pran Pratishtha on Monday.



Local public turned up in scores at Govind Dev Ji temple in Jaipur.



Fireworks & lighting at Walled City area in Jaipur on Monday. © SANTOSH SHARMA



Sunderkand recitation and Deepotsav were organized at Shri Ram Janaki temple near Chandpol Gate on Monday on consecration ceremony of Ram temple in Ayodhya. A procession of Lord Shri Ram was taken out from the temple in which devotees sang Mangal geets and chanted slogans of Jai Shri Ram, Shri Ram Janaki Dham Seva Samiti Sikar House President Madan Lal Baijiya said. People performed aarti at various places. Passing through Sikar House, Haji Colony, Sindhi Colony, Painter Colony, Kalyan Colony, the procession reached back to the temple, where Sundar Kand was recited. On the occasion, Pran Pratishtha ceremony was telecast live in the temple premises. In the evening, Maha Aarti of Lord Ram was performed and Deepotsav was organized.



'Ram Jyoti' lit to celebrate the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Temple at Shri Dojanti Balaji Dham in Fatehpur Shekhawati on Monday.

FI TOON



SHEKHAR

ANOTHER 'PRAN': SINGLE MEALS TILL KRISHNA CONSECRATION

Madan Dilawar wears garland after 34 yrs

Bhanwar S Charan
Kota

With the consecration ceremony of Ram temple in Ayodhya, a resolution taken 34 years ago by Education Minister Madan Dilawar also fulfilled on Monday.

Dilawar had vowed that he would not wear the garland until Ram Lalla sits in the Ram temple in Ayodhya. After the ceremony, he wore the garland in a program organized in Ramganjmandi assembly constituen-



Madan Dilawar celebrated the Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Kota. He wore a 34 Kg garland after his 34-yr-old pledge of not wearing one, got fulfilled with the consecration ceremony today. (Inset) Dilawar during a procession in Kota on Monday.

cy. He was welcomed with a 34 kg garland and in Mandana, he was welcomed with a 108 feet long garland. During this, he also took a new resolution that he will wear the garland only when he goes to visit Ram temple and will eat food only once until the grand temple of Shri Krishna is built.

Education Minister Madan Dilawar also had a resolution regarding Article 370. He had resolved to sleep on the ground instead of a comfortable bed.

Pali artist makes Lord Ram's pictures on dry Peepal leaves

ANI
Pali

Ahead of Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha ceremony today, an artist from Rajasthan's Pali district, Shrawan Kumar, created a unique form of art on Peepal leaves using a pointed tip.

Shrawan Kumar made pictures of Lord Ram, Goddess Sita and Lakshman on Peepal leaves. Artists from various places have expressed their happiness by showcasing different forms of art. A sculptor from Odisha, Saswat Ranjan,



Artist Shrawan Kumar showing his creations, pictures of Lord Ram, Sita and Lakshman, and Ram Mandir on Peepal leaves.

made a replica of Ayodhya's Ram temple using matchsticks in Puri.

Saswat Ranjan said, "It took six days to complete this replica of Ayodhya's Ram mandir. I

used a total of 936 matchsticks to finish this project.

The Ram Mandir replica has a length of 14 inches and a width of seven inches."

Newborn stolen from hosp, probe on

Two women took away a day-old baby girl on the pretext of check-up from Neem Ka Thana hospital



First India Bureau
Neem Ka Thana

A case of theft of a newborn from Neemkathana District Hospital in Sikar has come to light on Monday. Two women took away a day-old baby girl on the pretext of check-up. The medical report of the newborn was also taken along. When both the women did not return, the infant's father asked the staff and it came to light that no one had been sent from the hospital.

On getting information, police reached the hospital and scanned the CCTV footage, where the women were seen carrying the newborn.

Meanwhile, the family has threatened to protest if their daughter is not found. ASP Shalini said that four teams have been formed to look into the matter. CCTVs of main roads including the hospital are being checked. The police is trying to collect information by interrogating hospital guards and employees of the hospital.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHER RAPES, MURDERS CLASS 11 GIRL IN BARMER

Barmer: A case has been registered against a government school teacher for raping and murdering a 17-year-old Class 11 student in Bakhasar area of Barmer. It is alleged that on Saturday night the lecturer came to the girl's house and raped her and killed her by throwing her into a water tank. The girl's body was recovered from the tank on Sunday. Police said that the family members of the minor have registered a case of rape and murder against the accused. He is a Hindi teacher. The family had gone to attend a wedding on Saturday when the incident happened. The father of the deceased said the accused was molesting her daughter in the school as well and pressured her to have illicit relations with him.



WOMAN RAPED BY COLLEAGUE IN A HOTEL IN JAIPUR

Jaipur: A girl was raped by a colleague in a Jaipur hotel, according to reports. The accused coworker had taken her to Nahargarh on the guise of an outing. Following that, she was forcibly escorted to Amer's hotel under the excuse of resting. Against the accused at the Sangar Sadar Police Station. Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Ajay Sharma (Chaksu) is investigating the matter.

DIVORCED WOMAN RAPED BY FRIEND, ACP RANVEER SINGH MEENA INVESTIGATING CASE

Jaipur: An incidence of rape involving a divorced woman has been reported in Jaipur. Her lover had whisked her away from home for marriage and was raping her. The woman alleged that her lover Naresh proposed to marry her. After deciding to get married, on February 20, accused Naresh ran her away from home. Saying that the court marriage would take a few days, he started living in live-in and started exploiting people on the pretext of getting married. During this time, when she became pregnant, he beat her and ran away leaving her. The case is being investigated by ACP Ranveer Singh Meena.

FISHERIES DEPT OFFICIALS HELD FOR GRAFT SENT TO JUDICIAL CUSTODY

Jaipur: Fisheries Department Director Prem Sukh Bishnoi and Assistant Director Rakesh Dev accused of taking bribes have been sent to judicial custody on Monday. On behalf of the government, PP Manjula Jain sought judicial custody from the court. Judge Surendra Kumar sent both of them to judicial custody.



NEPHEW KILLS UNCLE IN PILANI OVER PROPERTY DISPUTE

Jhunjhunu: A person was shot dead in Pilani late last night over a long-standing property and financial dispute. The deceased was a resident of Haryana's Badhra police station area. The murder was allegedly carried out by the deceased's nephew. After 12 a.m. on Sunday night, Ratan Singh's nephew Ankit alias Dholyia arrived at the flat with one of his allies and contacted his uncle.

3 SMUGGLERS HELD WITH DRUGS IN JAIPUR

Jaipur: Three drug smugglers were caught as part of a major action against drug smugglers directed by ACP Kailash Vishnoi. The Commissionerate special team raided the Vidhayakpuri & Ramganj police stations. Smugglers were caught in possession of around 10 kg of ganja.

POLICE CONDUCTS RAID AT HOOKAH BAR

Jaipur: The Adarsh Nagar police station conducted a raid on a hookah bar disguised as a restaurant. Police intervened on the third storey eatery in the vicinity. Hookahs and flavors were retrieved from the site. Police apprehended director Vikas, who is now being interrogated.

CYBER THUGS TARGET FORMER DGP UMESH MISHRA'S SON SIDDHARTH, BLACKMAIL HIM

Jaipur: Jaipur Police reached Kolkata and other districts of West Bengal searching for the cyber thugs accused of blackmailing the son of former DGP of Rajasthan Police Umesh Mishra's son, Siddharth. The gang extorted lakhs of rupees by blackmailing Mishra's son, Siddharth. The gang shows photographs of models and girls and traps people in the name of helping them befriend the girls after taking membership. The case of extortion and blackmailing was registered at the Special Crime and Cyber Crime Police Station on December 24, 2023. Cyber thugs extorted lakhs of rupees from Siddharth by blackmailing him.

MARRIED WOMAN DIES MYSTERIOUSLY IN JPR

Jaipur: A married woman died in unusual circumstances near Harmada police station. The family members have now filed a case at the police station. The husband Buddhprakash and his in-laws are accused of murder by strangulation for dowry. Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Chaumu Sujit Shankar is investigating the crime and looking for more information in the matter.

TRANSPORT INSPECTOR BEATEN DURING DUTY

Jaipur: A transport inspector was assaulted while on duty in the Sez police station area. The case was filed at the police station on the complaint of Inspector Atul Katiyar, and Kamal Sharma and his four companions were charged of assaulting and destroying the challan machine while on duty. Now, the SEZ police station is examining the matter.

Cabinet comm. holds meeting with Jat reservation protesters



Reservation Sangharsh Samiti convener Nem Singh Faujdar addressing the people at Mahapadav in Bharatpur on Monday.

Dr Rituraj Sharma
Jaipur/Bharatpur

A ministerial level meeting was held on Monday evening in Secretariat regarding the demand for reservation of the Jat community of Bharatpur and Dholpur.

Minister Kanhaiya Lal Chaudhary held the meeting with the members of the Jat Reservation Sangharsh Committee in which it was decided that other ministers and members included in the committee, Avinash Gehlot and Jawahar Singh, and MLA Jagat Singh would be informed about all the

development. A meeting with the delegation is also proposed in the presence of the entire committee members along with CM Sharma. Representatives of the 11-member delegation including committee coordinator Nemsingh Faujdar have been accommodated at the Circuit House on Monday night.

The delegation includes Nemsingh Faujdar, Adv Dilip Singh, Captain Jai Singh, Bhojendra Singh, Dharmendra Singh, Sunil Sarpanch, Ishwar Singh, Kartar Sarpanch, Maharaj Singh, Vimla, MLA Ritu Banawat.

Youth harassed over money, ends life

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Jaipur

Babulal, a young man from Jaipur, committed suicide by hanging himself. His body was discovered hanging in the room. The Kardhani police station conducted a post-mortem and returned the body to the family members. Babulal has been persecuted by interest mafia Dhar-

mendra Fauji, Agneepath, Jagdish Prasad Jagir, Trilok Saini, Bharat Yadav, and others in recent days, despite a significant rebound in interest. He also threatened Babulal a few days earlier. The police have opened an abatement to suicide investigation after receiving a complaint from the deceased's brother.

MEDICAL STUDENT DIES BY SUICIDE

Churu: A medical college student committed suicide by hanging himself. When family members called their friends and the phone wasn't answered, they discovered that Abhishek Jat had committed suicide. He was a third-year MBBS student at Medical College Churu. Police opened a case based on the father's report, and the body was handed over to the family.

BARMER: MARBLE TRADER SHOT SELF

Barmer: A marble seller shot himself with a pistol roughly 100 meters from his home. He had come out and asked to have dinner with his brother-in-law. During this time, the young man committed the incident by going behind a car parked near the residence. According to police, as the brother-in-law reached behind the car, he was bleeding from the head.

Plane's engine fails, lands at airport

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Emergency landing of flight was made at Jaipur airport due to failure of its engine mid air. Kolkata bound Indigo flight number 6E-784 took off from Jaipur airport at 8:25 pm. One of the engines of the plane failed at an altitude of about 17,000 feet.

Chilly weather in the State continues

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Parts of Rajasthan continued to witness chilly weather and dense fog with Fatehpur town recorded to be the coldest in the state, according to the meteorological department. Fatehpur in Sikar district recorded a low of 1.6 degree Celsius followed



Dew drops froze on trees and plants in Mount Abu.

by Alwar where the night temperature was 2.8 degrees Celsius.

Karauli recorded a minimum temperature of 3.3 degrees Celsius, Churu recorded 3.7 degrees Celsius, Pilani 3.6 degrees Celsius, Bhilwara 4 degrees Celsius, Anta (Baran) 4.4 degrees Celsius, Sikar city 4.5 degrees Celsius, Gangana-gar 5 degrees Celsius.

Training programme for master trainers to improve state's education

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A training programme for master trainers has been launched to make 16,000 newly appointed teachers in the state proficient in the classrooms. Its first phase was inaugurated on Monday by Naveen Jain, Govt Secretary, School Education Department. A training module has been created by 11 members of the State Resource Group at the state level. They



Naveen Jain inaugurates training programme in Jaipur on Monday. Also seen are Avichal Chaturvedi, Urmila Chaudhary and others.

will provide four-day residential training to 450 master trainers in three phases. The trained mas-

ter trainers will train the newly appointed teachers for a progressive & technology based teaching.

Defamation case: HC seeks reply from GS Shekhawat

First India Bureau
Jaipur/New Delhi

Delhi High Court has sent notice to Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a defamation case on former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's petition.

The court has sought a reply to notice within two weeks. The next hearing of the case is on March 6. The hearing was held in

a single bench of Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma. The petition challenged the decision of the Sessions Court, which had upheld the trial court's summons. Shekhawat had filed a defamation case against Gehlot. Shekhawat had alleged that Gehlot defamed him by linking him to the Sanjivani Credit Co-operative Society scam in Rajasthan.

Conduct surprise inspections of health centers: CS to collectors

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Taking a big step to improve the health infrastructure of the state, Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant has issued strict instructions to all collectors & divisional commissioners.

Pant directed to conduct surprise inspections of health centers, medical colleges, CHCs, PHCs and district hospitals. He asked the officers to inspect at least 1 center in a week. The CS instructed to take care of cleanliness and hygiene, patient care service and ensure availability of the staff.

Also, a compiled report will be prepared for every district and it is mandatory to send the report to CMO Health Minister and CS every Monday by 8 pm.

IAS Alok rejoins parent cadre in Raj

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Jaipur

IAS Alok joined his parent cadre of Rajasthan and gave his joining in DoP on Monday. Alok returned to parent cadre after deputation from the Centre and word is that he can be posted as CM's Additional Chief Secretary or Finance ACS. ACS Anand Kumar, ACS Akhil Arora and ACS Shikhar Aggarwal met Alok on Monday. He stands at the seniority of 7th position in the civil list in the state.

BHARAT JODO NYAYA YATRA

Cong to protest against Assam govt

Naresh Sharma
Jaipur

Congress will hold 'Silent Satyagraha' at the district headquarters in Rajasthan on Tuesday against creating disruption in Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra in Assam.

A party spokesperson said that attempts have been made by the BJP, especially the government of Assam, to stop the Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra being taken out



Pushpendra Bharadwaj, Swarnim Chaturvedi and other leaders during a meeting in Congress war Room in PCC headquarters in Jaipur on Monday.

under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi.

"BJP workers are creating disruption by attacking the Yatra.

Against this, all the District Congress Committees will protest by organizing "Silent Satyagraha" from 11.00 am to

2.00 pm in front of the statue or portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at all the district headquarters on Tuesday," he said.

UNGA President Dennis Francis visits Jaipur

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Dennis Francis, President of United Nations General Assembly, who is on a five-day India tour, reached Jaipur on Monday. He reached Jaipur airport at 4:50 pm. Members and a delegation of ambassadors were also accompanying him. Francis went to Rambagh and will return to Delhi on Tuesday. Francis will also visit Mumbai, where he will pay floral tributes at the 26/11 memorial.

Police seize vehicles used in illegal mining

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

The mines department swiftly acted after getting a complaint in the control room about illegal mining in the hilly area of Bharatpur Deeg on Monday. ME Bharatpur Ramniwas Mangal reached the spot with his team and cancelled the lease and registered a FIR.

Similarly, in Neem ka Thana 1600 tons of iron ore was seized and a fine of Rs four lakh 60,000 was imposed on the culprit. In Khairthal, a JCB was seized and Rs 1 lakh



67,250 fine was imposed. In Gagaria of Ramsar Tehsil, an excavator machine was seized and a 23 lakh 88,000 fine was imposed. During a surprise action, SME Pratap Meena said that ME Jhunjhunu Dharam Singh Meena seized eight dumpers and a tractor trailer transporting Cheja stone.

राम Yug

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Entire country has become 'Ram-may'. It is also a matter of pride for Chhattisgarh as it is Lord Ram's 'nanihal' and the place of Mata Kaushalya (Lord Ram's mother): Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai.



60-year old Vilas Bhavsar a Kar Sevak from Jalgaon had vowed in 1992 not to wear any footwear until a grand Ram temple is built in Ayodhya. On Monday Bhavsar wore footwear after 32 years.



Joyous Ram devotees and Indian diaspora around the world came together, including at the iconic Times Square in New York, for prayers, car rallies, & other religious events to celebrate.

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FIRST INDIA



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives at the Ram Mandir for the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony in Ayodhya.



Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Baba Ramdev and others greet PM Narendra Modi.



Mithali Raj and Saina Nehwal at the Ram Mandir ceremony.



Union Minister General VK Singh with his wife Bharti Singh.



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat addresses the gathering in Ayodhya.



Singer Kailash Kher and Bageshwar Dham's Dhirendra Shastri.



Devotees light 'diyas' at Nagababa Thakurbani in Patna on Monday.



A security official stands guard at Ram Mandir, in Ayodhya.

An Epic Moment Unfolds

A resplendent Ayodhya, with new infrastructure, was in grip of heightened religious fervour as the Ram Janmabhoomi witnessed the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Lalla. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the forefront, the entire nation was immersed in joyous celebrations, marking the fulfillment of a 500-year-old dream

Prime Minister Narendra Modi carrying a basket full of rose petals in one hand, showers petals on the 'shramjeevis' who contributed in building the Ram Temple.



Kumar Vishwas during the Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha, in Ayodhya.



Sadhi Rithambara and Uma Bharti get emotional during Pran Pratishtha.



UPS Principal Secy (Home & Information) Sanjay Prasad & wife Pooja.



Associate Editor First India Pankaj Soni in Ayodhya.



First India Reporter Dimple Sharma.



First India Reporter Tripti Gautam.



L-R: Anand Piramal, Isha, Nita Ambani, Mukesh Ambani, Akash Ambani, Shloka Mehta, Anant Ambani, Radhika Merchant, Sachin Tendulkar in Ayodhya.



Baba Ramdev and Morari Bapu during the Pran Pratishtha event.



BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad in Ayodhya.



UP Dy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya during the Pran Pratishtha event.



Danseuse Sonal Mansingh during the Pran Pratishtha.



Former CII U U Lalit and Chairperson of Bharti Enterprises Sunil Bharti Mittal.



Kumar Mangalam Birla, the Chairperson of the Aditya Birla Group.



Artists perform during a ceremony at Ram Mandir, in Ayodhya on Monday.



Artists dressed as Hindu gods outside the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.



Devotees at the illuminated Sarayu Ghat with diyas to mark the consecration ceremony of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

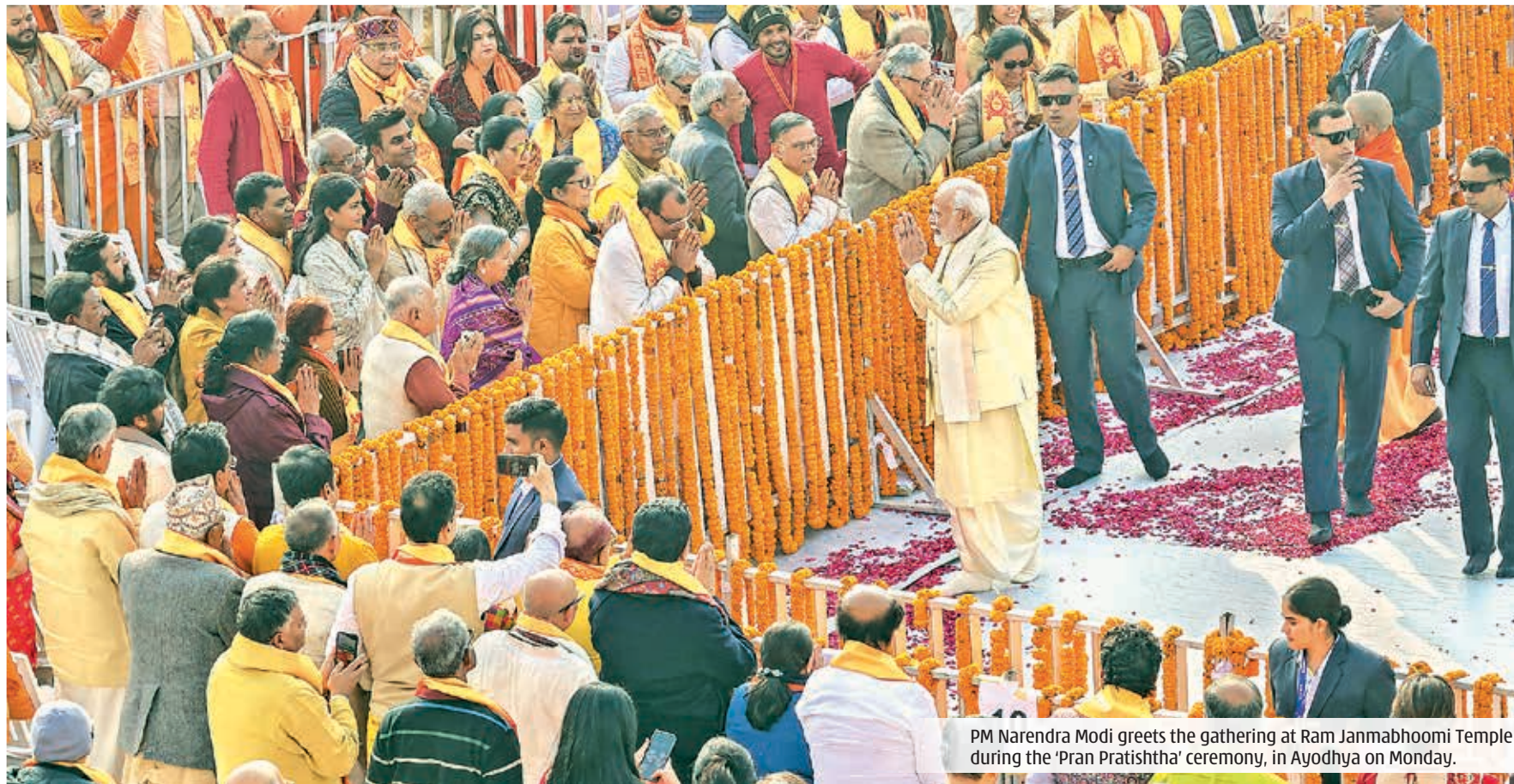
A NEW ERA FOR RAM LALLA

IN-DEPTH

PM Modi emerges taller than any other leader

In a rare chapter of India's political history, we witness a leader whose wishes resonate as commands from the people. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he urged citizens to beat thaalis, and the resounding echoes during the designated hour were testament to widespread participation and the power of his appeal. For Ayodhya's event, he encouraged the celebration of Diwali post-consecration, and the response was a spectacle of lit diyas and bursting crackers, capturing the true spirit of the festival to welcome the presiding deity.

This unique blend of leadership and populism has earned Narendra Modi a distinctive place in public sentiment. His ability to transform aspirations into reality, exemplified by initiatives like direct benefit transfers and free ration distribution, transcending caste and religion, has elevated his credibility. In today's scenario, "Modi's guarantee" holds a value akin to a sovereign bond, underlining his unmatched popularity that surpasses even global leaders. The overwhelming response which Modi's appeal got has made him taller than any other leader.



PM Narendra Modi greets the gathering at Ram Janmabhoomi Temple during the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony, in Ayodhya on Monday.

Our Ram Lalla will no longer live in a tent. Our Ram Lalla will now reside in this divine temple. I firmly believe, with immense devotion, that the experience of what has happened will be felt by devotees of Lord Ram in every corner of the country, and the world. This moment is supernatural. This time is the most sacred. This atmosphere, this environment, this energy, this moment... is a blessing from Lord Shri Ram.

January 22, 2024... this sun has brought a remarkable aura. January 22, 2024, is not just a date on the calendar. It marks the beginning of a new era. A nation rising by breaking the mentality of slavery, a nation drawing courage from every affliction of the past, creates a new history in this manner.

A thousand years from today, people will talk about this date, this moment. And how great is Lord Ram's grace that we are living in this moment, witnessing it happen.

PRABHU RAM WILL FORGIVE US

This time is not ordinary. These are indelible lines of memory being etched with everlasting ink on the wheel of time. Friends, we all know that where the work of Ram is done, there Pawanputra Hanuman is definitely present. Therefore, I also pay my respects to the devotee Hanuman and Hanumangarhi. I pay my respects to Mother Janaki, Lakshman Ji, Bharat-Shatrughna, and all. I also pay my respects to the holy city of Ayodhya and the sacred Saryu river. At this moment, I am feeling a divine experience that those divine souls, those divine beings who have blessed this great work are present around us at this time. I offer my grateful respects to all these divine consciousnesses. Today, I also seek forgiveness from Lord Shriram. There must have been some shortcomings in our efforts, our sacrifices, our penance, that we couldn't accomplish this task for so many centuries. Today, that deficiency has been fulfilled. I believe Lord Ram will surely forgive us today.

COUNTLESS RAM BHAKTS

Today, in this historic moment, the country is also remembering those personalities whose efforts and dedication have made this auspicious day possible. Many people have shown the pinnacle of sacrifice and penance

PM NARENDRA MODI'S SPEECH ECHOES SPIRIT OF THE 'PRAN PRATISHTHA'



PM Narendra Modi arrives to participate in the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, in Ayodhya on Monday.

in the work of Ram. We are all indebted to those countless devotees of Ram, those countless volunteers, and those countless saints and sages.

THOSE FEAR MONGERING

There was a time when some people said that if the Ram temple is built, it will lead to unrest. Such people failed to understand the purity of India's social sentiment. The construction of this temple of Ram Lalla is also a symbol of peace, patience, harmony, and coordination in Indian society.

We are seeing that this construction is not igniting any fire, but rather it is giving birth to energy. The Ram temple has brought inspiration for every section of society to move towards a brighter future.

Today, I call upon those people... Feel it, rethink your perspective.

'VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM'

Today, as the whole world is connected with the life-infusing ceremony of the Ram temple, we are witnessing the omnipresence of Ram. The celebration in India is

echoed in many countries. Today's celebration in Ayodhya has also become a festival of those global traditions of the Ramayana. This establishment of Ram Lalla is also an embodiment of the idea of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

Today in Ayodhya, not just the idol of Shri Ram has been infused with life. It is also the life-infusion of unbreakable faith in Indian culture as represented by Shri Ram. It is the life-infusion of human values and supreme ideals. The entire world needs these values and ideals today. We have been repeating the resolution of 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah' for centuries. Today, this resolution has taken a concrete shape in the form of the Ram temple.

IMPACT OF PRAN PRATISHTHA

When Shri Ram's kingdom is established, its impact lasts not just for years or centuries. Its impact is for thousands of years. Ram was established in his kingdom for ten thousand years. That means Ramrajya was established for thousands of years. When Ram came in Treta Yuga, Ramrajya was established for thousands of years. For thousands of years, Ram guided the world.

The generations a thousand years from now will remember our nation-building efforts of today. Therefore, I say - Yahi Samay Hai, Sahi Samay Hai. We have to lay the foundation for India of the next thousand years, starting from this sacred time.

A CALL TO THE YOUTH OF INDIA

I tell the youth of my country. You have the inspiration of thousands of years of tradition in front of you. You represent the generation of India... that is hoisting the flag on the moon, that is successfully conducting Mission Aditya by travelling 15 lakh kilometers to the Sun, that is waving the flag of Tejas in the sky and Vikrant in the sea. You have to write the new dawn of India while being proud of your heritage.

THIS IS INDIA'S TIME

This is India's time, and India is now moving forward. We have reached here after centuries of waiting. We all have been waiting for this era, this period of time. Now, we will not stop. We will reach the heights of development.

CONSECRATION LENDS SPIRITUAL STRENGTH



In a historic moment, the contentious site of Ram Janmabhoomi reclaimed its rightful glory with the consecration of Ram Lalla's idol by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Ayodhya on Monday. The transformation of Ayodhya extends beyond the physical infrastructure of wide roads, a new airport, upgraded railway station, and modern buildings. More significantly, it signifies the dawn of harmony in a holy city that has witnessed decades of conflict and bloodshed.

Ayodhya's metamorphosis is not merely structural; it encapsulates a profound message of spirituality and unity. Following the pran pratishtha ceremony, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat emphasised this unity, stating, "Ram Rajya is coming, and we have to shun all disputes and stop fighting among ourselves over petty issues. We will have to shun ego and stay united." His words echo the sentiment that extends beyond the boundaries of religious affiliation, underlining a collective responsibility to foster societal bonds, transcending divisions.

The consecration ceremony and subsequent statements reflect a broader narrative of inclusivity and a commitment to a harmonious future for Ayodhya. As the holy city embraces its new identity, it not only symbolises physical development but also spiritual unity that is imperative to take the country to greater heights.

The path to "Ram Rajya" calls for a collective effort to overcome differences, emphasizing the shared fraternity that binds society together. Ayodhya's journey, marked by Monday's momentous event, exemplifies the potential for positive transformation and unity, a turning point in India's history, setting a precedent for a brighter future. India is decidedly at the cusp of glory.

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TOP TWEETS

You all know that today the idol of Lord Shri Ram has been consecrated in Ayodhya. This is a historic day. Being patient, respecting elders, loving the younger ones, taking everyone along, acting with courage in times of crisis, always keeping decorum in mind and working for the welfare of all, all these are the ideals of Lord Rama.

President of India
@rashtrapatibhvn

I express my gratitude to the many Ram devotees for fulfilling their resolve under the leadership of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji. This dawn of cultural emergence of Mother India will illuminate our glorious nation with the aura of global progress and prestige.

Jagat Prakash Nadda
@JPNadda

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Whenever dharma declines and the purpose of life is forgotten, I manifest myself on earth. I am born in every age to protect the good, to destroy evil, and to reestablish dharma.

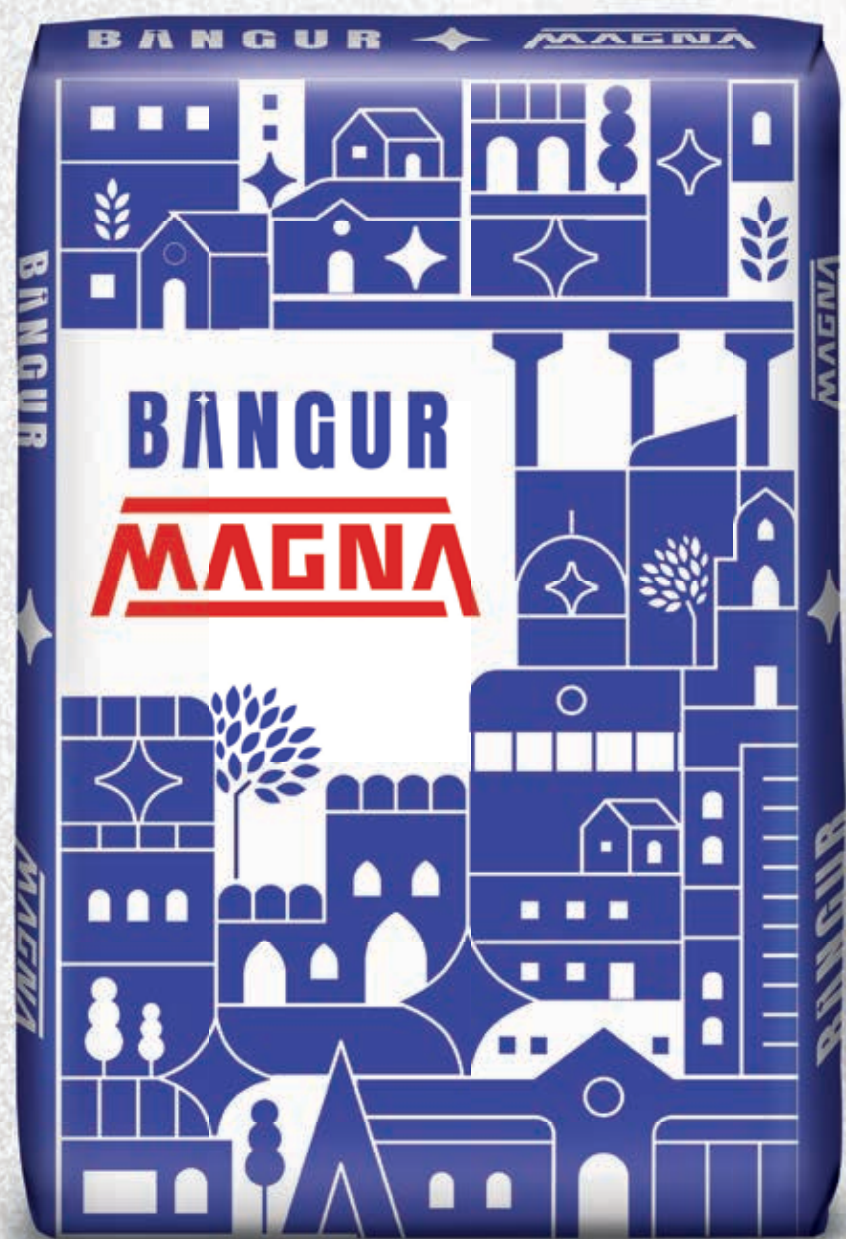
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IN BRIEF

Kohli withdraws from 2 Tests against England citing personal reasons

New Delhi: With just 2 days left for the first of five home Tests against England, India received an unexpected blow when Virat Kohli pulled out of the first two games citing personal reasons. The first Test begins in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Left trying to control INDIA Bloc's agenda, won't accept it: Didi

Kolkata: Amid the internal discord within the INDIA bloc in the state over seat-sharing, Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee asserted on Monday that the Left is striving to control the opposition bloc's agenda, underscoring that no one confronts the BJP as directly as she does.



India records 203 fresh Covid cases

New Delhi: India reported a single-day rise of 203 Covid cases while the active case-load was recorded at 2,034, the Union Health Ministry said on Monday. Two deaths - 1 each in Kerala & Maharashtra have been reported.

Driver burnt alive as car catches fire after accident in Noida

Noida: A Toyota Corolla Altis car caught fire while taking a U-turn under Sector 59 Metro Station on Monday. The incident happened in the Police Station Phase 3 area, officials said. Police officials, the fire service unit, and FSSO reached the spot where the tragic incident happened.

Bopanna-Ebden duo enter quarter-final of Australian Open

New Delhi: India's Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden entered the men's doubles quarter-final of the Australian Open with an impressive 7-6 7-6 victory over Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands and Croatia's Nikola Pietrangeli here on Monday.

Women outnumber men in Manipur as electoral roll out

Imphal: Women voters outnumber men by 67,028 in Manipur, as the final photo electoral roll of the northeastern state published on Monday revealed. The final electoral roll also showed a drop of 31,231 voters as compared to the final roll of 2023.

Next Target Modi launches 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana'

PM announces scheme to install solar in 1 cr homes

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced that the government will start 'Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana', an initiative to generate electricity through solar energy.

The PM announced the decision after returning home from Ayodhya, wherein he had presided over the consecration ceremony of Ram temple. "All the devotees of the world always get energy from the light of Suryavanshi Lord Shri Ram. Today, on the auspicious occasion of consecration in Ayodhya, my resolution got further strengthened that the people of India should have their own solar roof top system on the roof of their houses," he posted on X.



PM Narendra Modi chairs a meeting & decided that the govt will launch 'Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana' in Ayodhya on Monday.



"The first decision I have taken after returning from Ayodhya is that our government will launch "Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana" with the target of installing rooftop solar on 1 crore houses. This will not only reduce the electricity bill of the poor and middle class, but will also make India self-reliant in the energy sector," he added.

In 2014, the government launched the Rooftop Solar Programme that aimed to achieve a cumulative installed capacity of 40,000 megawatts (MW) or 40 gigawatts (GW) — watt is a unit of power and is calculated as the amount of energy used over time, specifically one Joule per second.

Dense fog to continue over North India for 5 days: IMD



A man rides his horse cart amid dense fog during a cold winter day, in Gurugram.

Agencies
New Delhi

Citing no relief this week from bone chilling weather, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday said that dense to very dense fog conditions are likely to continue over North India during the next 4-5 days while cold day conditions are likely to continue to prevail over North India during next three days and decrease in intensity thereafter.

In its daily bulletin, the weather forecast agency said that "Jet Stream Winds" of the order of 130-150 knots at 12.6 km above mean sea level are prevailing over the plains of North India. "It is leading to subsid-

ence of cold air and enhancing cold wave/cold day conditions over North India. Similar intensity of Jet Stream is likely to continue during the next 3-4 days. Under the influence of fresh Western Disturbance, light isolated rainfall/snowfall likely over Western Himalayan Region from Thursday to Sunday," said the IMD.

Ahead of Lok Sabha polls

Delhi's last electoral roll published with 1.47 cr voters; sees rise in youth



PTI
New Delhi

The final electoral roll of Delhi published on Monday ahead of the Lok Sabha polls showed a significant 85 per cent rise in the number of young voters in the 18 to 19 years age group as well as improved registration of the women voters.

As per the Special Summary Revision - 2024 completed with publication of the final electoral roll, the total number of electors (voters) stood at 1,47,18,119, including 79,86,572 males, 67,30,371 females and 1,176 third gender electors, stated a statement from the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Delhi.

With special efforts made during the special summary revision exer-

"The final electoral roll published today shows a significant increase in the number of young electors in Delhi, demonstrating the commitment of young electors towards the electoral process," said Krishnamurthy

cise (qualifying date January 1, 2024), the gender ratio of the electors has improved by 5 points—from 838 to 843, demonstrating significant progress in efforts towards intensification of electoral inclusion of women, said CEO, Delhi, P Krishnamurthy. Special focus was on enrolment of young voters in the 18 to 19 years age group.

RaGa asked not to hold street meeting

PTI
Morigaon (Assam)

Morigaon district commissioner on Monday asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to refrain from holding a street-corner meeting and a padayatra as part of the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra as miscreants may try to disrupt peace and tranquility in the district.

"On the basis of intelligence inputs, the district administration apprehends the involvement of miscreants who may try to disrupt the peace and tranquility of the district by indulging in anti-social activities taking advantage of two major events happening on the



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party leaders and supporters sits in protest after he was not allowed to visit the Sri Sri Sankar Dev Satra during the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, in Assam, Monday.

same day — The Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra and the Ram Lalla Pran Pratistha — simultaneously", district commissioner Devashis Sarma said.

"In the interest of Rahul Gandhi's safety and security, who is a 'Z plus' protectee along with our responsibility to avert any probable law and order

disruption in Morigaon district, we request that the party refrains from proposed street-corner meeting in Morigaon town", the letter said.

It is clear that "the arrogant powers want the entire focus of the camera on them and pressure was exerted on the Assam govt to take this step. Gandhi will continue to stage the dharna.

JAIRAM RAMESH,
CONGRESS LEADER

He is like a guru to us and gives us direction. So I had thought when I came to Assam, I should offer my respects to him. It is my belief that both Assam and entire nation should follow the path shown by Sankardeva.

RAHUL GANDHI
CONGRESS LEADER

DeSantis withdraws from Republican primary, endorses Trump for 2024

PTI
New Delhi

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced that he is withdrawing from the Republican party's presidential primary race and endorsing Donald Trump as the party's nominee, leaving Indian-American politician Nikki Haley as the sole challenger against the former US president in the nomination contest.



Former US Prez Donald Trump & Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

DeSantis, who came in second in the Iowa caucuses with 21 per cent, suspended his campaign on Sunday. He

said that it was clear to him that a majority of Republican primary voters wanted to give Trump another chance.

"I can't ask our supporters to volunteer their time and donate their resources if we don't have a clear path to victory. Accordingly, I am today suspending my campaign," the 45-year-old politician said in a video message posted on X, a social media platform.

Sony terminates USD 10 bn Zee India merger

PTI
New Delhi

Culver Max Entertainment, formerly known as Sony Pictures, on Monday terminated its proposed USD 10 billion merger agreement with Zee Entertainment while seeking USD 90 million for breach of conditions besides initiating arbitration, charges that the Indian firm has refuted.



Sony Group said Zee Enterprises did not satisfy the merger conditions despite engaging in discussions to extend the end date for consummation of the transaction.

NASA & ISRO'S RENDEZVOUS ON THE MOON

NASA spacecraft 'pings' Chandrayaan-3 lander

Agencies
New Delhi

Laser instrument onboard a NASA spacecraft orbiting the Moon has successfully pinged the Vikram lander Chandrayaan-3 mission, the US space agency said.

The laser beam was transmitted and reflected between the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) and an Oreo-sized device on Vikram lander, opening the door to a new style of precisely locating targets on the Moon's



India's Chandrayaan-3

surface, NASA said. The lander was 100 kilometers away from LRO, near Manzinus crater in

the Moon's south pole region, when LRO transmitted laser pulses toward it on December 12

"WE CAN LOCATE OUR RETROREFLECTOR"

→ New Delhi: "We've showed that we can locate our retroreflector on the surface from the Moon's orbit," said Xiaoli Sun, who led the team at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, that developed the retroreflector on Vikram as part of a partnership between NASA and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

last year. After the orbiter registered light that had bounced back from a tiny NASA retroreflector

aboard Vikram, NASA scientists knew their technique had finally worked.

Sending laser pulses towards an object and measuring how long it takes the light to bounce back is a commonly used way to track the locations of Earth-orbiting satellites from the ground.

However, using the technique in reverse—to send laser pulses from a moving spacecraft to a stationary one to determine its precise location—has many applications at the Moon, scientists said.

Mumbai team wins IRS Cricket Cup-24 for 4th time after 10 years

Vimal Kothari
Goa



The players of Mumbai team pose for a photo with the trophy after winning the IRS Cricket Cup-24 on in Goa Monday.

The Mumbai IRS team won the IRS Cricket Cup-24 for the fourth time after 10 years. Chief guest of the closing ceremony and Director General of Income Tax Investigation, Mumbai, Prabodh Seth, said that the match was thrilling.

"The cup may have been won by the Mumbai team, but the real victory is of the IRS officials. Like in the match, joint efforts should be made by the department for better results," he said.

National president of All India IRS Association and Principal Director, of Income Tax Investigation Jaipur, organiser of the competition, Sudhanshu Shekhar Jha said that it is expected that

more innovations will come in this competition in the coming times. North East IRS team which stood as first runner-up got a trophy and all its players were awarded silver medals.

Ram Mandir Consecration HM offers prayer as Ram Lalla seated

Wait and promise of five centuries fulfilled: Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister of State for Culture Meenakshi Lekhi and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri recite mantras at Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple, also known as Birla Mandir, in New Delhi on Monday. **PTI**

Soul of civilisation finds expression once again, says EAM Jaishankar

ANI

Abuja [Nigeria]

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday said that through the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the "soul of a civilization" has found expression once again in the world.

Taking to social media platform X, Jaishankar said, "At the Pran Pratishtha ceremony today, the soul of a civilization finds expression once again. And the message of virtue, honour, justice and commitment reverberates around the world."

FM hails HC ruling allowing telecast of Ram Temple in TN



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with devotees on the occasion of 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ayodhya's Ram Mandir, at Kamakshi Amman Temple in Kanchipuram, Monday. **PTI**

ANI

Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu)

As the Kumbabhishekam ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya took centre stage on Monday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman expressed her gratitude to the Madras High Court for ruling in favour of televising the event.

Speaking to reporters,

Sitharaman also stressed the BJP's commitment to taking legal actions in response to any challenges. The ceremony, symbolising the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Lalla and the grand opening of the Ayodhya temple, made waves not just in the temple town but across the world.

The spiritual council and BJP functionaries were directed to arrange

live broadcasts of the Kumbabhishekam in various temples and private wedding halls, enabling a global audience to witness the sacred event.

Sitharaman actively participated in organising the event in the Kanchipuram district, rallying BJP cadres, the public, and devotees to contribute to the event's success.



"PM started new era, has Lord Ram's blessings"

First India Bureau

New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol in the Ayodhya temple, and said he has the blessings of Lord Ram.

Rajnath Singh described the event in Ayodhya as a "revolutionary work" and said those who witnessed this mo-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh performs puja at his residence ahead of the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, in New Delhi on Monday. **ANI**

Rajnath Singh also described the event in Ayodhya as a "revolutionary work" and said those who witnessed this moment are fortunate.

The defence minister's remarks came after he visited a Shiv temple here and offered prayers to mark the Ayodhya Ram temple consecration ceremony.

First India Bureau
New Delhi

As PM Narendra Modi unveiled the Ram Lalla idol at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya on Monday, Home Minister Amit Shah said the wait and promise of five centuries was fulfilled today and it is an unforgettable day for crores of Ram devotees.

"Jai Shri Ram... The wait and promise of 5 centuries was fulfilled today. Today is an unforgettable day for crores of Ram devotees. Today, when our Ram Lalla is seated in his grand temple, like countless Ram devotees, I too am overwhelmed with emotions. It is not possible to capture this feeling in words," Shah took to 'X' to share his feelings.

Nadda watches live telecast of 'Pran Pratishtha' in New Delhi

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New Delhi

As the Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla began at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President JP Nadda offered prayers and watched the live telecast of the grand ceremony at Jhandewalan Temple here in the national capital on Monday.

JP Nadda offered prayers at Delhi's Jhandewalan temple on the occasion of Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha in Ayodhya.



Beginning of new era of India's identity: Fadnavis



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis along with Ram devotees in Mumbai.

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Nagpur

The idol consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya at the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday is the

beginning of a new era of India's identity, said Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. "Let us all go to Ayodhya to have darshan of Ram Lalla," the senior BJP leader said.

Devotees celebrate consecration of 'Ram Lalla' globally with prayers

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Nagpur

Joyous Ram devotees and members of the Indian diaspora around the world gathered at several places, including at the iconic Times Square in New York, and organised prayers, car rallies and other religious events to celebrate the consecration of 'Ram Lalla' in Ayodhya on Monday.

The Indian diaspora gathered at New York's Times Square to witness the live screening of 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at Ram Mandir. The iconic location was lit up to



Hindu devotees at Times Square during celebrations ahead of Ayodhya's Ram temple consecration ceremony, in New York, USA.

mark the ceremony. People were seen donning traditional attire, dancing, singing bhajans and other songs. Hundreds of temples and several commu-

nity organisations across the US have organised events at various places to celebrate the consecration of 'Ram Lalla' in Ayodhya on Monday.

My dream to be in Ayodhya, says Israeli envoy

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Mumbai

As Ayodhya celebrated the return of Shri Ram Lalla to his avowed birthplace, with celebratory chants and drumrolls echoing in the ancient city, the Consul General of Israel to Mid-west India, Kobbie Shoshani, paid a visit to Shree Ram Mandir in Mumbai's Wadala.

Visibly overcome with emotion on her visit to the shrine, the Israeli Consul General Kobbie Shoshani also paid a glowing tribute to the ancient Indian culture and tradition.

In Trinidad and Tobago People celebrate Ram Mandir inauguration



The event was organised by Ram Janmabhumi Sthapana Samiti, Trinidad and Tobago in association with the Indian diaspora and community organisations.

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Port of Spain

Thousands of people in Trinidad and Tobago, a Caribbean nation with a large number of Indian-origin people, have at-

tended a grand event on the eve of the consecration of 'Ram Lalla' in Ayodhya. Over 5,000 people attended the celebration which was marked by cultural events and the singing of popular Ram songs.

PRESIDENT CONFERS 'BAL PURASKARS'

Murmu urges kids to play sports for wellbeing

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New Delhi

Cautioning youngsters against excessive use of electronic devices, President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said it is leading to an increase in various health issues and urged them take up at least one sports.

Murmu was addressing a gathering at the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar function here. The award was given to 19 children -- nine boys and 10 girls --



President Droupadi Murmu with Union Minister Smriti Irani and others poses for photos during the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar presentation ceremony, in New Delhi on Monday. **PTI**

from 18 states and Union Territories for exceptional bravery, artistic pro-

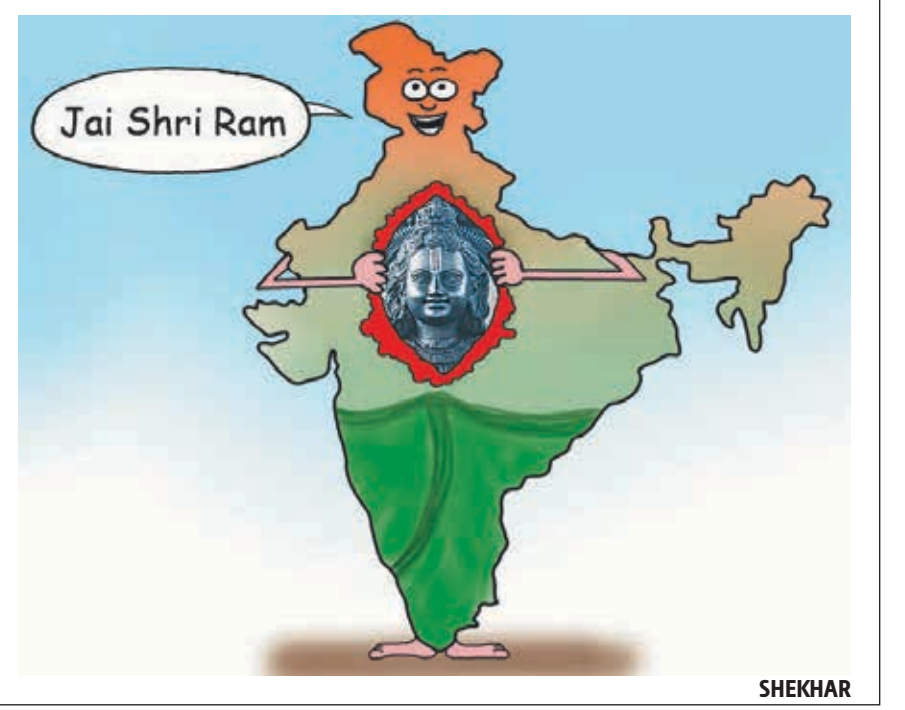
ess, innovative thinking and selfless service. She also stressed on

the importance of responsible use of technology. While com-

mending the use of technology by children for educational and personal development, the president cautioned against its misuse, citing concerns such as deepfakes, financial frauds and child exploitation.

"Social media, while a powerful tool for communication and awareness, is also misused for spreading rumours. Therefore, it is essential to stay vigilant and avoid such activities as a wrong step can jeopardise your future," President Droupadi Murmu said.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

We pay tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose today, one of our prominent Freedom Fighters, who led the Azad Hind Fauj against the British.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



500-YR-OLD DREAM OF PEOPLE FOR A RAM TEMPLE IN AYODHYA HAS COME TRUE: YOGI

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Ayodhya

PRAN PRATISHTHA MAHOTSAV OF SHRI RAM LALLA

Yogi, who was present inside the sanctum sanctorum of the Ram Temple during the consecration ceremony performed by PM Modi, said the entire India has become "Ayodhya Dham"

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said the 500-year-old dream of the people of India of a Ram temple in Ayodhya, has come true. Speaking in the holy city after the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple, the BJP leader said it was for the first time in history that a major community had to struggle for so long to get their God his rightful place. Referring to the firing on 'kar sevaks' in 1990, he said now there won't be any curfews or firings in Ayodhya.

Yogi Adityanath, who was present inside the sanctum sanctorum of the Temple during the consecration ceremony performed by PM Modi, said the entire India has become "Ayodhya Dham". Yogi Adityanath described Narendra Modi as the world's most popular leader. Yogi Adityanath also said the temple had been built where they wanted.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being presented a replica of Ayodhya's Ram Mandir by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath after the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on Monday. Mohan Bhagwat was also present.



CM of UP, Yogi Adityanath greets to express his gratitude to guests & devotees, who participated in the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on Monday.

RAMOTSAV 2024: CM YOGI ADITYANATH DEMONSTRATES EXEMPLARY HOSTING SKILLS

Ayodhya: During the consecration ceremony of Shri Ram Lalla, Chief Minister Yogi showcased exceptional hosting skills, ensuring a seamless and well-organized event. He personally welcomed guests and meticulously inspected all temple preparations. Alongside extending a warm welcome to Prime Minister Modi, CM Yogi not only supervised the seamless organization of the program but also actively directed officers to ensure the guests were well taken care of. The guests, in addition to witnessing this historic event, expressed their satisfaction with the hospitality provided by the Yogi government. The arrival of guests commenced at 8am, with all attendees entering the temple premises through the Janmabhoomi Path. Adorned with Ramnami patkas, they were escorted to their designated seats.



Governor Kalraj Mishra offers prayers and also performs 'Aarti' at the famous Thikana Shri Ram Mandir at Chandpole in Jaipur on Monday. The Governor worshipped Lord Ram Chandra at the temple and prayed to the Lord for peace and happiness for everyone. Vasundhara Raje, Ram Charan Bohra and others were also present.



Om Birla participates in the 'Ram Lalla Aagaman Padyatra' to mark the Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha at the Godavari Dham in Kota on Monday. Vishwa Puja was conducted, and a huge crowd, along with Om Birla, worshipped and watched the live telecast of the Pran Pratishtha programme from Ayodhya. Lok Sabha Speaker said, "This is a historic moment for the entire country. Thousands of people have become witnesses to this golden moment. Today, the wait of 500 years has ended, and a new example of brotherhood and unity has been set up in the country."

LEADERS CELEBRATE Ramotsav!



Governor Kalraj Mishra & his wife Satyawati Mishra attend the special telecast of Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav from Ayodhya at the Durbar Hall of the Raj Bhavan in Jaipur on Monday. Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Pt Suresh Mishra and others were present. After the telecast, a 'Bhajan Pravaah Programme' was organised to mark the occasion, wherein, renowned singer, Abhijeet Ghoshal enthralled the audiences with his soulful renditions.



Rajyavardhan Rathore serves 'Prasad' to devotees to mark the Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav during the Ram Darbar Jhanki organised at Hanuman Gali, Vaishali Nagar area in Jaipur on Monday.



Vasundhara Raje offers prayers on the occasion of 'Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha' at Khole Ke Hanumanji Temple in Jaipur on Monday.

PRAN PRATISHTHA OF RAM LALLA HISTORIC FOR ENTIRE WORLD: CM



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma worships the idol of Lord Ram during the event at Albert Hall.

A 'Bhajan Sandhya' and drone show was organised at Albert Hall by JMCG to celebrate the 'Pran Pratishtha' programme in Ayodhya Ram temple. Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma was the chief guest of the programme. He was received by the JMCG Mayor Dr Somya. Thousands of people witnessed the show. Addressing the programme, Sharma said that the Pran Pratishtha programme held today in Ayodhya was historic not only for India but for the world. "We all are fortunate that we witnessed this," he said.



Deputy CM, PC Bairwa offers prayers at Prem Mandir and had a darshan of Radha-Krishna and Hanuman in Jaipur on Monday. He said that people were eagerly waiting for the consecration of Ram Lalla for years and their wish has been fulfilled today.

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GS Shekhawat along with wife Naunand Kanwar attends the 'Ram Charit Manas Paath' organised by JMC to mark the 'Ram Lalla Pran Pratishtha' at Gandhi Maidan in Sardarpura in Jodhpur on Monday. Today is the foundation day of Ram Rajya. Let us resolve to develop our country," he said. "When the temple was demolished 500 years ago, there were only 8-10 cr people in India. They could have built a mosque anywhere, but they wanted to destroy the culture of India & the Sanatan dharma. Now, a temple of Lord Ram stands in its place."



Jinendra S Shekhawat greets Dr Jagdeesh Chandra & Pawan Arora during the celebrations of 'Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav' of Ram Temple at the office of First India News at Sahkar Marg in Jaipur on Monday. Shishir Awasthi, Shweta Mishra Awasthi, Ayushi Maharshi & Vijendra Solanki were present.

FIRST INDIA DISTRIBUTES LADDUS TO STAFF TO MARK CELEBRATIONS

A festive atmosphere could be seen in the First India Channel office on the occasion of consecration of the Ram Lalla Temple in Ayodhya. Laddus were distributed as the organisation's staff and the management wished each other. Several people from the organisation will go to Ayodhya to have a darshan of Ram Lalla in the coming days. The live coverage of the event by the channel's correspondents Pankaj Soni, Dimple Sharma and Trupti Gautam has been appreciated by all the viewers.

TODAY IS A HISTORIC DAY FOR RAM DEVOTEES: KATARIA

Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria on Monday, said that Ram belongs to everyone. "Whether one believes it or not, there is still a part of him in all of us," Kataria was talking to reporters in Udaipur after a programme to mark the Pran Pratishtha programme in Ayodhya. Kataria said that those who are confused about Ram, Ram will wake them up someday. Kataria added that when Kar Sevaks reached Ayodhya in 1990, the then Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mulayam Singh Yadav had said that no one would be able to reach there, but today everyone is going to Ayodhya. He also said that today is a historic day for Ram devotees and people's wishes of hundreds of years have been fulfilled.



The Raj Bhavan of Assam beautifully illuminated by beautiful lights to mark the Ram Lalla's 'Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav.'



The slogan of, 'Jai Shri Ram' dots the city's skyline with the historic Albert Hall at the backdrop during the 'Bhajan Sandhya' and the 'Drone show' held in Jaipur.





Kangana Ranaut



A stunning view of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. The craftsmanship is awe-inspiring and a testament to the country's rich cultural heritage.



Sachin Tendulkar in conversation with Rajinikanth



Arun Govil



Ravindra Jadeja with wife Rivaba Jadeja

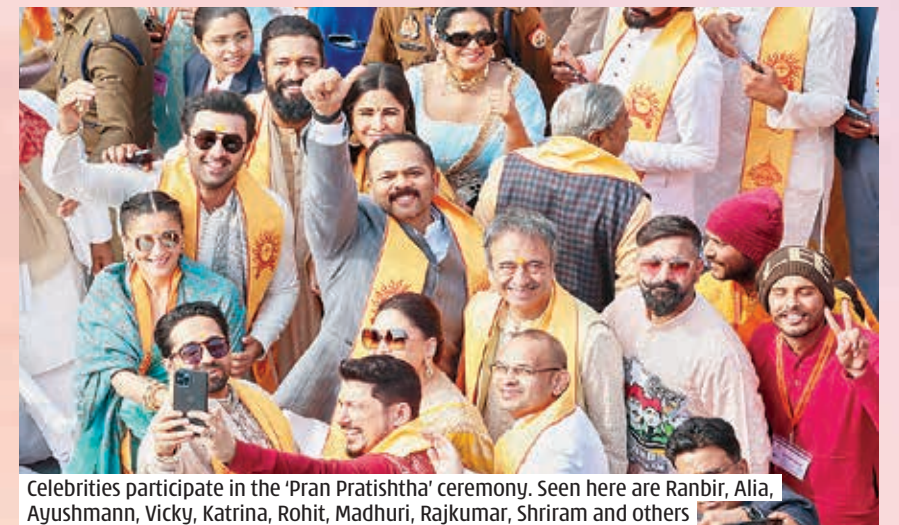


Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Laxmi Mittal, Amitabh Bachchan & Abhishek Bachchan with folded hands, as they reciprocate the gesture

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HEART AYODHYA



Celebrities participate in the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony. Seen here are Ranbir, Alia, Ayushmann, Vicky, Katrina, Rohit, Madhuri, Rajkumar, Shriram and others

Celebrities from Bollywood, the South Indian film & cricket industry added glitz to Ayodhya's historic Ram Temple consecration. From Amitabh Bachchan, to Sachin Tendulkar, stars adorned the sacred event with glamour and tradition!

Ayodhya, the sacred city resonating with centuries of history, is all set for a historic moment as the grand consecration ceremony of the newly-constructed Ram Temple unfolds. However, the limelight is not only on the religious significance of the event but also on the glittering presence of Bollywood and South Indian film industry stars.

The list of celebrities attending the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony on January 22 reads like a who's who of the entertainment world. The power couple of Bollywood, Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor, have graced the occasion, adding their aura to the grandeur of the temple. Joining them are Amitabh Bachchan, Rajinikanth, and other luminaries from the cinematic and sports spheres. As the stars descended upon Ayodhya, they showcased not

only their glamorous presence but also their cultural respect. Dressed in traditional attire, including sarees and kurta pajamas, the celebrities greeted the paparazzi with folded hands, a gesture reflecting the humility and reverence towards the sacred occasion.

The South Indian film industry made its mark with actors like Ram Charan, Chiranjeevi, Rajinikanth and Dhanush participating in the historic event.

The excitement reached a crescendo as Kangana Ranaut, known for her bold and outspoken persona, graced Ayodhya. Dressed in a stunning red and gold silk saree, she not only attended the ceremony but also actively participated in a cleanliness drive at the Hanuman Garhi Temple, symbolizing a blend of spirituality and service. The presence of these celebrities adds a unique charm to the momentous occasion, marking the convergence of cultural, cinematic, and spiritual realms. As Ayodhya resonates with chants and festivities, the grand history of the event is etched not only in religious significance but also in the stars that illuminated the sacred city on this auspicious day.

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Manoj Joshi and Anupam Kher



Hema Malini



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Anu Malik



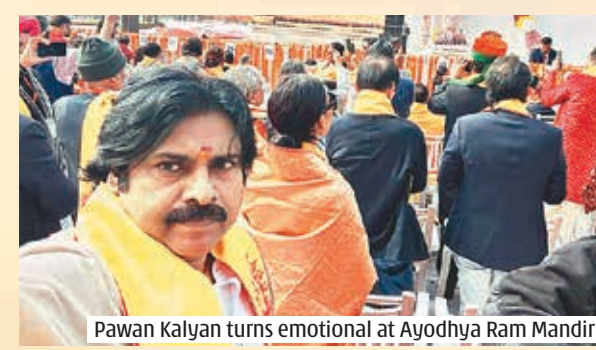
Anil Kumble with wife Chethana Ramatheertha



Sonu Nigam and Vivek Oberoi



Chiranjeevi, Surekha Konidala and Ram Charan



Pawan Kalyan turns emotional at Ayodhya Ram Mandir



Jackie Shroff



Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif



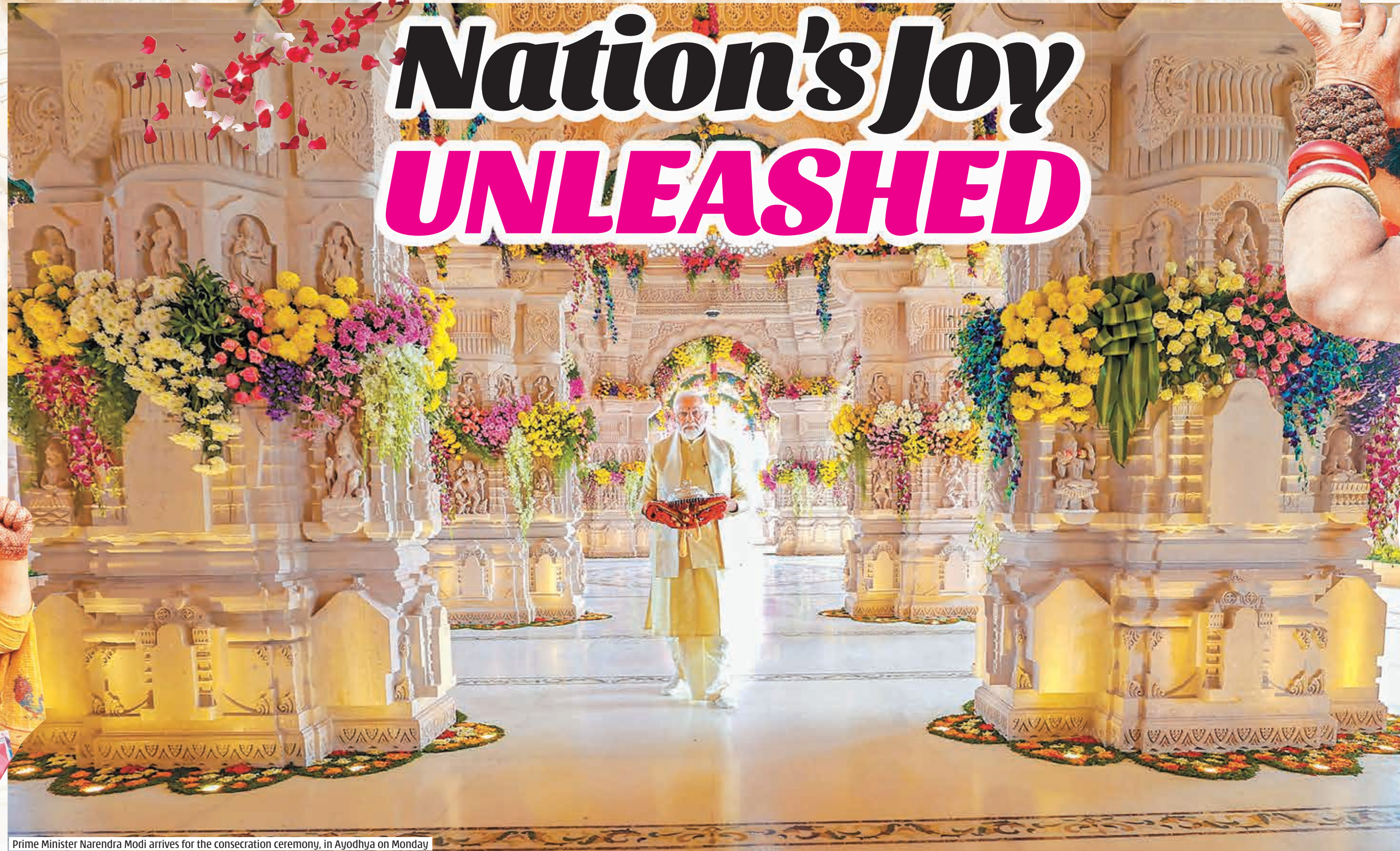
Nation's Joy UNLEASHED



Teachers and students take part in a special Hawan and Bhajan Sangeet



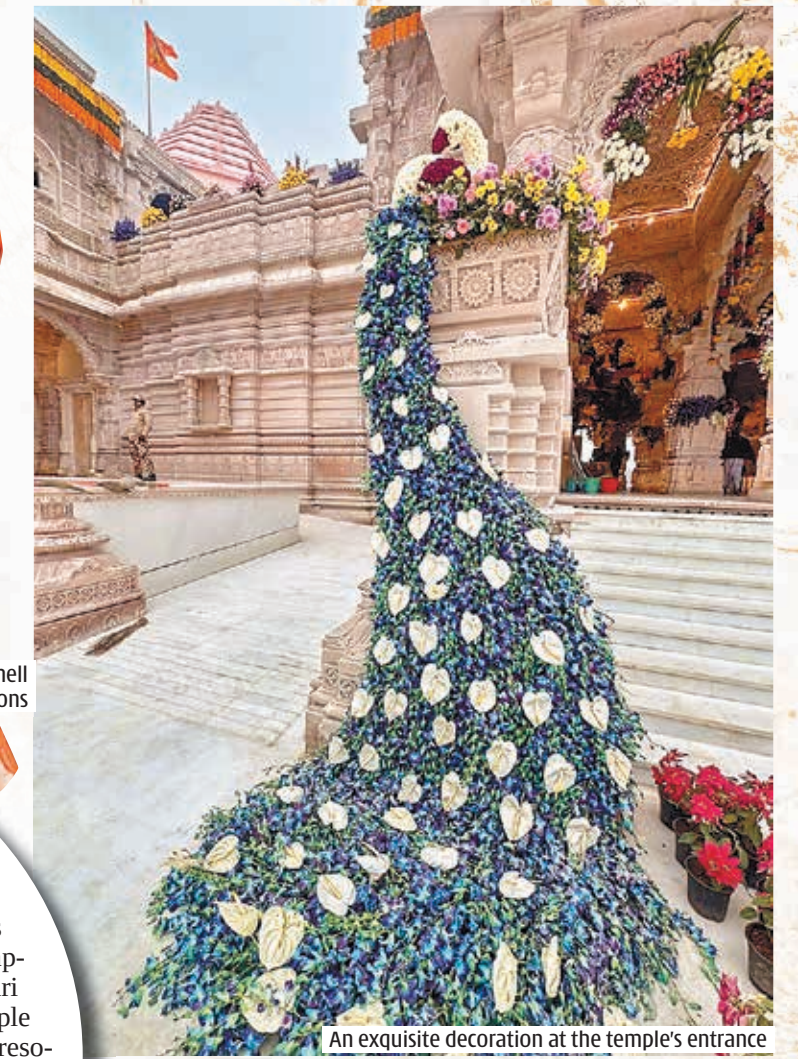
A saint rejoices at the consecration ceremony of Ram Temple



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives for the consecration ceremony, in Ayodhya on Monday



A saint blows conch shell amid the celebrations



An exquisite decoration at the temple's entrance

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In a luminous spectacle, the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya radiated with the glow of countless diyas and lights, evoking joyous celebrations across the nation. City First captures the diverse expressions of devotion as people adorned themselves as characters from the Ramayana, resonating with chants and hymns echoing through the city. PM Narendra Modi, accompanied by dignitaries, graced the occasion. Helicopters showered petals, walls adorned with flowers, and Ayodhya gleamed like Diwali, marking the historic return of Lord Rama. The festivities extended nationwide, with the Pink City embracing spiritual celebrations, prayer sessions and the vibrant display of Bhagwa flags in homes, creating a monumental chapter in history.



The golden doors of Ayodhya Ram Mandir will be open for devotees from January 24



The Ayodhya Ram Mandir is divided into five mandaps. These 5 pavilions are termed as Nritya, Rang, Sabha, Prarthana & Kirtan



Devotees throng the illuminated Ram Mandir after the consecration ceremony



Decorations at Sadar Bazar Market on the day of the consecration ceremony of Ayodhya Ram Mandir



Devotees offer prayers at Ram Temple



Bags featuring images of Ayodhya's Ram temple



अयोध्या नगरी पावन धाम
विराजे मेरे प्रभु
श्री राम



People bask in the sun at a park near Lata Mangeshkar Chowk, in Ayodhya



Ornate statue of 'Garuda' at the entrance of the temple



Ayodhya temple adorned in beautiful flowers



IAF chopper showers flowers over Ram Temple, devotees chant 'Jai Shree Ram'



Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya, adorned in gold and flowers

WEDDING BELLS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulates the newlyweds Bhumika & Bhavik. Also seen are Neelam, Sneha Lata Jain and Ram Shankar Mishra



The lovely couple Bhumika (Dr Jayanti) & Bhavik

Amidst an atmosphere of romance and enchantment, Bhumika (Dr Jayanti), from the First India family and the daughter of Neelam & Ram Shankar Mishra with Bhavik, son of Sneha Lata Jain & Late Rajesh Kala exchanged vows, sealing their love in a stunning wedding ceremony on Saturday at Sheesh Mahal, Jaipur. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra also graced the ceremony and blessed the newlyweds. The air filled with joy as the couple embarked on this new chapter, embracing traditions while infusing their unique style into the festivities.

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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greets Shwetank Soni. Also seen are Suraj Soni, Ravi, Shaurya Soni, Swaraj Soni & Shatakshi Sara



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with BL Soni, Satish Soni and Suraj Soni

The beautiful Haldi ceremony of Shwetank, son of Renu & Satish Soni with Shivani, daughter of Manisha & Brijesh Kumar was solemnised at Holiday Inn, Jaipur on Monday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion and congratulated the family. The venue was adorned with elegance as family and friends gathered to witness the joyous occasion.

SANTOSH SHARMA

FASHION FLAIR FOR FAITH



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In a magnificent tribute to the historic arrival of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya, the winners of Miss India Glam Rajasthan 2024 and the 3rd runner up from the previous year, Sushmita Puri and Ankita Rathore respectively, participated in a stunning photoshoot in Jaipur on Monday. The visionary behind this grand initiative, Pawan Tank, Founder & Director of Miss Glam India, expressed the significance of the occasion by orchestrating a special shoot. The beauty queens were elegantly adorned in traditional sarees and lehengas, capturing the essence of



Ankita Rathore & Sushmita Puri

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cultural richness and devotion.

Pawan Tank shared his enthusiasm, stating, "The beauty of our culture and the grandeur of this historic moment deserved a celebration in its own right. Through this shoot, we aimed to encapsulate the essence of tradition and spirituality, paying homage to the arrival of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya." This extraordinary photoshoot not only showcased the grace and poise of the beauty queens but also became a symbol of reverence for the monumental event, blending fashion with the cultural significance of Lord Shri Ram's homecoming.



Ankita Rathore

EVENTS!



In a special event at Raj Bhawan, Jaipur, Governor Kalraj Mishra was gifted a flower-made Jai Shri Ram photo frame by CAT National Vice President Gokul Das Maheshwari and Suresh Patodiya marking the Shri Ram Pran Pratistha Vishesh Utsav. The live telecast of the program, held to celebrate Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya event, captivated audiences.

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In a heartfelt tribute to the divine presence of Shri Ram Lala in Ayodhya, students of the Institute of Design and Technology (IDT) Jaipur, on Saturday, crafted a vibrant and artistic rangoli depicting the form of Shri Ram Mandir using various colours and flowers. During this, director Purva Rana with students and faculty members came together to create a 20-foot-long rangoli, offering a unique and colourful welcome to Shri Ram Lala. The students dedicated two days of rigorous hard work to bring this rangoli to life, showcasing their creative prowess and expressing their devotion to Shri Ram.

POSTER LAUNCH!

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Brahm Kumar Saini, Rajesh Sharma, Nand Lal Sharma, Naresh Gupta, Nirupama Bhinda, Rishika Bhinda, Akancha, Archana Das, Nandkishor Bhinda, Khanak Das and Vishnu Tak

The organisers of Little Sunshine Kids Fashion Show unveiled their poster on Saturday, at Moti Dungri Temple. The event will be held on February 25 at Gems Garden, with participation from age group 3 to 16 years. Featuring pint-sized models, the poster exudes charm and sets the environment for a day filled with smiles. The invitation for the event has been extended by the director of show, Archana Das.

ART PERSONIFIED!

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Renowned artist Navin Sharma celebrated the timeless epic with a detailed Ramcharita Manas miniature artwork, unveiled on Sunday. The Sri Sita Ram Charitra Manas Art Committee showcased this exquisite creation to the public. Over six years, Sharma integrated 20 lakh paintings, depicting the entirety of Ramcharitmanas, into a 24x31-inch miniature painting. Awarded by President Pranav Mukherjee, Sharma initiated this creation.

CULTURAL EUPHONY

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In a memorable evening steeped in cultural richness, the RL Swarankar Auditorium at Mahatma Gandhi University Campus, Sitapura, Jaipur, resonated with the divine tunes of Indian classical music on Friday. The event, organised by All India Movement for Seva (AIM for Seva) in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology, unfolded with the blessings of Param Pujya Gurudev Swami Dayananda Saraswati Ji, founder of



(L-R) Meena Swarankar, Dr ML Swarankar, Sudhir Sachdeva and Manish Sachdeva



Arsha Vidya Gurukulam and AIM For Seva.

Renowned Indian classical vocalist Pt. Jayateerth Mevundi, a maestro of Kirana Gharana, mesmerized the audience with his performance titled "He

Govind," an ode to Lord Krishna. The event, graced by Swami Brahmaparananda Saraswati as the Regional Coordinator and featuring the Indian classical Hindustani flute maestro Sri Pravin Godkhindi, was a celebration of cultural and spiritual enrichment. Dr ML Swarankar, the event's patron, added prestige to the unforgettable evening.

HISTORIC HYMNS!

SUNIL SHARMA



Pawan Arora with Dr Kailash Parwal Saral, Deepak Mathur, Deepshikha Jain, Gaurav Jain, Indu Rathore, Vijendra Solanki and Shishir Awasthi



Applauding the performance, Pawan Arora shares the moment with the team, including Vijendra Solanki, Shishir Awasthi and Hemant Sharma

Monday witnessed a momentous day, inscribed in golden history, as Ram Lalla took his divine seat after centuries. First India News celebrated this sacred occasion with a poignant bhajan dedicated to Ram Lalla, composed by Associate Editor and Anchor Vijendra Solanki. First India's CEO and Managing Editor Pawan Arora, in launching the song, expressed the profound significance of the moment. Arora conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to Vijendra Solanki and the entire team, stating, "Vijendra Solanki's composition has beautifully captured the essence of this historic event. We extend our warm wishes to the nation on the consecration of Ram Temple, a moment of unity and devotion." The launch also featured another evocative bhajan, "Aa Gaye Hai Ram...Awadh Mein Ram," sung by Gaurav Jain and Deepshikha Jain, with lyrics penned by Dr Kailash Parwal. During the occasion, Shishir Awasthi, Hemant Sharma and Indu Rathore of the First India family were also present.

JAI SHREE RAM!



Ananda Society in Sanganeer illuminated with joy as Deepotsav marked the Ram Lalla Pran Pratistha celebration on Monday. A dazzling display of 5100 lamps adorned the surroundings, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere. The event resonated with the spirit of unity and devotion, as participants came together to celebrate the auspicious occasion.

TINY TALENTS TRIUMPH

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The inaugural season of the National Kids Emerging Star Awards 2024 took place at Film Bhawan on Gopalpura Road in Jaipur, showcasing young talent under the theme 'From Playground to Stardom.' In collaboration with India's Little Fashion Hunters and Momotas, the event aimed to recognize and inspire gifted children from across the country, providing career counseling to nurture their potential. Anup Chaudhary, the organiser, highlighted the



Kids during the show



Anup Chaudhary & Abhishek Chaudhary felicitate Heer Verma

national-level significance of the award show, with participants aged 3 to 17 competing in diverse categories like modeling, dance, sports, singing, academics, and influencing. Over 40 children were honoured with trophies, certificates, and mementos, celebrating their exceptional skills.

The ceremony also witnessed the unveiling of brand ambassadors for India's Little Fashion Hunters.

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