



NSA AJIT DOVAL HOLDS TALKS WITH HIS IRANIAN COUNTERPART

Tehran: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Monday held bilateral talks with his Iranian counterpart Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. P5



ANOTHER US BANK CLOSED, JP MORGAN TO ACQUIRE ASSETS

Washington: US-based First Republic Bank was closed on Monday by local regulators and entered into an agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank to purchase all deposits and assets of the troubled bank to protect depositors.

DON'T HAVE MAGIC LAMP TO PREDICT OPPN UNITY: FAROOQ

Jammu: National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah on Monday said that he does not have a magic lamp that can predict Opposition unity ahead of the next year's parliamentary elections.



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KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

UNIFORM CIVIL CODE, NRC AMONG BJP'S POLL PROMISES

Party chief Nadda, with CM Bommai, Yediyurappa, releases poll manifesto 'BJP Praja Pranalike'

First India Bureau

Bengaluru: In its manifesto for the May 10 Assembly polls, the ruling BJP on Monday promised implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC), National Register of Citizens (NRC), free cooking gas cylinders thrice a year for BPL families and 'Atal' food centres to provide affordable and healthy food.

The document, named BJP Praja Pranalike, was released in Bengaluru on Monday by party's national president JP Nadda. Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai and veteran party leader BS Yediyurappa were also present on the occasion, among others.

Addressing the media, Nadda said the manifesto was not prepared after discussions in an air-conditioned room and that party workers had visited every corner of the state and gathered inputs for preparing this document.

The BJP president also said that the party's vision for the state is "justice to all, appeasement to none".

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BJP National President JP Nadda with Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai, former CM BS Yediyurappa and senior party leaders, releases the party's manifesto for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, in Bengaluru, on Monday. —PHOTO BY PTI

AT A MASSIVE ROADSHOW IN K'TAKA, AMIT SHAH SAYS "WE ENDED 4% MUSLIM QUOTA"



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday held a big roadshow in Karnataka, waving at an enthusiastic crowd along the route, as he sought people's support for the BJP. He defended the decision of the state BJP government to scrap the 4 per cent quota to Muslims under OBC list, stating that reservation based on religion is unconstitutional.

BJP WILL PRIORITIZE CONSERVING K'TAKA'S PLACES BLESSED BY NATURE: AMIT SHAH

Tumakuru/Shivamogga: (ANI): As the BJP announced to implement the Uniform Civil Code among its top promises made in the manifesto for the May 10 Karnataka Assembly elections, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday promised that his party would prioritize the promotion and conservation of places blessed by nature in the state.

“The Constitution (of India) allows us to move in the direction of Uniform Civil Code. Justice to all; appeasement to none” is our policy.

—JP Nadda, BJP National President

RAHUL GANDHI STOPS CAMPAIGN SPEECH AFTER HEARING SOUND OF AZAAN



Tumkur (ANI): Addressing a public meeting in Tumkur, Karnataka, on Monday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi stopped his speech after hearing the sound of Azaan (Muslim call to prayer). Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his charge that he was "abused 91 times", Rahul Gandhi said Narendra Modi should understand that the Karnataka election was not about him.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BJP'S MANIFESTO

- BJP has promised to implement Uniform Civil Code in state "based on the recommendations of a high-level committee which is to be constituted for the purpose".

- The party has promised introduction of the National Register of Citizens and "speedy deportation of all illegal migrants".

- It has also promised 10 lakh jobs in the manufacturing sector and a State Capital Region tag for Bengaluru.

- Other promises include monthly ration kits for households below poverty line, a fixed deposit scheme for women from scheduled castes and tribes, and a plan to develop Karnataka into a hub of electric vehicles.

- It has also promised 3 free LPG cylinders to BPL families in a year — one each for the months of Yugadi, Ganesh Chaturthi and Deepavali.



Modi thanks Gates for "appreciation" of 'Mann Ki Baat'

New Delhi (ANI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed his gratitude to Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Bill Gates for his words of appreciation on his monthly radio address "Mann Ki Baat".

PM Modi on Monday tweeted: "I thank my friend @BillGates for his words of appreciation. #MannKiBaat reflects the collective spirit of the people of India to make our planet better, something Mr. Gates is also passionate about. The strong resonance with SDGs is highlighted well in the study by @BMGFIndia." The tweet was in response to Gates' post saying, "Mann ki Baat has catalyzed community-led action on sanitation, health, women's economic empowerment and other issues linked to the Sustainable Development Goals."

PM'S GREETINGS ON FORMATION DAY OF GUJ, MAHA

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Monday greeted people on formation day of Gujarat and Maharashtra. In separate tweets, he congratulated the people of both the states on the formation days of Gujarat and Maharashtra. Both states were formed on this day in 1960 following the bifurcation of erstwhile state of Bombay on linguistic grounds.

EX-GRATIA FOR LUDHIANA GAS LEAK VICTIMS

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Monday announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for those injured from the Prime Ministers National Relief Fund (PM-NRF) in the Ludhiana gas leak accident. In a tweet posted on the official page of the PMO, Prime Minister Modi expressed grief over the incident.

Crucial READ

'OPERATION KAVERI': INDIA BRINGS BACK 186 MORE PEOPLE

New Delhi: India on Monday brought back home another batch of 186 people under 'Operation Kaveri' that was launched a week back to evacuate Indians stranded in violence-hit Sudan. On Sunday, 229 Indians arrived in Bengaluru while 365 people reached Delhi the day before.

IAF CHIEF IN LANKA ON 4-DAY VISIT TO BOOST DEFENCE TIES

Colombo: Indian Air Force chief, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary arrived here on Monday on a four-day visit to Sri Lanka during which he will meet country's top political and military leaders and discuss ways to boost bilateral defence ties.

J&K: POLICE BUSTS TERRORIST HIDEOUT, SEIZES AMMUNITION

Ramban: Police have busted a terrorist hideout in the forest area of Tehsil Khari in Ramban district and recovered a large cache of ammunition, police said on Monday. The search was launched by J&K Police and Special Operations Group.

GST MOP UP GROWS 12% TO ₹1.87L CR IN APRIL, HIGHEST EVER

New Delhi: The gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collection grew by 12 per cent in April to Rs 1.87 lakh crore. It is the highest monthly mop-up since the rollout of the indirect tax regime in July 2017.

After Kharge, now his son passes objectionable remark against PM

Kalaburagi (ANI): Days after Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge stoked a massive row with his objectionable comment against PM Narendra Modi, now his son Priyank Kharge used derogatory words against the PM. "... When PM Modi had come to Kalaburgi, he said Banjara community ka ek beta Delhi mein baitha hai. Aisa nalayak beta baithega toh ghar kaise chalega?" Priyank Kharge said. **More on P5**

"MENTAL BANKRUPTCY": BJP ON PRIYANK KHARGE'S BARB AT PM MODI

Bengaluru (PTI): The BJP on Monday hit out at the Congress after its leader Priyank Kharge's objectionable comment aimed at PM Narendra Modi, with BJP chief JP Nadda saying Opposition leaders have been using such language against the PM to "please" their masters, a reference to Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. Speaking to reporters, Nadda said the Congress is going through "mental bankruptcy" and its leaders have been following the Gandhi family in using derogatory language against the Prime Minister. "They are doing so to please their senior leaders." The BJP president claimed the Congress has already lost the election in the southern state.



Gandhi family in using derogatory language against the Prime Minister. "They are doing so to please their senior leaders." The BJP president claimed the Congress has already lost the election in the southern state.

Afzal Ansari disqualified as LS member

New Delhi (ANI): BSP's Afzal Ansari was disqualified as a member of Lok Sabha on Monday after he was convicted and sentenced to four-year imprisonment in a kidnapping-and-murder case by a UP court. Ansari, the Lok Sabha MP from Ghazipur, was sentenced to four years in jail by an MP/MLA court on Saturday. His brother, criminal-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, was also convicted in the same case, and was sentenced to 10 years in jail.

IN THE COURTYARD

RE-EXAMINING COLONIAL ERA SEDITION LAW: Gol

New Delhi (PTI): The Centre on Monday informed the Supreme Court that it was at an advanced consultation stage on re-examining the colonial era sedition law. A bench deferred the hearing on a batch of pleas challenging the sedition law, under section 124A of the Indian Penal Code, to the second week of August. The batch of pleas challenged the constitutional validity of the penal provision.

APEX COURT'S BIG ORDER ON 6-MONTH WAIT PERIOD FOR MUTUAL CONSENT DIVORCE

New Delhi (PTI): The Supreme Court held on Monday it has the discretion of exercising the plenary power it commands under Article 142 of the Constitution to dissolve a marriage on the ground of "irretrievable breakdown", and the authority to dispense with the 6-month wait period mandated under the Hindu Marriage Act while granting divorce with mutual consent. The apex court made it clear that contesting parties cannot directly approach it.

PLEA CHALLENGING RELEASE OF EX-BIHAR MP ANAND MOHAN TO BE HEARD ON MAY 8

New Delhi (PTI): The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on May 8 a plea challenging the Bihar govt's decision to prematurely release former MP Anand Mohan who was serving life term in the 1994 murder case of then Gopalganj district magistrate G Krishnaiah. A bench said it would take up the matter on May 8 after the counsel appearing for Uma Krishnaiah, the widow of slain the officer, sought urgent hearing.

Will implement Raj schemes in Karnataka: Gehlot

Aditi Nagar

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who reached Bengaluru to campaign in the Karnataka Assembly elections, spoke extensively of his government's work and plans on Monday. Gehlot said that schemes like Old Pension Scheme, Chiranjeevi Yojana, Right to Health Act, MNREGA, Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme are not there in any state. Talking to the media at the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters in



CM Ashok Gehlot meets AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge at the latter's residence in Bengaluru, on Monday.

Bengaluru, Gehlot said that under the Chiranjeevi Yojana, insurance of Rs 25 lakh and accident insurance of Rs 10 lakh has been provided. "We have given 125

days of employment to people under MNREGA and Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme. We have re-implemented the old pension scheme in Rajasthan. Himachal

Pradesh and Chattisgarh have also implemented it and other states are following suit," he said.

Gehlot said that we have made an issue regarding social security

pension. "There should be a law on social security and for this we are constantly demanding from the Central Government as well. Every person in the country should get social security. We are giving old age pension. Rajasthan is the only state in the country to enact the Right to Health Act. Although private doctors went on strike regarding this, but we have resolved the problem by talking to them. Everyone should get the right to health and education in the country," he said. **More on P7**

MVA parties win most of Maha agri mandis

Pune (Agencies): In what will warm the hearts of the troubled Maha Vikas Aghadi, the three parties part of the strained coalition managed to win most of the 255 agricultural produce marketing committees (APMCs), for which polls were held on April 28. Perhaps for the first time ever, all the 255 APMCs in Maharashtra went to polls simultaneously. Like in other cooperative elections, party symbols are not used for APMC polls, but parties try



MVA leaders Uddhav Thackeray, Ajit Pawar & Balasaheb Thorat.

and ensure their "panels" win. This time, MVA constituents Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP and Congress went for micro and macro adjustments to keep their flock together.

Rathore faces flak for jibe over CM's hoarding

CM's OSD reminds Rathore of police tracing his pet during BJP govt

First India Bureau

Jaipur: LoP Rajendra Rathore faced flak on social media on Monday for tweeting about the police tracing a stolen hoarding on CM Ashok Gehlot's birthday. CM's OSD Lokesh Sharma shared an old news about the police tracing Rathore's pet dog during the previous BJP regime when Rathore was a minister. The post led to hilarious comments on social media including Twitter.

The hoarding about CM's birthday, which is on May 3, was stolen from the Vishwakarma area on Sikar Road to trace which the police formed a team and found it in 24 hours. Police scanned the CCTV footage in which a labourer was seen carry-



Lokesh Sharma's reply to Rajendra Rathore's tweet with a screenshot of an old news piece.

Screenshot of Rajendra Rathore's tweet with a jibe over hoarding on CM on Monday.

ing the hoarding. The hoarding was about a blood donation camp planned at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule National Institute on May 3.

In this regard, complainant Sitaram Saini has registered a case at Vishwakarma police

station on Sunday.

"Salute to the activeness of the police. I wish there was such agility for common people along with the special ones. After child theft, goat theft, and donkey theft in Rajasthan, now hoarding theft. Wah kya

baat hai," Rathore tweeted. Replying to Rathore, Sharma quote retweeted a clip of an old news about the police tracing Rathore's pet dog. "Once this was also a time, Leader of Opposition ji," Sharma commented.

Man booked for remarks posted on FB against CM Gehlot

First India Bureau

Jaipur: A case of indecent remarks against CM Ashok Gehlot has been registered at Vidhayakpuri police station. The video was circulated on the Facebook page by deliberately creating an interview of a person. Station house officer (SHO) (Vidhayakpuri) Rajesh Gautam is investigating the case.

Police said that Parmeshwar Lal, a resident of Bajrang Vihar Shiprapath, has lodged the report that the interview of a person named Hemraj was deliberately posted on the Facebook page on 12 April in which insulting, indecent and defamatory comments were made against Chief Minister Gehlot. The video is going viral on Facebook and WhatsApp, the police said. The police have slapped sections of the IT Act.

5 killed as two cars skid off road in Hanumangarh

First India Bureau

Hanumangarh: Five people were killed and as many injured when two cars in which they were travelling fell off the road and collided with trees in Hanumangarh district, police said on Monday.

The accident happened on Sunday night in the Bhirani police station area when the victims were on their way to Gogamedi temple from Haryana, they said.

Additional SP Suresh Jangid said the accident occurred at a curve, which the drivers failed to spot during the night.

The cars were at high speed and drivers could not turn them and the vehicles fell off the road and collided with trees, he said.

The bodies have been sent for post-mortem, Jangid said.



The mangled remains of the cars that fell off the road and collided with trees in Hanumangarh on Sunday night.

Ola bike rider, girl die as pickup hits two-wheeler

First India Bureau

Jaipur: In a Monday morning mishap, an Ola bike driver and a girl died after being hit by a pickup near Baraf Khana intersection of Transport Nagar police station area. Police took him to Sawai Mansingh Hospital where doctors declared him dead and Shalini Aggarwal also died during treatment.



Deceased Shalini Aggarwal & Jagdish Prasad Sharma.

Police have registered a case against the driver and CCTV camera footage is being scanned to trace the culprit.

MERCURY DROPS!



A picturesque view of Anasagar Lake in Ajmer on Monday. Heavy rain lashed isolated places in Rajasthan's eastern parts while light to moderate rainfall occurred at several areas in state during past 24 hours, Met officials said on Monday. —PHOTO BY HIMANSHU SHARMA

15,000 people to participate in Yoga Mahotsav

First India Bureau

Jaipur: A mega Yoga Festival will be held today at Bhawani Niketan College, Sikar Road on the completion of 50 days of International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21. Governor Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and others will be present in this.

Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, an autonomous organization under the Union Ministry of AYUSH, in



Sarbananda Sonowal & Munjipara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai addressing a press conference in Jaipur on Monday.

collaboration with the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, has organised the event with the active support of the Govt of Rajasthan, local authorities and local in-

stitutions associated with yoga, said Union Minister for AYUSH and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal in a press conference here on Monday.



Youth practicing yoga at Bhawani Niketan College, Sikar Road in Jaipur on Monday. —PHOTOS BY SANTOSH SHARMA

Dr Somya flags off 47 hoppers to ease garbage collection

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Door-to-door garbage collection started from Monday in 22 wards of the Jhotwara zone area of Greater Municipal Corporation after Mayor Dr Somya Gurjar flagged off 47 new hoppers (garbage collection vehicles). Until now, there were less hoppers in the area and their garbage collection capacity was also less. Municipal officials said that until now the capacity of the hoppers collecting garbage in these areas was 700 kg. But now it is 1200 kg. Earlier, only 20 hoppers used to run in the Jhotwara zone, but now there are 67.

Gurjar said that her effort is to collect daily garbage through hoppers in every house in all the wards of Municipal Corporation Greater.



Dr Somya flagging off hoppers in Jaipur on Monday.

CEERI officials meet Rajiv Arora in Jaipur



Rajiv Arora with Sai Krishna, Dr Vijay Chatterjee & other officials in Jaipur on Monday.

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Chief Scientist of Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI) Sai Krishna and Dr Vijay Chatterjee, Senior Scientist met Rajiv Arora, Chairman, Rajasthan Export Promotion Coun-

cil and Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation. The meeting was held with a view to enhance the quality standards of milk products and honey for export promotion alongside improvement in Electronics, Gems and Jewellery, IT and software technology.

Cyber security diploma course started for police personnel

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Director General of Police Umesh Mishra inaugurated a 9-month online diploma course for police officers and police personnel under the aegis of Sardar Patel University at the police headquarters. "Keeping in view the increasing cyber crimes in the present digital era, emphasis is being laid on the technical efficiency of the police personnel to prevent them," Mishra said. He expressed confidence that this diploma course



Umesh Mishra speaking during inauguration of diploma course for police officers at the police headquarters on Monday.

would pave the way for increasing police technical efficiency. He congratulated the 50 police personnel selected for this diploma course and said that after complet-

ing this course, their cyber knowledge will increase. He also expressed the need to keep this knowledge updated according to the changes in technology.

Kalals protest against Dharendra's comment

First India Bureau

Kota: A wave of rage was witnessed among the Kalal community in the city after the controversial statement given by self-styled godman Dharendra Shastri of Bageshwar Dham regarding the deity Rajarajeshwar Sahastrabahu Arjun. On Monday, the community people under the leadership of Kalal Samaj President Rahul Pareta took to the streets and demonstrated at the collectorate in the city. After this, they issued a memorandum



Kalal community protesting against Shastri in Kota.

to the District Collector in the name of the President. A large number of women and men from the community reached the collectorate carrying placards of action against Shastri.

CLARIFYING DOUBTS

High command should remove Pilot's doubts: Dudi

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Chairman of Rajasthan Agricultural Industries Board Rameshwar Dudi has raised questions on the allegations of Sachin Pilot for not taking action against the corruption of BJP rule. However, Dudi also clarified that it is wrong to say that no action was taken.

Talking to the media at Pant Krishi Bhawan, Dudi on Monday said



Rameshwar Dudi with Jairam Palsania & other officials at Pant Krishi Bhawan on Monday.

that action is being taken on BJP's corruption. "You cannot say action is not happen-

ing. In many cases the investigation has been completed. The secrets of corruption are also

DELEGATION OF RAJASTHAN SARPANCH SANGH MEETS DUDI WITH LIST OF DEMANDS

Jaipur: The delegation of Rajasthan Sarpanch Sangh discussed the demands of Sarpanchs with senior leader Rameshwar Dudi, who has got the status of cabinet minister in the Govt of Rajasthan. Dudi has assured the delegation that he would soon hold talks with CM Ashok Gehlot about this. Rajasthan Sarpanch Sangh State President Banshidhar Garhwal, Nohar Panchayat Samiti President Rati Ram Chaudhary, Sarpanch Union Executive State President Nemi Chand Meena, Chief Spokesperson Rafiq Pathan, Senior Vice- Prez Gajendra Singh, Jaipur District President Mehar Singh Dhankad, Tonk District President Mukesh Meena, State Minister Manoj Meena, Ram Prasad Chowdhary, including many other sarpanchs were present.

exposed in this. Scams were done in the BJP government, there was a lot of corrup-

tion," he said. "Gehlot sahib and senior leaders should sit and talk with Pilot

and remove doubt in Pilot's mind. Opinions may differ. We can resolve that difference by sitting at a table. Our high command will do it," he said.

Dudi said that Pilot and all worked hard to form the government. "Gehlot was the general secretary of the organization at that time. We all worked together to strengthen the Congress in Rajasthan. Then the government was formed," he said.

3 held in Jaipur for betting on IPL match



Three individuals arrested for betting on IPL match.

Jaipur: DST and Jaipur Khor police station of North district (Jaipur Commissionerate) arrested three bookies involved in betting on IPL T-20 cricket. During the raid, police seized 1 LCD TV, 1 laptop, 3 calculators and several other things.

MALI DELEGATION MEETS OBC COMMISSION

Panel seeks report from all DCs in 10 days regarding reservation

Based on DCs' report, OBC Commission to submit its report to govt in one month

Dinesh Tiwari

Jaipur: A Mali community delegation on Monday met the OBC Commission here and apprised it about their socioeconomic status to press for their demand of a separate 12 per cent reservation in education and government jobs.

The OBC Commission has written a letter to the Collectors of all the 33 districts of the state for Saini Mali reservation. In the letter, a report has been sought from the District Collectors in 10 days regarding the reservation sought for Saini, Mali, Shakya, Kushwaha, Maurya Samaj.



Members of Mali delegation, OBC panel hold talks on Monday.

the OBC commission will prepare the report within a month and send it to the Government.

"We are satisfied with the talks held with the Commission. We have asked the Commission to get a report about the community status from

district collectors in 10 days, for which it has agreed. The panel was also asked to complete its survey in a month's time," Murari Lal Saini, convener of Phule Aarakshan Sangarsh Samiti, told reporters after the meeting.

SAINI MAHASANGAM TO BE ORGANISED AT VIDYADHAR NAGAR STADIUM ON JUNE 4

Saini Mahasangam will be held at Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium in Jaipur on June 4, in which about 4 to 5 lakh people are expected to gather. The people of Saini community inaugurated the office in Jyoti Nagar on Monday and held a press conference. The speakers said that the Mahasangam will be organised by Saini, Shakya, Kushwaha and Maurya Samaj in which people will demand for their social and political rights. During the press conference, the speakers said that the Mali, Saini community should be given separate reservation according to the caste census.



Prabhu Lal Saini and others hold banner of Mali Mahasangam.

—PHOTO BY SUNIL SHARMA

132 new Covid cases in State, one dies in Jaipur

First India Bureau

Jaipur: A person died of Covid-19 in Jaipur while 132 new cases were reported in the State, the health department said on Monday. With one more death, total deaths increased to 9703. The number of active patients was recorded at 2368 and cumulative positive



increased to 13,25,125. Meanwhile, 453 patients also recovered as per the Monday bulletin. The new cases include 35 from Jaipur, 24 from Udaipur, 17 from Ajmer among other places. However, active Covid-19 cases in the State have seen a decline, as per the health department.

Deadline for opting 7th pay commission extended till July 31



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Jaipur: In a sensitive decision, the Gehlot government has given relief to employees who did not opt for 7th pay scale. The government has opened the option till July 31, 2023 for all government employees who did not fill 7th pay scale option or those who filled wrong option earlier. The State government has given them

a chance to choose the 7th pay scale applicable from January 1, 2016.

Those who filled the wrong option and want to change, have got a chance till 31 July 2023.

And those who have not opted for the 7th pay scale, can choose this option now. However, if the amount taken is more than the total amount taken, then that amount will be recovered from the employee.

Syndicate Bank scam: Bail granted to two accused

First India Bureau

Jaipur: In a case related to Rs 209 crore scam in Syndicate Bank, Judge Neeraj Kumar granted conditional bail to accused architect Anoop Bhatia and Kamal Sharma on surety-bond of Rs 2 lakh each. The CBI had filed an FIR on March 23, 2017 and presented the challan on April 7, 2021.

The court had summoned 14 others on April 18. Bhatia and Kamal Sharma are accused of taking loan and forgery of Rs 480 lakh and Rs 495 lakh respectively.

Bhatia submitted in the court that in 2011, his turnover was Rs 1,000 crore as such forgery for Rs 5 crores is not acceptable. He said that in the reply presented in the Appellate Tribunal under the PML Act, his loan section is considered cor-



ASARAM GETS BAIL IN FORGED DOCUMENT CASE, TO REMAIN IN JAIL FOR RAPE

High Court on Monday granted bail to self-styled godman Asaram in a case pertaining to furnishing a forged RTI reply in the Supreme Court in support of his bail plea. Asaram is already serving a life sentence in a rape case therefore he will not be able to come out of the jail. Granting bail to Asaram, Justice Kuldeep Mathur observed that no direct role was attributed to the petitioner in the creation of the forged RTI reply submitted before the apex court and the offences alleged to have been committed by him are triable by a magistrate.

It was presented in the court that Bhatia has appeared himself, has no criminal background, has received work orders worth crores from the govern-

ment. The court imposed conditions of not going abroad without permission, being present on every date in the court and not to repeat the crime.

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Jaipur: The officers and employees of the Secretariat Service working in the Government of Rajasthan will have to give information related to their children. The Personnel Department of the government issued a letter on Monday and instructed to send all

the information to the department as soon as possible.

In a letter issued on May 1 by the DoP, the RAS officers of Rajasthan Administrative Service Super Time Scale Batch 1997 along with all the officers of Junior Pay Series of Rajasthan Administrative Service 1918, 1919 and 1920 have been asked to



give declaration letters soon in the fixed format. This information will

have to be given to the officers by filling in a format. Apart from this,

information about whether there is any departmental inquiry against them or not will also have to be given along with the form. In the same form, the DoP has sought information regarding the name of the officer for promotion in 2023-24 along with the permanent status, as well as any kind of extraordinary leave.

Chittorgarh ACB arrests two in nine-yr-old case

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Chittorgarh: After completing the investigation in the nine-year-old case, the ACB arrested the then sarpanch and secretary. Apart from the two, the third accused could not be arrested due to paralysis. All three were booked for misusing their position and causing a financial loss of Rs 20



Accused former sarpanch Bhanwar Lal Ahir

lakh to the exchequer. The two arrested accused were sent to jail after being presented in the Udaipur court on Monday.

Lightning kills two in Jhalawar Dist

First India Bureau

Jhalawar: Two persons died due to lightning in Bhawanimandi area of the district on Monday. Both were found unconscious in the drain near Runija. Both the youths came to a wedding ceremony. Pagaria police got the postmortem done and handed over the bodies to the relatives. The deceased were identified as Bhawani Singh, resident of MP's Jablen and Govind Singh, resident of Payra.

DGP reviews crime situation in Alwar

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Alwar: DGP Umesh Mishra on Monday reviewed the crime situation in Alwar during his one day visit. Mishra reached Alwar and held meetings with police officials about the crime situation, law and order and cyber crime. He also issued necessary directions to the officials. The DGP told report-

ers that detailed discussion on crime control was held and instructions to the officials were issued. He said that all necessary steps will be taken to curb crime in the district. The top cop said that coordinated action against criminals is being taken by the state police which has resulted in control over criminal activities, particularly loot, firing and crime against women.

SMS Medicine Dept conducts its first bone marrow transplant

Vikas Sharma

Jaipur: In an achievement by the Department of Medicine at SMS Medical College, Dr Vishnu Sharma, Associate Professor in the department, successfully did the first bone marrow transplant. The transplant was done under the direction of SMS Hospital Superintendent Dr Achal Sharma and Unit Head Dr MK Aggarwal.

Dr Devendra Purohit, media in-charge and senior neurosurgeon of the hospital congratulated the whole team for the success. He said that until now only the oncology department in the hospital did bone marrow transplants but the pressure of the patients is increasing continuously.

"In such a situation, the transplant done by



the medicine department with the help of the blood bank will reduce the waiting period of the patients to a great extent," he said.

Dr Vishnu Sharma said that the 48-year-old patient was suffering from blood cancer. The cottage ward was converted into a BMT Unit for the transplant where the patient has been kept after transplant. "At present, the patient's health is fine. Soon he will be discharged from the hospital," he said.

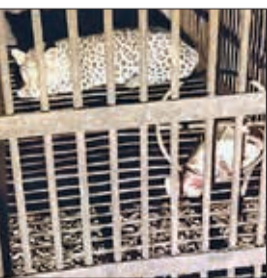
HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT Leopard rescue operation continues at Golf Resort

As per forest officials, cub to be released if mother leopard remains free

Nirmal Tiwari

Jaipur: Leopard rescue operation continued at Cambay Golf Resort on Agra Road on Monday. In the presence of Range Officer Janeshwar Chaudhary, Senior Veterinarian Dr Ashok Tanwar and members of the rescue team shifted the cub to a smaller cage and placed two larger cages on either side of the smaller cage so that the female leopard could also be caged in. If this does not happen, the female leopard will have to be tranquilised on Tuesday.

On Sunday evening, a leopard's cub got into the cage installed by the



Cage installed at the resort to capture the mother leopard. (Inset) Cub captured by forest officials on Sunday.

forest department, but the female leopard was left outside. Since then, the female leopard was seen quite aggressive and did not leave the place. This hit the rescue operation by the forest department.

However, according to information, the fe-

male leopard has another cub. If the mother leopard is reunited with the cub in the cage, the other cub would be left alone.

The properties included Cambay golf academy and golf resorts. Villas bought by people there were also sealed. Since there is no habitation, leopards from nearby forest areas started frequenting it.

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CHINA-TAIWAN CONFLICT

INDIA'S OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



high. Since the stakes for India are high, such a scenario merits an intense discussion on the country's military, diplomatic, and economic response - something that has been missing from Indian policy discourse.

INDIA'S OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS

In case of any cross-strait conflict India's military response may be limited to assisting QUAD partners by its experience and intelligence in tackling the PLA's 'integrated joint operations.'

India could offer its safer mainland to the US for refuelling aircrafts and granting the US access to its Andaman and Nicobar Island bases and blocking China's energy supplies passing through the Malacca Strait. But such steps present high risks for India as it may expose India to an eventual Chinese response on the Sino-Indian border at a time and place of their choosing.

It may be difficult for India to stay completely out of any military fray over Taiwan even if it means escalation by the Chinese along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). India must take advantage of China's involvement in the Taiwan Strait to change the existing status quo on the LAC or explore options to fight China in multiple theatres.

In the past, India has refrained from criticising China's actions, but that has not really been reciprocated positively by them. India must engage in selective diplomatic and economic activities in world fora by condemning any Chinese aggression.

On the economic front, sanctions with the current negative trade balance between China and India would hurt the latter much more and its unlikely India may be supporting such an action.

India could play a proactive role in augmenting Taiwan's capabilities by information sharing and secretly training Taiwanese armed forces personnel in specific operations.

India gave a befitting reply to Chinese aggression in Galwan and Tawang and has greatly increased the confidence of the country to show "Dragon eyes" across its extended neighbourhood and beyond. Prime Minister Modi's framework articulates India projecting itself project as an independent power across Asia. The 2020s offer an opportunity to renew India's economic and military foundations and stabilise the subcontinent while the major powers are embroiled in their distant confrontations.

India is following the policy of "containing and engaging China simultaneously." While remaining ready to stabilise ties to avoid conflict she is also ready to join a global effort to contain Chinese expansionism. In the evolving situation it is the US-India relationship of which both China and Pakistan are wary that remains the most significant since India is in the strongest position to assist the US in maintaining balance of power in the region.

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The position of the People's Republic of China (PRC) is that the Republic of China (ROC) ceased to be a legitimate government upon the founding of the former on 1 October 1949 and that the PRC is the sole legitimate government of China, with the right to rule Taiwan. The PRC still maintains that "there is only one China in the world" and "Taiwan is an inalienable part of China". The ROC argues that it maintains all the characteristics of a state and that it was not "replaced" or "succeeded" by the PRC because it has continued to exist long after the PRC's founding. Resolution 2758 passed by the UN General Assembly on 25 October 1971, restored all rights of PRC and legitimised its government as sole representatives of China to the UNO. The ROC maintains formal diplomatic relations only with 12 UN member states, but has unofficial economic and cultural relations with almost all other countries. India recognises 'one China policy' but maintains strong economic and cultural relations with Taiwan. The possibility of war, the close geographic proximity of Tai-

wan and mainland China, and the resulting flare-ups that occur every few years, make this one of the most watched focal points in the Pacific. The current flare can be attributed to series of events like re-election of President Tsai Ing-wen, a pro-independence politician in 2020 Taiwan elections, declaration of America's "rock solid" commitment to Taiwan by US President Biden, visit of Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to demonstrate American "solidarity" with Taiwan, and finally recent visit of Taiwan President to the US and meeting the current House Speaker Kevin McCarthy who stressed the need to accelerate arms deliveries to Taiwan in the face of rising threats from China. All these events were reciprocated by Chinese hostile responses like - launching missile strikes on targets in the seas around Taiwan and imposing restrictions on the import of the island's food brands, Chinese



jets flying in Taiwan's airspace and a naval exercise in close proximity of Taiwan maritime boundary and finally a combat exercise of three days in first week of Apr 2023 which involved simulating the "seal off" of the island and declaration of China's military its readiness to fight any attempts to achieve Taiwan's 'independence' or any interference by foreign forces. Despite strong US backing, the Chinese President Xi Jinping warned that China would

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"smash" any Taiwanese move towards independence.

IMPACT ON INDIAN INTERESTS

Any venture by China to reunite Taiwan with mainland is likely to have repercussions for all the countries including India. India's trade through the South China Sea (SCS) stands at nearly 55 per cent of its total trade with the Indo-Pacific region is likely to be disrupted. Furthermore, India's trade with Taiwan (which has been on the rise for the past few years), China (its second-largest trading partner), East Asia, and some Southeast Asian countries is also likely to be severely impacted. The conflict may well create economic war provoking situation in Asia.

The conflict has strategic implications as India being a member of the US led QUAD is expected to support its partners in maintaining peace in Indo Pacific region and the probability of escalation of hostilities on Sino Indian border run very



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TOP TWEETS

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal



Extraordinary challenge, extraordinary courage IN This daring night operation in Sudan by our braves of @IAF_MCC proves yet again why Indian forces are a beacon of hope in crisis. #OperationKaveri

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#ThisDay, 7 years ago, PM Shri @narendramodi led a revolution to remove smoke from kitchens of poor women and give #NariShakti the gift of health, well-being and ease-of-living through the PMUjjwalaYojana. Since then, clean cooking fuel (LPG) under #PMUY has become a harbinger of hope and a catalyst for social change. #7YearsOfPMUY

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Man is made by his belief. As he believes, so he is. —Bhagavad Gita

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KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

'BJP TAKING CARE OF NEED, NOT GREED'

Says Nadda adding that the party in its manifesto promises a host of assurances to all BPL families

New Delhi (ANI): Bharatiya Janata Party president JP Nadda, who on Monday released the party's manifesto for the Karnataka Assembly polls promising three free cylinders for the BPL families annually, differentiated it from freebie and stated that the party is "taking care of the need (of the poor) under welfare scheme & not the greed".

"Our manifesto is different from The Congress' manifesto which talks about guarantees, which has got an outdated warranty. Our manifesto contains a realistic, achievable promise which will fulfil the aspirations of Karnataka's youth, farmers, women, labours, middle class, SC/ST and all sections of the society," he said.

The BJP chief also said that the party's vision document was made after extensive deliberation and outreach to the public.



BJP National President JP Nadda with Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa & others releases the party's manifesto for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, in Bengaluru on Monday. —PHOTO BY ANI

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MODI TSUNAMI IN K'TAKA, CONGRESS SCARED, SAYS BJP
Bengaluru (Agencies): Reacting strongly to the 'CryPmpayCM' campaign of the Congress in Karnataka, the BJP on Monday claimed there is a "Modi Tsunami" in the southern state and the former was scared of it. "First Congress called us a 40% commission government and now they are carrying out this PayCM campaign against us. Neither of these campaigns have failed to resonate with the masses. Now there is a Modi Tsunami in the state," BJP MLC Chalahadi Narayanaswamy said.

'POLLS NOT ABOUT YOU': RAGA TO PM

New Delhi (PTI): Hitting out at the PM over his charge that he was "abused 91 times", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said Narendra Modi should understand that the Karnataka election was not about him. Addressing a meeting in Tumakuru, Gandhi said, "This election is not about you, it is about Karnataka's people and its future. You (Modi) come to campaign in Karnataka, but don't speak about Karnataka. You speak about yourself."



BJP'S 16-POINT MANIFESTO WITH BENEFITS TO BPL FAMILIES

- Implementation of UCC
- Introduction of NRC in Karnataka
- Financial Incentives to Youth
- Namma clinic in every ward
- Atal Ahara Kendra to be set up in every ward
- Upgradation of govt schools
- 10 lakh jobs to be manufactured
- Poshana scheme to be launched
- Bengaluru to be the State Capital Region
- Rs 3000 K-Agri fund to be set up
- Karnataka to become an e-vehicle hub
- Distribution of 10 lakh housing sites
- 3 free cylinders to BPL families
- Samanvya schemes to ITs, SMEs
- Nandini milk to BPL families
- 5 kg Shri Anna - Siri Dhanya through monthly ration kits.

NSA Ajit Doval visits Iran to talk on key projects



National Security Advisor Ajit Doval holds talks with secretary of the Supreme National Security Council of Iran Ali Shamkhani.

New Delhi (PTI): NSA Ajit Doval on Monday held wide-ranging talks with his Iranian counterpart Ali Shamkhani in Tehran focusing on economic, political and security ties between the two countries.

The National Security Advisor is on a day-long visit to Iran to hold talks with his counterpart and streamline key projects and security cooperation between the two countries.

The two officials discussed economic, political and security issues concerning the two countries as well as the most important regional and international developments, Iran's IRNA news agency reported.

Doval is also scheduled to hold talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian. There is no official word on Doval's visit by either India or Iran.

Doval's visit to Iran comes ahead of a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Goa this week. India is the current chair of the SCO and Iran is set to be made a permanent member of the grouping at its annual summit later this year.

The implementation of the Chabahar Port project in Iran is also a key focus area in the bilateral ties between New Delhi and Tehran.

Son outdoing father in abuse politics: Thakur on remarks on PM



Anurag Thakur



Mallikarjun Kharge

New Delhi (PTI): Hitting out at the Congress, Union minister Anurag Thakur on Monday said Priyank Kharge is "outdoing" his father and party chief Mallikarjun Kharge in "abuse politics" by insulting PM Narendra Modi. "Gali-baj (abusive) Congress count your days, Karnataka will give a befitting reply to you," Thakur wrote on Twitter.

He said Congress leaders have resorted to "abusing" Modi, his family and community after seeing the "overwhelming support"

port" for the prime minister among the people of Karnataka.

"Congress leaders are frustrated to see people of Karnataka extending overwhelming support to PM Narendra Modi. Hence Cong leaders have again resorted to abuse Modiji, his family and community," the BJP leader said.

"After Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's poisonous snake remark, son Priyank outdoing father in 'abuse politics' has insulted our PM as Nal-ayak Beta," he added.

EAM slams Pakistan on cross-border terrorism, takes on China

New Delhi (Agencies): External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar has stated that India's diplomatic strategy involves engaging all significant centres of power and pursuing multi-alignment to reflect the reality of multipolarity.

He noted that each engagement has its own particular weight and focus, and India is trying to ensure that all ties advance without seeking exclusivity. However, there are two



EAM Jaishankar addresses the Indian diaspora, in New Jersey on Sunday. —PHOTO BY ANI

countries that fall into a different category when it comes to being India's neighbours. as per EAM

Jaishankar, China is different due to the border dispute and the abnormal nature of their current ties. Jaishankar has also made it clear that Pakistan is an exception to India's Neighborhood First Policy due to the cross-border terrorism it supports.

"China falls into a somewhat different category because of the boundary dispute and the currently abnormal nature of our ties," EAM Jaishankar said.

Shah to visit Calcutta to attend Tagore event



Union Home Minister Amit Shah greets during a roadshow ahead of Karnataka Assembly Elections, at Gubbi, in Tumakuru on Monday.

Calcutta (PTI): Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Calcutta to attend a cultural programme on Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore on the bard's birth anniversary on May 9.

Senior BJP leader Swapan Dasgupta told PTI that an invitation was sent by a cultural organisation, "Khola

Hawa' (open air), and on its request, Shah agreed to speak on the ideals of Tagore at the function.

"Amit ji is motivated by Tagore's philosophy and spiritualism. He will speak on Gurudev's influence on people of this country over the years," Dasgupta, who helms the cultural organisation, said.

Tribal leader Nand joins Cong after quitting BJP



Former BJP MP Nand Kumar Sai joins Congress in the presence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, on Monday.

Raipur (ANI): Former BJP leader Nand Kumar Sai today joined Congress in Chhattisgarh's Raipur and said that quitting the BJP was a tough call for him, while also adding that he liked the works of the Bhupesh Baghel government in the state.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was also present on the occasion and welcomed him to the party. Speaking on the occasion, Sai said, "This was a tough decision for me. I have been associated with the BJP since the time of Jana Sangh".

'Guj has special contribution to India's progress'

New Delhi (ANI): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi extended his greetings on Monday to the people of Gujarat on the occasion of Gujarat Day. Taking to Twitter he wrote "The birthplace of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel, Gujarat has a special contribution to India's progress. Best wishes to all residents." Gujarat celebrates its foundation day on May 1, known as "Gujarat Gaurav Day".

WITH WARM GESTURE



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh being received by Maldives' Defence Minister Mariya Didi upon his arrival in Male, Maldives on Monday. —PHOTO BY PTI

IN THE COURTYARD

SC EXTENDS RELIEF TO DELHI CM ARVIND KEJRIWAL IN 2014 ELECTION SPEECH CASE

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday extended its interim stay on proceedings against Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in a case registered against him for allegedly making objectionable remarks against the BJP and the Congress in UP during the 2014 parliamentary election campaign. Kejriwal has moved the top court against an order of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court that had in January declined to discharge the AAP chief in the criminal case pending before a trial court at Sultanpur.

SC ASKS GOA GOVT TO FRAME RULES OVER PENSION

New Delhi: The Supreme Court directed the Goa government on Monday to frame rules as early as possible for the former employees of the Bombay HC's bench in the state, who are yet to be given their pensionary dues even after the lapse of three to seven years of superannuation. A bench was told by senior advocate, that of the 21 such employees, 19 have been paid interim pensionary benefits.

HC ALLOWS MINOR TO TERMINATE 11 WEEKS PREGNANCY

New Delhi: The Delhi HC on Monday permitted a minor to medically terminate her 11 weeks of pregnancy. The 14 years old approached the court through her mother seeking permission to terminate the pregnancy. Justice Prathiba allowed the petition & asked the Petitioner to approach the hospital for the termination of pregnancy. The bench directed the doctors & police to maintain the identity of the minor confidential.

CATTLE SMUGGLING CASE: DELHI COURT EXTENDS JUDICIAL CUSTODY TILL MAY 4

New Delhi: The Delhi Court on Monday extended the judicial custody of Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Anubrata Mondal till May 4 in connection with the cattle smuggling case. Meanwhile, the arguments on his application seeking his transfer from Delhi to Asansol Correctional Home (West Bengal) are underway. In March, the TMC's Birbhum district president moved an application in Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court seeking his transfer to Asansol Correctional Home (West Bengal). Earlier, the TMC leader was produced in Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court at the expiry of his judicial custody.

BIG CRACKDOWN FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

Centre blocks 14 mobile apps being used by terrorist groups

New Delhi (ANI): In another major step to curb terror activities, the Central government has blocked 14 mobile messenger applications being used by terror groups, sources said.

It is learnt that these applications were mostly being used by Over Ground Workers of different terrorist organisations based in Jammu and Kashmir to spread the message and to receive notifications from Pakistan. The action



was taken based on intelligence inputs shared with the Central government in a secret communication recently.

Soon after the information was shared with the Ministry of Home Affairs that these applications are being used

by OWGs and members of different terrorist groups to circulate anti-India messages, the Ministry in close coordination with IT Ministry and other concerned agencies blocked them.

As per sources, the majority of these mobile applications are specially designed to maintain the anonymity of the users as well as their inbuilt features also make it difficult in finding out the entities associated with them.

IMD predicts heavy rainfall in Delhi-NCR, issues orange alert



Due to Western disturbances, a 3-day orange alert for rainfall has been issued for entire Northern India

New Delhi (ANI): India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday, issued an orange alert for almost the whole of North India amid predictions of heavy rainfall.

IMD's senior scientist Naresh Kumar told ANI, "Due to Western disturbances a three-day orange alert for rainfall has been issued for almost the entirety of North India. Rainfall in Delhi too will continue for the next three days". He said that thunderstorm activity usually happens in March-April, but has got extended this year.

"We have issued a heavy alert for Jammu-Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Haryana region. Similarly, on the eastern side too, heavy rainfall is expected in Bihar, Jharkhand to the south Karnataka interior region," he said.

IMD scientist added, "The temperature throughout the nation will stay below due to thunderstorms. In the Delhi-NCR, Haryana and Punjab, the temperature is expected to remain 9-10 degrees below. It can rise by 3-5 degrees once cloud start appearing after 3-4 days".



Kartavya Path during rain, in New Delhi, on Monday.

—PHOTOS BY PTI



Girls enjoying at Kartavya Path amidst rain, in New Delhi, on Monday.



SNOWFALL, RAIN CONTINUE AT BADRINATH; PILGRIMS ASKED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS



Dehradun (PTI): Intermittent snowfall and rain continued at the Himalayan temples of Badrinath and Kedarnath in Uttarakhand on Monday, prompting authorities to issue an appeal to Chardham pilgrims to proceed on their journey only after taking necessary precautions. In view of the weather, the Rudraprayag district administration has appealed to pilgrims coming to visit Kedarnath to stay where they are for the time being for their safety. The meteorological office has also issued a yellow alert for the state for Monday forecasting hailstorms, rain and snowfall at places located above 3,500 metres.

UNDER OPERATION KAVERI

IAF continues to evacuate more Indians from Sudan

So far, around 2,500 citizens have been brought back to the country

New Delhi (Agencies): The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday said that almost 1400 Indians have been evacuated in IAF aircraft over the past few days. It further added that two C-130 J aircraft have evacuated 260 personnel including elders who were above 90 years of age and one above 102 years of age.

The information was shared on by IAF in a tweet. It wrote, "With almost 1400 Indians evacuated in IAF aircraft over the past few days, two C-130 J aircraft have evacuated 260 personnel including elders who were above 90 years of age & one above 102 years of age."

On Monday, a total of 186 Indians from Sudan arrived in Kochi under Operation Kaveri.



A total of 186 Indian nationals, who were evacuated from the strife-torn Sudan under Operation Kaveri, arrive in Kochi on Monday.

—PHOTO BY ANI

'Listen to Mann ki Baat of protesting wrestlers'

New Delhi (PTI): Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to go to Jantar Mantar and listen to the "mann ki baat" of protesting women wrestlers, saying that such a step would show that the PM is willing to understand their pain.

Sibal, a senior advocate, has represented the wrestlers in the Supreme Court. His remarks come a day after the 100th episode of Modi's "Mann ki Baat" radio programme was broadcast.

In a tweet, Sibal said, "Congratulations Modi ji: For your 100th 'Mann ki Baat'. If you have time Modi ji please go to Jantar Mantar and listen to the protesting women wrestlers 'mann ki baat'." "That will show that our Prime Minister is willing to understand their pain!" Sibal said.



Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu addresses a press conference during the ongoing wrestlers' protest against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Singh, at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi on Monday. Wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat also present.

—PHOTO BY ANI

NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU LENDS SUPPORT TO WRESTLERS

New Delhi: Former India cricketer and political leader Navjot Singh Sidhu on Monday lent his support to the protesting wrestlers demanding criminal action against WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, saying why wasn't he being arrested despite a case being registered against him under the "non-bailable POCSSO Act".

HANG ME BUT DON'T STOP, SAYS WFI CHIEF AMID PROTESTS

New Delhi: Wrestling body chief Brij Bhushan Singh, who faces sexual harassment charges, on Monday pointed out that the sport has come to a standstill in the last 4 months due to protests and said he is ready to be hanged but wrestling activity should not stop. Singh said stopping wrestling activity is detrimental to the cadet and junior wrestlers.

Abdullah takes a dig at Centre for not holding G20 meet in Jammu

Jammu (PTI): National Conference (NC) president **Farooq Abdullah** on Monday attacked the government, saying it is unfortunate that G20 meetings were scheduled in Ladakh and Kashmir but not in Jammu, and slammed BJP leaders for not raising the issue. He



also opposed the settlement of non-locals in Jammu & claimed that

the Dogra identity is under threat.

"Is Jammu not important? It is sad that not a single BJP leader, even those who chanted 'Jammu, Jammu & Dogra, Dogra' raised the issue. They have taken Jammu for granted believing that it is in their pocket," he told media.

BJP protests outside Delhi CM's house

New Delhi (PTI): The BJP launched an indefinite dharna near Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence asking him to open his bungalow to the people for a visit amid allegations that Rs 45 crore was spent on its renovation.

The protesters demanded the chief minister open the gates of

the 6, Flagstaff Road, Civil Lines residence to the general public so that they can see for themselves his "lavish living", even if the entry is ticketed.

Leading the protesters, BJP MP said Kejriwal should open his bungalow to the people so that they can see for themselves the renovation that was done.



BJP MP Harsh Vardhan with party leaders Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Vijay Goel & others raise slogans during a protest against Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of spending crores on the renovation of his official residence, in New Delhi on Monday.

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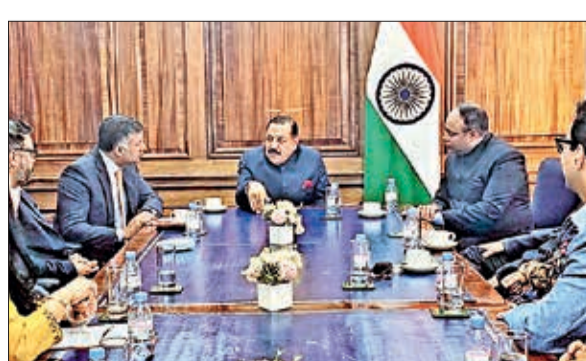
TO RETRIEVE PAK-OCCUPIED KASHMIR

Very much on govt's agenda: Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Jitendra Singh asserted that to retrieve PoK and make it a part of India is very much on the agenda of the government and the ruling BJP

New Delhi (PTI): To retrieve Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and make it a part of India is very much on the government's agenda, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

In a meeting with London-based Jammu and Kashmir-origin students and social groups, he said after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over, he sought to "correct several anomalies of the



Union Minister Jitendra Singh interacts with the Indian diaspora during his UK visit to London on Monday.

—PHOTO BY PTI

past that were the legacy of successive governments since 1947".

Singh, who is on an official visit to the UK, said the abrogation of

Article 370 has created a sense of belonging among the people of Jammu and Kashmir and given them equal rights vis-a-vis their counterparts in the rest of the country.

In 2019, the central government had abrogated the article, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

AFTER NO SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT

Railways made ₹ 2,200 crore more, reveals RTI

New Delhi (PTI): The Railways has earned an additional revenue of around ₹2,242 crore from senior citizen travellers in 2022-23 by revoking concession offered to them, an RTI response has found.

The national transporter had generated ₹1,500 crore in excess between March 20, 2020 -- when the assistance was suspended after the onset of the Covid pandemic -- and March 31, 2022.



The total revenue from senior citizen travellers during the period is ₹ 5,062 crore which includes an additional ₹2,242 crore, earned due to the suspension of the concession, according to the RTI reply.

CRUCIAL READ

GOONS BEGGING FOR MERCY, SAYS YOGI ADITYANATH

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Monday said by focusing on development rather than "appeasement", the BJP government has increased the standard of living of people. He also asserted that there is no "mafia raj" in the state and goons, who used to proudly move around, are now begging for mercy with placards around their necks. Addressing a gathering, he said, "The BJP government is moving forward with the basic mantra of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'."

DELHI AIRPORT AIMS TO HANDLE 100 MN VISITORS

New Delhi: Amid the government looking to establish the national capital as an international aviation hub, Delhi airport operator DIAL on Monday said the airport's terminals will be able to handle 100 million passengers per annum once expansion work gets completed this year. In FY23, the airport handles around 65.33 million passengers now. Phase 3A expansion work is going on at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), which is operated by Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL).

NCB BUSTS INTER-STATE DRUG SYNDICATE

Mumbai: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai busted an inter-state drug syndicate from Maharashtra's Thane and seized narcotics weighing 2 kg, officials said on Monday. The NCB also arrested three persons including the kingpin in connection with the seizure of 2 kgs of Mephedrone. Further investigation led to the recovery of sale proceeds from the illegal drug trade in the amount of Rs 36 lakh in cash and 147 gms of gold valued at approximately Rs 7.8 lakh.

GURUGRAM YOUTH HELD IN MURDER CASE

Gurugram: A 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly conspiring and killing another person here, the police said on Monday. The accused has been identified as Ajay alias Aju while the victim was Gyanender, a resident of Asavata village in Haryana's Palwal. During the interrogation, the accused disclosed that Gyanender had an enmity with his friend Bharat and he (Gyanender) had fired several rounds of fire outside the latter's house.

Congress forming govt in Karnataka, says CM Gehlot

➤ Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that Rajasthan is a model state for all the states

➤ Promises made by BJP and PM Narendra Modi to the public turned out to be mere jumlas: CM

Aditi Nagar

Bengaluru: Talking to the media at the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters in Bengaluru, CM Ashok Gehlot said that there is an atmosphere in favour of Congress in Karnataka and the Congress party is going to form the government here.

“We will implement the schemes which we have implemented in Rajasthan,” he said. Congress National General Secretary Jairam Ramesh has also said that Rajasthan is a model state for all the states.

Gehlot said that the central government has started the Ujjwala scheme but people do not have Rs 1100 to get cylinders. “We are giving gas cylinders for Rs. 500 to the beneficiaries



Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot addresses the media during a press conference at Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee in Bengaluru on Monday. Also seen here are Govind Singh Dotasra, Gourav Vallabh and others.

of the Ujjwala scheme,” he said.

Targeting the BJP and PM Modi, Gehlot said that the people made Narendra Modi the PM of the country twice, but the promises made by the BJP and Narendra Modi to the public were mere jumlas. “Neither two crores jobs were given every year nor Rs 15 lakh came into the accounts,” he said.

CM Gehlot hailed as ‘Jannayak’ by migrant Rajasthanis in K’taka

Bengaluru: CM Ashok Gehlot’s immense craze was visible in Karnataka among migrant Rajasthanis on Monday. Gehlot reached the program of migrant Rajasthanis who gave a grand welcome to Gehlot. Everyone addressed Gehlot in one

voice as ‘Jannayak’ and said that ‘Congress will win both Rajasthan and Karnataka’. Notably, the program was held in Gandhi Nagar in Bengaluru where maximum number of Rajasthanis live. Gehlot reached Bengaluru along with PCC Presi-

dent Govind Singh Dotasra and Congress MP Neeraj Dangi. Regarding Sachin Pilot controversy in Rajasthan and DK Shivkumar controversy in Karnataka, Gehlot said that there are minor differences between the parties, and can be resolved.

101 talented students from Bundi meet Birla in Delhi

‘Samajh Sansad Ki’ competition was held on LS Speaker’s behest

Mayank Jain

Kota: The students who won ‘Samajh Sansad Ki’ competition from Kota-Bundi constituency visited Parliament House in New Delhi. The competition was organised for students from class 6 to 12 on the initiative of Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla in order to strengthen democratic values and constitutional ideals among the youth.

In the first phase, 101 students from Bundi reached Delhi on April 30. There were 38 students from Keshoraipatan, 10 from Nainwa, 33 from Bundi, & 20 from Tale-da. 13 officers and teachers also accompanied the students.



Om Birla interacts with the students from Kota and Bundi, who visit the Parliament House in New Delhi on Monday.

OM BIRLA TO EMBARK ON A SIX-DAY TOUR TO HOME TOWN KOTA FROM WEDNESDAY

Kota: LS Speaker Om Birla will attend several programmes during his six-day visit to Kota-Bundi parliamentary constituency starting Wednesday. Birla will reach Kota by Duronto Express at 3.45 am on Wednesday. He will participate in Mahavir Digambar Jinbimb Laghu Panchkalyanak Pratishtha Mahotsav at Kunhadi followed by a mass marriage programme of Gurjar Gaur Brahmin Samaj at Gautam Ashram in Taleda at 3 pm, foundation stone laying ceremony of Ram Janaki temple and another mass wedding ceremony in Keshoraipatan. At 5 pm, Birla will participate in a mass marriage ceremony at Dham Dei, a spiritual ashram in Nainwa. Next day on May 4, he will hold a public hearing at the camp office. On May 5, he will attend three mass wedding programmes in Bundi, Ramganjmandi and Kota. He will attend entrepreneur felicitation programme at UIT auditorium and oath ceremony programme of IMA executive at Mangleshwari garden on May 6. On May 7, Birla will attend oath ceremonies of Kstriya Khatik Samaj & Vijayvargiya samaj. He will attend Radha Krishna’s pran-pratishtha programme on May 8.

Raje does masonry work on Labour Day in Dev Nagar

Arif Mansoori

Jhalawar: Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje celebrated Labour Day in Dev Nagar village of Jhalrapatan tehsil of her assembly constituency and wished the labourers. She bricked the pillars of the tin shed to be installed in Rajendra Dhakad’s house under construction.

The former CM also did masonry of bricks with cement, gravel and mortar. She even did the masonry of a one-foot high pillar. When the artisans and labourers present there extended their hands to help Raje, she said, “Don’t worry. This is a strong bond of people’s blessings and trust and it will not break.”

Raje said that the architecture of India is famous all over the world because of the skill and hard work of the labourers. “You give us a roof to sleep peacefully. You are the one who fulfills everyone’s



Vasundhara Raje does ‘shramdaan’ to mark Labour Day at Devnagar village of Jhalrapatan tehsil on Monday. Also seen is Dushyant Singh.

dreams. Development is not possible without you,” she said.

Raje was accompanied by her son & local MP Dushyant Singh. Singh also did some labour. Rajendra Dhakad and his mother, Radha Devi thanked former CM Singh. Raje promised them that she would definitely visit their home to have buttermilk once its complete. Raje visited about two dozen villages and participated in mass marriage ceremony of the Dangi community.



Former CM Vasundhara Raje on her 5-day visit to Jhalawar, met school kids with red roses in their hands at Dak Bungalow on Monday. Raje was happy to meet the kids & clicked selfies with them. A student made a beautiful painting of Raje. She appreciated the child’s art. A small kid told her, ‘I love you, Ma’am’ as Raje lovingly put her hand on his head.

Arora felicitates City Park guards for honesty on duty

Shivendra Parmar

Jaipur: Rajasthan Housing Board Commissioner Pawan Arora on Monday called all the guards who return lost valuables to the visitors coming to the City Park, Mansarover and gave a cash prize of Rs 500 each. He said that the entire staff working in City Park is serving the people with full



RHB Commissioner felicitates the guards of City Park, Dhara Singh and others with a cash prize of Rs 500 each for their honesty in returning valuable items, which were lost by visitors at the Park. Also seen are Alpa Chaudhary, Amit Agrawal and others at RHB Headquarters on Monday.

awareness, honesty and responsibility. City Park’s Deputy

Housing Commissioner KK Dixit said that one Deepa Kaur visited the

park on Monday and her purse fell somewhere. Dhara Singh,

the guard on duty, found the purse and informed the park management.

A public announcement was made by and the purse was returned to the owner. Earlier guard supervisor Rajveer Singh had returned the iPhone to a visitor. Guards

Satyaveer Singh and Muliram also returned the lost mobile phones, documents and wallets.

Maha, Guj lead in economy & entrepreneurship: Guv Mishra

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Governor Kalraj Mishra while addressing the Foundation Day celebrations of Maharashtra and Gujarat at Raj Bhavan on Monday, said that India is a land of ‘Unity in diversity’ and despite having different cultures, we all are one. He said that by imbibing the spirit of ‘Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat,’ all countrymen should work towards building a harmonious society. Mishra greeted the

people of Maharashtra & Gujarat and said that both the states have a glorious history and their rich culture is an integral part of nation. He said that Gujarat is the land of hardworking people. “Maharashtra is a state of spirituality, philosophy and saints. The residents of these states have also contributed significantly to freedom movement. These states are also contributing by being leaders in entrepreneurship and economy,” he said.

CS in Delhi to discuss pending coal supply issues; CM dials Union Secy

First India Bureau

New Delhi: CS Usha Sharma and ACS (Coordination) and Chief Resident Commissioner Shubhra Singh met Secretary, Union Ministry of Coal, Amrit Lal Meena to discuss the pending issues related to coal supply and power generation.

In a meeting held on Monday at Shastri Bhawan in New Delhi, Rajasthan urged for additional coal supply to ensure uninterrupted



Usha Sharma and Shubhra Singh discuss pending issues related to coal supply & power generation during a meeting with Secretary, Union Ministry of Coal, Amrit Lal Meena at Shastri Bhawan in New Delhi on Monday.

power supply to the public in upcoming summer season. CM Ashok Gehlot had a telephonic conversation

with Union Secretary on Raj power crisis. After the talks, Coal Secretary assured CM of adequate coal supply.



REPORT ABOUT PSK’S JIBES REACHES CONG LEADERSHIP!

A full report about the recent jibes of Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas has reached the Congress leadership. According to the sources, the video related to the event of Sunday was sent to in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa. Khachariyawas had made some



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comments in a programme held at the Press Club on Sunday. Earlier, Khachariyawas had also expressed his opposition to dividing Jaipur into two districts.

PEOPLES’ WAIT FOR POLITICAL APPTS SEEMS TO BE GETTING LONGER!

The wait of people expecting political appointments is getting longer as the file is pending with Governor Kalraj Mishra. The names of 15 UIT chairman and 14 other chairmen are included in the file. It is said that names of 400

Congress leaders and workers in the list and although the file has reached Raj Bhavan under regular process, but why is the file stuck in there? Now everyone is waiting when will the names be formally announced.

SAINI LIKELY TO BE NEXT STATE BJP VP

Prabhulal Saini may be in CP Joshi’s new team. He could be the State Vice-President. A Yadav, Kumawat or Nagar may also be in the list of State Vice-President. Efforts will be made to make a caste balance in the new team.

SHEKHAWAT MAY GET IMP ROLE IN FUTURE!

With elections approaching in Raj, Union Min Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is in action. The BJP high command may give him an important role in the elections. He might again try to corner the Rajasthan government as he recently did. According to sources, many corruption related cases will be taken up against the state government.



Youth Cong meeting held ahead of polls

Yogesh Sharma

Jaipur: A meeting was held between the Electoral Officer and the State President candidates under the leadership of Rajasthan Youth Congress in-charge Mohammad Shahid ahead of the Rajasthan Pradesh Youth Congress election.

The candidates had a detailed discussion with the Electoral Officers for more than two hours and were satisfied on all the issues related to them.

After finding a solution to the problem related to the scrutiny

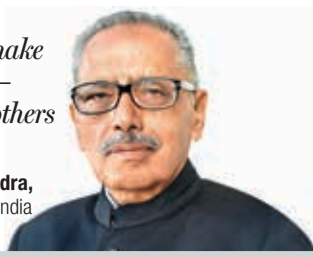
process, they unanimously passed a resolution to complete the process of result. After the meeting, the Election Officials assured to declare the result soon.

The Election Officers of the Indian Youth Congress including Rajpal Bist, Vipin Negi and the candidates for the post of State President including Yashveer Shura, Sudhinder Mund, Satveer Chaudhary, Arbab Khan, Pooja Bhargava, Chandraprakash Meena, Rajesh Gurjar, Ashok Kularia were present during the meeting.



The biggest influence you can make to the world is by your own life - live a life, which will motivate others to be better, kinder and greater.

—Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CEO & Editor-in-Chief, First India



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Amit Shah, a powerful HM. This govt has brought North-East back in mainstream: Governor Kataria



● **And when did you first meet Home Minister Amit Shah?**

Gulab Chand Kataria: I have met him several times. In the past also, I have met him. We both were accused in the Sohrabuddin Case. Action in that matter happened before and I was called in the second round and after I was interrogated, although there were no evidences against me, yet I had to go through the court processes for two and a half years, and during those times too I met him. I was Home Minister in Rajasthan and he was Home Minister in Gujarat. I tried to change the old laws that were being used since 1861, and brought a law and for that, we called him also so that just like our officers, if he too wanted to give some suggestions which we could include. We used to meet in party programmes. He used to work in various programmes and I too used to work in the border regions, so we met several times.

● **How is he as a Home Minister?**

As a powerful Home Minister, if I was called I went, but I never went if I was not called. I have never had the habit of going to places, rather I keep to myself and my work. For example, we met in Mumbai during training and all the ministers would sit together and hold discussions, so we met there too. His (Amit Shah) working style is dynamic and decisive. See, the day I heard him speak on the Article 370 debate, and the manner in which he put forward his arguments across and handled the subject with the finesse and the maturity and sincerity with which he brought the subject first in Rajya Sabha and got it passed there, where we did not have a majority and after that he got it passed in the Lok Sabha, an issue on which Jan Sangh was formed with the slogan 'Jaha Hue

Balidan Mukherjee, Wo Kashmir Hamara Hai', and the work he has done in removing Article 370 and 35 (A), in actuality, the old leaders, who were born for that mission only, they felt that yes, the dream that we had envisioned and what the organisation had thought of, that has been achieved by them.

● **Similar is the Assam and Arunachal border dispute that was 50 years old, has also been solved.**

Definitely, I have visited this region several times after this government came to power. If we used to travel during night time, we would be stopped that it is not safe to travel at night. There were organisations like ULFA and others and there was disturbance and tension here. Several of our people left these areas and returned to Rajasthan as working was difficult here and people were being tortured. In such a scenario, after this government came to power, the manner in which North-East region has been strengthened and



talks were held with various groups to establish peace and these groups were satisfied, and an attempt was made to connect them with the main stream and along with connecting with main stream, people were connected with jobs & development as well and thus, this is the same area which has become peaceful, although minor incidents still take place, but still now peace prevails in at least 80 or 90 % of the region.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra in conversation with Governor Gulab Chand Kataria during The New JC Show at Raj Bhavan, Assam.

Governor of Assam Gulab Chand Kataria, in a candid and serious conversation with Dr Jagdeesh Chandra — CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Bharat24-Vision of New India and First India; CMD, First India News, shares the work ethic of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and how he approached the North-East issue. Governor Kataria also throws light on how he received a phone call from PM Modi, prior to the Gubernatorial assignment, who enquired about his well being but did not hint that he would be made Governor; How RSS' pracharaks gave literally everything, including their lives, to keep North-East united with India, at a time when insurgency was at its peak. Excerpts... (Part II)

● **RSS has worked a lot in this area.**

Truth be told, the organisation with which I have been connected, people from that Sangathan, have sacrificed their lives here. Several of the Sangh's Pracharaks have been murdered here and several people have been kidnapped whose whereabouts are unknown till date. Such people, who were natives of other places, and they came here and displayed courage and they were sent here, who started working through the 'Ekal Vidhyalaya', 'Vidhyarthi Parishad'. In 1996, Vidhyarthi Parishad students used to visit Rajasthan and stay in homes in our state and our children used to come here (North-East) and stay with people here. So, the fact is that the various organisations of RSS have given their sacrifices in order to keep this region connected and united with India. And whoever was sent here, they never said no that they will not work in this region. Rather, they took on the responsibility gladly.

● **Did you meet Mohan Bhagwat on this issue?**

I met Bhagwat ji several times. I have met him in Sangh's 'Shiksha Varg' and have shared stage with him in programmes, where we have had discussions as well. I keep meeting him in various programmes of Sangh and in personal capacity too I meet him. When he was Sarkaryawah, he conducted the 'bhoomi puja' of Pratap Gaurav Kendra with



us and its public dedication was also done by us. So in a way, I have been connected with the Sangh for years and after observing the various Pracharaks of Sangh, I felt that the person, who has been a gold medalist in Engineering and other studies, and such a person has left his home and is roaming about for working in the society and is making all the efforts to make this ideology get a foothold, so we also tried to do that while living a domestic life.

● **What is this passion that the Pracharaks sacrificed their lives?**

The reason behind it was that the situation that were arising in the nation due to appeasement and in a way, the manner in which Hindus had to be defamed in their own nation, people who came in from Pakistan, were facing extreme difficulties and there was no one to handle them or to give them security when the agreement was that people will have to be kept in utmost regard. And the population of Hindus which stood at about 23% during division of the nation, that has not come down to about two percent, and many such incidents, if one reads

it, then it becomes clear that merely to get votes, we broke our 'maryada' and the Sangh was stressing continuously that the nation will be developed only through development of people and not merely through making roads etc. These pracharaks worked on that idea and the epitome of life's purpose that these individuals then realised, they lived on footpath on an empty stomach & they still worked. There was Laxman Singhji in my area who worked as 'Vibhag Pracharak', he was a Rajput and obviously he had immense self-respect and I was amazed that he used to stay hungry for days altogether. If someone would not invite him or take him with them to have a meal, he would never go to have food. And yet, we never saw any difficulty or worry about the issue on his face. We used to wonder what type of people are working and with what commitment to make this organisation blossom. And so, I tried to learn from them and with them as well.

● **I have heard that your appointment as Governor of Assam was surprising and unexpected for you. Who told you about this for the first time?**

Actually, I received a phone call from Prime Minister from a private number. I had just had a bath and the phone rang. I usually answer every call and I answered, so the person on call, told me that PM Sahib would speak with me. I thought if something happened in the Assembly or if we did not put across something properly, since the Assembly session was going on, so I was clueless of what the matter was that PM wanted to speak with me. So he came on call and asked me how I was doing. I said I am alright, he then asked if I am keeping alright and if everything was okay in life. I answered in affirmative. He then said alright, we will see. So that is the entire talk that happened and then a few days later, the announcement was made. On the day of announcement, I had just taken a bath and I had no idea that I have been appointed as Governor. I received many phone calls just then. Our Assembly Speaker Dr CP Joshi called me and congratulated me. I enquired as to what was the occasion for the congratulations, and he said that I have been appointed as Governor. So I told him that I do not have any formal information about the appointment and then he showed me the official appointment letter which the President had signed.

● **You were going to Dausa in PM's meeting and returned?**

I felt that since I was now on a Constitutional

position, so to keep the honour of that Constitutional post, although I had not taken oath of office, but still I felt that now I should not be on a stage of a political party as it would not be the right thing to do.

● **When your appointment was announced, every leader right from Vasundhara ji praised you.**

I have always focussed on work. I have had difference of opinion, but I have never had any grudge in my heart. I have worked with Bhairon Singh ji and with Vasundhara ji as well. Due to my stubborn nature, someone may have felt bad or have been angry with me for few moments, but owing to my work and behaviour, no one would be angry or miffed with me for a long time.

● **Rajendra Rathore had jokingly said that now you are going to be held captive in a prison of gold.**

This is extremely right. See for years, I have worked on the

roads, I have spent 40 years in the tribal area on nothing, but my motorcycle. Today, when I move, a carcade of several vehicles move with me which is something, I never aspired for in life.

● **So now Rajendra Rathore has become your successor: How do you see this development?**

I did not make him my successor, but he has always worked with me as an associate and he was working as Deputy LoP. His performance in the State Assembly is superb and it is not just me who is saying it, rather people themselves say it & my legislators too say so. So both of us worked in unison and performed in the Assembly. I believe that, among those in Assembly, who understand its working & how to work in that position, it is him.

During the show #JCWithAssamGovernor trended top All-India on Twitter



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra



Governor Gulab Chand Kataria

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City First brings to you the fascinating journey of the talented young diva Riddhi Agarwal, who embarked on the arduous path to becoming a beauty queen

HEROINE OF HER LIFE



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She was powerful not because she wasn't scared but because she went on so strongly, despite the fear. Her inspiring tale serves as a testament to the fact that beauty pageants are not just about physical appearance, but rather an arduous quest for discipline, determination, and unflinching self-confidence.

From a tender age, Riddhi was imbued with a sense of awe and inspiration upon witnessing the grace and poise of beauty queens. Her journey was fueled by a desire to break free from the confines of her simple life, as she sought to explore the world beyond her com-



fort zone. Drawing inspiration from the remarkable journey of Sushmita Sen, who taught the world the value of hard

work, dedication, and self-belief, Riddhi embarked on her own path to self-discovery.

For Riddhi, the path to becoming a beauty queen was not merely about donning the crown, but rather, it was a platform to make a positive impact on the world. She envisions a future where she inspires young girls to pursue their dreams and make their mark in the world. To achieve her goals, she believes that successful contestants must possess not only the traditional qualities of hard work, presentability, and confidence but also a positive attitude and a willingness to adapt and grow. While describing her journey, she said, "I found great help and guidance from mentors, such as Tiara and Ritika Mam, and cultivated these qualities through frequent training on YouTube."

Riddhi is a true advocate of hu-

manity and kindness, recognizing the power of mentorship and encouragement in achieving one's dreams. She expresses immense gratitude to the esteemed Glamanand Group and said, "I am grateful to Jagdeesh Chandra and Nikhil Anand for providing me with an exquisite platform to showcase her innate talents, and for guiding her through her remarkable journey."

For Riddhi, being a beauty queen is not merely about physical beauty, but rather, it is about embracing one's true self and exuding confidence and self-love. When asked to share a message with aspiring models, she said, "The only thing I'd like to say is that this world is not as generous as it seems, and there's always a lack of miracles for those who wait for them. But yes, it does extend a hand to everyone who is willing to step forward and stare daringly into the eyes of life to give them their share, so just keep working hard."



YOUR DAY

Horoscope by Saurabh Sachdeva

ARIES

MAR 21 - APR 20



You may go for a cheat meal all as a reward for maintaining good health. If you have been struggling with money then that's a thing of a past now as money will flow in from all the directions. In office, you will support your colleague by sharing his/her work pressure.

TAURUS

APR 21 - MAY 20



This is the time to become serious about getting in shape and start eating healthy. You have limited income as of now and that could trouble you but don't worry the times will change. Due to no work pressure in office, you could spend more time with near and dear ones.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 21



You will continue to enjoy your good health if you stick to a proper diet and exercise regime. You may finally meet your financial savior who will help you put the pieces at the right place. Some of you may assist your family by organizing a function or an event.

CANCER

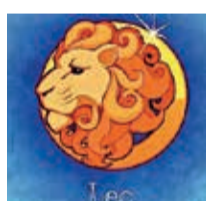
JUNE 22 - JULY 23



You have a good health and there is nothing to worry as such. To prevent any monetary loss, you should care to read your business proposal twice before taking any decision. In office, you may need to persuade someone to stand in your favour but it will be worth it.

LEO

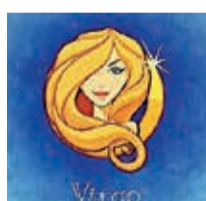
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23



Your optimism will keep you going and you will find yourself in absolute peace. The more time you invest in a project completion, the better it will in terms of monetary gains. In social life, avoid venting your anger on someone who is younger or elder to you.

VIRGO

AUG 24 - SEP 23



You are satisfied with your health and you enjoy that feeling. Money will flow into your life to make you financially stable. Some of you may earn good name for being consistent at work. In social life, it's a good practice to avoid blaming others for our own shortcomings.

LIBRA

SEPT 24 - OCTOBER 22



Your optimism will keep you going and you will find yourself in absolute peace. The more time you invest in a project completion, the better it will in terms of monetary gains. In social life, avoid venting your anger on someone who is younger or elder to you.

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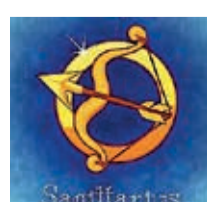
OCT 23 - NOVEMBER 22



You have a fine health so nothing to worry. It may take some time for you to have a financial stability. It will be good for your image to maintain healthy relationship with your colleague and keep them in your favour. It may get difficult for you to deal with the firm opinion.

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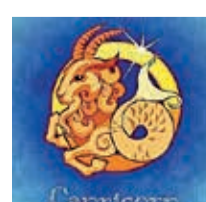
NOV 23 - DEC 22



Don't take your health for granted as it could raise concerns. Think twice before spending as you can over spend unnecessarily. You may find yourself burdened with extra work in office today but you will be able to successfully complete it. Things in family may not go as per the plans.

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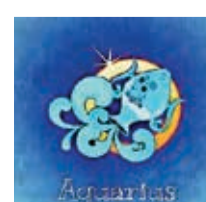
DEC 23 - JAN 20



Keep a close tab on what you eat if you want to remain healthy. You must limit your expenses to only buying essential stuff. In office, your colleagues may not like your upfront nature. Your love may not give the kind of attention you have been waiting for.

AQUARIUS

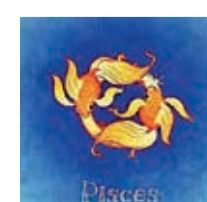
JAN 21 - FEB 19



You continue to stay fit and healthy and there is nothing to worry as far as health is concerned. Because of limit flow of money, your financial condition is not stable yet. Your hard in office will bring your recognition and appreciation from your senior.

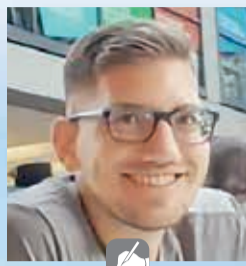
PISCES

FEB 20 - MARCH 20



You have a good healthy but that does not mean you should ignore the minor problems. On business front you need to be open minded to make some financial gains. You may all of a sudden feel the need to clarify some rumour about you.

Why Gen Z-ers are drawn to OLD DIGITAL CAMERAS?



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The latest digital cameras boast ever-higher resolutions, better performance in low light, smart focusing and shake reduction – and they're built right into your smartphone.

Even so, some Gen Z-ers are now opting for point-and-shoot digital cameras from the early 2000s, before many of them were born.

It's something of a renaissance, and not just for older cameras. The digital camera industry as a whole is seeing a resurgence. Previously, industry revenue peaked in 2010 and was shrinking annually through 2021. Then it saw new growth in 2022, and it is projected to continue growing in the coming years.

But why? One explanation is nostalgia or a yearning for the past. And indeed, nostalgia can be an effective coping strategy in times of change and upheaval – the COVID-19 pandemic is just one of the disorienting shifts of the past few decades.

But my research on people's experiences with technology, which includes photography, suggests a deeper explanation: seeking meaning. It's not that these Gen Z-ers are longing to return to childhood, but that they are finding and expressing their values through their technological choices. And there's a lesson here for everyone.

THE HUMAN NEED FOR MEANING

Humans have many needs – food, shelter, sex and so on. But humans also feel the urge to find meaning in life.

Meaning is different from happiness. Though happiness and meaning are often correlated, meaning doesn't necessarily include the pleasure that characterizes happiness. Meaningful pursuits may involve struggle, suffering or even sacrifice. Meaning also lasts longer, whereas happiness is fleeting.

WHAT DOES MEANING DO FOR PEOPLE?

At its core, meaning is about identifying one's values and making choices to develop oneself as a person. It allows a person to engage with the various aspects of their personality – “the multitudes” contained therein, as Walt Whitman wrote. Put differently, meaning is about weaving a personal narrative from the facts of life. And it really is a need, not just something that's nice to have. Meaning is what makes life feel valuable and worth living.

SEEKING MEANING WITH TECHNOLOGY

Why do people adopt one technology over another? According to what scholars call the technology acceptance model, people consider two major aspects when choosing a technology: its perceived usefulness and its perceived ease of use.

But certainly, there are other considerations, especially for personal technologies. People choose some technologies for the way they contribute to meaning. And the search for meaning extends beyond choosing a technology to the way a person uses and experiences it. For example, many people use social media in constructing their sense of self.

In my own research, I discerned four themes involved in people's meaningful experiences with technology:

- **PRESENCE:** People choose formats and technologies that will help them be more present and attentive during the experience.
- **CENTRIPETAL FORCE:** A person's relationship with technology begins with a central practice but gradually expands to become a bigger part of their life. For example, as a person's photography practice becomes more mean-

always enjoyable, but it is definitely meaningful.

And so technology, whether it's the kind associated with running or some other activity, becomes a key way people can discern their values and make choices that support and better embody those values.

THE MEANING WITHIN OLD DIGITAL CAMERAS

In this context, using a standalone digital camera immediately enhances the meaningfulness of an experience. Meaning is about exercising choice, and nowadays most people don't own a camera at all – they just use their smartphone.

Digital cameras also enable presence: You need to remember to carry the camera around, and in return, it won't give you notifications or show you other apps



ingful, they may find themselves printing photos, curating their collection and shopping for more equipment.

- **CURIOSITY:** A sense of wonder and interest guides the experience.
- **SELF-CONSTRUCTION:** Meaningful experiences with technology contribute to the person's sense of self.

In my research on ultra-distance runners, who run races even longer than marathons, I saw all these elements at play. Runners chose particular shoes, GPS watches, sensors and software – or avoided them – in part to be more present with their bodies.

This can make the running itself more meaningful, along with other activities such as writing race recaps, keeping a training log and sharing photos.

Over time, running becomes a central part of a person's identity – they become “a runner.” In the end, long-distance running is not

while you're shooting.

That goes for any standalone camera. But old cameras, in particular, have a set of qualities that help users make meaning.

First, the image quality is poorer. But on social media, photos that get posted are less about polish and precision and more about sharing experiences and telling stories. As social media theorist Nathan Jurgenson writes in his book “The Social Photo,” “As a medium, social photography becomes an important means to experience something not representable as an image but instead as a social process: an appreciation of impermanence for its own sake.”

As a person chooses which photos to share and how to edit them, they are expressing their values and developing their sense of self. To some extent, smartphone photo filters allow for some of



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CUTE Birthday wish



Virat and Anushka

Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma never fail to dish out major couple goals. Virat shared happy pictures of Anushka from their Maldives and London vacay. She looks absolutely adorable in the pictures. One of the pictures also features her and Virat from their South Africa trip where they celebrated their daughter Vamika's first birthday. Along with the pictures, the ace cricketer penned a mushy note for his wife. His post read, "Love you through thick, thin and all your cute madness. Happy birthday my everything @anushkasharma." Soon after he shared the post, Anushka dropped a cute reply. She shared red heart, infinity and family emojis in the comments section. Even fans were seen reacting to his post.



His post...



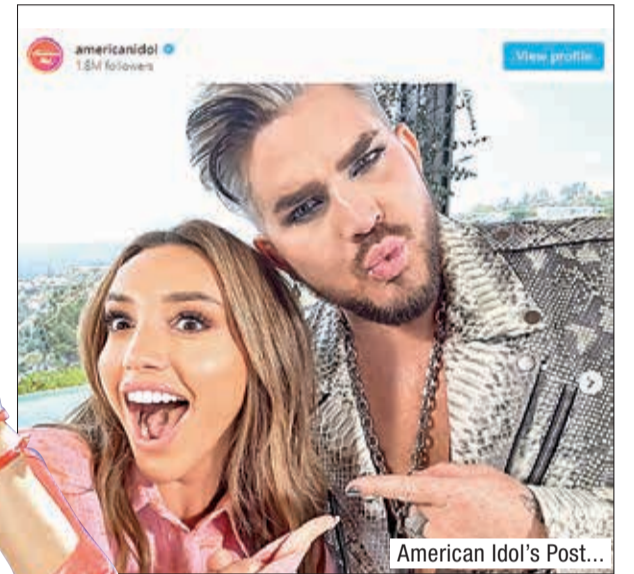
Katy Perry

KATY PERRY Unprofessional?

Katy Perry is facing backlash again after her behavior as a judge on American Idol. When We Ani made it to the list of Top 12 contestants, fans noticed that Katy appeared to be shocked at the turn of events. After We performed Adele's Skyfall, Perry failed to give her any feedback whatsoever. The matter got worse when Perry mentioned that she was "shook" over the results and urged viewers to vote for their "faves." A Reddit thread was found where viewers complained about Perry's behavior.



One user wrote, "Katy was hands down rude from the face she made (that at first, I read as disbelief over We's incredible performance), to go on and on about voting for your favorite contestant. It was incredibly unprofessional."



American Idol's Post...



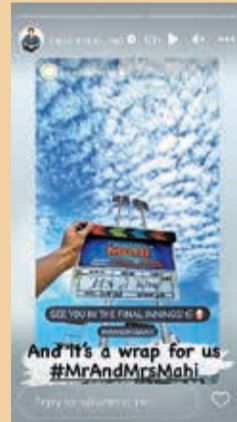
Janhvi Kapoor

ITS A WRAP!

On Sunday, Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkumar Rao took to social media and informed fans about their upcoming film, Mr and Mrs Mahi. Janhvi shared a sunset picture with her fans and wrote, "It's a wrap. #MrandMrsMahi." Helmed by Sharan Sharma and backed by Karan Johar, the film revolves around cricket. Earlier, Janhvi was seen intensely prepping and honing her cricket skills for her part. She was even injured during the shoot of the film. Rajkumar too shared the update on his story and wrote, "And it's a wrap for us #MrandMrsMahi." The official handle of Dharma Movies also took to Instagram and shared a picture of the film's clapboard. Along with it, they wrote, "AND IT'S A WRAP FOR MR. & MRS. MAHI! Ready for the final innings, we'll see you soon in cinemas near you!"



Her story...



LOVE OF SEVEN YEARS



Bipasha's Post...

Karan and Bipasha, who welcomed their first baby girl Devi in November 2022, shared a joint post on Instagram. In the video, the coolest parents in town are seen cutting a mouthwatering mango cake. The duo is seen twinning in black outfits. They can also be seen feeding cake to each other. Their post read, "7 beautiful years together as husband and wife. Happy Anniversary my love. Soon after they shared the video, their friends and fans were seen showering love on them. Shamita Shetty and Neelam Kothari wished them on their anniversary.

DATE NIGHT WITH HUBBY!

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas are one of the most loved couples in town. After hectic promotions of her series, Citadel, the actress finally got some time off recently. A picture of them enjoying a date night in New York City has surfaced on social media and their fans can't keep calm. Every time they step out, Nick and Priyanka make sure to dish out a major couple of goals. Ahead of the Met Gala 2023, they were spotted together in the city.

A fan club of the couple took to Instagram and shared the picture. In the picture, Nick is seen sporting a brown jacket and black jeans while Priyanka stunned in a blue high-neck top and a black overcoat. The couple looked all things stylish as they posed for the picture.



Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

Google commemorated late English actor Alan Rickman on his 77th birthday with a GIF doodle. The sketch showcased Rickman as an animated avatar lifting one eyebrow, a well-known industry peculiarity. He passed away in January 2016 after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 69 at the time.

The legendary actor was best known for his portrayal as teacher Severus Snape in the fic-

tional magical realm of "Harry Potter." His standout performance of Professor Snape made him famous all over the world. When Alan died of pancreatic cancer in 2016, every Harry Potter fan was heartbroken and devastated by the news. His popular line 'always' from the movies has been used by many as a tribute to the actor.



Google's Tribute...



Alan Rickman as Prof Snape



GAME OF ELEGANCE & GLAMOUR

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From left: Ankita Das, Sunaina Sharma, Jayanti Rao, Dr Archana, Khushboo Agarwal, Kirti Panwar, Manushi and Neetu Yadav



Sayara Banu Ahmed and Nasiha Shareef Ahmed

CITY FIRST

The National Level Beauty Pageant Mr, Miss and Mrs Top Model India Season 3 was organised by MMT Models India Organisation on Sunday at Hotel The Fern Habitat, Shyam Nagar. During this, 50 finalists selected from different cities of the country presented their claim for the crown by spreading their style on the ramp. In the fashion walk held in four rounds, the models showcased dresses like Indian tradi-

tional, bridal, cocktail, and evening gowns.

The titles of Mr, Miss and Mrs Top Model India Season 3 were bagged by Vardan Sharma, Winner; Miss Top Model India 2023, Tanya Singh, Winner Miss Top Model India 2023 and Millo Kari Kag, Winner, Mrs Top Model India 2023 during the contest.

Ashfaq Shah, Director, MMT Models India Organisation, Celebrity Guest TV Actor Aastha Choudhary, Rupesh Johri, Director, Achievers Events, Naveen Srivastava, Associate Partner felicitated the winners by presenting them with trophies, certificates and crowns.

Ashfaq Shah, Director, of MMT Models India Organisation, said that the jury panel consisting of Nasuha Ahmed, CEO, of Queens International,

Moon Mukherjee, CEO, of Demiloon Events Dubai, Bollywood directors Ikram Akhtar and Sonam Srivastava, assessed the participants on ramp walk, self-presentation, attitude, confidence etc. In the question-answer round of the beauty pageant, the participants showed their intellectual skills, while in the talent round dance, singing, mimicry, mono act etc. In the fashion sequence, the models presented a collection from Mehrooj Fashion by Kirti Jain, Kaba Fashion by Anjali Sharma and Kavya Boutique by Khushboo Agarwal. On this occasion, KP from Mehrooj Fashions, Jain, Kirti Jain, and National Award Winner Painting Artist Naveen Sharma were present as guests of honour.

Nandini's glorious Homecoming

CITY FIRST

The 19-year-old Nandini Gupta, the newly crowned queen, Femina Miss India World 2023, received a warm reception at Jaipur on her arrival in the capital city on Monday. Having made her home land proud by winning the prestigious title at the recently concluded grand finale of the 59th Femina Miss India, her achievement was celebrated with immense joy and delight by her family and friends.

She will now go on to represent India at the Miss World pageant while the nation pins its hope on her to bring back the much-awaited crown.

Addressing the media at a press conference held at Jaipur Marriott Hotel, which played the perfect host to the event, the newly crowned beauty queen said, "It is truly a surreal feeling to come back home and uphold not only my parents' pride but the city's glory as well. Feels like my dreams have come true. I aspire to do my best to represent India at Miss World while also enjoying the journey and hard work it takes to be there."



Nandini Gupta, Femina Miss India World 2023

GREETINGS



Governor Kalraj Mishra was greeted by Nandini Gupta, Femina Miss India World 2023 during a courtesy visit at Raj Bhavan on Monday. During the occasion, the Governor congratulated Ms. Gupta on being selected as Miss India and wished her all the best for her bright future.

DURING THE DAY!



On behalf of the organising committee Rajasthan Nurses Association, the poster of the proposed blood donation camp and employee and public welfare festival (exhibition) on the birthday of CM Ashok Gehlot was released by CM Ashok Gehlot at the Chief Minister's residence on Monday. Dr Shashikant Sharma, chairman and chief organiser of the organising committee, said that on May 3, on the birthday of CM Gehlot, an exhibition of the work done by CM Gehlot and public welfare was organised along with the 15th blood donation camp at Birla Auditorium. The Executive State President of the Rajasthan Nurses Association, Narendra Singh Shekhawat, State President of the Private Nursing Teachers Association, Mithlesh Talk, etc were present.



MLA Kalicharan Saraf inaugurated tubewell in Ward 132 Mauji Colony on Monday. Local councillor Mamta Devi Mahawar told that there was a water problem in Mauji Colony for a long time, so the tube well was inaugurated today by pressing the button by Saraf.



SKIT, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, Jaipur Chapter, hosted a Kathak performance by Vidushi Prerana Shrimali accompanied by artists Fateh Singh Gangani (Tabla), Naveen Prasad (Vocal) and Shahnawaz Khan (Sarangi) on 28 April. The event was preceeded by an Orientation Session about the aims and objectives of SPIC MACAY, conducted by Dr Vandana Sharma.



PHOTO BY SUNIL SHARMA

QUEEN OF Rajasthan S3

CITY FIRST

A press conference and poster reveal ceremony of Queen of Rajasthan Season 3 was held on Friday at Signet Park Hotel, Ajmer Road, Jaipur. The event was powered by FasDes and Kalyan & Sons Productions. Over 2000 female models aged 16 and above from across the state will participate in the event, with the top 30 finalists chosen for the grand finale. The finale will be held in July in Jaipur. Monu Verma, the director of the pageant, along with FasDes's direc-

tor Parth and creative head Pihu Jain informed that this is the third season of the state-level beauty pageant. After going through different selection processes, the top 30 finalists will be chosen for the grand finale, and one of them will be crowned the Queen of Rajasthan. The launch event was attended by several guests, including Bollywood director-producer Devashish Pandey, Arun Agrawal, Promod Goyal, Poonam Ankur Chhabra, Pawan Bhinda, Dinesh Singh, and Yogesh Khandelwal.



Congress Leader Sitaram Agarwal inaugurated the sewer line in Ward No. 06 Shiv Nagar 1, Sangam Colony of Vidyadhar Nagar Assembly Constituency on Monday. Due to the lack of sewer line here for many years, the general public was worried. During this, the colonists thanked and welcomed them by making them wear garlands.



PHOTO BY MUKESH KIRADDO

On behalf of Ojas Yogshala and Nriyam Sanstha, the Medical Yoga session was inaugurated by Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, at the premises located at Chittaranjan Marg, Jaipur, on Sunday. Rajkumar Bagda, President of the Banipark Block Congress Committee, was present as a special guest on the occasion. Shweta Goyal, the founder of Ojas Yogshala and Nriyam Sanstha, shared that there is nothing better than yoga for the prevention of physical disorders as well as mental problems.



ICDI Under the campaign 'Come quench someone's thirst-all together put a drink' being run by HELP Foundation, 'Govind Drink' was inaugurated at Govindpura Bus Stand, Kalwad Road on Sunday. Founder-Chairman of the Foundation, Deepak Choudhary said that every year in the hot summer days, drinkers are installed at many places with the help of the people so that passers-by get to drink cool water from the pot. Foundation's co-founders Reena, Riddhi, Amit, Sunil etc were present in this program.



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A press conference to shed light on the making and other aspects of the Rajasthani film "Bindaouri" took place at Junction 14 Restaurant, Jaipur, on Friday. Director Anil Saini revealed that the movie was released on April 28. The film is based on a practice where a special community does not allow the groom to ride a horse during the wedding procession of their children.



National level Northern India Ladies and Junior Girls Championship was organised by Indian Golf Union at Rambagh Golf Clu recently. In this championship, the practice round and then the main championship were organised. 65-70 ladies and junior girls from all over India participated. The winners were announced in various categories of the competition. On this occasion, the club's General Manager, Colonel J.B. Singh (Retd.) and the Tournament director, I.G.U. Nalini Singh, were also present.



Science Park, Shastri Nagar Natraj Academy and Maa Hinglaj Nagar Gandhi Path organised an annual festival on the occasion of International Dance Day. The program began dance performances by Director Maya and was inaugurated by Acharya Vishambhar. At the end of the program under the direction of Sharma, the students were honoured with trophies.



Renowned YouTuber Captain Gaurav Taneja, also known as Flying Beast, has embarked on a cycling journey of 250 km from New Delhi to Jaipur and onward to Bhopal, as a tribute to the illustrious career of former Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni. This cycling expedition, named #DeshKaDhoni, will cover a total distance of 2400 kms across cities such as Kota, Nagpur, Hyderabad, and Chennai, over a period of 18 days. The journey, which began on April 26, will feature a customized truck adorned with an image of MS Dhoni in all the cities visited by Captain Gaurav.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Family of Uttam Kumar Sain, whose birthday coincides with his twin children Keerat and Kathit, celebrated their birthday at their residence on Sunday. Also seen is Uttam's wife Neetu Sain. The family cut the cake to celebrate the trio's birthday.