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## Don't Credit Yourself for My Popularity:

# Meloni Delivers Sharp Diplomatic Rebuke to Trump

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Rome/Washington, June 20: In a rare and pointed diplomatic exchange that has set global political circles buzzing, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has firmly pushed back against US President Donald Trump's claim that she repeatedly sought photographs with him at the G7 Summit to boost her public standing.

Trump had boasted that Meloni was eager to be seen alongside him, implying that association with the American president was politically advantageous for the Italian leader. Meloni's response was swift, unambiguous and carried the quiet confidence of a leader who needs no borrowed



prestige.

Dismissing Trump's claims as "absurd," Meloni declared pointedly: "My popularity has nothing to

do with you. Focus on your own." She further underlined that her political standing rests on a singular foundation — Italy's ability

to defend itself and its national interests — adding, "That is precisely what I have done." The exchange is being closely watched by

foreign policy analysts as a significant moment in the evolving dynamics between European leaders and Washington. Meloni, long considered ideologically sympathetic to Trump's brand of right-wing nationalism, appears to be drawing a clear red line — alliance does not mean subservience.

For a continent already navigating fraught questions around NATO commitments, trade tariffs and strategic autonomy, Meloni's public stand sends a broader message: Europe's leaders, however aligned in values, will not allow themselves to be reduced to props in Washington's political theatre. The special relationship, it seems, has its limits.

## Lights On, Forests Off: Hasdeo Coal Clearance Offers Rajasthan Power Relief — But at What Cost?

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Jaipur : In a decision that promises to ease Rajasthan's chronic power crisis while reigniting a fierce national debate over forests versus fuel, the Central government has granted in-principle forest clearance for the Kente Extension Open Cast Coal Block in Chhattisgarh's ecologically sensitive Hasdeo-Aranya region.

The move comes as a significant relief for a state grappling with surging electricity demand and a 90 lakh-tonne coal shortfall that has repeatedly pushed its power plants to the brink. Officials say the coal output from this block alone holds the potential to power Jaipur for over a year — a staggering figure that underscores both the scale of the resource and the desperation of the state's energy deficit.



Hasdeo-Aranya, often called "the lungs of Central India," is one of the country's largest contiguous forest stretches, home to rich biodiversity, tribal communities and dense elephant corridors. Environmentalists and indigenous rights activists have long waged a fierce battle against any mining activity in the region, warning that clearances here set a dangerous precedent for India's remaining old-growth forests.

Yet for Rajasthan — a largely arid state with

limited renewable capacity at scale — coal remains the uncomfortable backbone of its electricity grid. With summers growing hotter and demand curves steeper, policymakers argue that pragmatism must prevail.

The clearance, however, is only in-principle. Final approvals, ground-level surveys and legal challenges from tribal communities are expected to follow. The coal may eventually flow. But the battle for Hasdeo is far from over.

### From Fatigues to Felony: Ex-Army Man With Silicon Mask & 66 Cases Finally Nabbed After ₹39 Lakh Heist

Jaipur: He was once trained to serve and protect. Instead, Satpal Singh Chauhan chose a very different uniform — a silicon mask. Jaipur Police have arrested one of Rajasthan's most wanted serial burglars, Satpal Singh Chauhan alias 'Satpal Fauji' (46), a dismissed Army soldier turned career criminal whose rap sheet reads like a crime thriller — 66 registered cases spanning multiple states across the country. The arrest came following a brazen 39 lakh robbery in Jaipur, after which the accused fled to Sikar, where a police team eventually cornered him.

What makes this case extraordinary is Chauhan's chilling audacity. Dismissed from the Army in 2004, he didn't just turn to crime — he industrialised it. To evade identification, he reportedly procured a custom-made silicon mask that dramatically altered his facial appearance, allowing him to slip past CCTV cameras and eyewitness descriptions with ease.

Investigators believe he used his military discipline and training to meticulously plan burglaries, executing them with surgical precision across state lines, leaving local police forces baffled for years.

"His Army background made him unusually calculated," a senior officer told reporters. "He understood surveillance, timing and escape routes better than most criminals we encounter."

With his arrest, police hope to crack dozens of unsolved cases linked to his gang's operations.

Satpal Fauji's long war against the law is finally over — and this time, there's no disguise that can save him.

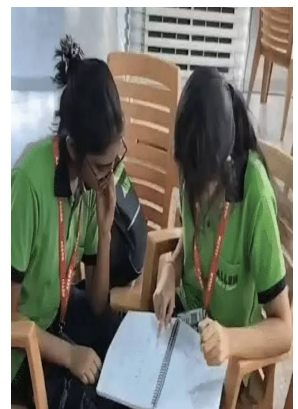
## No Second Chances for Cheats: Rajasthan Turns Fortress as 2.09 Lakh Students Gear Up for Re-NEET

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Jaipur: One year after a catastrophic paper leak shook the nation's faith in medical education, Rajasthan is leaving absolutely nothing to chance.

As the NEET-UG re-examination prepares to roll out across the country on June 21, the state has transformed its examination infrastructure into a high-security operation — with 2.09 lakh candidates scheduled to appear across 577 centres spanning 25 districts.

The scale of preparation is unprecedented. Authorities have deployed a three-layer security apparatus around every examination centre, with strict protocols at each checkpoint to eliminate any possibility of malpractice. Officials,



invigilators and support staff have been briefed with zero-tolerance instructions.

In one of the most striking measures, resident doctors have been barred from leaving their respective medical college campuses on examination day — a step clearly designed to prevent any organised leakage network from operating through medical

insiders, a vulnerability brutally exposed during last year's scandal.

Electronic devices, unfamiliar faces near centre perimeters, and unauthorised vehicles are all being treated as potential threats. District collectors have been personally tasked with overseeing smooth and tamper-proof conduct.

For the lakhs of aspirants who lost a year of their lives to someone else's corruption, tomorrow is more than just an examination — it is a reckoning long overdue.

The state machinery has its reputation on the line. So does the dream of every student who picked up a biology textbook hoping to one day wear a white coat.

Rajasthan will not let them down again.

## Bulldozers and Bulletproof Vests

# 70-Year-Old Mosque Razed in UP Under Heavy Security Cordon

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Baghpat (UP) : In an operation that lasted two and a half hours and deployed over 100 police personnel, a 70-year-old mosque in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district was demolished by bulldozers on Friday — executed under High Court orders on the grounds that the structure stood on government land.

The site of the demolition was the Rappur-Khampur village, where the decades-old Takia Wali Masjid had stood for generations. As heavy machinery moved in, the state left nothing to chance. Armed police in bulletproof jackets were positioned on surround-



ing rooftops, PAC units secured the perimeter, and the entire neighbourhood was placed under a visible show of force.

Authorities were swift to assert control of the narrative. "Law and order in the area is completely normal," administration

officials stated, even as images of helmeted officers standing guard over rubble told a more complicated story. The demolition was carried out pursuant to a High Court directive, with officials maintaining that the structure had been

built on encroached government land — a legal justification that has become increasingly familiar across Uttar Pradesh in recent years.

Civil liberties groups and opposition leaders are likely to scrutinise the manner of execution, questioning why a court-ordered civil demolition required the firepower of a security operation.

For the residents of Rappur-Khampur, the dust has settled — literally. But the questions it has raised about due process, community rights and the selective weight of the law will linger far longer.

The bulldozer has become a symbol. And symbols carry consequences.

## Electric Revolution Rolls Into Rajasthan: CM Flags Off 47 E-Buses Across Two Cities

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Jaipur : Rajasthan took a significant stride towards greener public transport on Saturday as Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma personally flagged off 29 new electric buses in Jaipur under the Central government's Pradhan Mantri E-Bus Seva Yojana — and rode one himself,

ticket in hand.

In a symbolic gesture aimed at encouraging public adoption, the CM chose to travel as an ordinary passenger, signalling that electric public transport is no longer a distant promise but a present reality.

Simultaneously, 18 electric buses were inaugurated in Bhilwara via video conferencing, taking the

day's total to 47 zero-emission vehicles joining Rajasthan's roads in a single afternoon. The launch is part of a broader, more ambitious rollout — 50 double-decker electric buses are slated to ply across 8 cities in the state, a move that urban mobility experts say could reshape commuting patterns for lakhs of daily passengers. With rising

fuel costs and mounting pollution concerns, the shift to e-buses comes not a moment too soon for cities like Jaipur, where vehicular emissions remain a pressing public health issue. The message from Rajasthan's corridors of power is clear: the future of urban transport has arrived — and it runs on electricity.

## When Loyalty Meets Surveillance

# The Neeraj Jain Episode Raises Uncomfortable Questions

FAIR REPORT SUSHIL PAL

Politics often tests loyalty, but sometimes it also tests fairness. The controversy surrounding former Ajmer Deputy Mayor Neeraj Jain has sparked a debate that goes beyond one individual and touches upon the larger question of

how political organisations treat their long-serving workers.

Neeraj Jain is not a newcomer navigating unfamiliar terrain. His political journey, stretching nearly four decades from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) to the Bharatiya Janata Party,

has been built on organisational commitment, grassroots engagement and ideological conviction. Even his critics rarely question his dedication to the party.

At the heart of the controversy lies his outspoken nature. Jain has long been known for speaking his mind, sometimes bluntly.

But does candour amount to disloyalty? More importantly, should private conversations, allegedly recorded without consent and selectively circulated, become the basis for judging decades of political service?

The episode raises a troubling question: Is in-

ternal dialogue being replaced by surveillance and suspicion? Every political worker, regardless of party, occasionally expresses disagreement, frustration or criticism. The strength of an organisation lies not in suppressing such voices but in addressing them through dialogue.

## Build Green, Build More: Rajasthan Unveils Ambitious Energy Code for Commercial Buildings

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: In a significant push towards sustainable urban development, the Rajasthan government is preparing to roll out the Rajasthan Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Code, a first-of-its-kind framework aimed at making commercial buildings more energy-efficient while rewarding developers who embrace green construction practices. The proposed code, currently under final review, will apply to commercial buildings with a built-up area of 2,000 square metres or more, or those with a connected electrical load of at least 100 kilowatts. Energy Minister Hiralal Nagar reviewed the draft code and Rules-2026 with senior officials on Saturday and directed that the framework be finalised at the earliest. What sets the initiative apart is its incentive-driven approach. Developers

complying with the enhanced "Plus" standards will be eligible for an additional 5% Built Area Ratio (BAR), while projects meeting the highest "Super Building Code" benchmarks could receive a 10% bonus BAR, creating a direct financial incentive for sustainable design. The proposed regulations also mandate that at least 4% of contracted electricity demand or 50% of available rooftop space be earmarked for solar or other renewable energy installations. Dedicated electric vehicle charging and parking infrastructure will also become an integral part of future commercial developments. To ensure compliance, empanelled energy auditors will conduct periodic inspections, while refundable security deposits and penalties are being considered to deter violations. An integrated online portal is also being developed to streamline approvals and monitoring.

## Sanwaliyaji Temple Donation Amount Crosses ₹32.59 Crore: ₹1.46 Crore Counted in Fifth Round

Counting will not be held on Sunday due to bank holiday and heavy crowd; next round will continue on Monday

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Chittorgarh- The counting of donations from the donation box of famous Shri Sanwaliyaji Temple is continuing. After the fifth round of counting on Saturday, the total donation amount has reached 32 crore 59 lakh 3 thousand 200. During Saturday's counting, which started after the Rajbhog Aarti, 1 crore 46 lakh 75 thousand was counted. Before this, four rounds of counting had been completed. After the fifth round, the total amount crossed 32.59 crore. Temple Board Chairman Hazari Das Vaishnav said that counting will not be done on Sunday due to the bank holiday and a higher number of devotees expected at the temple. Bank employees also take part in the counting process, so the counting has been stopped



for the day. The next round of counting will start on Monday. It is expected that the final stage of counting may be completed on Monday. The temple donation box was opened last Sunday, but counting could not start due to the bank holiday. Later, due to Amavasya, the process was delayed. The counting process started from Tuesday and has now reached the fifth round.

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## NEET (UG) Re-Exam 2026 Preparations Completed, 1552 Students to Appear at 5 Centres in Chittorgarh

Exam on Sunday from 2 PM; security arrangements tightened with police, BSF personnel and officials; help desks set up

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Chittorgarh- Preparations for the NEET (UG) Re-Exam 2026 conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) are in the final stage. The exam will be held on Sunday, June 21, at five centres in Chittorgarh district headquarters, where 1552 students will appear. The exam will be conducted in one shift from 2:00 PM to 5:15 PM. Divyang (disabled) candidates will get an additional one hour. NTA has appointed Amit Kumar Paliwal, Principal of PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Chittorgarh, as the City Coordinator. Separate observers have also been appointed for each exam centre. The district administration and police have made strong security arrangements for the exam. RAS and RPS officers, BSF personnel and police forces will be deployed at the centres. Arrangements for electricity, internet, cyber security, first aid, fire safety and social media monitoring have also been made. A review meeting was held at Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium regarding the exam preparations. City Coordinator informed officials about NTA guidelines. District Collector Dr. Manju directed officials to conduct the exam with full transparency and as per rules. Help desks have been set up at Collectorate Circle, Bus Stand and Railway Station for the convenience of students. Students can contact the control rooms for any help. Students have been advised to carry only the allowed items mentioned in their admit card and reach the exam centre on time.

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## Youth's Body Found in Well, 3 Snakes Near It; Police, Civil Defence and Forest Team Conduct Rescue

35-year-old labourer dies after falling into well in Moonga Ka Kheda; snakes removed first, then body taken out

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh- A joint rescue operation was carried out by police, Civil Defence and Forest Department teams to remove the body of a youth from a well in Moonga Ka Kheda village of Gangrar area. Three snakes were found moving near the body inside the well, making the rescue operation difficult. The deceased was identified as Kalulal Keer (35), son of Ratanlal, a resident of Moonga Ka Kheda. According to police, Kalulal worked as a farm labourer. On Saturday, he was working at Deepak Maheshwari's field for maize sowing. He went to bring fertilizer bags but did not return. During the search, his body was found in a well near the field. After receiving information, Gangrar police reached the spot and called the Civil Defence team to remove the body. During the rescue, the team saw three snakes near the body inside the well. After this, the Forest Department and Chittorgarh Wildlife and Environment Protection Committee team were called. The rescue team first decided to safely remove the snakes. Using safety equipment, the team members entered the well and rescued all three snakes one by one. The snakes included two Indian Rat Snakes and one Common Trinket Snake. The team said the snakes were not poisonous, but their presence made the rescue risky. After the snake rescue, the Civil Defence and Wildlife teams removed Kalulal's body from the well. Police conducted the post-mortem and handed over the body to the family. Police suspect that he may have fallen into the well after slipping. Investigation is underway. The rescue operation was carried out by the Civil Defence team members Rajkumar Bhoi, Ramesh Bhoi, Narayan Lal Bhoi, Mukesh Kumar Bhoi, Kailash Chandra Vaishnav, Rajmal Bhoi, Mukesh Bhoi, Ratan Lal Bhoi, Hemant Kumar Bhoi, Jagdish Bhoi, Pawan Sharma, Madan Lal Salvi and Manish Kumar Rao.



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## A NEW BENGAL GROWTH STORY BEGINS: PM

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NEW DELHI: In his first public address after the formation of a BJP Government in West Bengal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the double-engine Government in the State has started working at "superfast speed" to take West Bengal toward recovery and development, while unveiling various projects in the State. Participating in the 'Paschimbanga Divas' or West Bengal Day

celebrations at Tarakeswar in Hooghly district, he also released the 23rd installment of PM-Kisan scheme worth Rs 18,880 crore, benefiting over 9.44 crore farmers across the country. The PM participated in a grand function to celebrate the State Day, along with Governor RN Ravi, Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, ministers, MLAs, Government functionaries and the general public. Earlier in the day, during his Odisha visit, Modi said Eastern India, which remained backward during the Congress rule, was now emerging as a gateway to progress and development. Addressing a public meeting at Rairangpur in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district after unveiling projects worth over Rs 47,600 crore, Modi said the State was rapidly moving ahead on the path of development. Addressing a public meeting in Hooghly, PM alleged that the previous Left Front and TMC Governments in the State had created obstacles in the path of development over the last several decades. While the CPI(M)-led Left Front ruled the State for 34 years from 1977, the Trinamool Congress was at the helm for 15 years from 2011, till it was defeated in the April Assembly election by the BJP. Modi said that decades of misgovernance have pushed West Bengal back by miles. Modi lamented that West Bengal, once a land of opportunities, had turned into a source of migration. PM said that soon after the BJP Government took over in West Bengal, the stalled work at Chinagrighata crossing in Kolkata for the Metro Railway's Orange line commenced and was completed within a few days.



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## Murder Mystery Solved: Youth Found Dead in Well Killed Over Love Affair

Youth wanted to marry minor girl, family planned murder to remove the obstacle; body thrown into well to make it look like an accident

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Chittorgarh- Dungla police have solved the case of a young man's body found in a well in Karsana village about one month ago. Police investigation revealed that the youth was murdered due to a love affair. Two accused have been arrested and one minor girl has been detained. After the murder, the body was thrown into a well to make the incident look like an accident. District Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh said that on May 13, police received information that a person had fallen into a well located in the farm of late Kamal Chand Khatik in Karsana village. Police reached the spot and with the help of SDRF team, the body was taken out from the well on May 14. The deceased was identified as Bhairulal son of Kesuram (25), resident of Ratanpur, Nikumbh police station area. After post-mortem, the body was handed over to the family. On the report of the deceased's brother-in-law Rahul Khatik, police started investigation. During the investigation, it came to light that Bhairulal had a love affair with a minor girl and wanted to marry her. The girl's family was against the relationship and wanted to arrange her marriage elsewhere. To remove this obstacle, they planned the murder. According to police, the minor girl called Bhairulal and asked him to meet near the well. As part of the plan, the accused attacked him on the head with an axe and killed him. Later, his body was thrown into the well and people were misled by spreading information that an unknown person had accidentally fallen into the well. Based on call details and technical evidence, police arrested Devlal Khatik, resident of Sangesara, and Ratni Devi, resident of Karsana. A minor girl has also been detained, while the search for another accused is going on. Dungla SHO Shaitan Singh and the police team played an important role in solving the case.

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## Trailers collide on Bhadsoda overbridge, drivers escape safely; questions raised over highway parking

Driver mistook a parked trailer for a moving vehicle in the dark, three vehicles damaged; locals demand strict action against roadside parking

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh- A trailer collision took place late Friday night on the National Highway in front of Sanwaliyaji Temple. A moving trailer hit a parked trailer. Due to the impact, the parked trailer then crashed into another truck standing ahead. Three vehicles were damaged in the accident, but luckily no one lost their life. According to the information, trailer driver Hem Singh, son of Jai Singh, was going from Nepal to Udaipur carrying chemical powder. When he reached the Bhadsoda intersection overbridge near Sanwaliyaji Temple at night, he saw the parked trailer as if it was moving due to darkness. Because of this confusion, his trailer hit the stationary vehicle. After the collision, the middle trailer hit the truck parked ahead. The middle trailer was badly damaged from both front and back sides, while the other two vehicles also suffered damage. After the accident, panic spread at the spot. Bhadsoda police reached the location, controlled traffic and started investigation after registering a case. Local residents said that heavy vehicles parked on the highway between Rithola Chowraha and Bhadsoda Chowraha are increasing the risk of accidents. In the last one month, three bike riders have died in separate accidents involving parked vehicles. People have demanded strict action and regular monitoring to stop unsafe parking on the highway.

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## India, South Korea hold digital governance talks



MoS Jitendra Singh holds a bilateral meeting with South Korean minister Yoon Ho-joong in New Delhi

### FAIR REPORT

India and South Korea on Saturday discussed possible cooperation between the two countries in digital governance, e-Government, public administration, capacity building and citizen-centric service delivery.

The discussion came up during a meeting between Republic of Korea Minister of Interior and Safety Yun Hojung and Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh.

The two leaders, accompanied by respective delegations, held bilateral talks lasting over an hour, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

Singh said that the ministries concerned of both the countries are in active discussion for finalisation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote cooperation in the field of public administration and Government innovation.

Discussions between the two sides focused on strengthening collaboration in areas such as digital transformation of Government services, application of emerging

technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, in public administration, capacity building of civil servants, citizen participation in governance, and best practices in public grievance redressal systems, it said.

Welcoming the Korean delegation, Singh highlighted India's significant strides in digital governance, public service delivery, and grievance redressal mechanisms under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Union minister said India and Korea are both vibrant democracies with shared values, heritage and commitment to rule of law.

He said that both the countries are bound together by the historical ties of the marital connection between Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya and King Suro of then Gaya's confederacy and stressed that the strong bonds still have great resonance.

Singh also talked about the recent visit of President Lee Jae Myung that has led to forward-looking outcomes across key sectors including trade and investment, ports and maritime affairs, digital and fintech, science and technology, culture, sports, etc.

He highlighted India's initiatives such as CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) portal, Digital Life Certificate for pensioners and the use of technology-enabled governance platforms to improve service delivery and transparency.

The Korean side shared experiences in smart governance, digital public services, and disaster and safety management, the statement said.

Both the sides also emphasised the importance of strengthening people-to-people contacts and institutional partnerships to address emerging governance challenges.

Referring to the bilateral talks being held on the eve of International Yoga Day, the minister said that Yoga is gaining popularity in the Republic of Korea (RoK), and invited the Korean delegation to participate in the Yoga celebrations.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both leaders reaffirming their commitment to enhancing India, Republic of Korea cooperation for promoting efficient, transparent, and citizen-centric governance.

## India to host BRICS security conclave amid rising geopolitical tensions

### FAIR REPORT

New Delhi

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Russian NSA Sergei Shoigu and other top BRICS security officials will converge in New Delhi on Monday for a two-day conclave that will focus on pressing geopolitical and regional security challenges.

The conclave of BRICS National Security Advisers will be chaired by NSA Ajit Doval.

China has already announced that Wang will attend the deliberations. The Chinese foreign minister is also expected to hold a bilateral meeting with Doval.

It is learnt that the Iranian Supreme National Security Council's Deputy Secretary Nezamipour is also expected to join the conclave that is set to prepare the grounds for the BRICS summit to be held in September in India.



Russian Security Council's Secretary Sergei Shoigu, China's FM Wang Yi

New Delhi is hosting the summit in its capacity as the current chair of the influential grouping.

BRICS, originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, expanded in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates, with Indonesia joining in 2025.

The BRICS has emerged as an influential grouping as it brings together 11 major emerging economies of the world, representing around 49.5 per cent of the global

population, around 40 per cent of the global GDP and around 26 per cent of the global trade.

The top BRICS security officials are expected to deliberate extensively on the overall regional security scenario, including the situation in West Asia as well as the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The Indian side is likely to raise its concerns over terrorism, including cross-border terrorist activities targeting Jammu and Kashmir by terror groups based in Pakistan.

## BJP, NDA to govern country for many years to come: Amit Shah

### FAIR REPORT

Kolhapur

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 12 years in office is just a start and there will be BJP and NDA rule in the country for many years to come.

Shah also said Prime Minister Modi's 12 years in office would occupy a significant place in the history of Independent India and would be inscribed in the golden letters for creating a resurgent India and enhancing the country's prestige globally.



"When the history of independent India is written, the chapter on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 12 years in office will be recorded for creating a resurgent India and for enhancing the country's prestige across the world," Shah said while addressing a gathering after the launch of the Goddess

Ambabai temple corridor project in Maharashtra.

At another public rally in Ichalkaranji in Kolhapur district, Shah said, "Modi's 12 years in office is just a start. There will be BJP and NDA rule for many years to come."

He said tasks once considered impossible had been accomplished under Modi's leadership, citing the reconstruction of the Ayodhya Ram temple, redevelopment of Kashi Vishwanath corridor, Kedarnath and Badrinath shrines, and works at Somnath and Kamakhya temples.

## Nation Focus



### ARMED FORCES A SYMBOL OF NATIONAL UNITY: RAJNATH SINGH

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday underscored the Indian Armed Forces' role as a symbol of national unity, saying the institution's embrace of diversity and the rising presence of women personnel demonstrate India's commitment to equality and enduring cultural values. Addressing personnel at the Eastern Air Command headquarters in Shillong, Singh said the Defence forces represent an institution where people from diverse backgrounds come together in the service of the nation, fostering mutual respect and a shared sense of purpose. "The Defence forces are a symbol of national unity. It embodies a culture in which diverse ideas flourish, cherished values endure, and mutual respect takes root naturally," he said. (PTI)



### UNION HOME SECRETARY REVIEWS AMARNATH YATRA PREPARATIONS

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Saturday chaired a high-level security review meeting here to assess the preparedness for the upcoming annual Amarnath Yatra, which begins on July 3, officials said. The home secretary chaired the security review meeting at the Police Headquarters, which was attended by the top brass of police, Army, CRPF, BSF, and intelligence agencies, the officials said. They said the overall security situation in the Kashmir Valley was reviewed, with a special focus on arrangements for the 57-day Amarnath yatra. Mohan was briefed about the steps taken to secure the life and property of citizens in Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said. They said the home secretary was also briefed about the steps taken to maintain the prevailing peace and break terror ecosystem in the UT. (PTI)

## Vijay Amritraj, Mammooty to get Padma Awards



### FAIR REPORT

New Delhi

Tennis legend Vijay Amritraj, actor Mammooty, playback singer Alka Yagnik and cricketer Rohit Sharma are among 65 prominent personalities who will receive the coveted Padma Awards from President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday in the second civil investiture ceremony.

The president will present the Padma Awards 2026 at Ganatantra Mandap of the Rashtrapati Bhawan at 5 pm on Tuesday, officials said.

"In the second civil investiture ceremony, the president of India will confer 65 Padma Awards, including two Padma Vibhushan, seven Padma Bhushan and 56 Padma Shri," an official said.

The President had conferred 65 Padma Awards — two Padma Vibhushan, six Padma Bhushan and 57 Padma Shri in the first civil investiture ceremony held on May 25.

"The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year," an official said.

On Republic Day eve, the

Government had announced 131 Padma awards for 2026, including five Padma Vibhushan awards. Two of them are being given to four individuals but would be counted as two awards.

Former Supreme Court judge KT Thomas for public affairs, eminent Malayalam journalist P Narayanan for contribution in literature and education will receive Padma Vibhushan during the ceremony.

Playback singer Alka Yagnik, actor Mammooty, American oncologist Dattatreya Nori, tennis player Vijay Amritraj will be receiving Padma Bhushan during the ceremony.

Next of kin of late JMM founder Shibu Soren will receive Padma Bhushan.

Former India cricket captain Rohit Sharma, and hockey player Savita Punia will receive Padma Shri during the function, officials said.

The Padma Awards — one of the highest civilian awards of the country, are conferred in three categories — Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

## Manipur CM urges all communities to keep differences aside, embrace dialogue

### FAIR REPORT

Imphal

Manipur Chief Minister Y Khemchand Singh on Saturday called on all communities residing in the state to keep their differences aside and look forward to dialogue for bringing peace.

He also appealed to the people of the State to extend their full cooperation to the Government's ongoing efforts to restore and maintain peace.

Addressing the gathering at



Manipur CM Y Khemchand Singh

Jan Kalyan Shivir (Public Welfare Camp) held at Chingamathak here, Singh stated that the camp is being organised to ensure the doorstep delivery of various Government welfare schemes

and services to the people of the State effectively.

Stressing that there will be no development in the state without creating a peaceful environment, Singh urged that all the communities residing in the state must keep the differences aside and look forward to dialogue for bringing peace. He also appealed to the people of the state to extend their full cooperation to the Government's ongoing efforts to restore and maintain peace.

## Ladakh groups call for shutdown, citing mistrust with Union Govt over May 22 meeting minutes

### FAIR REPORT

Leh

The Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) on Saturday called for a Ladakh-wide shutdown on June 23, accusing the Centre of failing to incorporate key decisions taken during last month's meeting on the Union Territory's political and constitutional future in the official minutes.

Addressing a joint press conference here, LAB co-chairman Chering Dorjay said an MHA-led sub-committee meeting on May 22 covered a proposed democratic structure for Ladakh with legislative, executive and financial powers, and constitutional safeguards



that could be incorporated in the Constitution through a proposed Article 371K.

Dorjay said in the meeting that it was also agreed that the entire bureaucracy, including the chief secretary, would function under the authority of

the executive led by the people of Ladakh.

"Certain decisions were taken during that meeting, but they were not properly reflected in the Minutes of the Meeting," Dorjay said.

The top leadership of the two agitating groups in the

presser, also attended by Ladakh MP Haneefa Jan, said the omission of key decisions from the official minutes has deepened mistrust and could force them to return to their original demands for statehood and sixth schedule safeguards for the region.

Accusing the Centre of employing "delay tactics," Dorjay said the Government may be assuming that since His Holiness the Dalai Lama is coming to Ladakh, the local population will remain quiet and refrain from any action. "There are many ways to protest, and such protests do not necessarily have to take place in Leh," he said while announcing the shutdown across Ladakh on June 23.

Remember, we are with you, we want to look after you, protect you and make sure that you have a brilliant future. Love all of you," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. "To the Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and to the Government, I would like to say, please, please, please, ensure that there are no glitches this time. The students have been through enough stress and they and they really cannot afford to go through it again," Gandhi said.

## VP Radhakrishnan pays homage to brave hearts at Leh war memorial

### FAIR REPORT

Leh

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan on Saturday visited the Hall of Fame War Memorial here and expressed the nation's gratitude to the forces for their selfless service and unwavering commitment to safeguarding the country's security and territorial integrity.

Radhakrishnan, who is currently on a three-day maiden tour of Ladakh, also inspected the first rock check dam on the Sindhu River and Pashmina Goat Farm on the second day, officials said.

"Visited the Hall of Fame War Memorial in Leh, Ladakh, today and paid homage to the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces. The unwavering commitment of our armed forces to the Motherland, embodying the spirit of 'Nation First: Always and Every Time', instils in every visitor a profound sense

of patriotism and gratitude," the vice president said in a post on X.

He appreciated the Indian Army for establishing and maintaining the memorial, which preserves the "inspiring legacy, courage and sacrifices of our heroes and serves as a source of inspiration for present and future generations".

The vice president said he also visited the galleries depicting operations during the Indo-Pak and Indo-China Wars in Hall of Fame which stand as a testament to the courage, dedication and sacrifices of the brave personnel of the Armed Forces.

Radhakrishnan met with the brave personnel of the 5th Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and lauded their unwavering dedication, professionalism and steadfast commitment to safeguarding the nation's frontiers under some of the most challenging conditions.

## Union Govt bans 16 fixed-dose drug combinations citing public health concerns

### FAIR REPORT

New Delhi

The Centre has prohibited the manufacture, sale and distribution of 16 fixed-dose combination (FDC) drugs, saying they lack "therapeutic justification" and their continued use was not considered beneficial in relation to the potential risks involved.

The move, the Union Health Ministry said, was to safeguard public health and promote rational use of medicines while ensuring only effective and scientifically

validated medicines are available to the public.

FDC drugs are those which contain a combination of two or more active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) in a fixed ratio.

The decision follows a review of FDCs undertaken in compliance with the Supreme Court's directions. The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) had constituted an expert committee to examine various drug combinations and identify those that were irrational, therapeutically unjustified or potentially harmful.



"The manufacture for sale, sale, distribution and supply of the identified 16 FDCs for human use shall stand prohibited with immediate

effect across the country," the Ministry said.

It added that these combination drugs were found to "lack therapeutic justification" and were "not considered beneficial" with respect to the risks involved.

It further said that the prohibited formulations span a range of therapeutic categories, including certain dermatological preparations, analgesic (painkillers) and anti-spasmodic (muscle relaxants) medicines, and antibiotic-based combinations.

Among the banned formulations are combinations

such as Acetyl Salicylic Acid with Ethoheptazine; Dicyclomine, Paracetamol and Clidinium Bromide; Dicyclomine, Paracetamol, Clidinium Bromide and Chloridiazepoxide; Gliclazide with Chromium Picolinate; and Paracetamol with Lignocaine.

Several antibiotic-based combinations have also been prohibited, including Amoxicillin with Serratiapeptidase, Amoxicillin with Lactobacillus Sporogenes, Amoxicillin with Cloxacillin, Lactic Acid Bacillus and

Serratiapeptidase, Cefadroxyl with Probenecid, and Cefuroxime with Serratiapeptidase.

The banned list additionally includes several dermatological and skincare formulations containing combinations of Aloe Vera or Aloe Extract with ingredients such as Vitamin E, Jojoba Oil, Orange Oil, Wheat Germ Oil, Tea Tree Oil, Allantoin and D-Panthenol.

The Ministry banned the FDC in the notifications issued under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.



## Face-Changing Fugitive, ₹40-Lakh Heist and 1,000 CCTV Clips Jaipur Police Bust Notorious SATPAL FAUJI GANG

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** In a major breakthrough against organised property crime, Jaipur West Police have dismantled an interstate burglary syndicate led by notorious Haryana-based criminal Satpal Fauji, arresting the gang leader and his associate after an intensive investigation involving the analysis of more than 1,000 CCTV footage clips.

The gang is accused of executing a high-value burglary at a vacant flat in Jhotwara, making away with cash, gold and silver worth nearly 40 lakh. Police recovered 38.66 lakh in



cash, stolen valuables and the Baleno car allegedly used in the crime.

Investigators revealed

that Satpal Fauji, a history-sheeter from Manesar in Haryana, had become active again after securing

bail from Udaipur Jail. With over six dozen criminal cases allegedly registered against him, includ-

ing murder, firing incidents and burglaries, Fauji is considered one of the most wanted property offenders operating across Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana and Gujarat.

In a startling revelation, police said the accused was attempting to evade law enforcement by altering his appearance and had reportedly paid 2 lakh for the creation of a synthetic facial disguise.

According to investigators, the gang conducted reconnaissance of locked flats during daytime before striking targets. The breakthrough came after crucial technical inputs

helped identify Fauji, leading to his arrest along with associate Pawan Kumar Tanwar.

The operation was carried out jointly by the Jhotwara police station team and the District Special Team under the direction of DCP West Prashant Kiran and the leadership of DST in-charge Ganesh Saini.

Police are now questioning the accused regarding other unsolved burglaries, with officials describing the arrests as a significant blow to an interstate criminal network operating along key highway corridors.

## Rajasthan's Wellness Future Begins on the Mat: CM Leads Yoga Push Ahead of Global Day



FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** As the world prepares to mark International Day of Yoga on June 21, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Saturday took to the yoga mat at the Chief Minister's Residence, reinforcing the state government's message that preventive healthcare and holistic well-being must become central to everyday life.

The yoga session witnessed participation from personnel of the Women Police Wing and the Kalika Patrolling Unit, symbolising the growing emphasis on physical fitness and mental resilience among frontline public servants.

Addressing the gathering, Sharma described yoga as far more than a form of exercise. "Yoga is the foundation of a healthy body, a peaceful mind and a balanced life," he said, adding that regular practice strengthens individuals physically, nurtures positivity mentally and energises them spiritually.

The chief minister's outreach comes as Rajasthan gears up for a statewide observance of International Yoga Day, with programmes scheduled across districts, blocks, gram panchayats, educational institutions and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. Officials expect widespread participation as the state seeks to embed wellness practices deeper into community life.

In an era marked by rising stress levels, lifestyle disorders and growing healthcare challenges, the government is positioning yoga as a low-cost, accessible tool for improving public health outcomes. Sharma urged citizens from all sections of society to join the yoga events being organised across Rajasthan and embrace the practice as a daily habit rather than an annual ritual. With thousands expected to participate on Sunday, Rajasthan's message is clear: the future of healthcare may not begin in hospitals alone—it could begin with a yoga mat.

## CM Leads by Example Ahead of International Yoga Day, Calls for Mass Participation Across Rajasthan

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** A day before the International Day of Yoga, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma rolled out his yoga mat at the Chief Minister's Residence on Saturday, sending a strong message on wellness, discipline and preventive healthcare.

Joining the session were personnel from the Women Police Wing and the Kalika Patrolling Unit, underscoring the government's push to make yoga a part of everyday life across professions and age groups.

Addressing participants, Sharma said yoga is far more than a physical exercise regime. "It is the foundation of a healthy



body, a calm mind and a balanced life," he said, emphasizing that regular practice strengthens individuals physically, fosters positivity mentally and enhances inner vitality.

The chief minister's participation comes as Rajasthan gears up for large-

scale celebrations of the International Day of Yoga on June 21. The state government has planned yoga sessions across districts, blocks, gram panchayats, educational institutions and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, aiming to take the wellness movement to

the grassroots.

Officials said the initiative aligns with the broader vision of promoting preventive healthcare and encouraging citizens to adopt healthier lifestyles amid rising lifestyle-related ailments.

Sharma appealed to people from all walks of life to actively participate in yoga programmes being organised across the state and make wellness a collective movement rather than a once-a-year event.

As Rajasthan prepares for synchronized yoga sessions across thousands of locations, the message from the state's top office was clear: in an age of stress and sedentary living, yoga is not just an option—it is a necessity.

## 15-Year-Old Rudrapratap from Bichhor Creates History in Shooting: Wins Gold Medal in 10m Air Rifle

**Finished First in Sub Youth Category at 24th Rajasthan State Rifle and Pistol Competition, scored 398 out of 400 and made district proud**

FAIR REPORT

**Chittorgarh-** 15-year-old student Rudrapratap Singh Chundawat, a resident of Bichhor village in Begun area, has brought pride to Chittorgarh with his excellent performance in shooting. In the 24th Rajasthan State Rifle and Pistol Competition held in Jaipur, Rudrapratap won the gold



medal by securing first position in the 10m Air Rifle Sub Youth category. Rudrapratap performed brilliantly and scored 398 marks out of 400 in the 10m Air Rifle event. Along with the gold medal, he also won bronze medals in the 10m Air Rifle Junior

and Youth categories. His achievement is special because he is the first student-level player from Chittorgarh district to win a gold medal in shooting competition. His success has brought happiness among his village and the entire

district. Rudrapratap is currently studying in a private school in Chittorgarh. His father Vijay Singh Chundawat, who works as a manager at Wonder Cement, Nimbahera, encouraged him to focus on shooting along with studies. Family members, society members and sports lovers including Harisingh Chundawat, Madansingh, Jawansingh, Devendrasinh, Raghvendra Singh, Bhupendra Singh, Jaswant Singh Rathore, Vikram Singh Rathore and others congratulated Rudrapratap and wished him a bright future.

## Governance at the Doorstep: CM Bhajan Lal Sharma Showcases Rajasthan's Rural Service Delivery Model in Pali

FAIR REPORT

**Pali/Jaipur:** In a demonstration of governance reaching beyond government offices and into the lives of ordinary citizens, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Saturday reviewed a Rural Service Camp in Netra village of Sumerpur, highlighting the state government's push to deliver welfare benefits directly to people at the grassroots.

During his visit to the Government Senior Secondary School campus, where the camp was being held, the chief minister interacted with beneficiaries, reviewed departmental stalls and sought direct feedback on the services being provided. He also distributed land allotment certificates and other benefit documents to eligible beneficiaries.

Sharma said the statewide rural and urban service camps are designed to ensure that farmers, labourers, women, persons with disabilities and economically weaker sections receive government benefits without bureaucratic hurdles. He noted that

document correction services being offered at the camps are helping many citizens overcome technical barriers that previously prevented them from accessing welfare schemes.

Citing the example of a farmer whose name discrepancy in official records had deprived him of benefits under the PM-Kisan scheme, the chief minister said a simple correction through the camp would now enable him to access multiple government entitlements.

The camps are also facilitating pension verification, mutation cases, NFSA-related services, soil testing, seed distribution, horticulture support and livestock healthcare services under one roof.

By bringing multiple departments together and resolving long-pending issues on the spot, the initiative is emerging as a model of citizen-centric governance. For many rural residents, the camps are not merely administrative exercises—they are proving to be a direct bridge between government policy and everyday life.

## Land Dispute Turns Dramatic: Two Men Climb Water Tank in Rajasthan, Demand Action Over Alleged Encroachment



FAIR REPORT

**Dausa:** A simmering land dispute in Rajasthan's Lalsot region took a dramatic turn on Saturday when two men climbed a municipal water tank and staged a high-risk protest, alleging that revenue officials facilitated encroachment on their land during a boundary demarcation exercise.

The protest unfolded at Ramgarh Pachwara town, where local residents Padam Singh and Lala Singh scaled the water tank located within the municipal office premises, drawing a large crowd and triggering an emergency response from the administration.

The duo alleged that during a recent land boundary verification process conducted for a neighbouring landholder, officials including the tehsildar, girdawar and patwari allowed encroachment onto their property. Claiming that their repeated grievances had gone unheard, the

men resorted to the dramatic protest, demanding immediate removal of the alleged encroachment and a fresh review of the demarcation exercise.

As news of the incident spread, senior administrative and police officials rushed to the spot. RPS officer Kailash Meena, Station House Officer Madanlal Meena and Tehsildar Ravi Prakash Gupta were among those overseeing efforts to defuse the situation.

The Civil Defence team erected safety nets around the water tank to prevent any mishap, while officials engaged the protesters in negotiations. Authorities continued attempts to persuade the two men to descend peacefully. The incident once again highlights how unresolved land disputes and allegations surrounding revenue proceedings can quickly escalate into public flashpoints, placing both lives and administrative credibility at stake.

## Ticking Time Bomb in Jaipur? Police Bust Massive Illegal Firecracker Stockpile in Densely Populated Walled City

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** In a major operation that may have averted a potential disaster, Jaipur's Subhash Chowk police on Saturday uncovered a massive illegal firecracker warehouse operating from a four-storey residential building in the densely populated Pano

Ka Dariba area of the Walled City.

Acting on a tip-off from an informer, police teams conducted a surprise raid on the premises and recovered a large quantity of firecrackers allegedly stored without the mandatory licence and safety clearances. The seizure triggered alarm among of-

ficials, who described the stockpile as a serious threat to public safety.

According to police sources, the building had been covertly converted into a storage facility for firecrackers despite being located in a residential neighbourhood packed with homes, shops and narrow lanes. Officers im-

mediately began a floor-by-floor search operation after entering the premises.

Authorities said the presence of such a large quantity of combustible material in a congested urban pocket could have had devastating consequences in the event of an accidental spark or short

circuit. The operation remained underway as officials continued to assess the volume and nature of the seized material. Investigators are now working to identify the warehouse operator and determine whether a larger illegal supply network was involved. Documents related to ownership, storage

permissions and procurement of the firecrackers are also being examined. The seizure has once again raised concerns over the clandestine storage of explosive materials in residential zones, where a single lapse can turn an entire neighbourhood into a disaster zone within minutes.