

## Narendra Modi Government Faces Numerous Tough Challenges

With the formation of the 18th Lok Sabha and the new NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies are now facing several significant challenges.

These include the election of the Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha, by-elections for the Lok Sabha and various state assemblies, assembly elections in states like Haryana and Maharashtra, the election of the BJP's national president, maintaining close relations with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), changes in state organizations, and the appointment of governors in several states.

### Election of the National President

The first priority for the BJP is to elect a new national president, as the current president, J.P. Nadda's term ends on June 30. Nadda has been appointed as the Minister of Health and Family Welfare in the Narendra Modi Cabinet, making it unlikely for him to be reappointed as the national president. The decision on who will be the next national president is expected in the coming days.



The election of the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha is another significant challenge. The position remained vacant throughout the 17th Lok Sabha. This time, Congress, its allies, and NDA allies are all eyeing this position.

### Election of the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha

The in-charges of Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi are likely to remain the same. Rajasthan's state in-charge, Vinay Sahasrabudhe, and Haryana's in-charge, Satish Poonia, are expected to retain their positions due to the upcoming assembly elections in these states. According to

### Changes in State Presidents

media reports, the BJP may change the state presidents in about eight states next month. Given the good results in the Delhi Lok Sabha elections, the BJP is unlikely to replace its in-charge, Om Prakash Dhankhar.

### Strategizing for By-elections

Strategizing for by-elections for the vacant Lok Sabha seats, due to members being elected as MLAs or winning from multiple seats and resigning from one, is also a crucial task, with high-level preparations underway.

### Appointment of Governors

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of Rajasthan, Acharya Devvrat of Gujarat, Anandiben Patel of Uttar Pradesh, and Fagu Singh Chauhan of Bihar, are ending this year. The terms of Anusuya of Chhattisgarh and Biswa Bhushan Harichandan of Andhra Pradesh are also ending. Additionally, the terms of Kerala's Arif Mohammad Khan and Telangana's Tamilasai Soundararajan will expire in September.

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## Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh Assumes Command of South Western Command

Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh took over the reins of the Jaipur-based Sapta Shakti Command on 01 July 2024 in a solemn ceremony at the Prena Sthal, Jaipur Military Station, where he paid tribute to the Bravehearts.



Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasa, and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He was commissioned into the 19 MADRAS in December 1986. In his distinguished and illustrious military career spanning 37 years, he has held important and challenging command and staff appointments in Jammu & Kashmir and on the Western Front. The General Officer commanded his Battalion in an intense Counter Insurgency environment in Jammu & Kashmir, an Infantry Brigade at the Line of Control, an Infantry Division as part of Desert Strike Corps, and a Corps deployed along the Line of Control in Counter Insurgency Operations in Jammu & Kashmir.

His varied staff appointments include Col GS (IW) in a Corps deployed in an intense Counter Insurgency environment in Jammu & Kashmir and Col GS (Ops/Air), BGS (Ops), MGGs (Ops), and COS in Command HQs. His instructional appointments include Platoon Commander & Instructor Class C at the Indian Military Academy and DS Coord at the Indian Military Training Team (IMTRAT), Bhutan. For his exemplary leadership and devotion to duty towards the nation, the General Officer was decorated with the Yudh Seva Medal in 2015, the Vishisht Seva Medal in 2019, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2024.

The General Officer has been the Colonel of the Madras Regiment since 01 January 2021. He served as the Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Policy, Planning & Force Development) till 30 November 2022 and took over as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Army Training Command on 01 December 2023.

On assuming command of the elite South Western Command, the Army Commander extended warm greetings to all ranks, Veer Naris, veterans, defence civilian employees, and families of the Sapta Shakti Command.

## Urban Pollution Threatens Water Resources During Rainy Season

Udaipur: With the onset of the rainy season, the infiltration of urban waste and pollution into water sources has emerged as a critical issue, posing severe threats to surface water resources. This pressing concern was the main focus during the Lake Dialogue held in Udaipur on Sunday.

Water management expert Dr. Anil Mehta emphasized the alarming influx of contaminants such as construction debris, carbon, oil, diesel, and petrol from automobile garages and repair centers, silt and dirt from roads, plastics, and organic waste like leaves and tree branches. He warned that by the end of the monsoon, rivers like Ayar and others across India could be heavily polluted, with grass and paved surfaces submerged under muck.



Tej Shankar Paliwal, a former member of the Lake Development Authority, highlighted the substantial amount of garbage accumulating around urban lake shores. He noted that waste from households, hotels, and restaurants, in addition to weeds removed by de-weeding machines, is carelessly dumped along the shores and will soon be washed into the water.

Nand Kishore Sharma, Director of the Gandhi Manav Kalyan Society, called for urgent and extensive cleaning of rainwater drains, lakes, and riverbanks ahead of the monsoon. He warned that neglecting this essential task would lead to severe pollution of water sources.

Senior citizens Drupad Singh and Ramesh Chandra Rajput made a heartfelt appeal to the public to refrain from littering roads with garbage. They stressed that allowing this waste to contaminate water sources would not only pollute drinking water but also pose serious health risks.

The Lake Dialogue's discussions underline the critical need for collective action to safeguard water sources from the devastating effects of urban pollution. Immediate and coordinated efforts are vital to protect these precious resources for the wellbeing of the community.

## Dr. Vimala Bhandari Honored with Acharya Laxmikant Joshi Children's Literature Award

Kota: This year's Acharya Laxmikant Joshi Children's Literature Award for Udaipur district has been conferred upon Dr. Vimala Bhandari, a prominent children's literature writer. Sushma Chauhan, President of Srijana Foundation, announced that Dr. Vimala Bhandari's collection of children's stories titled

"Prithvi Ne Maangi Chappal" has been recognized as the best work among the entries received. Secretary Dr. Haridas Vyas mentioned that as part of this honor, Dr. Bhandari will receive a certificate of recognition, a turban, and a check of Rs. 21,000. It is noteworthy that Dr. Bhandari has previously been awarded for children's literature by the Sahitya Akademi in New Delhi, Rajasthan Sahitya Akademi in Udaipur, and Rajasthan Bhasha, Sahitya, and Sanskriti Academy. Furthermore, Dr. Bhandari has been recognized by the World Literature Hindi Institute Cultural Organization in Canada for her overall literary contributions. She has published a total of 20 books so far, including three collections of short stories, two plays, and 18 other books, with "Salambar Ka Itihas" being the most discussed and popular among them. Additionally, she has authored 25 research papers published in various journals and magazines. Dr. Vimala Bhandari holds a place among the top 111 children's literature writers worldwide. Her contributions to literature under the name "Dr. Vimala Bhandari Ki Rachna-Dharmita" have also received significant acclaim.



## High-Level Meeting on New Criminal Laws: Re-establishing the Spirit of Indianism

### Udaipur (Munesh Arora)

Chief Minister Mr. Bhajanlal Sharma stated that the new Indian Penal Code, Indian Civil Protection Code, and Indian Evidence Act, implemented from July 1, have reinforced the Constitution's fundamental spirit, thanks to the efforts of the esteemed Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. Unlike the old laws that focused solely on punishment, these new laws emphasize justice. He mentioned that the Rajasthan government operates on a zero-tolerance policy towards crime. These laws will be a milestone in creating a crime-free Rajasthan and ensuring swift and accessible justice.

On Monday, Mr. Sharma held a high-level meeting with the Home Department to disseminate the new criminal

laws to the general public. Senior police officers from all 50 districts, CLG members, security volunteers, village protectors, police friends, and the general public participated virtually. The CM noted that replacing the Indian Penal Code of 1860 with the Indian Justice Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1898 with the Indian Civil Protection Code, and the Evidence Act of 1872 with the Indian Evidence Act has reinstated the spirit of Indianism in the law. These new laws emphasize the concept of justice, victim-centered thinking, and the principle of swift justice.

### What the Prime Minister Says, He Delivers

Mr. Sharma remarked that Prime Minister Modi has fulfilled his commitment made

from the Red Fort to remove the remnants of colonial mentality and symbols and establish a new India filled with confidence. By replacing the outdated criminal laws with new ones, he has demonstrated that he follows through on his promises.

### Special Attention to Women, Children, and Victims in New Laws

The Chief Minister highlighted that the new laws prioritize providing swift justice to victims and focus on rehabilitation rather than punishment. Provisions to promote the interests of women, children, and rural populations are included. The new criminal laws use gender-neutral terms to promote gender equality and terms like intellectual disability for the mentally challenged.

### Provisions for Timely Justice

Mr. Sharma pointed out that the new criminal laws have defined time limits for critical stages of criminal cases. Provisions include informing the complainant of case progress within 90 days, completing preliminary investigations within 14 days, providing medical reports in rape cases within 7 days, framing charges within 60 days of the first hearing, and delivering verdicts within 45 days of trial completion, ensuring swift justice for victims. The new laws also include provisions like community service for minor offenses, e-challans, e-summons, defining mob lynching, audio-video recording, replacing the legal provision of sedition with treason, thereby strengthen-

ing justice and the rule of law in the country.

### Dashboard at Each Police Station to Provide Information on New Laws

Mr. Sharma instructed officials to install dashboards at each police station to provide information about the new laws and to promote these laws widely. The meeting highlighted that over 51,000 police personnel have already been trained in these new laws. A public awareness campaign is also being conducted to inform the general public in simple terms.

Home Minister Mr. Jawahar Singh Bedham, Director General of Police Mr. U.R. Sahu, and Chief Secretary Mr. Sudhanshu Pant also shared their views during the meeting. Additional Chief Secretary



(Chief Minister's Office) Mr. Shikhar Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary Home Mr. Anand Kumar, Principal Secretary (Chief Minister's Office) Mr. Alok Gupta, along with senior police officials, and senior police officers from all districts joined the meeting via video conference.

## Dr. Bamanian Honored on World Doctors' Day

Udaipur: The Consumer Protection Organization held a special felicitation program on the occasion of World Doctors' Day to honor the invaluable service and relentless dedication of doctors who play a crucial role in protecting our health and well-being.



Dr. Rajshree Gandhi, National President of the Consumer Protection Organization, highlighted that this day is dedicated to recognizing the priceless service and tireless dedication of doctors. She emphasized their significant role in safeguarding our health and wellness. During the event, Dr. Shankar Lal Bamanian (CMHO, Udaipur) was honored with a ceremonial fruit, a traditional turban, and a shawl. Alongside Dr. Bamanian, other distinguished officials including Dr. Ghulam Moinuddin (Deputy CMHO), Medical Officer Dr. Pranav Bhavsar, and Dr. Rakesh Gupta were also felicitated. Shirish Nath Mathur, National Coordinator of the organization, noted that National Doctors' Day was first celebrated in India in 1991 following the recommendation of the Indian Medical Association (IMA). This day was established to commemorate the contributions of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, who was both a physician and a politician. Ashok Kadeja from the organization expressed gratitude and thanks to all attendees for their participation and support.

## Dr. Sakka Creates Tiny Trophy for India's T20 World Cup Winning Team

Udaipur: Celebrating the historic victory of the Indian cricket team in the ICC T20 World Cup held in the West Indies and the USA, Udaipur's renowned goldsmith and 100-time world record holder, Dr. Iqbal Sakka, has crafted a miniature T20 World Cup trophy. This trophy, which is smaller than a sesame seed and can only be viewed with the aid of a lens, was created as a tribute to the victorious Indian team. Dr. Sakka stayed up all night in celebration, crafting this unique piece. Dr. Sakka has sent this tiny gold trophy to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, with the request that it be presented to the Indian team. In a letter to the Ministry, he expressed his desire for this world's smallest gold trophy to be given to the players as a token of appreciation from the government. Additionally, he has created two more tiny trophies, requesting that they be presented to the Indian captain Rohit Sharma, for scoring the most runs, and to Arshdeep Singh, for taking the most wickets in the tournament. Dr. Sakka has officially communicated his request to the Ministry, highlighting the significance of his creation and its intended recipients. This gesture underscores the pride and joy felt by every Indian, celebrating the team's victory and honoring the players' exceptional performances.



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## Chetak Corps Celebrates 46th Raising Day

The Chetak Corps marked its 46th Raising Day with a solemn ceremony on 1st July 2024. The Chetak Corps, established on 1st July 1979 under the command of Lieutenant General ML Tuli, has undergone numerous transformations to become a highly professional and operationally effective formation.

To commemorate the occasion, Major General Mandip Singh Gill, Chief of Staff of Chetak Corps, along with other officers, JCOs, and ORs, laid wreaths at the 'Yodha Yaadgar' War Memorial. This was in reverent remembrance of the bravehearts who sacrificed their lives during various battles to safeguard the nation's boundaries.



On this occasion, Major General Mandip Singh Gill urged all ranks of the Corps to continue performing their duties with utmost dedication and uphold the highest traditions of the Army. He emphasized the importance of remaining operationally ready to tackle future assignments with selfless resolve and courage. He expressed sincere gratitude to the ex-servicemen and their families for their invaluable contributions and assured that the Corps would remain steadfast in supporting Veer Naris, veterans, and their families. As the Indian Army prepares to address contemporary global and regional security challenges in the changing paradigm of warfare, the Chetak Corps remains steadfast and focused on enhancing its operational readiness through astute professionalism and dedication.

## Rotary Club Surya Receives Four Awards

Udaipur: At the Rotary District 3056 Appreciation Ceremony, Rotary Club Surya was honored with four awards, including the Best Medical Project Silver Category Award.



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## TAD Department's Schemes Milestones for Educational Upliftment



Udaipur: Under Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and TAD Minister Babulal Kharaadi, the Tribal Area Development (TAD) Department of Rajasthan has prioritized education for tribal boys and girls, making significant strides with various schemes. These initiatives include free residential schools and hostels, such as 85 Ashram Hostels, eight Eklavya Model Residential Schools, and sports academies. These facilities offer free accommodation, food, and clothing to support students' education and sports aspirations.

Commissioner Pragya Kavelramani highlighted that admissions are open to Rajasthan's Scheduled Tribe residents, requiring previous class passage from recognized schools. Sports hostel applicants must pass a physical fitness test. Applications for residential schools and hostels are available online via the HSMS portal until June 30. The TAD Department allocated significant funds for these initiatives, ensuring comprehensive support for tribal students' educational upliftment and empowerment.

## 250 Units of Blood Donated in Memory of Social Worker Late Sunder Lal Jain

Udaipur: A significant blood donation camp was organized by the Shri Sunder Lal Jain (Bagrecha) Charitable Trust at Everest Hotel and Resorts, Bhuwana. The camp offered services like diabetes screening, blood pressure measurement, hemoglobin testing, physiotherapy, dental care, and Ayurvedic consultations. Chief Trustee Akash Jain Bagrecha highlighted the 20-year tradition of commemorating Sunder Lal Jain Bagrecha's memory through this annual event. This year, 250 units of blood were donated in collaboration with Maharana Bhupal Hospital and Saral Blood Bank. The event saw participation from local dignitaries and BJP officials, along with the distribution of 300 plants for environmental conservation.

