



One Nation, One Election (ONOE)

The initial 100 days of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term in office have been marked by policy inconsistencies driven by coalition pressures. For the first time in a decade, the BJP finds itself relying on allies to maintain power, and this new dynamic has challenged the party to adjust to the altered political landscape. In an attempt to reassert its authority, the BJP has revived its push for the 'One Nation, One Election' (ONOE) agenda. During his Independence Day speech, PM Modi called for political parties to support this initiative, arguing that frequent elections are hampering India's development. Reports now suggest that the NDA government is hopeful of achieving this reform within its current term.

However, this confidence seems to overlook the opposition from various political parties regarding the simultaneous election model. It is understandable why the BJP is eager to push for ONOE, as it remains a dominant political force, despite the Congress gaining ground in this year's Lok Sabha elections. A unified election every five years would likely benefit the BJP, while regional parties could struggle, as Assembly and parliamentary elections often address different issues.

A democratic system requires a level playing field, and while the BJP's stance on ONOE seeks to address issues like continuity in governance and reduction of manpower and financial strain, it must also address concerns about its impact on India's federal structure. Building consensus among all political stakeholders and addressing the opposition's concerns will be crucial to the success of this proposal. Given the current political climate, this will be no easy task.

Sita Royal Lakeside Chalet Hotel Inaugurated



Udaipur: Adding to the city's chain of hotels, the Sita Royal Lakeside Chalet Hotel, located near the Urban Development Authority, was inaugurated today by Dr. Satish W. Wagh,

Vice Chairman of Kemexin Company, Maharashtra, by cutting the ribbon. Co-director of the hotel, Gurudas Verma, stated that this modern luxury boutique hotel offers a peaceful and sophisticated environment. Whether you are looking for a quiet retreat or a destination for your most important events, Sita Royal Lakeside Chalet promises an unforgettable experience. Verma further added that the hotel's establishment aims to provide guests with the perfect blend of traditional hospitality and contemporary comfort. Inspired by the rich culture of Udaipur, the hotel embodies royal charm while catering to the needs of today's discerning travelers. Given that 10% of the population in the country now prefers vegan food, the management has decided to offer a completely vegan menu for guests who follow this diet.

Project Manager Rahul Sharma and several other dignitaries attended the event.

HDFC Bank Aims to Uplift Marginal Farmers

Udaipur: HDFC Bank's CSR initiative, Parivartan, aims to boost the income of 5 lakh marginal farmers, earning under ₹60,000 annually, by 2025. Celebrating 10 years of Parivartan, which has impacted over 10 crore lives, the initiative focuses on rural development and sustainable growth. Deputy MD Kaizad M Bharucha emphasized the integration of social impact with business performance. Launched in 2014, Parivartan has spent over ₹5,100 crore, contributing to areas like education, healthcare, and financial inclusion. 70% of the programs target rural areas to ensure inclusive development.

Flipkart Boosts 4,500 Sellers' Growth

Udaipur: Flipkart's seller conclave across nine cities have empowered over 4,500 sellers ahead of the 11th edition of The Big Billion Days. The sessions provided insights into customer demand, purchase patterns, and strategies to enhance business performance. Sakait Chaudhary, Business Head - Marketplace, highlighted new programs and policy changes to support sellers. The upcoming 'Big Sale of Small Things' event will start on September 15, 2024, featuring diverse product categories. The Big Billion Days are expected to create over 100,000 jobs, with senior Flipkart leaders offering guidance and support throughout the festive period.

IndianOil Honors Para-Athletes for Paris Feat

New Delhi: IndianOil hosted a grand ceremony to celebrate India's para-athletes' historic performance at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, where India won a record 29 medals. The event, attended by Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse and senior officials, highlighted IndianOil's vital support for the para-contingent. Minister Khadse praised the athletes and IndianOil's role, while Secretary Pankaj Jain announced enhanced support, including scholarships and medical insurance. IndianOil Chairman V Satish Kumar expressed pride in the athletes' achievements and reaffirmed the company's commitment to fostering sporting excellence in India.

Jaypore and Krishna Mehta's Elegant Showcase

Jaypore, known for its artisanal products, has collaborated with designer Krishna Mehta to unveil a new collection at Phoenix Palladium, Mumbai. The exclusive collection blends India's rich cultural heritage with modern fashion. The event, hosted by Suchitra Pillai and featuring a special appearance by Ila Arun, showcased master artisan Kundan Singh Bisht's hand block printing techniques.

India's First All-Women Mine Rescue Team at Global Competition

Hindustan Zinc Limited, a leading global zinc producer, is set to make history with India's first all-women mine rescue team competing at the XIII International Mine Rescue Competition in Colombia.

This landmark event, organized by the National Mining Agency and the International Mines Rescue Body (IMRB), features over 26 teams from around the world. The competition involves rigorous rescue drills and tests that simulate underground mine emergencies.

Hindustan Zinc's all-women team is not only a pioneer in

representing India but also stands out as the first all-women underground mine rescue team from the country. The team will showcase their skills across six categories, including mine rescue drills, first aid, and equipment technician tests.

The company is renowned for fostering diversity in the traditionally male-dominated mining sector.

By breaking barriers associated with heavy physical labor and promoting gender equality through progressive policies like spouse hiring and extended sabbaticals,



Hindustan Zinc has become a leader in creating inclusive career opportunities. Arun Misra, CEO of Hindustan Zinc, expressed pride in the team,

emphasizing their representation as a testament to the company's commitment to gender diversity and parity. Sandhya Rasakatta, a mem-

ber of the team and India's first underground woman mine manager, and Sandhya Singh, another team member, both expressed their excitement

and gratitude for the opportunity to compete at this prestigious event. Their participation highlights Hindustan Zinc's investment in continuous training and safety preparedness, underlining the company's vision of promoting inclusivity and excellence in mining operations.

Hindustan Zinc, a Vedanta Group company, is also recognized for its sustainability efforts, including launching Asia's first low-carbon 'green' zinc brand and achieving significant milestones in water conservation and emissions reduction.

Let's Unite to Stop Suicide - Dr. Agarwal

On World Suicide Prevention Day, the statistics surrounding suicide are alarming. Globally, one person dies by suicide every 40 seconds, with around 800,000 deaths by suicide annually. For every suicide, there are 25 attempts, and the impact extends to 130 people, including family and community members. Countries like Lithuania, South Korea, Russia, and China have the highest rates, while in India, states such as Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka show the most concerning trends. In Rajasthan, the suicide rate increased from 4.8% to 5.8% per 100,000 people this year, reflecting a similar 3-4% rise seen globally from 2019 to



2020. Dr. M.L. Agarwal, a senior psychiatrist from Kota, emphasizes that many who contemplate suicide often seek help but are unheard. Recognizing warning signs such as sleep disturbances, withdrawal from social activities, or talking about death is crucial. Timely intervention can save lives. In India,

cultural values and family structures keep suicide rates lower compared to the West, but it's important for everyone to offer support. You don't need to be a healthcare professional—simply asking if someone is thinking of harming themselves can make a difference.

Dr. Agarwal explains that various factors contribute to suicide, including personal, social, and economic issues, mental health disorders like depression, relationship problems, exams, and financial difficulties. Hanging remains the most common method (53.6%), followed by poisoning, especially in rural areas. During the pandemic, loneliness and economic stress were key triggers. Dr. Agarwal

advises offering support to those struggling with depression, encouraging them to seek medical help, and engaging them in healthy activities like exercise, yoga, and meditation. The slogan for this year's World Suicide Prevention Day is, "Let's Stop Suicide Together."

Kota's Hope Helpline has been working towards suicide prevention for over 10 years, offering 24/7 support to those in need. With over 12,000 beneficiaries, including many students, their free counseling services have saved numerous lives. For assistance, contact the Hope Helpline at 0744-2333366.

- Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singhal

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Love and War' to Release on March 20, 2026



Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film Love and War has had its release date shifted. According to a major update from Bhansali, the film, which stars Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, and Vicky Kaushal, will now hit theaters on March 20, 2026, instead of Christmas 2025.

The new release date aligns with a time of major holidays, including Ramadan, Ram Navami, and Gudi Padwa, allowing

the film to benefit from the extended holiday season. This strategic release timing is expected to give audiences ample opportunity to enjoy the film throughout the holiday period.

Love and War will feature Ranbir Kapoor and Bhansali working together for the first time, following their prior collaboration on Saawariya in 2007. While Vicky Kaushal has never worked with Bhansali before, Alia Bhatt previously collaborated with the director on Gangubai Kathiawadi. The film is anticipated to go into production in the coming months.

Ranbir Kapoor was last seen in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Animal, which was a blockbuster. Alia Bhatt, whose recent release was Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani (2023), is preparing for her next film Jigra, directed by Vasun Bala and starring Vedang Raina, set for release on October 11. Vicky Kaushal's last film was the comedy-drama Bad News, featuring Tripti Dimri and Amy Virk, and his upcoming film Chhava is scheduled to release on December 6.

- Kali Das Pandey

Rajasthan's Global Investment Summit

In his first year as Chief Minister, Bhajanlal Sharma took a bold step by hosting Rajasthan's Mega Global Investment Summit in Jaipur. The event, a significant milestone for the state's economic development, attracted both domestic and international investors. Sharma had previously traveled to South Korea and Japan to personally invite key investors and industrialists, promoting sectors like smart city projects, renewable energy, infrastructure, and technology. His efforts aimed to transform Rajasthan, traditionally a backward state, into an industrial hub.

While Sharma's foreign visit drew criticism from the opposition Congress regarding an ongoing court case, the BJP dismissed the claims as politically motivated. Despite the controversy, the government's focus remains on economic growth. The "Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit," scheduled for December 2024, has already received proposals worth ₹5.21 lakh crore. Several agreements were signed during Sharma's foreign trip, promising job creation and industrial growth.

To promote the summit, roadshows have been organized in cities like Mumbai and Delhi. The event will focus on sectors such as agriculture, renewable energy, education, electric vehicles, IT, and tourism. The Chief Minister also unveiled 13 new policies aimed at fostering an investor-friendly climate in Rajasthan. As the state prepares for the summit, the focus will be on turning these initiatives into tangible results for long-term economic progress.

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

Sony Launches BRAVIA 9 Ultra-Bright TVs

Sony has unveiled its BRAVIA 9 series, the brightest 4K TVs to date, designed for an unparalleled cinematic experience. Featuring XR Backlight Master Drive technology, these TVs deliver exceptional contrast and detail, even in bright scenes. Available in 75 and 85 inches, the BRAVIA 9 boasts an advanced AI Processor XR for lifelike images and vibrant colors. It includes new Prime Video Calibrated Mode, Dolby Vision™, Dolby Atmos®, and is IMAX Enhanced, ensuring superior picture and sound quality. Additionally, it offers optimized gaming features for PS5, including Auto HDR Tone Mapping and minimal lag, plus immersive Acoustic Multi-Audio+ sound.

IFRM Charter Ceremony in Udaipur

Udaipur: The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM) – 3056 Lakes City Surtal Chapter celebrated its charter ceremony at Hotel Raghunath. Chairperson Shalini Bhatnagar announced the leadership team: Vice Chairman Ramesh Modi, Secretary Bhanu Pratap Singh, Treasurer Karan Gag, and Patron Dr. Seema Singh. The event included a vibrant cultural program and charter presentation, with special guests S. Padmanabham and Rajesh Sharma awarding the charter. With 30 charter members from various Rotary clubs, the ceremony featured warm welcomes, board introductions by Dr. Seema Singh, and a vote of thanks by Secretary Bhanu Pratap Singh. The event was attended by notable Rotary figures, including former District Governor Nirmal Singhvi.

Government Aims to Empower Youth

Udaipur: A free Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) for Scheduled Caste youth, organized by the MSME Development Office, Jaipur, and the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, was held at Vishveshwaraya Fire and Safety ITI, Tulsī Niketan. The workshop offered insights into self-employment, business principles, and market potential. Praveen Suthar of FORTI encouraged youth to utilize government schemes and promote local industries. Additional Director Tarun Bhatnagar and other officials provided details on various government schemes. The event was welcomed by Institute Director Pradeep Nagda and moderated by Apurva Vyas.

CBSE West Zone Chess Tournament Wraps Up

Udaipur: The CBSE West Zone Inter-School Chess Tournament at MDS Public School concluded with a grand prize distribution ceremony. Shri Sathya Sai Vidya Vihar School from Indore emerged as the top performer with four awards. The tournament, featuring 1,243 players from 120 schools, saw MDS Public School, Udaipur, winning two awards and qualifying for the National Chess Tournament. Notable winners included St. Gabriel Higher Secondary School, St. Anthony Senior Secondary School, and Neeraj Modi School. CBSE Ajmer Region Director Shyam Kapoor praised the event's organization and its role in student development. The ceremony honored outstanding players and recognized the top teams.

Mobil Hosts India's First Night Race



Udaipur: Mobil, in collaboration with Racing Promotions Private Limited (RPPL), hosted India's inaugural night street race during the 'Indian Racing Festival 2024' at Chennai's Formula Racing Circuit on August 31 and September 1. This marked Mobil's third year supporting the festival, celebrating both Mobil's 50 years in India and the evolution of Indian motorsports. As the official lubricant partner, Mobil showcased its commitment to performance and technology. RPPL's Akhilesh Reddy praised the event's success, and notable figures including John Abraham, Saurav Ganguly, and Arjun Kapoor attended. The festival concluded with a grand award ceremony, highlighting exceptional racing achievements.

Lawman Expands with Hanumangarh Store



Hanumangarh: Lawman, the affordable luxury men's fashion brand by Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited (KKCL), has inaugurated its first store in Hanumangarh as part of its plan to open 50 outlets in Rajasthan by the end of the fiscal year. The new 800 sqft store features trendy designs, new-age fabrics, and a sophisticated ambiance with personalized service. Director Dinesh Jain emphasized Hanumangarh's strategic importance in their expansion, while Director Vikas Jain highlighted the store's exclusive collections and promotions. Located at NH 54 Retail Infra, the store aims to meet the growing fashion needs of the local community.

BSA Delivers Gold Star 650 to Udaipur Prince

Udaipur: BSA Motorcycles has delivered Rajasthan's first BSA Gold Star 650 to Prince Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur. Known for his impressive collection of heritage artifacts and antique cars, Prince Lakshyaraj now adds the Gold Star 650 to his esteemed collection. The handover ceremony was held privately at his residence, where the motorcycle joins other historic vehicles. Launched in India on August 15, 2024, the Gold Star 650 blends classic British design with modern technology. Prince Lakshyaraj praised the motorcycle's heritage and craftsmanship, while Ashish Singh Joshi, Director at BSA, expressed pride in the delivery.