

## One Nation, One Election: A Call for Consensus

The contentious idea of 'One Nation, One Election' (ONOE), championed by the BJP-led NDA government, has reached a critical juncture as the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill await their introduction in the Lok Sabha. These Bills aim to synchronize parliamentary and Assembly elections across the country, including in Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, and Puducherry. However, the government has deferred their tabling, seemingly buying time to navigate the storm of opposition ahead of the winter session's conclusion.

ONOE is undeniably an issue of national significance, warranting a thorough and informed debate within and beyond Parliament. Proponents argue that simultaneous elections would streamline governance by saving financial, human, and logistical resources, while minimizing disruptions caused by the frequent imposition of the Model Code of Conduct. However, critics, including the Congress and several other Opposition parties, fear that the proposal poses a threat to India's federal structure. They argue that simultaneous polls could homogenize voter behavior, benefiting a single party across both state and central elections. Recent electoral trends, such as Maharashtra's contrasting outcomes in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, underscore the importance of staggered polls in reflecting diverse political sentiments.

The path forward for ONOE must not be rushed. Even if the Bills clear Parliament, implementing such a reform could take nearly a decade. A democratic approach would involve referring the Bills to a Joint Parliamentary Committee, fostering deliberation, and building consensus to ensure that this monumental change aligns with the spirit of India's democracy.

## Raj Kapoor's Centenary: Celebrating the Legacy of Indian Cinema's Greatest Showman

The 100th birth anniversary of Raj Kapoor, fondly known as the Greatest Showman of Indian Cinema, is being celebrated with grandeur from December 13-15, 2024. Organized by the Film Heritage Foundation Mumbai in collaboration with R.K. Films, National Film Archive of India (NFDI), PVR-INOX, and Cinepolis Films, the event spans 40 cities and 135 cinema nationwide.



Raj Kapoor, whose illustrious career spanned decades, continues to inspire generations with his unparalleled contributions to Indian cinema. From Aag (1948) to Ram Teri Ganga Maali (1985), ten of his iconic films will be screened during the

festival. These include masterpieces like Awara, Shree 420, Jagte Raho, and Mera Naam Joker, which have captivated audiences globally and defined the golden era of Indian cinema.

Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, Founder Director of the Film Heritage Foundation, stated that this event marks an unprecedented celebration of Raj Kapoor's life and work. His films, known for addressing societal challenges and the human spirit, remain deeply relevant and admired across India and internationally.

The Kapoor family recently extended a personal invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, underscoring the national significance of this event. Raj Kapoor's enduring legacy as a producer, director, and actor continues to shine brightly, uniting generations of cinema enthusiasts. This centenary celebration is a tribute to his vision, artistry, and the timeless stories that have become an integral part of India's cultural heritage.

## The shooting of the web series 'Kathputli' will take place in Rajasthan

In a grand event held at Mumbai's Classic Club, producers Rajeev Kumar, Deepak B. Verma, and Abdurrahman jointly announced the creation of a web series titled "Kathputli", based on the theme of women empowerment. The series will be directed by Pankaj Kapoor, with music composed by Ismail Darbar and Vivek Mahunkar. Actress Ritika Kumawat will play the role of a police officer in the series. The announcement party for "Kathputli" also featured a special celebration of actress Ritika Kumawat's birthday, with a delightful cake-cutting ceremony.

The web series, being produced under the banner of Raindrops Entertainment, will have Ashish Mhatre as the editor, Ashish Patil as the choreographer, Krishna Thakur as the art and production designer, Sudip Chatterjee as the DOP, Neeta Lulla as the costume designer, and Anil Ravate as the EP. The shooting of "Kathputli" is set to begin on December 20th in places like Chomu Samod, Mehr Kala Village, and Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Packed with action, romance, drama, and emotions, the series will feature Ritika Kumawat alongside Jackie Shroff, Amit Lehware, and Pankaj Kapoor in pivotal roles.

## Teaser of Khesari Lal Yadav's Film 'Dans' Out

The teaser of Bhojpuri superstar Khesari Lal Yadav's film Dans has been released, presenting him in a hardcore action-packed avatar. The teaser begins with a village under attack, chaos erupting as Khesari makes a grand entry, showcasing intense action and original stunts. Directed by Dheeraj Thakur and produced by Sudhir Singh under the Snip Corporation banner, the film promises a powerful musical love story alongside thrilling sequences. Featuring Shahwar Ali, Mahi Khan, and others in pivotal roles, Dans releases on 7th February 2025. Watch the teaser here: <https://youtu.be/tBGkL54-59g>.

## JK Tyre Strengthens Rajasthan Footprint by Tapping into Premiumisation Trend

Udaipur: JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., a leading player in the Indian tyre market, is capitalizing on the rising trend of premiumisation in the automotive sector. The company aims to fortify its presence in Rajasthan's key cities, including Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Kota, and Bikaner, by catering to the growing demand for high-quality, advanced tyres among automotive enthusiasts.

To align with the evolving preferences of Indian consumers, JK Tyre has strategically enhanced its product portfolio and production capabilities. With a focus on premiumisation, the company is offering higher rim sizes for passenger cars, meeting the needs of customers who follow global automotive trends.

Recently, JK Tyre introduced its Levitas Ultra high-performance tyres, specifically designed for luxury vehicles. The tyres are currently available in seven sizes ranging from 225/55/R16 to 245/45/R18, covering over 80% of India's top 20 luxury car models. Following their success, JK Tyre plans to extend this range to include rim sizes from 19 inches to 22 inches in the coming years, offering solutions for the entire premium car segment.

Rajasthan plays a pivotal role in JK Tyre's growth strategy, with the state contributing significantly to its sales. Passenger Car Radials (PCR) account for 14%, while Truck and Bus Radials contribute 19%. Notably, JK Tyre dominates the Light Commercial Vehicle Radial (LCVR) segment with a commanding 50% market share in the region.

To further strengthen its reach, JK Tyre operates an extensive network of 575 touchpoints across Rajasthan, including 62 exclusive brand shops. The company is actively expanding this network to enhance accessibility and deliver premium products and services to customers across the state.



JK Tyre continues to lead the industry with its innovative product offerings. The company has introduced Smart Tyres, Puncture Guard Tyres, and the XF series of fuel-efficient tyres for commercial vehicles, prioritizing safety, convenience, and performance.

Building on its leadership in the smart tyre segment, JK Tyre plans to launch advanced smart tyres equipped with embedded sensors for passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Additionally, the company offers a comprehensive range of EV tyres, holding a market-leading position in the EV bus category.

The RANGER series, specifically designed for SUVs, further strengthens JK Tyre's market position with over 50 Stock Keeping Units (SKUs). This range includes multi-terrain options such as RANGER A/T, RANGER H/T, RANGER M/T, RANGER X-AT, and RANGER HPE for electric SUVs.

Innovation remains central to JK Tyre's vision. The company recently unveiled the UX Green, India's most sustainable tyre, developed using 80% sustainable materials. Set for commercial launch in FY26, these tyres mark a significant step towards eco-friendly mobility solutions.

By focusing on technological advancement, superior quality, and customer-centric solutions, JK Tyre continues to drive industry transformation. Through its expanding product portfolio and growing market presence, JK Tyre is well-positioned to shape the future of India's tyre industry, with Rajasthan at the heart of its strategic growth.

## GM Ashok Kumar Mishra Inspects Regional Railway Training Institute

General Manager of Western Railway, Shri Ashok Kumar Mishra, conducted an inspection of the Regional Railway Training Institute, where all the institute's officers were present. The Principal of the institute, Jai Prakash, welcomed the GM by presenting him with a traditional Mewadi turban and shawl, and also showcased a beautiful rangoli created by the trainees. The Principal gave a detailed presentation on the ongoing work and upgrades in the training facilities. He also briefed the

GM on new projects such as the demonstration yard, hostel, and mess construction.

Following this, the GM



inspected various model rooms of the institute and was briefed on the latest training facilities. He also planted a tree in the institute's main garden.

During a safety seminar, the GM motivated over 1,100 trainees to work with awareness and caution. The GM appreciated the institute's outstanding work and training quality and announced a cash prize of ₹25,000. Later, a cultural program was held in the Shastri Auditorium, where the Principal, Shri Jai Prakash, and other officials inaugurated the event by lighting a lamp. The trainees presented various performances, including a play on Shaheed Khudiram Bose, which captivated the audi-

ence. Other performances included folk dances and solo singing. The chief guest appreciated all the presentations and awarded the winners. It is noteworthy that the Regional Railway Training Institute was inaugurated on October 9, 1956, by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. Railway employees from various regional railways across India receive training here, with over 1,100 employees currently undergoing training, the majority of whom are from Western Railway.

## Serendipity Arts Festival 2024 Partners with Campa to Celebrate India's Heritage

Goa: The Serendipity Arts Festival, India's largest multi-disciplinary arts event, has announced a groundbreaking collaboration with Campa Cola, the iconic Indian beverage brand by Reliance Consumer Products. This partnership aims to promote and celebrate India's vibrant cultural heritage through the arts.

### Corporate Support for Creativity

Ms. Smriti Rajgarhia, Director of Serendipity Arts, emphasized the pivotal role of corporate involvement in nurturing the arts. She remarked, "Corporate patronage is essential for the arts to flourish in India. This partnership demonstrates how businesses can meaningfully engage with culture, creating lasting impacts and nurturing the creative ecosystem across generations."

Mr. Ketan Mody, COO of Reliance Consumer Products Limited, shared his enthusiasm, stating, "Our mission is to empower Indian lives with world-class offerings. Through this partnership, we celebrate creativity, innovation, and shared experiences that bring people together. We are thrilled to be part of this inspiring journey."

### "Three Divas" - A Musical Highlight

The festival's grand finale will feature a historic performance titled "Three Divas," bringing together three legendary artists for the first time:

Padma Shri Aruna Sairam

Padma Bhushan Usha Uthup

Padma Shri Shubha Mudgal

This landmark collaboration will close the festival on 22nd December 2024 at the Nagalli Hills Concert Arena, Panjim.

### Exciting Performances on 17th December

Campa's support will also spotlight two captivating performances at the same venue on 17th December:

Blackstratblues: Guitarist Warren Mendonsa's instrumental set blending Blues, Rock, and Electronic music.

Thermal and a Quarter (TAAQ): A genre-defying rock band celebrated for collaborations with global legends such as Deep Purple and Slash.

### A Legacy of Cultural Excellence

Since its inception in 2016, the Serendipity Arts Festival has redefined Goa's cultural landscape every December, hosting over 1800 artists annually. The 2024 edition promises to uphold this legacy, offering a vibrant mix of tradition and innovation. Aligned with Campa's nostalgic appeal and its commitment to India's future, the festival continues to create bold artistic narratives. The ninth edition of the Serendipity Arts Festival will take place in Panjim, Goa, from 15th to 22nd December 2024, showcasing India's rich cultural tapestry through a dynamic celebration of art and heritage.

## Bollywood Legend Award 2024 Ceremony Concludes

The sixth edition of the Bollywood Legend Award 2024 ceremony, organized by producer, director, and social worker Dr. Krishna Chauhan, was held at Mayor Hall in Andheri, Mumbai. The event saw the presence of several prominent figures from the film industry, including producer, director, and actor Dheeraj Kumar,



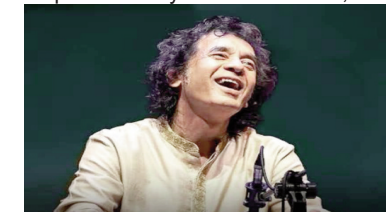
music composer Dilip Sen, comedian Sunil Pal, ACP Sanjay Patil, union leader B.N. Tiwari, Shashi Sharma, Sanand Verma, Surendra Pal Singh, Yogesh Lakhani, Dr. Mustafa Yusuf Ali Gomm, Professor Dr. Ajay Mohan Sahai, Abhishek Khanna, R. Rajpal, Shireen Farid, Ankiya Nadan, Ashi Rajput, Poonam Giri, Nisha Mishra, Megha Hemdev, Nirmala Tripathi, Nisha Parik, Divya Singh, Kiran Parmar, Sonu Srivastava, Rashid Khan, Ramesh Multani, Vaishali Patekar, Chandni Vegad, music composer Vaishnav Deva, Ajay Raja, Rajesh Ghayal, Mr. Rok, Vicky Nagar, Vikas Kumar Shah, Miss Mehndi Hasan, Aneesh Kumar, and Naina Chaudhary, among many other guests

from the film and TV industry.

The Bollywood Legend Award 2024 ceremony honored various artists and technicians from the film industry with trophies. It was an unforgettable evening filled with film stars and music. Dr. Krishna Chauhan also announced that the next award ceremony, the "Rashtriya Ratna Samman 2025", will be held on January 26 next year at Mayor Hall, Andheri, Mumbai.

## "Wah Taj": Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain Passes Away

Udaipur: Renowned tabla maestro and Padma Bhushan awardee Ustad Zakir Hussain, known for his magical fingers and exceptional rhythm in classical music, has passed away in San Francisco, leav-



ing the music world in deep sorrow.

Mukesh Madhwani, founder of Suron Ki Mandli, expressed his condolences, saying, "The hands and fingers that created magic on the tabla, and the voice that made us exclaim 'Wah Taj,' have come to a halt forever. For decades, Ustad Zakir Hussain ruled the hearts of music lovers

through his unparalleled tabla playing. He will always be remembered as a legend."

He added, "With his demise, the world of music has lost a gem, creating a void that is impossible to fill. His art and immense contribution will continue to inspire generations to come."

## "Love Is Forever" First Look Released

Mumbai: The first look of the Bollywood horror-drama film "Love Is Forever" has been unveiled. Directed by S. Srinivas and produced under the banner of Soft Touch Entertainment, the movie is set to release on January 10, 2025, in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu, distributed by Riddhi Siddhi Films.

The film combines romance and horror, as hinted by its intriguing first look. Shot in the backdrop of a small town, the story promises thrilling twists and melodic songs. The music features two tracks, sung by Altmash Faridi, Madhushree, and Javed Ali. The cast includes Ruslaan Mumtaz, Kamika Mandali, Rahul Kumar, Mushtaq Khan, and others in pivotal roles. The creative team comprises DOP Raj Shekhar Naidu, music director D. Chauhan, lyricist Sanjeet Nirmal, and choreographer Kausar Shaikh.

Given the success of horror films like Munja, Street 2, and Bhooh Bhulaiyaa 3, "Love Is Forever" is expected to captivate audiences with its mix of horror and romance.

## Campus Placement and Training Completion Ceremony at Cairn Enterprise Centre

The Cairn Enterprise Centre hosted a campus placement drive for the Assistant Electrician batch in collaboration with Tata Motors, Ahmedabad, alongside a training completion ceremony.

The program commenced with esteemed guests: Shashwat Kulshreshtha, DGM Stakeholder at Cairn Vedanta, Suraj Pawar, Principal of Government ITI College, Gaurav Fulwaria, Principal of Government ITI College Baytu, Sandhya Thakur, Project Manager at Cairn Vedanta, Madanlal Panwar, Regional Head of Learnet Skills Limited, and Priya Sharma.

The guests extended their best wishes to the trainees for their future endeavors. Tata Motors representative Naeem Qureshi appreciated Cairn Enterprise Centre's efforts, calling it one of the finest centers in India for skill development.

The program was anchored by the trainees themselves, who shared their learning journeys and experiences. Sandhya Thakur highlighted the achievements of this batch, mentioning their successful efforts in electrifying households in Kawas and Nagana villages while also spreading awareness on electrical safety.

Offer letters were distributed to the selected trainees, marking the beginning of their professional journey. Guests emphasized Cairn Enterprise Centre's role as an excellent platform for youth empowerment and growth.

The event concluded with the participation of key team members, including Priya Sharma, Ganesh Suthar, Suraj Kumar, Madanlal Panwar, Karan Chaudhary, and the entire Cairn Enterprise Centre team.

## BPCL's First COCO Petrol Pump Inaugurated in Udaipur

Udaipur: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched its first Company-Owned, Company-Operated (COCO) petrol pump, BP Udaipur, in Udaipur. The COCO petrol pump was inaugurated by BPCL Head (Retail), North, Achman Trehan.

This petrol pump represents BPCL's commitment to advanced services and quality. Notably, it is the first COCO petrol pump



in Udaipur City to be fully operated by women, marking a significant step towards women's empowerment by BPCL Udaipur Territory. The project was successfully completed under the supervision of BPCL Retail Territory, Udaipur.

The COCO petrol pump aims to offer customers high-quality fuel, modern amenities, excellent service, and technological advancements. This step highlights BPCL's growing presence and dedication to providing the best services to customers in Udaipur.

With this new COCO pump, BPCL reaffirms its commitment to maintaining the highest service standards and ensuring customer satisfaction while enhancing the consumer experience in the Udaipur region.

## Reliance Retail Launches New Range of Home Theater TVs

New Delhi: India's largest retailer, Reliance Retail Limited, has launched a new range of six home theater LED TVs under the BPL brand. These TVs, designed in partnership with HARMAN, a leader in audio technology, promise an immersive cinema-like experience with exceptional sound and picture quality.

The company highlighted the growing demand for high-quality and high-definition digital content in the market. To cater to this demand, these TVs have been equipped with Reliance Retail's Audio-EFX tuning software and cutting-edge technology developed in collaboration with HARMAN.

All six models in the BPL Home Theater LED TV range are completely 'Made in India' and are now available across electronic stores, retail outlets, and e-commerce platforms like JioMart and RelianceDigital.in.

This launch marks a significant step in delivering an enhanced entertainment experience to Indian consumers.

