



Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with party leaders felicitate BJP National President JP Nadda during the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. Also present on the occasion are Prakash Javadekar, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Thawar Chand Gehlot, Nitin Gadkari, Pralhad Joshi, Ramnarayan Dudi, Sanjay Jaiswal, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and Sakshi Maharaj among others.

## ATTEMPTS MADE TO MISLEAD PEOPLE ON UNION BUDGET: PM MODI

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said attempts were made to mislead people on the Union Budget, however, even critics now accept that it is the best budget under the prevailing global economic scenario. Speaking at the BJP parliamentary party

meeting, Modi hailed the Bodo accord and the agreement to settle the members of Bru-Reang tribe in Tripura, terming them "historic" successes of his government in this decade. It will usher in an era of peace in the North East which has suffered decades of bloodshed

and violence, he said. Referring to the Union Budget, Modi said attempts were made to mislead people on it. People have now realised that it is a good budget and even critics have acknowledged that this is the best budget under prevailing global economic scenario.

## HEGDE SENDS REPLY TO PARTY LEADERSHIP, DENIES CHARGES

**New Delhi:** BJP MP Anant Kumar Hegde has written to the party leadership that he made no mention of Mahatma Gandhi in his speech. BJP sources said Hegde sent a detailed reply to party president J P Nadda, and the party's disciplinary committee, which issued

him a show-cause notice to him on Monday, is studying its content before deciding its next course of action. Hegde has claimed he did not name Mahatma Gandhi nor did he insult him in his speech and news reports about his speech are "incorrect".

## 'YE RAVAN KE AULAD HAIN'

LoP in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury attacked BJP over Hegde's controversial remark on Mahatma Gandhi and termed the party as "Ravan ke aulad" (children of Ravan).

## CRUCIAL READ

**SHAHEEN BAGH SHOOTER LINKED TO AAP: POLICE**



**S**haheen Bagh shooter Kapil Gurjar has admitted to the Delhi Police that he joined AAP in early 2019. Delhi Police has also recovered photos of Kapil Gurjar with several senior leaders of Aam Aadmi Party from his mobile phone. The revelation has been made by Crime Branch of Delhi that is interrogating Kapil Gurjar who fired shots at Shaheen Bagh, earlier this week. However, Aam Aadmi Party has denied any link with shooter Kapil Gurjar.

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# BONE OF CONTENTION NRC MILES AWAY!

**New Delhi:** The Ministry of Home Affairs Tuesday clarified in Parliament that the government has not yet decided on implementing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) across the country.

In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai, said, "Till now, the government has not taken any decision to prepare (NRC) at the national level." The clarification comes amid protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act - the new law, which the government had said, will be followed by NRC.

The remark is a departure from com-



Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai. —FILE PHOTO

ments made by senior ministers and party leaders, including Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP President JP Nadda. The BJP's manifesto for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections also promised NRC in "other parts of the country in a phased manner".

But Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at a rally in Jharkhand, had said his government had not discussed pan-India NRC exercise. The Prime Minister had also denied that there are any detention centres in the country, saying these were lies being spread by the "Congress. Its allies, some educated Turn on P4

**Govt hasn't taken decision on nationwide NRC yet: MoS (Home) Rai tells Lok Sabha**

## 'Love Jihad' not defined, not reported by central agencies'

**New Delhi:** The term "Love Jihad" is not defined under existing laws and no case has been reported by any central agency, the government said in parliament today. This is the first time the government has of-

ficially distanced itself from "Love Jihad", the term used by right-wing groups to target relationships between Muslim men and Hindi women, which, they say, is an elaborate ruse to forcibly convert the women. Turn on P4

## No document to be collected during NPR exercise: Centre

**New Delhi:** The government on Tuesday made it clear that no document will be collected during the updation of the National Population Register (NPR) and providing Aadhaar number during the exercise is only voluntary. The government is in discussion with the states having concerns with regard to the preparation of the NPR. Turn on P4

Unemployment sky high, is this sanyog or PM's prayog: Priyanka



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and party General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during an election campaign rally in New Delhi on Tuesday. —PHOTO BY PTI

**New Delhi:** Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the issue of job losses and took a dig at his "sanyog-prayog" remarks on Shaheen Bagh, asking whether the rise in unemployment was a coincidence or his experiment.

At a poll rally on Monday, Prime Minister Modi said the protests against the new citizenship law in Shaheen Bagh and other areas here are not a coincidence but an "experiment" ("sanyog nahi prayog") and a political conspiracy to destroy the country's harmony. Turn on P4

## Amid hectic parleys, concerned CM 'opens' up job mart for agri sector

**Jaipur:** After camping in the economic capital of the nation - Mumbai - for four days, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot flew to the political capital of the nation - New Delhi - on Tuesday evening, where he attended a wedding before flying back to the state capital in state plane late Tuesday evening.

They say actions speak louder than words and Gehlot is the prime example of the saying! In all his political statements he maintains of always thinking about Rajasthan, and on

Tuesday he once again proved that it was indeed so. Even though he was over a thousand kilometres away from 'home', while in Mumbai, CM made few major announcements for farmers and youths on Tuesday.

Opening up job opportunities for agriculture students, Gehlot has approved recruitment on 88 posts in Jodhpur Agriculture University and its affiliated colleges. This includes 58 teaching and 30 non-teaching staff. While, 35 new teaching posts have been created in Jodhpur Agriculture



Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. —FILE PHOTO

University and its affiliated agriculture colleges in Nagaur, Jodhpur and Sumerpur, 23 vacant posts will also be filled. Besides, 10 new

posts for non-teaching staff have been created in Jodhpur Agriculture University and its affiliated Jodhpur Agriculture College along with

six in Sumerpur and four in Nagaur. This job opportunity for applicants from agriculture stream would incur a cost of Rs 2.75 crore

per annum to the exchequer. Moreover, CM also sanctioned a proposal of converting Baba Mohan Ram Kisan Mahavidyalaya into a government college.

What's more, the staff here including 11 teachers and eight non-teaching employees would be accommodated in government service. A committee would be constituted to check their eligibility and recommend merger of their service as per rules.

Providing the third 'shot in the arm', the chief minister has also given green sig-

nal to a proposal of agriculture marking board to set up solar power plants in agriculture mandis across the state. As per this proposal, agriculture mandis and sub mandis with adequate budget can set up solar power plants through capex mode that would enable them to get 70-80% bank loan.

Additionally, Muhana Mandi in Jaipur will get a waste disposal plant for which Gehlot has sanctioned Rs 33.37 crore for setting up, operation and maintenance of the plant.

## SPECIALS



**Off the record**  
Bureaucratic corridors are not just about heavy files and red-tape, but also tug-of-war and internal tussles run high in its alleys filling the most coveted job with elements of spice. FI brings whispers from the world of babudom... P8



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# PANWAR

## THE MUSIC DEVOTION



Piyush Panwar with Anu Malik, Farah Khan and Sonu Nigam



... with Pt. Vishwamohan Bhatt

**I**magination creates reality in music, and yes it exactly happens in our real life if we truly imagine our dream, and one day it comes true. Inspiration is a life goal, and it makes us what we want to be. Piyush Panwar of Jodhpur, Rajasthan is a born prodigy as belonging to a musician family and started with singing at the age of 6. His parents Vikrant and Vijay Lakshmi Panwar are the biggest support of his life-journey to be a musician. Earlier, his family did not support him for his passion to become a musician but gradually, as he proved his talent and devotion towards music, it turned into support and acceptance. For bettering himself in this field, he started worship-

ping the singing maestros like Mohd Rafi, Mehdi Hassan, Ghulam Ali, Hariharan, and Sonu Nigam. Dreams grew bigger and bigger, and he was a part of the singing reality show SaReGaMaPa, Indian Idol and Rising Star, and eventually won many hearts. As of now, he is learning Hindustani Classical Music from Senta Gharana under Ud. Roshan Ali Bharti residing in Kota and Ud. Nisar Khan Sahab from Jaipur. The singer believes that "Art should be something which liberates your soul," so follow your heart your passion. In the coming days, he will be one of the Playback Singers of India.

### IN THE PINK CITY!



Sagar Sharma inaugurated the Road Safety Week at RTO, Ajmer Road, on Tuesday. He said that we should all follow the traffic rules and ensure that road safety norms are adhered to. He guided the youth present at the function to drive within the speed limit. On the occasion, Paramati Vaishnav, Satish Matoo, Kapil Sharma, Mahaveer Prasad Sharma and Prakash Tahilyani were present along with a large number of youth.

In a bid to promote a green change, more than 100 succulent planters were presented to various dignitaries present at India Craft Week 2019 on behalf of the brand House of Fanusta. The Jaipur-based brand 'House of Fanusta', founded by Shailender Kumar, has also nurtured 10,000 plants, and gifting in environmentally-sustainable pots disrupting the world of corporate gifting.



Saurabh Raghvendra Acharya Mahara, Peethadhiswar of Ramanuj Dham, Jaipur, called a press conference opposing Padma Shri to Bollywood singer Adnan Sami at the Pink City Press Club on Tuesday.



Miss Iconic Rajasthan 2020 is going to be held on February 7, with around 30 models from across the state participating in the event. The details regarding the grand finale were revealed at Sterling Altharva Jaipur on Monday, along with a look launch that took place during the same. —PHOTO BY MUKESH KIRADOO



Aishwarya Sangwan, a kidney recipient who has devoted his life to 'Healthy life after Transplant' awareness rode 100 kilometres on Monday to support Cancer Awareness and early detection. He was accompanied by Amit Singh Nirbhay and Arjun Sangwan, all three are members of Rajasthan Road Riders. Aishwarya has ridden 2600 kms till date and is planning to ride from Delhi to Jaipur and then across Rajasthan covering a total of 1500 kilometres in 7 days, in March, to promote Nirogi Rajasthan, the flagship scheme of Rajasthan Government.

### PRECIOUS MOMENTS!



Justice MN Bhandari and his wife with Ashok and Anju Singhi and other guests at the wedding



Bride & Groom: Sanchita and Nimit

The wedding of Nimit and Sanchita took place on Tuesday at The Ananta in Udaipur. Nimit is the son of Ashok and Anju Singhi, while Sanchita is the daughter of Kusum and Deepak Lekhi.

### HAPPY B'DAY!



IAS Neel Kamal Darban, IAS Akhil Arora and IAS Abhishek Khanna (top to bottom) celebrated their birthdays on February 4, Tuesday. We wish them all the best!



The batch of class 12th (2019-20) was bid farewell on Tuesday by the students of class 11th and their teachers at Seedling Public School. It was a moment of separation yet filled with exhilaration giving a memorable adieu to the parting seniors.



From Left: Abhishek Sand, Leela Bordia, Suvigya Sharma, Apra Kuchchal, Alex Zickendraht, Rupesh Tambi, Alka Madan, Bela Badhalia and Marcela Baur

Jewellery Association Jaipur (JAS) launched the prestigious Jewellery Eminence Awards at Royal Orchid in the Pink City on Monday. The awards are going to take place during JAS'20 this year in August, with a new touch and parameter altogether.

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