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Three killed in helicopter crash in Pune

Pune: Three persons were killed after a helicopter crashed and caught fire in Maharashtra's Pune district on Wednesday morning, police said.

The helicopter, belonging to a Delhi-based private aviation firm, took off from the Oxford Golf Course helipad here and was heading to Juhu in Mumbai, an official said. Preliminary information suggested the deceased comprised two pilots and an engineer, as per officials. The incident took place at 6.45 am near a hilly terrain in Bavdhan area, which is close to the Oxford Golf Course, according to police.

"Three persons have died in the helicopter crash. Our teams along with fire department vehicles have reached the spot," Pimpri Chinchwad Commissioner of Police Vinaykumar Choubey said. After the crash, the chopper caught fire, police said. The cause of the crash was yet to be ascertained, they said.

KTR questions ED silence after raids on Ponguleti

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao raised doubts over the Enforcement Directorate issuing no statement even five days after conducting raids on the residence of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. He wondered whether another drama was unfolding between the BJP and the Congress.

"Why is there such deafening silence from the Enforcement Directorate after the raids on a super wealthy Telangana Minister? No statements, not word after five days? Is this drama also a part of the 'Ajab Prem Ki Gajab Kahani' of BJP and Congress?" he asked.

Centre committed to tribal development, projects worth Rs83,700 crore to boost growth: PM Modi



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday (October 2, 2024) unveiled development projects worth over ₹83,700 crore in Jharkhand, reaffirming his government's commitment to the State's progress. He emphasised the importance of tribal development, stating that Mahatma Gandhi's vision for this demographic is "our asset." Mr. Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, which will be implemented at a cost of ₹79,150 crore, aimed at ensuring comprehensive and holistic development for tribal communities across the country.

"Mahatma Gandhi's vision for tribal development is our asset, he [Mahatma Gandhi] believed that India can develop only when tribal communities will develop. BJP

government accords top priority to tribal development and ₹80,000 crore will be spent on Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan to develop 65,000 tribal villages," he said. According to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office, the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan will benefit over 5 crore tribals in 549 districts across 30 States and Union Territories. The scheme aims to address critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood through 25 interventions carried out by 17 central Ministries and departments. Mr. Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for multiple projects under the PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), valued at over 1,360 crore.

These include the construction of more than 1,380 km of roads, 120 anganwadi centres, 250 multi-purpose centres, and 10 school hostels. Additionally, the Prime Minister announced the electrification of over 75,800 households belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in around 3,000 villages. Other initiatives include the operationalisation of 275 mobile medical units, 500 anganwadi centres, establishment of 250 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras, and the provision of piped water (Nal se Jal) to more than 5,550 PVTG villages. "I had come to Jamshedpur from where I had launched several schemes. Beneficiaries got pucca homes," he said. This is Mr. Modi's second visit to Jharkhand in about a fortnight where elections to the 81-member assembly are due with the tenure of the present Vidhan Sabha set to expire on January 5. Notable attendees at the event included Union Ministers Jai Oram, Annapurna Devi, and Sanjay Seth besides Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar.

On Mahatma Gandhi's 155th birth anniversary, PM takes out cleanliness drive, Rahul pays tributes at Rajghat



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India Wednesday marked the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the revered leader of the nation's freedom struggle on October 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and various political leaders paid homage to Gandhi at his memorial in Delhi. In a post on X, Modi expressed his reverence for Gandhi's ideals, stating, "On behalf of all countrymen, salutations to Pujya Babu on his birth anniversary. His life and ideals based on truth, harmony and equality will always remain an inspiration for the countrymen."

Congress leader and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi visited Rajghat in the morning to honour the Father of the Nation. He later wrote in his X post, "Bapu has taught me that if you want to live, you have to live without fear - you have to walk on the path of truth, love, compassion and harmony, uniting everyone. Gandhiji is not a person but a way of living and thinking." Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Sonia Gandhi also paid homage to Gandhi at the Central Hall of the Parliament House. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, in a post on X, reiterated Gandhi's enduring legacy, emphasizing the relevance of his teachings. She wrote, "On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, I pay tribute to the Father of the Nation,



Mahatma Gandhi. His teachings of non-violence, truth, and unity continue to inspire us every day. Let us pledge to build a just and inclusive society, reflecting his vision for India." She further encouraged adherence to Gandhi's principles of non-violence and tolerance. Festive offer Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi, Mahatma Gandhi, Indian express Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath paying tribute to Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his birth anniversary in Lucknow on Wednesday. This year also marked the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, a national cleanliness campaign launched by Prime Minister Modi in 2014. To celebrate the milestone, Modi participated in cleanliness drives alongside schoolchildren, urging citizens to engage in similar activities. "Today, on Gandhi Jayanti, I took part in Swachhata-related activities with my young friends. I urge you all to also take part in some or the other such activity during the day and at the same time, keep strengthening the Swachh Bharat Mission," Modi said. Addressing a programme to mark the milestone, the Prime Minister said, "In this century, Swachh Bharat is the world's biggest and the most successful people's resolution led by people and joined in by people." "Swachh Bharat campaign is not just a cleanliness movement. It is now becoming a new path to prosperity," Modi added.

KTR criticises Revanth Reddy government's inhumane actions

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Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the Revanth Reddy government for acting inhumanely towards the most vulnerable sections of society. He invoked Mahatma Gandhi's teachings to condemn the government's actions, particularly the demolition of homes in the name of HYDRAA and Musi Riverfront Development Project. Commemorating Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri at their birth anniversary celebrations held at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao condemned the ongoing demolitions, stating that the government was elected to build and uplift, not to destroy the lives of the marginalized. He urged the State government to reconsider its decision to demolish the houses of the poor.

"Mahatma Gandhi himself said that the greatness of a government is known by how it supports the weakest in society. The Revanth Reddy government needs to be reminded of this," he remarked, urging the Congress leadership in Delhi to take note of the inhumane policies being enacted by the State government and immediately stop the demolitions if they had any respect for Mahatma Gandhi's teachings. The people of Telangana had elected the Congress to construct more houses for them, not to tear down the existing ones. Meanwhile, the BRS working president interacted with the affected families of Musi Riverfront Development project who came to meet him at Telangana Bhavan, and assured that his party



would stand with them in their fight against the government's reckless policies. He announced that the BRS legal team at Telangana Bhavan would assist the victims of the Musi Riverfront project and HYDRAA demolitions, promising both legal and political support to prevent further harm to the poor.

"No house of the poor should be demolished," he declared, calling the government's actions evil and unjust, especially after citizens had received official permissions for their homes. He also reminded them that under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's tenure, the poor were treated with dignity and compassion, a stark contrast to the current administration's methods. "BRS will fight for the people, both on the streets and in the courts," he reiterated.

As Iran rains missiles on Israel, Indian Embassy issues advisory



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A senior Iranian official said the order to launch missiles at Israel was made by the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Khamenei remains in a secure location, the senior official added. The Israeli Army said Israel's airspace was closed following the Iranian attack. Alarms sounded across Israel and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem and the Jordan River valley after Israelis piled into bomb shelters. Reporters on state television lay flat on the ground during live broadcasts. Israeli Army radio said nearly 200 missiles had been launched into Israel from Iran. Earlier, the military had announced that any ballistic missile strike from Iran was expected to be widespread and told the public to shelter in safe rooms in the event of an attack. The firing of missiles came after Israel said its troops had launched ground raids into Lebanon, though it described the forays as limited.)

Earlier in the day, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said India is "very much concerned" at the

"possibility of a broadening of the conflict" in the region, including what happens "between Iran and Israel". Speaking at a Carnegie event in Washington DC, Jaishankar, while responding to a question on the ongoing conflict in West Asia, said that India regards October 7 as a "terrorist attack" and understands that Israel had a need to respond. "But, we also believe that any response by any country has to take into account international humanitarian law, that it must be careful about any damage or any implications for civilian populations. Given what has happened in Gaza, it is important to have some kind of international humanitarian effort out there," he said. "We are very much concerned at the possibility of a broadening of the conflict, not just what happened in Lebanon but also... to the Houthis and the Red Sea and you know to some extent anything that happens between Iran and Israel," he said. "If as part of that concern, you can end up doing something about it. Again, don't underestimate the importance of communication in difficult times. If there are things to be said and passed on and passed back, I think those are all contributions that we can make and we do," he said. In its advisory, the Indian embassy in Tel Aviv said: "In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all Indian nationals in Israel are advised to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the local authorities." It also asked all Indian nationals to register with the embassy. "Please exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters. The embassy is closely monitoring the situation and remains in regular touch with the Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of all our nationals," it said. Meanwhile, an Indian naval fleet has berthed at Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas for a joint exercise with the Iranian Navy in the Persian Gulf's waters, according to Iranian news outlet Mehr News.

Congress govts in Karnataka, Telangana reel under nepotism scams

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Hyderabad: The Congress governments in both Karnataka and Telangana are facing the heat over scams emerging out of nepotism. Apart from leaders in the State units, the Congress high command is also now in a spot of bother ever since the allegations surfaced against both the Chief Ministers in these States, A Revanth Reddy and Siddaramaiah. After filing an FIR against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife and others, Mysuru Lok Ayukta has commenced its probe into the case linked to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam. Similarly, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is in the news for signing agreements with companies that were floated by his brothers and relatives apart from allegedly gifting AMRUT 2.0 tenders to a relative's company.

In Karnataka, the Mysuru Lok Ayukta on Tuesday launched a probe into the MUDA land allotment scam. Along with a team of surveyors and MUDA officers, the Lok Ayukta officials visited the 3.2 acres of land at Kesare that was allegedly acquired by the Chief Minister's brother-in-law and gifted to his wife Parvathi. After MUDA acquired the land, Parvathi sought compensation and was subsequently allocated 14 plots. These plots were substantially more valuable than the original piece of land, according to reports. After the Enforcement Directorate also on Monday booked the Chief Minister, his wife and others in a money laundering case linked to the MUDA scam, Parvathi wrote to MUDA on surrendering the 14 plots allotted to her. However, the Chief Minister, while addressing media persons in Bengaluru on Tuesday, claimed he had no role in the MUDA scam and insisted that he would not resign.

Even as this controversy was rocking the Congress government in Karnataka, the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) in Telangana has exposed quite a few irregularities and scams allegedly involving Chief Minister A



Revanth Reddy's brothers and relatives. The BRS had first demanded an explanation from the State government for signing a Rs.1,000 crore MoU with Swachh Bio, just 16 days after the company was floated on July 21. The catch here was that the company was floated with the Chief Minister's brother Jagadeeshwar Reddy Anumula as one of its directors.

BRS leader Manne Krishank said Revanth Reddy had misused the US visit to benefit his brothers from the Rs.1,000 crore Swachh Bio deal. Apart from the Chief Minister's brother Jagadeeshwar Reddy, another director was Vedavalli Sivananda Reddy, who runs a bar in Uttar Pradesh, he had charged. Former Chennai MLA Balka Suman had come out with documents showing that the Chief Minister's brothers had floated four major firms within a span of three months. Anumula Tirupathi Reddy established Urban Prism Infra LLP, Jagadeeshwar Reddy set up Swachh Biogreen and Krishna Reddy floated two companies - R9 constructions and RNine Properties, he said, raising doubts over the timing of establishment of these companies.

Jagga Reddy Condemns False Trolls Against Konda Surekha, Demands Apology from KTR



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Hyderabad: Congress leader Jagga Reddy has strongly condemned the inappropriate trolling targeting BRS leader Konda Surekha, calling out the lack of action by the ruling party leaders. He questioned whether leaders like KCR and KTR would remain silent when women who have supported them are subjected to such disrespect.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED AFSAR S/O SYED AMEER (old name) born on 04-06-1976 at Nirmal earlier was Holding Passport No. J3451114 Dt: 24-02-2011 hereby Changing my Name and henceforth in future I would be known as SYED AFSAR MOHIUDDIN S/O SYED AMEER (new name) H.No. 7-2-83/54-1 Indranagar, Nirmal-504106 Telangana State.

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SYED AFSAR MOHIUDDIN
S/O SYED AMEER

Place: Nirmal
Date : 01-10-2024

‘Destroyed Rajesh Khanna’s career by creating Amitabh Bachchan; we will do the same to you’: When Rishi Kapoor recalled Salim Khan’s threat



‘How did you have the guts to refuse Salim-Javed?’ Not one to be intimidated, I shot back, ‘I didn’t like the role.’”

Rishi recalled that Salim Khan proceeded to boast about launching Amitabh Bachchan, and made it seem as if it was done to get back at Rajesh Khanna for rejecting them once. Rajesh Khanna’s career took a hit with the arrival of Amitabh, who offered mainstream audience a more rugged hero to root for. Rishi continued, “Salim sa’ab boasted to me, ‘Do you know that to this day nobody has said no to us? We can destroy your career.’” When Rishi asked Salim Khan what he had in mind, the writer wrote, “He said, ‘Who will work with you? You know, we had offered Zanjeer to Rajesh Khanna and he turned us down. We didn’t do anything to him but we created an alternative to him, a hero called Amitabh Bachchan, who destroyed Rajesh Khanna. We will do the same to you.’” Rishi wrote that the altercation didn’t escalate further. Salim-Javed’s career was recently honoured in the Prime Video documentary series *Angry Young Men*. The two writers delivered a record-breaking string of hits in the 1970s, but abruptly split in the 1980s. In a recent appearance at *Expresso*, Javed Akhtar dismissed the suggestion that he and Salim should receive credit for launching the career of Amitabh Bachchan. “We were sharp enough to realise that Amitabh Bachchan was a great actor, and it was his films that failed him. We backed his talent, and he repaid us with his great performance,” he said.

Late actor Rishi Kapoor made his acting debut at around the same time as when the writers Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar were establishing themselves in the film industry. This put them at odds with each other on more than one occasion. Things escalated initially when Rishi turned down an offer to star in a film written by them, which angered Salim Khan to no end. He drew the ire and envy of Javed Akhtar, on the other hand, when his debut film as a lead, *Bobby*, emerged as a blockbuster.

In his autobiography, *Khullam Khulla*, Rishi Kapoor recalled the threat that an irate Salim Khan made to him once, when he refused to do the film *Trishul*. He wrote that Salim-Javed ‘bristled’ at his rejection, and the animosity ‘bubbled to the surface’ when he ran into Salim at a Mumbai hotel. He wrote, “I was playing a game of snooker when Salim sa’ab walked over and asked me,

Urvashi Rautela claims she was offered Ishaqzaade, had to let it go to focus on Miss Universe: ‘Never spoke to Parineeti Chopra about it’



Urvashi Rautela reveals how she lost out on Yash Raj Films’ *Ishaqzaade*. Urvashi Rautela reveals how she lost out on Yash Raj Films’ *Ishaqzaade*. (Photo: Urvashi Rautela/Instagram, IMDb) Actor Urvashi Rautela says she could have made her big screen debut with Yash Raj Films’ 2012 romantic drama *Ishaqzaade* had it not been for the beauty pageant dream she was prepping for. Urvashi was crowned Miss Diva- Miss Universe India in 2015 and represented India at Miss Universe the same year. In an interview with *Hauterrfly*, Urvashi dropped the revelation about *Ishaqzaade*, which marked the screen debut in leading roles of actors Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra. “I had to let go off a Yash Raj Films movie because I wanted to go for Miss Universe. It was *Ishaqzaade*, which was supposed to be my launch. But this (pageantry) was my focus since childhood and I really wanted to prepare for it. Some people have a differ-

ent way of thinking, that after they win it, Bollywood becomes their main focus. But in my case, it was never like that. I never spoke to Parineeti about this, but it is good, everyone has different destinies. I wanted to be a pageant winner more than a heroine, this (Bollywood) followed automatically,” she added.

The actor said prepping for beauty pageants is “equivalent to an athlete preparing for Olympics,” because one has to control their diet, be excellent with their exercises and “know different kind of walks.” Though Urvashi Rautela turned down *Ishaqzaade*, she did make her Bollywood debut with Sunny Deol starrer *Singh Saab the Great* in 2012. She followed it up with projects like *Sanam Re*, *Hate Story 4*, *Great Grand Masti*. She last starred in the thriller *Ghuspaitiya* and will be now seen in the multi-starred comedy *Welcome to the Jungle*, headlined by Akshay Kumar.

Pankaj Tripathi was sent to look for a rishta for me, recalls wife Mridula: ‘Broke up that alliance, moved to boys’ hostel in Delhi’

Pankaj Tripathi, who rose to fame after his performance in *Gangs of Wasseypur*, struggled for quite some time before making it big. However, he maintains that unlike other actors, he didn’t have a struggle story that involved sleeping on footpath or starving for days, thanks to his wife Mridula. In an interview with *The Better India*, Pankaj shared that his wife took the responsibility of the household when he was trying to find work as an actor. “In fact, I tell everyone that she is the man of the house,” he said.



But, not many know that Pankaj had once been a part of Mridula’s arranged marriage process where he wasn’t the groom. Mridula recalled seeing Pankaj for the first time at her brother’s engagement ceremony. She later found out that he was the bride’s younger brother. They kept meeting over the years and love blossomed. Many years later, when Mridula’s

parents started looking for a marriage alliance, Pankaj became a part of the search squad. “Pankaj accompanied my brother and sister-in-law to the prospective groom’s place. He came and told me that it was a good match for me and I would surely get much of ‘bhautik sukh.’ I did not know so much Hindi back then and asked what that meant, and he said ‘material happiness.’

That’s when I felt that I was losing something very precious,” she said.

When Pankaj left for National School of Drama, Mridula hatched up a plan to get out of the marriage alliance. She recalled, “Only I know the lengths that I’d gone to break that marriage. And now the most important dilemma was communicating this news to Pankaj.” This took months but when she ulti-

mately informed Pankaj, he made arrangements for her to come to Delhi so they could be together. After reaching Delhi, Mridula lived in the same boys’ hostel where Pankaj was living. “Those boys still bully me by saying that I was the ‘Bhabhi’ of Satte pe Satta who came in all of a sudden and made them wear clothes”, she said. Finally, the couple tied the knot in 2004 and moved to Mumbai.

Mahima Chaudhry advised Hina Khan to not go to America for cancer treatment: ‘Because the medicine is the same, whether you have it here or there’



Hina Khan has been thankful to one person since the beginning of her cancer journey, and that’s none other than Mahima Chaudhry—a cancer survivor herself. In her Instagram posts, Hina mentioned how Mahima was the first one to come in her support after her breast cancer diagnosis, and also gave her a surprise visit at the time of her first chemotherapy. Recently, the veteran actress opened up about her bonding with the Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai actor, and revealed how she advised her to get her treatment done in India.

In an interview with *India Today*, Mahima recalled her meeting with Hina and said, “I met Hina, very casually at a party, and we were in touch.” She further revealed, “But, the first person she called after diagnosis was me. She said, ‘I have booked myself, and I am going to America and I am doing this and that.’ I said, ‘That’s exactly how I felt. But, you will be on your own (in America). And it’s a very very tough treatment.’” Mahima explained, “Like when you are going through the treatment, it’s horrid. I said, ‘Do it in Bombay’. Use the same doctors because the medicine is the same whether you swallow it here, or you swallow it in America. The doctor there will also be an Indian. In fact, if you will see some American doctor treating you, you will feel like, ‘Can’t I have an Indian doctor treating me?’ You will not have the trust. But, here you will.”

Backing her claims, Mahima said, “During COVID, when people were having paracetamol there (America), we were also having it here. When the treatment is the

same across the world, why not do it in your home country? She couldn’t thank me enough.” She added, “When you share your sorrow, the bonding hits different. Just like how we gather for celebrations, we should also gather when someone is battling something. It motivates them.” Anupam Kher, who was also a part of the interview, added, “When Kirron (Kher) was diagnosed with cancer, she got her treatment done here in Bombay. On the other hand, Rishi Kapoor was in America for almost a year. There you don’t have your own home, you don’t have your people. At least here, the atmosphere is more homely. Mr Anil Ambani sent his aircraft to pick Kirron and bring her to Kokilaben Hospital.”

Previously, in a long note, Hina Khan thanked Mahima and wrote, “She has been there With me, guiding me, motivating me and illuminating my Path before me during this toughest phase of my life. She is a Hero. She is a Super Human Being. She went out of her way to make sure my journey was Easier than hers, she lifted my spirits and comforted me every step of the Way. Her Hardships became my Life Lessons. Her Love and Kindness became my benchmark and her Courage became my Greatest Goal. We became friends and shared our individual experiences but she never once made me feel that I was alone, she made it through and she made sure that I Realise and believe that I would too.” On the work front, Mahima Chaudhry and Anupam Kher are awaiting the release of two of their films, *Signature* and *Emergency*.

Ronit Roy says working with Vasu Bhagnani for Bade Miyan Chote Miyan was a ‘painful experience’, got paid after Ali Abbas Zafar’s team intervened

Actor Ronit Roy is the latest celebrity to have come out against producer Vasu Bhagnani, who had not cleared his payment of working on *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* until director Ali Abbas Zafar’s close associate didn’t intervene. Ronit joins a host of *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* cast and crew, who have come out in support of Ali Abbas Zafar after he was accused by Vasu and Jacky Bhagnani of “criminal conspiracy” and “misappropriation of funds”.

In an interview with *Zoom*, Ronit said he was fortunate to have gotten a large part of his acting fees for his role in the film, which was headlined by Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff. “The money was supposed to come from Vasu Bhagnani and it came from Vasu Bhagnani, but that happened only after Himanshu Mehra (who works with Ali Abbas Zafar) intervened. And when it came to the dues of my staff and my security company that guarded the sets in Mumbai, it was all very much delayed and we got that also due to Himanshu,” the actor said. Ronit added that his staff was paid their dues from the Dubai subsidy at the “insistence” of Himanshu and added how he, along with Ali Abbas Zafar, are now going “all out to see that maximum payments are done in minimum time.” Ronit described his *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* experience as “painful” and stated he would never work with the Bhagnanis again.

The Bhagnanis had filed a 17-page police complaint, detailing the production nightmare of *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan*, and claimed that director Ali Abbas Zafar, along



with his business partners, “entrapped” them in their “criminal conspiracy”. They had also accused Ali Abbas Zafar of “siphoning the subsidy funds he took from Abu Dhabi authorities” during the shoot of the film and for “hijacking” the film, which released in April this year and was a box office disaster. Ronit refuted the claims that Zafar took over the control of the project and claimed Vasu Bhagnani was on set every day and it is “difficult to believe” how he, as a veteran, did not realise the film was being “hijacked” by the director. The actor said Ali Abbas Zafar not getting paid Rs 7 crore by the Bhagnanis is something he is aware of and said the figure is already common knowledge. *Indianexpress.com* has previously extensively covered the issue of non-payment of some of the cast and crew, who worked with Pooja Entertainment under various projects and were yet to be paid.

Alia Bhatt shares family photos with husband Ranbir Kapoor, daughter Raha on his birthday: ‘Sometimes all you need is a giant hug’

Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor is celebrating his 42nd birthday on Saturday. His wife, actor Alia Bhatt, took to Instagram to share some unseen family photos featuring their daughter Raha to wish Ranbir on his birthday. Alia shared the photos with a caption that read, “Sometimes all you need is a giant hug... & you make life feel like one ?? happy birthday baby ?????” She shared a few pictures from Ranbir’s birthday party as well.

Ranbir’s friends from the fraternity joined Alia in wishing the Animal actor on his birthday. Filmmaker Vasan Bala, the director of Alia’s *Jigra*, posted a few red heart emoticons in the comments section to show his love for the couple. Film producer Guneet Monga commented, “Happy Happy Birthday ??.” Ranbir’s fans commented, “Happy birthday my favourite actor ??????” Another person wrote, “Life in a picture ?????.” Ranbir’s mother, actress Neetu Kapoor, also took to Instagram story to wish her son. Sharing a throwback photo with the birthday boy, she wrote, “Happy birthday my joy my pride my purest soul may you always get in abundance whatever you desire for ??????” Neetu Kapoor wishes Ranbir Kapoor on his birthday. Screenshot of Neetu Kapoor’s Instagram story. Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, Ranbir’s sister,



posted a sweet video of throwback pictures with him and their family. Ranbir’s aunty, Rishi Kapoor’s sister Reema Kapoor also celebrates her birthday today. Riddhima shared a picture of Reema and Ranbir to wish them on their special day. Riddhima also shared a picture from her husband Bharat Sahni’s birthday party. On the occasion of his 42nd birthday, Ranbir, on Saturday, launched his lifestyle brand ARKS. On the professional front, Ranbir Kapoor was last seen in Sandeep Reddy Vanga’s *Animal*.

