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20 villages to face Bhageeratha supply disruptions

Mahabubnagar: As many as 20 villages across Addakula and Moosapet mandals of Mahabubnagar are expected to face disruptions in the Mission Bhageeratha water supplies for the next three days up to October 6, due to the repair works of Mission Bhageeratha pipeline near Vemula stage on National Highway 44 in Addakal mandal. According to Putta Venkat Reddy Executive Engineer, Mission Bhageeratha Grid Mahabubnagar Division, residents of two major mandals Moosapet and Addakula and some other villages in Mahabubnagar district will experience a temporary disruption in water supply due to essential maintenance work on the Mission Bhageeratha pipeline.

Builders Association of India Donates Over Rs.1 Crore to CM Relief Fund for Flood Victims



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Hyderabad: In a significant gesture of support for flood victims, the Builders Association of India has donated ₹1,01,75,000 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Representatives of the association, including S. Narasimha Reddy and U. Surender, presented the cheque to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills. During the meeting, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the association for their generous contribution. He commended their support towards the government's ongoing efforts to provide relief to flood-affected communities. The donation will aid in bolstering the various initiatives undertaken to assist those impacted by the floods.

Maharashtra to celebrate Oct 3 as 'Marathi Classical Language Day'



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Mumbai: The Maharashtra Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Cabinet for according the classical language status to Marathi. The state Cabinet has also decided to celebrate October 3 as 'Marathi Classical Language Pride Day'. Marathi Language Minister Deepak Kesarkar read out the Cabinet resolution in this regard.

"The state Cabinet expresses its gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat for this historic decision and congratulates the Union Cabinet," the resolution said. The resolution further states, "Marathi language was originally classical. Maharashtra tried to get the classical status for Marathi language. Efforts were made at many levels for the last decade. For this, a committee headed by Ranganath Pathare did a great job. The Department of Marathi language through Directorate, Marathi Encyclopaedia Board, Sahitya Sanskriti Board and State Marathi Development Institute continuously worked hard and pursued the matter. The Marathi Sahitya Parishad and the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan have become a feast for Marathi speaking people and lovers of Marathi."

Modi government facilitating recruitment of Indians in war-torn West Asia: Mallikarjun Kharge

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday (October 4, 2024) alleged that the Modi government's skill development cooperation is facilitating the recruitment of about 15,000 Indian workers in Israel in the West Asia war. Mr. Kharge claimed that earlier youth from the country were duped by dubious agents for going to the Russia-Ukraine war and many lost their lives too. "It speaks volumes about the Joblessness induced by the anti-youth policies of the Modi Government," he said in a post on X. "The fact that young unskilled, semi-skilled and educated youth are willing to risk their lives and serve in war-ridden theatres, at reportedly high salaries, tells you that PM @narendramodi's lofty claims on Jobs are nothing but Fake Retorts to hide his own failures! "Youth of Haryana who are forced to seek jobs in these conflict zones will teach a befitting lesson to the BJP, tomorrow," Mr. Kharge said in his post.

Supreme Court substitutes SIT to include CBI

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On hearing the plea of the alleged use of animal fat in making Tirupati laddus, the Supreme Court has substituted the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Andhra Pradesh government with two CBI officers, two Andhra Pradesh State Police officers, and a representative of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The court clarified that the constitution of the independent SIT was not a remark on the current SIT set up by the State government. "The independent SIT was formed to assuage the feelings of crores of people who worship the Tirumala Tirupati temple deity," the Bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan explained. The two CBI officers in the new SIT would be nominated by the agency's Director. The State police officers would be picked by the Andhra Pradesh government. The FSSAI representative would be chosen by the



authority chairperson. The court has disposed of the petitions, including one by former Rajya Sabha member Dr. Subramanian Swamy. The pleas had sought an independent probe into the allegations by a retired Supreme Court judge or High Court Chief Justice. The court had agreed that the allegations had the "potential to hurt the sentiments of people world-wide".

Earlier in the day, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said he had no problem with the SIT constituted by the Andhra Pradesh government. "They are competent," he noted and

suggested the SIT may be supervised by a senior police officer from the Centre. Andhra Pradesh State too agreed for the Supreme Court adding members of its choice. Appearing for the State, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said there was conclusive proof that lard (animal fat from pig) was used. "The lab report was of July. The CM was speaking on the completion of 100 days. The media took a few lines and quoted the CM out of context."

Senior advocate Kapil Tibal asked why the current TTD dispensation in the State allow contaminated

ghee to enter the temple premises on July 6 and July 12, to which the Devasthanom through senior advocate Siddharth Luthra said it had used the same contact given by the previous regime. Justice Gavai interred: "We don't want any political drama. Fortunately or unfortunately, both sides are warring groups." The Bench made it clear that it will not permit the Supreme Court to be made into a political battleground for rival parties to trade allegations and counter-allegations. On September 30, the bench observed that Gods should be kept away from politics as it questioned Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's public statement that animal fat was allegedly used in making Tirupati laddus under the previous Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy-led regime. The apex court had said the laboratory test report was "not clear at all" and it prima facie indicated that "rejected ghee" was subjected to the test.

YS Jagan welcomes SC orders on Tirupati laddu issue, condemns TDP false propaganda

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy has lashed out at Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu following the Supreme Court's recent ruling in the controversial laddu case and stated that truth will come out. Speaking to the media, YS Jagan asserted that the Supreme Court has exposed politics behind the controversy. YS Jagan criticised Naidu for his claims that laddu were made from animal fat, stating that such assertions were misleading. Further, Jagan further condemned the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) for continuing its alleged false propaganda, particularly on social media platforms like Twitter. He noted that even after the court's admonition, TDP has persisted in spreading misinformation, claiming TTD EO confirmed there was no adulteration in the laddu case.

Key details of PM Internship Scheme revealed



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New Delhi: The Modi government has introduced the PM Internship Scheme which aims to benefit around 10 million young people over the next five years. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced this scheme during the Union Budget for the financial year 2024-25.

Under the scheme, each intern will receive a monthly allowance of Rs 5,000, and after one year, a lumpsum of Rs 6,000 as an additional benefit from the government. The official website for the PM Internship Scheme went live on Thursday. The government has also confirmed that reservation policies will be followed for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes candidates in this scheme. Registration for the scheme will start on October 12 and continue until October 25.

Those interested in enrolling in this pilot project can register within this period. The technology partner for this internship scheme is the Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG). The company will shortlist candidates between October 27 and November 7, and the selected candidates will have the opportunity to decide on the internship offer between November 8 and November 15. The internship programme, scheduled to start on December 2, would last for 13 months. Out of Rs 5,000 stipend, Rs 500 will come from companies as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, and the remaining Rs 4,500 will be provided by the government. The estimated cost of this pilot project is around Rs 800 crore. Advertisements for the internship scheme have already been released in multiple regional languages. The government aims to provide as many internships as possible in the districts where candidates reside. People aged 21 and 24, who passed their 10th-grade exams and hold a valid certificate and mark sheet, can apply for the scheme. According to reports, 111 companies out of the top 500 have already enrolled in this programme.

EAM Jaishankar to visit Pakistan to attend SCO meeting on October 15-16



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External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar will lead the Indian delegation's visit to Pakistan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) 'Heads of Government' (HoG) meeting in Islamabad on October 15-16, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Friday (October 4, 2024). Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu is also expected to visit India from October 7 to October 10, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal announced in a weekly press briefing. While Mr. Muizzu will arrive in India on October 6 late evening, this marks the first bilateral visit by the President to India. Mr. Muizzu will also visit Mumbai and Bengaluru. Earlier, The Hindu reported that the External Affairs Minister was likely to be New Delhi's choice to attend the summit virtually, or in-person. No Indian Minister has attended a multilateral meeting in Pakistan since Home Minister Rajnath Singh visited Islamabad for the SAARC Home Minister's meeting in August 2016. The last time an External Affairs Minister visited Pakistan was Sushma Swaraj in December 2015. After terror attacks on the Pathankot airbase and the Uri Army camp in 2016, India called off the SAARC Summit in Pakistan and has refused to attend any subsequent meetings in Pakistan. The only exceptions made by the government in the last few years is for the inauguration of the Kartarpur corridor, where it sent two Union Ministers. While Mr. Modi is technically the Head of Government, both India and Pakistan decided when they joined the regional grouping including China, Russia and Central Asia, that their elected leaders would participate in the Heads of State summit, alongside Presidents of the other countries and not the HoG. As a result, Mr. Modi has thus far deputed the Vice-President or External Affairs Minister to attend SCO HoG conferences.

Arvind Kejriwal vacates official residence, moves to party colleague's bungalow

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Former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday (October 4, 2024) vacated the 6, Flagstaff Road residence to move to his new address in the Lutyens' Zone. The Aam Aadmi Party national convener was seen leaving the house in a car with his wife and son. His parents and daughter left in another. Former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and wife Sunita Kejriwal leave after vacating the official residence at Civil Lines area, in New Delhi, Friday, October 4, 2024. Former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and wife Sunita Kejriwal leave after vacating the official residence at Civil Lines area, in New Delhi, Friday, October 4, 2024. | Photo Credit: PTI

The Kejriwal family departed for party member Ashok Mittal's official residence at 5 Ferozeshah Road near Mandi House. Mr. Mittal is a Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab and has been allocated the bungalow at the central Delhi address. Mr. Kejriwal resigned as chief minister last month saying he would hold the post again only after he gets a "certificate of honesty" from the people of Delhi in the Assembly polls due in February. The entrance of the official residence of Punjab Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Mittal on Ferozeshah Road where Mr. Kejriwal will be relocating, in New Delhi. The entrance of the official residence of Punjab Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Mittal on Ferozeshah



Road where Mr. Kejriwal will be relocating, in New Delhi. He had earlier said he would vacate the chief minister's residence during the auspicious Navratri period, which began Thursday. The BJP has accused Mr. Kejriwal of corruption in the excise policy and in the reconstruction of Chief Minister bungalow. The AAP supremo was released from Tihar jail on September 13 on a Supreme Court-approved bail after five months of being lodged there in the excise policy case.

Delhi drug bust: Congress leader's 'involvement' dangerous, shameful, says Amit Shah



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday (October 4, 2024) said the "involvement" of a prominent Congress leader in the ₹5,600 crore drug bust in north India is "extremely dangerous and shameful". Mr. Shah also said that everyone has seen the plight of the youth of Punjab, Haryana and the entire north India due to drugs during the Congress rule. "While on one hand the Modi government is adopting a zero-tolerance policy for a 'drug-free India', the involvement of a prominent Congress leader in the ₹5,600 crore drug consignment seized from north India is extremely dangerous and shameful," the Minister wrote on X in Hindi. He said that while the Modi government is taking the youth towards sports, education and innovation, the "Congress wants to take them into the dark world of drugs". "Our government is determined to

make India a 'drug-free country' by destroying the entire drug network, without looking at the political position or stature of the drug dealers," he added. In one of Delhi's biggest drug busts, police seized over 560 kilograms of cocaine and 40 kilograms of hydroponic marijuana estimated to be worth around ₹5,620 crore earlier this week. The BJP on Thursday (October 3, 2024) alleged that the kingpin, Tushar Goel, arrested in connection with the seizure of drugs is the chairman of the Delhi Youth Congress' RTI cell, a claim refuted by the opposition party as baseless. The Indian Youth Congress (IYC) said in a statement that Goel was expelled from the organisation on October 17, 2022, for anti-party activities soon after BJP spokesperson and MP Sudhanshu Trivedi charged the opposition party with having links with drug dealers.

10 killed in road accident in UP's Mirzapur

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Mirzapur: Ten people were killed and three injured when a truck collided with a tractor trolley in this Uttar Pradesh district early on Friday, police said. The incident took place around 1 am on GT Road, between Kachhawan and Mirzamurad on the Mirzapur-Varanasi border, Superintendent of Police (Mirzapur) Abhinandan said.

Pune-Bengaluru IndiGo flight delayed by 5 hours after pilot refuses to take off; video of frustrated passengers goes viral



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Indigo flight delay Reactions on social media were divided, with some users supporting the passengers, while others defending the pilot and calling for IndiGo's management to be held accountable. An IndiGo pilot recently refused to fly a Pune-Bangalore flight, citing his duty hours were over, and causing a 5-hour delay of flight 6E 361. The flight, originally scheduled to depart at 12.45 am, eventually took off at 5.44 am and landed in Bengaluru at 6.49 am.

The incident happened on September 24, but the controversy gained momentum after a video went viral on social media, showing passengers expressing frustra-

tion at the pilot and the IndiGo crew. According to sources, the pilot said operating that flight would have exceeded his permissible working time. In the video, the pilot is seen closing the cockpit door after being called out by the passengers for an explanation. Reactions on social media were divided, with some users supporting the passengers, while others defending the pilot and calling for IndiGo's management to be held accountable. A passenger, Lokesh MK, posted on X, "@MoCA_Gol indigo flight getting delayed by 3 hours at pune airport flight number 6E 361 from pune to Bengaluru and no response kindly help on this immediate effect." Another passenger, Ayush Kumar, posted on X along with a video showing the passengers' outrage. His tweet read, "IndiGo flight 6E from Pune to Bengaluru delayed for 5 hours after the pilot refused to take off due to his work hours ending. Passengers were left stranded with no refreshments, no compensation. Absolute disregard for customer service. How can this be allowed? @IndiGo6E @DGCAIndia."

IndiGo flight 6E from Pune to Bengaluru delayed for 5 hours after the pilot refused to take off due to his work hours ending. Passengers were left stranded with no refreshments, no compensation. Absolute disregard for customer service. In response to the controversy, IndiGo confirmed the delay and released a statement on September 30, stating, "Flight 6E 361 scheduled to operate from Pune to Bengaluru on September 24, 2024, was delayed due to operational reasons related to flight duty time limitations. Customers were kept informed about the delay and our team was available throughout the duration to assist customers. We apologise for any inconvenience caused."

Death threat note found in Delhi BJP leader Raman Jot Singh's car, probe on

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According to the police, the note left on his car threatened to kill him and said that he would not be safe despite the security provided to him. (File) According to the police, the note left on his car threatened to kill him and said that he would not be safe despite the security provided to him. (File) Delhi BJP state committee member Raman Jot Singh on Monday reported the discovery of a death threat note from his car which was parked near the gurdwara on Pankha Road in Mohan Garden.

Singh, 30, also a member of the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee, told the police that a worker from the gurdwara alerted him about the note. The police said he had previously been assigned personal security, but the protection was withdrawn following a routine security review. According to the police, the note left on his car threatened to kill him and said that he would not be safe despite the security provided to him. The note, however, did not contain a demand for ransom, they said. "Raman Jot had previously told us that he had received threatening calls, allegedly from the Gogi gang, which is why he had been provided a security detail,"



said Ankit Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dwarka. However, the calls made to him were not verified to be from any gangster, and the detail was removed a few days earlier. The local police from Bindapur police station have begun reviewing CCTV footage from cameras installed near the gurdwara to gather more information about those responsible for leaving the note. Further investigation is underway and authorities are ensuring necessary precautions, said the police.

Congress leader Jagdish Tytler seeks quashing of charges, pleads alibi



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While hearing Congress leader Jagdish Tytler's plea to quash a trial court's order framing charges against him in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday called for the statement of a witness who has made contrary depositions over the years.

The case pertains to the deaths of three men when a mob set fire to the Pul Bangash Gurdwara in Delhi during the anti-Sikh riots of 1984. On August 30, a Rouse Avenue court framed charges against Tytler in the CBI case under several sections of the Indian Penal Code, including 302 (murder), 109 (abetment), 147 (rioting), 153A

(promoting enmity between groups), and 143 (unlawful assembly). Before Justice Manoj Ohri, Tytler's counsel submitted that the FIR in the case was first registered on November 1, 1984, leading to the chargesheeting of 31 individuals, all of whom were subsequently acquitted. A supplementary chargesheet was filed later, in which Tytler was not named as an accused, and a third chargesheet was submitted on June 2, 2023, alleging abetment. The counsel pointed to prosecution documents and said that Tytler's presence at Teen Murti Bhavan in Safdarjung on the day of the incident was evident from Doordarshan footage. "The trial court refuses to look into the Doordarshan footage on the ground that this is my defence and alibi to be considered at the stage of trial but he (trial court) forgets that this is not being provided by me, it is in the prosecution papers. It's absurdity.... either you say this Doordarshan footage is false... At the end of the day, three new witnesses have cropped up. Harpal Kaur, Harvinderjit Singh and Abdul Wahid. These witnesses have come into picture in 2016 and 2023," the Congress leader's counsel said. Tytler contends that of the three witnesses the CBI is relying on, Harpal Kaur previously testified in 2008 that she had not seen Tytler inciting any mob at the site of the incident. The court has scheduled the matter for further consideration on November 29.

After Siddaramaiah's wife decides to surrender MUDA sites, BJP asks if theft can be forgiven after return of stolen goods

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Hours after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife B M Parvathi said she would surrender the sites allotted to her by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Karnataka BJP on Tuesday took a dig at the CM asking whether a thief becomes innocent as soon as he returns the stolen goods. Siddaramaiah, meanwhile, said he respected his wife's decision and rued that she had to suffer mental harassment due to the political vendetta pursued against him. Parvathi decided to surrender the 14 sites allotted to her in Mysuru after the Enforcement Directorate booked Siddaramaiah in connection with the MUDA case. Reacting to this, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said the decision was a victory to the party's struggle against alleged irregularities at MUDA. "As the noose of law tightened in the MUDA scam, CM Siddaramaiah has decided to return the 14 sites he had acquired in his wife's name... and the fact that those who said they have done nothing wrong have now admitted their mistake and surrendered to the truth is another victory in the path of our struggle," Ashoka said Tuesday. "Is

the theft forgiven as soon as the goods are returned?" he asked in Kannada in a post on X. By returning the sites, Ashoka said, Siddaramaiah is admitting that there has been some mistake. "The decision to surrender the sites is a political drama," he said.

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra asked whether Siddaramaiah's wife had voluntarily decided to surrender the sites or whether she was forced to do so. "CM Siddaramaiah was saying that he had not committed any mistake and the allegations were politically motivated. He had asked why he should surrender the sites," he said during a press conference. On his part, Siddaramaiah said people of the state know that Opposition parties created a false complaint and dragged his family into the row. "My stand was to fight against it without bowing down to the injustice. My wife, who is hurt by the political conspiracy against me, has surprised me by deciding to surrender the sites. Yet, I respect her decision to surrender the sites," he said. The alleged MUDA scam pertains to the exchange of 3.16 acres of land outside Mysuru, gifted to Siddaramaiah's wife by her brother in 2010.

In a first in Maharashtra, this Mumbai college has launched Bachelors in Luxury Brand and Retail Management course



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luxury brand course The LBRM is a course offered under the Homi Bhabha State University (HBSU), one of the firsts cluster universities in the city formed by combining four government-run colleges, including the Sydenham college. For the first time in Maharashtra, Mumbai's Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics has started a unique course, Bachelors in Luxury Brand and Retail Management (LBRM). This undergraduate degree course is a customised programme to cater to the increasing luxury market in India. Admissions have opened from the academic year 2024-25.

The LBRM is a course offered under the Homi Bhabha State University (HBSU), one of the firsts cluster universities in the city formed by combining four government-run colleges, including the Sydenham college. The course offers specialisations in luxury sectors such as gems and jewellery, apparel and fashion, beauty and wellness among all. Students having passed their Class XII exams are eligible to apply for this course but will have to secure admission through the entrance procedure which includes tests and interviews.

This is among the first few academic initiatives taken by the college after coming out of the Mumbai University's ambit. Principal of the college, Dr Shrinivas Dhure, explained, "The idea is to offer industry related courses in order to increase employability of our students." Dhure added, "This was conveniently possible because we are now part of a separate university with fewer colleges to govern, which is making it more effective. Thanks to the academic freedom, we are able to offer such a unique course. The course is already seeing a high demand." Dhure said the course began with 30 seats and during the admissions process, 15 more seats were added considering the huge demand. An official of the college confirmed admissions from applicants across the country.

The LBRM course is a result of an initiative by 2002 alumnus of the college Dhaval Gandhi who now runs a successful coaching institute. As someone from the field of academics, Gandhi wanted to give back to his Alma Mater in a unique way and decided to offer his expertise to his college and jointly founded The School of Luxury Retail Management at the Sydenham College. The course includes a modern classroom and other sections created with support from alumni donations. Gandhi said the course has many industry stalwarts from luxury brands as teachers for master classes and to ensure good industry exposure to students. Gandhi is also associated with the school as the chief mentor to oversee its functioning. He said, "It is one thing to provide financial support to one's Alma Mater but considering my background in academics, I wanted to take it ahead and provide a unique opportunity to the students in Mumbai. The luxury market in India is growing but there is no trained manpower to work in this increasing industry sector. Currently, students have to depend on such niche courses offered abroad."

Osho followers in Pune deny UK woman's rape charges: 'baseless and have no truth whatsoever'

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In an interview with The Times, the UK-based newspaper, the 54-year-old woman has alleged she was forced to engage in sexual activities from the age of seven after her mother was drawn to the cult. (File Photo) In an interview with The Times, the UK-based newspaper, the 54-year-old woman has alleged she was forced to engage in sexual activities from the age of seven after her mother was drawn to the cult. After a British woman alleged she was raped over 50 times in Osho ashrams across the world in the 1970s, the controversial guru's close associates denied the charges on Tuesday and said children were not allowed inside the ashram located in upscale Koregaon Park area of Pune city.

In an interview with The Times, the UK-based newspaper, the 54-year-old woman has alleged she was forced to engage in sexual activities from the age of seven after her mother was drawn to the cult. The woman also alleged that between the age of 7 and 11, she and her friends were coerced into performing sexual acts on adult men living in the ashram before these escalated to rape. A documentary, Children of the Cult, made by Maroesja Perizonius is also based on the woman's allegations against the Osho ashrams. "If these allegations also pertain to the ashram in Pune of the 70s, then they seem to have been made with an intention to make money... They are baseless and have no truth whatsoever so far as Pune's Osho ashram of the 70s is concerned... This is because children were never allowed inside the ashram except for once during lunch break," Swami Chaitanya Keerti, a close associate of Osho who joined the ashram in 1974 and was with him for at least 15 years, told The Indian Express. Swami Chaitanya Keerti — who has been ousted from Osho International Meditation Resort, a new name given to the Osho ashram, and now heads the 'Rebel Sannyasins' group — also served as the editor of Osho Times.

Ma Amrit Sadhana, spokesperson for Osho International Meditation Resort, said, "The 21 members who run



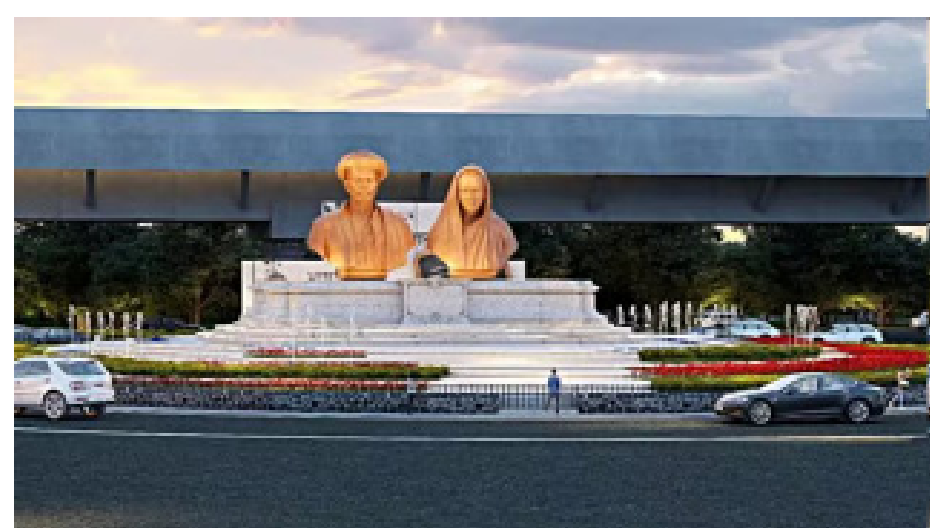
the Resort have collectively decided not to respond to the allegations as the Resort has nothing to do with them". Keerti said children were not allowed to stay at the Pune ashram so the question of their sexual exploitation cannot arise. "Only parents could come inside the ashram and participate in the meditation and commune activities whole day, and children could come during lunch hour only," he added. Keerti said he does not recall seeing the woman, then a seven-year-old or her mother. "There used to be 2,000-3000 sannyasins at any given point of time," he said. "Some groups of Christian fundamentalists have become very active again to malign Osho's name, making movies, writing books, and using paid media for their sinister conspiracies against Osho. Such people have a history of funding the media projects against Osho," said Keerti. "After the Wild Wild Country on Netflix, there was a vacuum of six years to spread negativity against Osho. And now this vacuum will be filled by the Children of the Cult documentary, the salacious fiction based on the life of the UK girl. She would earn a huge amount of money and fame with this project," he alleged. "The woman knows that sex stories have enormous potential to reach all corners of the earth, and Osho's name with it and huge success is yours for sure. In the sex-starved world, fabricated sex stories sell with speed. What a world of perverts people keep living today! And the modern media plays an important role in serving this world," he added.

Nashik Corporation removes controversial inscription beneath newly-inaugurated Jyotiba Phule Memorial

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jyotiba phule memorial, maharashtra, indian express The civic body took down the inscription following a report by The Indian Express, which highlighted alterations to a well-known quatrain written by Mahatma Phule that originally has a reference to 'shudra'. The Nashik Municipal Corporation on Tuesday removed the controversial inscription beneath the recently unveiled 18-foot bronze statue of social reformers Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule, inaugurated by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in Nashik.

The civic body took down the inscription following a report by The Indian Express, which highlighted alterations to a well-known quatrain written by Mahatma Phule that originally has a reference to 'shudra'. Political parties had questioned the historical integrity of the memorial featuring the notable quatrain



without the word 'shudra' and also the appropriateness of altering Phule's original work. "We received orders to take down the inscription, and we have complied," said a Nashik Municipal Corporation officer. The quatrain was taken from Phule's 1881 work 'Shetkaryacha Asud' (The Whip of Farmers), which addresses the plight of cultivators in 19th-century India. The Rs 4.65-crore

memorial was conceived by Chhagan Bhujbal, Maharashtra's Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Protection, and funded by the Nashik Municipal Corporation. The original quatrain reads: "Vidaye vina mati geli, mati vina niti geli. Niti Vina Gati geli, Gati vina vitt gele. Vitt vina shudra khachle, evde anarth aka avidyene kele." It translates as: "Without knowledge, wisdom is lost,

Without wisdom, righteousness is lost, Without righteousness, progress is lost, Without progress, wealth is lost, Without wealth, the lowly suffer, Such is the chaos caused by ignorance." These lines emphasise the critical role of education and knowledge in society and highlight the severe social and economic consequences of ignorance, particularly for marginalized communities.

Who is Birendranath Sircar? With Mithun Chakraborty's Dadasaheb Phalke win, a look at the 13 Bengali superstars who precede



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From Birendranath Sircar, Pankaj Mullick, and Kanan Devi in the 70s to Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Manna De, and Soumitra Chattopadhyay — Mithun Chakraborty's 2024 win of the Dadasaheb Phalke award is preceded by several of West Bengal's film megastars. Presented annually by the Directorate of Film Festivals, the award is India's highest honour in cinema, established in 1969. Birendranath Sircar founded the studio New Theatres Calcutta in Tollygunge in 1930. Forty years later, he became the first Bengali and second person to win the Dadasaheb Phalke award. By that time, his studio had attracted directors such as P C Barua, Premankur Atorthy, Debaki Bose, Dharendra Nath Ganguly, Bimal Roy and Phani Majumdar.

Pankaj Mullick, who received the award in 1972, was one of the pioneers of Indian film music in his time. Besides being a composer and singer, Mullick was also an actor, a playwright, a writer, a teacher, and an administrator. His career at All India Radio spanned 50 years, while his career in Indian films was spread over 38 years. At AIR, Pankaj Mullick set music to the immortal Mahishasuramardini, a programme that has become a part of Bengali culture and synonymous with Durga Puja. It is heard every Mahalaya morning to this date, with an uninterrupted run since it began in 1931. Dharendra Nath Ganguly was an actor, entrepreneur, and director. He and Madan Theatres' manager Nitish Lahiri formed the first Bengali-owned film production company, Indo British Film Co. Later, he formed the Lotus Film Company, British Dominion Films, and other production companies. He received the award just three years after Mullick, in 1975. Actress and singer Kanan Devi, the highest-paid actress of her time, had shot to fame while working with Radha Film Company, winning the award in 1976. Devi made her debut as a child actress in the film Joydev (1926). She worked in a total of 57 films, and she sang around 40 songs. In Hindi cinema, Devi also worked with veteran actors KL Sehgal, Pankaj Malik, Prathamesh Barua, Pahari Sanyal, Chhabi Biswas, and Ashok Kumar. In 1977, the award was won by Nitin Bose, a film director, cinematographer, and screenwriter who made both Bengali and Hindi films. He has also worked with Sircar's New Theatres Calcutta. The first use of playback singing in Indian films occurred in films directed by Bose — in Bhagya Chakra, a 1935 Bengali film, and later in the same year its Hindi remake, Dhooop Chhaon. His most well-known work is Ganga Jamuna. Satyajit Ray, a future winner, was a nephew of Bose and worked under him in the movie Mashaal (1950).

CM Atishi says not allowed to meet Sonam Wangchuk; Kejriwal asks if Delhi is 'someone's personal property'

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Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said on Tuesday she was not allowed to meet Ladakh-based climate activist Sonam Wangchuk at the Bawana police station, where he has been detained along with his supporters who were part of his "Chalo Dilli" march. "I reached Bawana police station to meet Sonam Wangchuk ji and 150 brothers and sisters of Ladakh. Delhi police did not let me meet them. It is being told that LG sahab called and said... This dictatorship is not right. Sonam Wangchuk ji and the people of Ladakh are also fighting against LG rule, fighting to get full statehood status for Ladakh. The people of Delhi stand with the people of Ladakh. LG rule should end in Ladakh, LG rule should also end in Delhi. Ladakh and Delhi should get the status of a full state," Atishi posted on X in the afternoon. Wangchuk and close to 150 activists from Ladakh were detained on Monday night by Delhi Police for allegedly violating prohibitory orders, which were passed a few hours before the contingent reached Delhi's border. Earlier in the day, in a post on X, Atishi stated, "Sonam Wangchuk and



our 150 Ladakhi brothers and sisters were coming to Delhi peacefully. The police have stopped them. They have been imprisoned in Bawana Police station since last night. Is it wrong for Ladakh to demand democratic rights? Is it wrong for satyagrahis to go to Gandhi Samadhi on October 27? "Wangchuk's march aims to raise awareness about climate change and its impacts, particularly in the Himalayas and the Ladakh region. He has also demanded Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh, a Union Territory. AAP supreme Arvind Kejriwal said in an X post, "Sometimes farmers are stopped from entering Delhi, and other times it's the people of Ladakh. Is Delhi someone's personal

property? Delhi is the nation's capital, and everyone has the right to come here. This is completely wrong. What are they so afraid of from unarmed, peaceful people?" Former deputy chief Minister and AAP leader Manish Sisodia accused the BJP and its leaders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, of protecting gangsters and treating people like Wangchuk, who love the country, as terrorists. "Instead of using its police force to stop crime and take action against the increasing gangsters in Delhi, the BJP is stopping Sonam Wangchuk," he said. The police had imposed curbs on gatherings of over four people in Delhi between Monday and Sat-

urday in three districts — North, Central and New Delhi — along with all police station jurisdictions on Delhi's borders. For imposing the curbs, they cited communal tensions over the Waqf Amendment Bill, Municipal Corporation of Delhi's standing committee elections, pending Delhi University Students Union poll results and elections in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir, among other things. Meanwhile, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also expressed his support for Wangchuk, calling his detention "unacceptable". He posted on X, "The detention of Sonam Wangchuk ji and hundreds of Ladakhis peacefully marching for environmental and constitutional rights is unacceptable.

An Amazon-like platform for fruits and vegetables to bring farmers close to consumers

GNS News Agency, Oct 4 Yogesh Kedari, a graduate in horticulture and an MBA in Agriculture Business Management, had noticed the curiously long journey that farm produce takes from the field to consumer. "Imagine a farmer in Himachal Pradesh. He will send the produce to somebody sitting in the capital city, Shimla, who will transport it to Chandigarh, before the produce moves to Delhi and is sold by somebody else in the distribution market, like Bengaluru. From here, the produce will make its way to a small town kirana store. This is a very long value chain," says Kedari.

After working in the space for 19 years, during which he became convinced that there was a disconnect between buyers and farmers because of multiple intermediaries, Kedari took the plunge in 2023 with a startup, Mulyam Agronomics, which is based in Pune-Chinchwad. Mulyam's solution was to directly buy all grades of fruits and vegetables from farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs). The farmers, now dealing with a single entity that offers fair prices, get better returns on their produce, a market all over India and logistics and packaging assistance. The products are, then, delivered at a fast pace to wholesalers, retailers, exporters and other institutional buyers across the country, thus opening up distant markets for the products. It is the small, Tier-II and III wholesale buyers that Mulyam is especially targeting. At present, Mulyam has more of a transactional relationship with wholesalers and institutional buyers. In the next six months, it is going to launch a full-fledged B2B marketplace. "We are trying to bring our capability to a level where we can scale. Once we operate on a scale of say one lakh or two lakh metric tons of fresh produce, we want to run the business as a platform that will have



suppliers coming on the platform and buyers purchasing through us. This will enable farmers to sell their produce across the country in their brand and buyers across regions to access the produce," says Kedari, emphasising that they want to create an FPO marketplace for market linkage. The services will include value additions such as logistics and packaging platforms. "Once we introduce the platform, we will not take a trading cut but a service charge," says Kedari. He says that buyers will get consistent supply, better quality and financing solutions. Farmers get a pan-India reach, help in procurement of packaging material, better logistics rates and prices across all the major and smaller markets in the country. "This will enable farmers to go beyond their current reach of 50-100 km radius that he sells. The best thing is that FPOs can create their brand and showcase across the country in wholesale markets through us," says Kedari.

For raising 'anti-national slogans', police book unknown persons at Kolkata protest against R G Kar rape and murder

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An FIR was lodged at Kolkata's Patuli police station against unknown individuals for allegedly raising "anti-national" slogans during a protest rally on September 29. The slogan "Kashmir mange azadi (Kashmir wants freedom)" was purportedly chanted during the rally, which was organised to demand justice for a trainee doctor who was found raped and murdered at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in August.

The case has been registered under sections 152 (acts endangering the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India), 285 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation), and 3(5) (establishes joint criminal liability when two or more individuals act with a common intention) of the BNS. The incident sparked outrage after Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Keya Ghosh shared a purported video on X of people shouting the slogans at the rally. "Whose conspiracy is trying to disrupt the movement with these two-five people?" she wrote on Sunday. On the same day, BJP leader Dilip Ghosh



claimed that the rally took place in Jadavpur on his social media handle. He wrote that "instead of demanding (CM Mamata Banerjee's) resignation, (the protestors in the video) are diverting attention from the real issue." "You won't be able to understand when anti-national slogans demanding "#Azadi (freedom) arise from a protest, march, or movement seeking justice for Abhya and other such causes! In Jadavpur, during one such protest, slogans for Azadi were raised," he wrote.

Viagogo, BookMyShow and Coldplay tickets controversy: 'Not linked to BookMyShow, fully compliant with Indian Law' says Viagogo

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While the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai police has summoned top officials of Big Tree Entertainment Private Limited, the parent of BookMyShow, amid the black ticketing controversy surrounding tickets of Coldplay concert, Viagogo — one of the key platforms where Coldplay concert tickets are being sold at prices quoting several times the original — has denied any association with BookMyShow. Viagogo further said that it is simply a marketplace where individuals can come and resell their tickets. "Viagogo is not working with BookMyShow," the official spokesperson told The Indian Express over an email exchange, adding that "tickets listed on Viagogo come from a range of sources, including multinational event organisers, corporate ticket holders, season ticket holders, sponsors and fans who simply can no longer attend an event."

Founded in 2006 by Eric Baker, Viagogo operates as a secondary marketplace, where individuals can resell tickets for live events such as sports, music, and theatre. The platform emphasises that it does not sell tickets or set prices but allows sellers to do so independently. The controversy erupted when millions of fans eagerly waiting to see the iconic British band Coldplay — known for classics like 'Yellow', 'Fix You', 'Paradise', and more recently 'Something Just Like This' — were abruptly logged out last Sunday noon (September 22) as tickets went on sale. After repeated attempts to log back in, fans found themselves stuck in long virtual queues, with hundreds of thousands ahead of them, leading to frustration and disappointment. What fuelled this frustration into anger was the sudden appearance of tickets on third-party platforms like Viagogo, being sold at exorbitant markups. For instance, a ticket in H row of section 2D, originally priced at ₹12,500 on BookMyShow, was listed for ₹68,033 and even as high as ₹337,823 on separate listings.

Social media exploded with outrage, as fans speculated about possible collusion between the platforms. The situation escalated to legal action when Mumbai-based lawyer Amit Vyas filed a complaint against BookMyShow and the event promoters, accusing them of black-market ticketing. In the wake of significant backlash on social media, which carried through from Sunday to Monday and Tuesday, BookMyShow released a statement on Tuesday distancing itself from Viagogo, Gigsberg, and other third-party platforms reselling tickets. They condemned ticket scalping, clarified that they had filed a police complaint, and urged fans "not to fall victim to these scams," warning that tickets "bought from unauthorised sources will be at the risk of the consumer, and can turn out to be fake tickets." Responding to questions about scalping and compliance with Indian law, the Viagogo spokesperson told The Indian Express that their "platform is fully compliant with Indian law — as it is in all markets in which it operates." "Viagogo takes its obligations under law very seriously. When we are contacted by any relevant au-



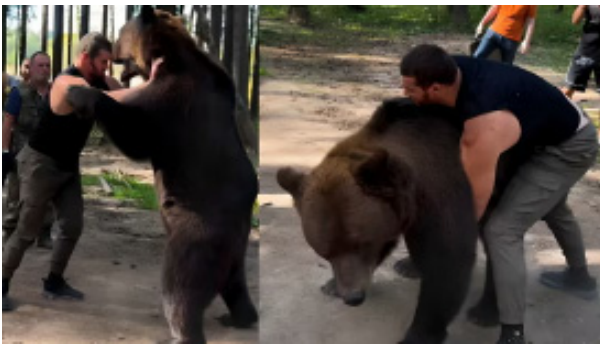
thority in respect of any investigation, Viagogo cooperates fully and fulfils its legal obligations," it added. Regarding inflated ticket prices, Viagogo reiterated that sellers set their own prices, which reflect demand. "Prices can change and tend to reduce over time, so we recommend fans wait for demand to settle," the spokesperson said, noting that overly inflated prices rarely sell. They opposed price caps, arguing that such limits drive sellers to unregulated markets where fans may lack protection. "Ultimately, ticket resale prices are driven by supply and demand. Our goal is to provide a safe space where fans can buy and sell tickets, protected by a guarantee," it added. When Viagogo was asked if they will be making any changes to their policies or practices in response to the recent scrutiny and complaints regarding ticket sales and pricing, it said, "Viagogo continues to innovate and develop to provide the best platform for our users. Any changes to our platform will be tailored towards those users to ensure they receive the best experience and are able to buy tickets to the live events they love." "We exist to get fans into once-in-a-lifetime live events like Coldplay. To back that up we provide a guarantee that ensures fans receive their tickets in time for the event and in the rare instance of an issue, replacement tickets or their money back," it concluded.

Central Govt allocates Rs 600 crore to Gujarat for flood relief efforts

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Vadodara: Rise in the level of Vishwamitri river/Vadodara: A submerged area after a rise in the level of Vishwamitri river inundated low-lying areas following heavy rainfall, in Vadodara, Monday, Sept 30, 2024. (PTI Photo) The Centre has approved the release of a Rs 600-crore flood relief fund for Gujarat. This is part of Rs 675-crore funds approved for the flood-affected states of Gujarat, Manipur and Tripura.

'Russia is not for beginners': Boxer wrestles with massive bear in viral video.



GNS News Agency, Oct 4 A Russian boxer, Arslanbek Makhmudov, wrestled a bear in a viral video, showcasing a unique human-animal bond. In a fascinating display of camaraderie between humans and animals, a video has emerged on social media featuring a Russian professional boxer wrestling a massive bear. Shared on the boxer's official Instagram account, the clip captures an unusual encounter that has sparked both intrigue and concern among viewers. The professional boxer featured in the video is identified as Arslanbek Makhmudov. The accompanying post states: "We are walking in the woods with friends, and there is a bear to meet us. In general, we decided to find out which of us

fights better." Although the intent behind this interaction appears to be playful, it raises concerns about safety and the welfare of the animal involved. As the footage unfolds, viewers see the Russian man engaging with the bear, which appears calm and unaggressive throughout the bout. The animal does not utilise its full strength, and the atmosphere remains relatively relaxed despite the wild setting. Surrounding them are a number of spectators who seem entertained rather than alarmed by the unique spectacle. This eye-catching video has garnered over 12.6 million views, sparking a flood of reactions online. Users have taken to the comments to express a mix of amazement and disbelief. One viewer remarked, "This is absolutely insane! How can they be so calm around such a powerful creature?" Another commenter expressed concern, saying, "I hope they understand the risks involved. Bears are still wild animals." Others were more supportive of the interaction. "What a strong bond between man and beast! This is a sight to behold," one user enthused. Another chimed in, "It's great to see animals being treated with respect. This bear seems very well taken care of." However, not everyone was convinced of the safety of such encounters. "This isn't a game. Wild animals should not be treated like pets," warned a concerned observer. In contrast, a more light-hearted comment suggested, "I think the bear is just playing! It's like a fluffy opponent in the ring!"

Jon Stewart tears into 'Donald Aloysius Trump' for nonsensical ramblings on policy plans, tells Harris 'you have left...'

GNS News Agency, Oct 4 Jon Stewart, the host of The Daily Show, took on the persona of a myth-buster, juxtaposing the things that Donald Trump's followers say they adore about him with his actual statements and actions. He pointed out that proponents of Trump assert that Vice President Kamala Harris has not provided details about her proposed policies. Stewart offered some advice for those who aren't sure whether to vote for Trump or Harris in November. Jon Stewart reveals why he is leaning toward Harris. On his show, he stated that he has been leaning toward Harris due to "her impressive resume and her ability to switch from Indian to Black like that." In a series of clips, Stewart showed that Trump has provided very less details than Harris. He then played a video in which Trump fans expressed their reasons for voting for him. "Donald Trump is behind the kind of people who have to work overtime to pay the bills," he quipped. Mocking Trump, he said, "every time Trump talks about workers it's like watching A Christmas Carol in reverse." He called Trump's claim of assisting the workers "nonsense", adding that "I just fired these three ghosts who were trying to get overtime." Stewart presented a snippet of Trump's recent interview in which he was pressed for details on how he would bring costs down given that the mounting cost of living is continuing to bankrupt households. Stewart produced a graphic with the labels "Time" on the X-axis and "Policy Specifics" on the Y-axis before playing Trump's response. He allowed the video to play while holding a marker to assess Trump's performance. The ex-President insulted Kamala Harris' interviewing abilities, dodging the main question. He raised the stakes higher after playing the second part of Trump's response, which likewise fell short of providing a cogent strategy to tackle inflation. "Maybe he didn't really want to talk about his inflation policy, since economists say it would make inflation worse. Which, you know, is the wrong direction," Stewart



pondered. "Let's give Trump a second chance," he declared, showcasing a different view from the Economic Club of New York, where the former president was questioned about the "specific piece of legislation" he would support to lower the cost of daycare. He also played a video clip from the interview where Trump was questioned about his position on IVF. With his lengthy and meandering response in the clip, Trump offered little evidence that he had a well-thought-out position on the issue. Stewart replaced his "Huh?" chart with a new one that asked, "What the actual f--k are you talking about?" Stewart's criticism of Trump's nonsensical responses comes after Republicans blasted Harris for vague policy proposals.

Jon Stewart's message for Harris in response to their objections, Stewart first produced a montage of Harris at her rallies outlining her policy proposals, which included promises to "expand the tax deduction for startups to \$50,000" and "offer \$6,000 in tax relief to families during a child's first year of life." "Excuse me, but as Americans, we demanded a detailed plan of action, not random numbers!" Stewart chuckled. In a sarcastic message to Harris, he said, "You have left the door wide open, lady, because clearly Donald Aloysius Trump would not trifle with America in that manner."

Indo-Canadian mediaperson, attacked by two persons, blames 'pro-Khalistan' elements



GNS News Agency, Oct 4 Rishi Nagar was attacked by two unidentified persons in Calgary in the Canadian province of Alberta. Police said that the arrested pair has been identified as Gursewak Singh and Sukhpreet Singh. Toronto: An Indo-Canadian newsperson who was attacked by two unidentified persons in Calgary has said he believes the assailants were "pro-Khalistan" elements upset over a report in his outlet. Rishi Nagar, news director of the radio channel Red FM Calgary, was assaulted on Sunday in Calgary in the province of Alberta. Nagar told the Hindustan Times, "The pro-Khalistan people attacked me." He said the attack followed a report about an incident at the Gurdwara Dashmesh Cultural Centre in Calgary, which led to two Indo-Canadians being arrested on firearms-related charges.

Guigon told the outlet police was "throwing resources at the investigation while describing the assault as "particularly troubling to us when a member of the media gets attacked in a democracy". There have been unconfirmed allegations of an attempt by pro-Khalistan elements to extort funds from the Calgary gurdwara, though the Hindustan Times could not substantiate them. Read breaking news, latest updates from US, UK, Pakistan and other countries across the world on topics related to US Election, politics, crime, along with national affairs.

Take note! Assam's Kaziranga National Park reopens for tourists

GNS News Agency, Oct 4 Guwahati: Assam's Kaziranga National Park, home of the one-horned rhino, opened for this tourist season on Tuesday, after being closed during the monsoons for visitors. Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary declared the Park open for 2024-25 season at a function at the western range, Bagori, exuding confidence that it will be able to draw more tourists this season.

"We already have adequate infrastructure in Kaziranga and more attractions, like more boats for tourists, have been added. We are hopeful that more tourists will visit this year, improving upon last season's record of over 3.27 lakh visitors," he said.

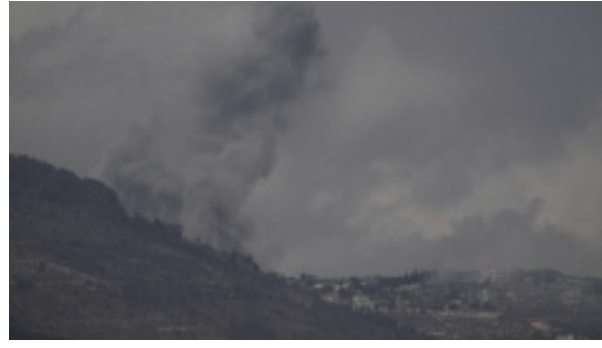
Patowary stressed on help and cooperation of all stakeholders, including Park officials, locals and media, in attracting more tourists and ensuring they have a pleasant stay. "The visit of dignitaries such as the President and Prime Minister of our country, Bhutan's king and others also helped in bringing more tourists," he said.

The Minister also emphasised on drawing visitors from different countries as it helps in spreading the fame of Kaziranga, besides bringing in more revenue.

Cabinet Ministers Atul Bora and Keshab Mahanta and local Kaziranga MP Kamakhya Prasad Tassa, among others, were present at the opening ceremony. Jeep safari has been opened for tourists now, with elephant safari to be allowed later. Among other attractions in the Park are hiking, trekking, birding and cycle trials.

The Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, remains closed from around May every year with the onset of monsoons.

What are countries doing to get nationals out of Lebanon?



GNS News Agency, Oct 4 Western nations are updating contingency plans for organising evacuations from Lebanon after a sharp escalation in border warfare between Israel and the Lebanese armed movement Hezbollah. Cyprus, the closest European Union member state to the Middle East, is a likely hub, having processed around 60,000 people fleeing the Hezbollah-Israel war in 2006. Israel-Hezbollah war LIVE Updates | Israel carries out ground operation in southern Lebanon; IDF calls it limited, localised. Neighbouring Turkey has offered facilities as well. No country has activated a large-scale military evacuation yet, though some are chartering aircraft to assist in their nationals leaving as Beirut airport remains open. There have also been plans to evacuate by sea to Cyprus, enabling the movement of larger groups of people at a time. Here are details on contingency planning:

AUSTRALIA Authorities have made contingency plans that could include evacuation by sea, though it has urged an estimated 15,000 of its citizens in Lebanon to leave while Beirut airport remains open. CANADA News reports from Canada suggest it will cooperate with Australia in evacuating nationals by sea. The plan involves chartering a commercial vessel to transport 1,000 people out each day, The Toronto Star reported.

FRANCE France, which has been urging citizens not to travel to Lebanon, has had evacuation plans in place

for several months but has not issued an evacuation order. Present contingency plans centre around Cyprus and Beirut airport, while it is also discussing evacuations via Turkey. France has a warship in the region, while a French helicopter carrier will arrive in the eastern Mediterranean in the coming days and take up position in case a decision is taken to evacuate foreign nationals from Lebanon, a French army spokesperson said on Tuesday. GERMANY Germany has evacuated non-essential staff, families of embassy workers and German nationals who are medically vulnerable out of Lebanon and will support others trying to leave, a joint statement by the foreign and defence ministries said on Monday. Germans in the region can leave the country on commercial flights via airports that are still open, a spokesperson for the German foreign ministry said on Monday. GREECE The Greek foreign ministry has urged its citizens to leave Lebanon and avoid any travel to the country. A frigate is on standby in case assistance is needed. UNITED KINGDOM Britain has called for its nationals to leave immediately. It has moved around 700 troops to Cyprus, bolstering its presence in the area where it already has military assets, including two Royal Navy ships. It also has two military bases on the island. The British government has chartered a flight to help meet any additional demand from Britons wishing to leave on Wednesday, and will fly directly back to London.

ITALY Italy has reduced unnecessary diplomatic staff and beefed up security personnel at its embassy in Beirut, a source told Reuters. Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani has repeatedly urged nationals to leave the country and sought assurances from Israel over the safety of Italian soldiers operating in peacekeeping operations in the area. UNITED STATES The U.S. has ordered the deployment of dozens of troops to Cyprus to help prepare for scenarios, including an evacuation of Americans from Lebanon. PORTUGAL Prime Minister Luis Montenegro has advised against travel to Lebanon. The country assisted in the evacuation of a small number of Portuguese citizens living there.

China marks 75 years of Communist Party rule as economic challenges and security threats linger

GNS News Agency, Oct 4 China is marking the 75th year of Communist Party rule as economic challenges and security threats linger over the massive state. No festivities have been announced for the occasion on Tuesday, save for a flag-raising ceremony at Tiananmen Square, with an honor guard marching from the entrance of the sprawling palace that in past centuries was the home of Chinese emperors. The entirely state-controlled media ran constant reports on China's economic progress and social stability, with no mention of challenges ranging from a declining birth rate to the disruption in supply chains that has harmed the largely export-driven economy. Commemorations were also held in the former British colony of Hong Kong and Portugal's former territory of Macao, both of which returned to Chinese sovereignty in the late 1990s in a key indication of Beijing's determination to overcome what it has called a "Century of Humiliation." In recent decades, China has mounted military parades and displays of the country's economic might only at the turn of decades, such as for the 60th and 70th anniversaries.



The world's second largest economy has struggled to regain momentum after the COVID-19 pandemic. A prolonged property slump led to a spillover effect on other parts of the economy, from construction to sales of home appliances. Last week, China announced a slew of measures to boost the economy, including lower interest rates and smaller down payment requirements for mortgages. Party leader and head of state Xi Jinping has largely avoided overseas travel since the pandemic, while continuing with his purges at home of top officials considered insufficiently loyal or being suspected of corruption or personal indiscretions. "The road ahead will not be smooth, there will definitely be difficulties and obstacles, and we may encounter major tests such as high winds and rough seas, or even stormy waves" Mr. Xi warned during a banquet on the eve of the anniversary.

"We must be vigilant in times of peace, plan ahead,

and rely closely on the entire Party, the entire army, and people of all ethnic groups across the country" he said, "no difficulties can stop the Chinese people from moving forward." The anniversary also comes as China is facing growing frictions with neighbors including Japan, South Korea and the Philippines over territorial claims and their close relationships with Beijing's chief rival, the United States. The Communists under Mao Zedong seized power in 1949 amid a civil war with the Nationalists, also known as the KMT, led by Chiang Kai-shek, who shifted their political, economic and military power to the now self-governing island democracy of Taiwan. Beijing continues to insist Taiwan must be annexed under Communist Party rule, by force if necessary, while the U.S. has provided arms to ensure its defense. China, meanwhile, has involved itself in disputes over its claims to most of the South China Sea and uninhabited islands held by Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam and other neighboring nations. China's military buildup and its recent launch of a nuclear capable ballistic missile into the Pacific Ocean have raised concerns about a possible conflict. At home, Mr. Xi has made himself effectively leader for life by ending term limits and extending his power over key government and party bodies. China allows no competitive elections and the party retains near total control over the media that informs its 1.4 billion people.

IMF team to arrive for talks with new Lanka government on loan agreement for economic recovery



Former president Ranil Wickremesinghe-led government was negotiating with the IMF for the release of the fourth tranche of the \$2.9 billion facility

GNS News Agency, Oct 4 A high-level team of the International Monetary Fund will arrive in Sri Lanka on Wednesday (October 2, 2024) to meet the new government headed by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and discuss the latest economic reforms supported by the global lender. On September 24, the IMF said that they would begin talks with the new Lanka government led by President Dissanayake. The global lender said it will discuss the timing of the third

review of its ongoing economic reform under a 48-month loan. Former president Ranil Wickremesinghe-led government was negotiating with the IMF for the release of the fourth tranche of the \$2.9 billion facility. "A high-level team led by Krishna Srinivasan, Director for the Asia Pacific Department will be visiting Colombo October 2-4 to meet with President Dissanayake and the new economic team to discuss the latest economic developments and economic reforms under Sri Lanka's economic programme supported by the IMF," a release said.

This will be the National People's Power (NPP) government's first interaction with the international lender after being elected on September 21. On September 23, Mr. Dissanayake was sworn in as Sri Lanka's ninth president, amid hopes that he will bolster the country's economy and eliminate corruption. Mr. Dissanayake, the leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna party's broader front National People's Power (NPP), defeated his closest rival Sajith Premadasa of Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) in the presidential election. Mr. Dissanayake's JVP-led NPP has pledged to renegotiate the IMF deal citing it has led to some unbearable difficulties for common people.

The meeting would be crucial to negotiating with the IMF for the release of the fourth tranche of the \$2.9 billion facility. The third review and the release of the fourth tranche were put back due to the election. Originally, the fourth tranche was scheduled for December this year after the completion of the third review. Ahead of the IMF visit, the government policymakers on Monday (September 30, 2024) said the plan to restructure the national carrier Srilankan Airlines has been abandoned. There has been no official statement though. The airline restructuring figured in the IMF's governance diagnostic report concerning the loss-making state-owned enterprises. In July, the Wickremesinghe government said it had scrapped its plan to sell the airline despite shortlisting three potential partners.

TAFE files for contempt against AGCO after US co terminates Massey Ferguson licence deal



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TAFE, TAFE contempt against AGCO, United States, Massey Ferguson licence deal, tractor brand ownership, shareholders, Indian express newsTAFE and AGCO had locked horns over Massey Ferguson, with the former claiming ownership of the popular tractor brand in India. Indian tractor major Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Monday filed a contempt petition against its long-term partner AGCO Corporation, the US-based agricultural equipment manufacturer, after the latter delivered immediate termination notices for its agreements with TAFE, including the brand licence for the popular Massey Ferguson tractors.

TAFE, India's second-largest tractor manufacturer led by Mallika Srinivasan, is the largest shareholder in the \$14.4-billion US company with a share of 16.3 per cent. TAFE had acquired the stake in 2012, and became its single largest shareholder and strategic long-term investor. AGCO's other top shareholders include institutional investors including Vanguard and Blackrock. The top 10 shareholders have a cumulative stake of 52.8 per cent in AGCO. In a statement, TAFE said the Commercial Court in Chennai had ruled in its favour with an interim status quo order with respect to the Massey Ferguson brand. Claiming it was impermissible for either party (TAFE or AGCO) to disturb the position as on April 29, 2024, it said, "TAFE has filed a petition against AGCO for disobedience of the orders of the court in a contempt petition in Chennai."

The Indian company has asserted its claims over the ownership of the Massey Ferguson brand in a case filed before the Madras High Court. "Since its inception in 1960, TAFE has produced, built and nurtured the Massey

Ferguson brand...With a total annual production of over 180,000 tractors, over 100,000 Massey Ferguson are produced by TAFE in India with over 3 Million satisfied customers in its fold. TAFE and Massey Ferguson are synonymous in India...AGCO's global brand website has historically for six decades made no mention of Massey Ferguson in the context of India, Nepal and Bhutan having ceded the entire territory to TAFE since the take-over of Massey Ferguson India in 1960," TAFE said.

The TAFE statement came after AGCO delivered termination notices of its Massey Ferguson brand licence agreement with TAFE, distributor agreement with TAFE for the markets of India, Nepal and Bhutan, and intellectual property licence agreement with TAFE for the markets of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan. In a press release, AGCO said Monday that it has "also commenced legal proceedings against TAFE in India related to the use of the Massey Ferguson brand following the termination of these notices." TAFE and AGCO had locked horns over Massey Ferguson, with the former claiming ownership of the popular tractor brand in India. TAFE has also accused AGCO's management of pushing back against the Indian company's growing influence at the latter, sought changes in AGCO's board and a split of the position of chairman and chief executive officer, which is currently held by Eric Hansotia. On Monday, TAFE also wrote a public letter to AGCO's shareholders, in which it accused the AGCO management of "ignoring" its suggestions for improving the corporation's business performance. "As the Company (AGCO) has struggled in recent years to integrate acquisitions and expand into new markets, we have drawn on our experience to provide leadership with pragmatic suggestions. Unfortunately, AGCO has responded by ignoring these ideas, taking measures to disenfranchise TAFE, and isolating our representative on the Board..." TAFE said in its letter to AGCO shareholders. TAFE alleged that AGCO's current state was such that despite being a long-term, strategic investor with no history of public activism, the Indian company felt "compelled" to air its concerns publicly. Calling for "shareholder-driven boardroom change" at AGCO, TAFE told the shareholders: "AGCO's issues have also led us to begin assessing the ways in which a strategic transformation can be implemented, with new and independent directors who possess the expertise required to lead a lasting turnaround..."

Survey: Manufacturing industries' job growth at 12-year high in FY23

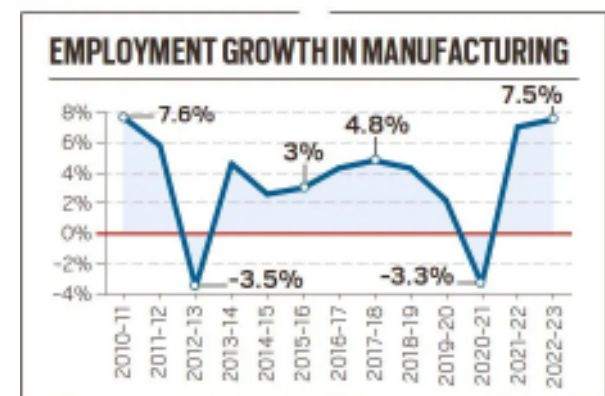
The Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2022-23, released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Monday, showed that the total number of employees in manufacturing industries increased by 7.5 per cent to 1.84 crore in 2022-23 from 1.72 crore in 2021-22. This is the highest rate of increase in employment in manufacturing industries in the last 12 years.

The highest employment was recorded in factories producing food products, followed by textiles, basic metals, wearing apparel and motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, the latest ASI data showed. According to the survey, the total number of factories increased from 2.49 lakh in 2021-22 to 2.53 lakh in 2022-23, which was the first year marking the full recovery phase after the Covid-19 pandemic. In comparison, the number of workers employed in the informal sector in 2022-23 had dropped by 16.45 lakh or about 1.5 per cent to 10.96 crore compared to 11.13 crore in 2015-16, as per the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Enterprises (ASUSE) 2022-23 released in July this year. At a press briefing on the ASI data release, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam said it suggests the impact of the Covid pandemic has been "wiped out". Survey: Manufacturing industries' job growth at 12-year high in FY23. "What this data is showing is that we have now overcome the Covid shock and the manufacturing sector is now on the upswing and that's very clear. These figures are coming as a surprise to us also," he said. The ASI data is the principal source of industrial statistics and data for organised manufacturing. It relates to factories employing 10 or more workers using power and those employing 20 or more workers without using power. The definition is slightly tweaked for states of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Goa, wherein data is collected for factories employing 20 or more workers with power and factories having 40 or more workers without power. The survey also covers registered bidi and cigar manufacturing establishments.

The Ministry said the main drivers of the manufacturing growth in 2022-23 were industries related to basic metal, coke & refined petroleum products, food products, chemical and chemical products and motor vehicles. "These industries, taken together, contributed about 58 per cent of the total output of the sector and showed output growth of 24.5 per cent and GVA growth of 2.6 per cent in comparison to 2021-22," the Ministry said in a statement.

The estimated number of persons engaged in the manufacturing industries in 2022-23 is higher than the pre-pandemic level of 2018-19 by over 22.14 lakh, the Ministry said. The average emoluments also improved in 2022-23, with average emoluments per person rising by 6.3 per cent in 2022-23 as against the previous year. In terms of GVA, Maharashtra ranked first in 2022-23 followed by Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. These top five states together contributed more than 54 per cent of the total manufacturing GVA of the country in 2022-23. In terms of employment also, the top five states were Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka in ASI 2022-23, contributing about 55 per cent of total manufacturing employment in 2022-23.

Workers include all persons employed directly or through any agency and includes both paid and unpaid workers engaged in any manufacturing process or in cleaning any part of the machinery or the manufacturing premises. Employees include all workers and persons receiving wages and holding clerical or supervisory or managerial positions along with those engaged in purchase of raw materials or fixed assets for the factory as well as watch and ward staff. Gross fixed capital formation, a proxy for capital investment, grew by over 77 per cent to Rs 5.85 lakh crore in 2022-23 from Rs 3.3 lakh crore in 2021-22. Net fixed capital formation, which is derived after removing depreciation, grew by 781.6 per cent to Rs 2.68 lakh crore. Profits in the manufacturing sector grew by 2.7 per cent to Rs 9.76 lakh crore. Fixed capital investments had taken a sharp hit during the pandemic affected years. Gross fixed capital formation had declined by 11 per cent in 2021-22 to Rs 3.30 lakh crore



from Rs 4.17 lakh crore in the pre-pandemic year of 2019-20. In 2022-23, however, the addition in stock of materials, fuels and semi-finished goods contracted by over 50 per cent, while addition in stock of finished goods decreased by 36.1 per cent. Subrahmanyam added that when these numbers are extrapolated to a 7.5 per cent per annum GDP growth rate, the share of manufacturing in GDP and in employment will also rise. "I am sure in the next two months, when (GDP) data comes out this year, you will see a lot of people revising their growth forecast for India. And they will be on the upper side rather than the lower side," he said. The NITI Aayog CEO also noted that growth is better in sectors where there is a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. "Growth is broad-based. It covers all sectors. The other interesting thing, wherever the growth is strong, you will have a PLI operational like metals, automotive, and food products. All the sectors which have PLI are actually showing a far better growth rate," he said. MoSPI Secretary Saurabh Garg said that a survey for the service sector enterprises will start from October 1 onwards and is expected to be completed in a few months.

BharatPe settles Rs 88-crore fund misappropriation case with Ashneer Grover

New Delhi: After a long-standing and dramatic courtroom battle, BharatPe on Monday said it has arrived at an agreement with its former co-founder Ashneer Grover, who was charged, along with his family members, by the fintech company for alleged misappropriation of funds worth Rs 88.67 crore. In a statement, the company said as part of the settlement, Grover will not be associated with BharatPe in any capacity, nor be a part of the shareholding of the company. "Certain shares of Grover shall be transferred to the Resilient Growth Trust for the benefit of the company and his remaining shares will be managed by his family trust," said a company spokesperson. BharatPe further added that both parties have decided not to pursue the cases filed. "We wish Grover well. BharatPe continues to focus on delivering industry-leading solutions to its merchants and customers driving growth with profitability," the company added. In a post on X, Ashneer said he has "reached a decisive settlement with BharatPe". "I repose my faith in the management and board, who are doing great work in taking BharatPe forward in the right direction. I continue to remain aligned with the company's growth and success," he said. "I will no longer be associated with BharatPe in any capacity, nor be part of the capital table. My remaining shares will be managed by my Family Trust. Both parties have decided not to pursue cases filed. I hope BharatPe continues to grow and succeed for the benefit of all its stakeholders," he posted.

Is your partner 'pebbling' you? Know all about this dating term



Move over over-the-top bouquets and expensive dinners. The latest trend in the dating world is all about keeping things cute, casual, and surprisingly inspired by penguins. Yes, you read that right - penguins! Buckle up, because "pebbling" is here to redefine how you show affection in the early stages of dating.

What is pebbling?

The term "pebbling" refers to the act of sending someone you're interested in small gifts, memes, funny videos, or anything that reminds you of them. The inspiration comes from the Gentoo penguin, a species known for giving smooth pebbles to their potential mates as a way of building a nest together (and hopefully, a future!).

In the human version, the "pebbles" are digital or physical tokens of affection that show you're thinking about your date, explained Ekta DB, mental health professional and relationship coach. She added that this is not limited to romantic relationships, but also extends to friendships. Remember when you shared that one meme with your friends only they would understand even if you don't talk to them every day? Congratulations, you know exactly what pebbling is. dating app profile mistakes, dating app red flags, what makes people swipe left on dating apps, dating app profile tips, online dating profile do's and don'ts Don't just bombard them with random pebbles. Pay attention to their interests and send things that connect with them. It's affordable and thoughtful: No need to break the bank! A funny meme or a cute picture you saw

online can say a lot without a hefty price tag. It breaks the ice: Sharing something lighthearted can be a great conversation starter, especially if the meme or video sparks a shared interest, shared Ekta, adding that she has met many of these couples in her practice.

It shows you pay attention: Pebbling demonstrates that you're not just interested in generic conversation; you're noticing things about their personality and interests, according to Ekta. It keeps things casual (but cute): It's a way to show affection without being overly romantic or pressuring. It's perfect for the early stages of dating when things are still light and playful. Ekta warns pebbling can also be harmful by becoming a form of 'manipulation.' So, it is important you convey your feelings clearly and ensure you are on the same page as your partner.

How to pebble like a pro: Keep it relevant: Don't just bombard them with random pebbles. Pay attention to their interests and send things that connect with them. Don't overdo it: A gentle pebble shower is sweet, but a pebble avalanche can be overwhelming. Quality over quantity: One thoughtful pebble is better than a dozen generic ones. Let it flow naturally: Don't force the pebbling. If you find something that truly reminds you of them, send it! But don't feel pressured to constantly find things. So, the next time you're crushing on someone, ditch the grand gestures and embrace the penguin way. A well-timed pebble might just be the perfect way to show you care.

Nita Ambani channels retro Bollywood vibes in red sari, statement gold necklace for athlete dinner at Antilia



Nita Ambani, chairperson of Reliance Foundation, addresses during 'United in Triumph' event organised to honour Olympians and Paralympians, hosted by the Reliance Foundation, in Mumbai. (PTI photo) Nita Ambani, chairperson of Reliance Foundation, addresses during 'United in Triumph' event organised to honour Olympians and Paralympians, hosted by the Reliance Foundation, in Mumbai.

Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani hosted an exclusive dinner at her Mumbai residence, Antilia, to celebrate the achievements of Indian athletes Manu Bhaker, Neeraj Chopra, Navdeep Singh, and Mona Agarwal. For the occasion, she embraced a timeless and elegant style reminiscent of the glamorous 90s. Known for her intricate and opulent ensembles, Nita Ambani opted for a classic red sari for this event. The sari's simplicity allowed its rich colour to take centre stage, creating a stunning and sophisticated look that was perfect for the occasion. While the sari was predominantly plain, it featured intricate textured detailing along the pallu and hemline. The subtle embroidery added a touch of sophistication without overpowering the bold colour. She paired the sari with a blouse adorned with dazzling detailing, enhancing the outfit's dramatic appeal. Her loose waves and delicate gold jewellery, along with a statement gold necklace, complemented the sari, creating a harmonious and elegant overall look. The combination of red and gold was a wise choice, as the gold enhanced the vibrancy of the red.

(L-R) Shooter Manu Bhaker, para-athlete Navdeep

Singh, Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani para-athlete Mona Agarwal and Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra during 'United in Triumph' event (PTI photo) (L-R) Shooter Manu Bhaker, para-athlete Navdeep Singh, Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani para-athlete Mona Agarwal and Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra during 'United in Triumph' event (PTI photo)

Know about the event The Reliance Foundation's 'United in Triumph' event brought together 140 Indian Olympians and Paralympians to celebrate their achievements and contributions to India's sporting legacy. The event emphasised the unifying spirit of sports and the importance of inclusivity. Athletes from various disciplines were honoured for their dedication, hard work, and unwavering determination. The event showcased India's growing stature in the global sporting arena. "It's a very special evening. For the first time, India's Paris Olympians and Para-Olympians are gathering on the same platform. We are so proud of them, all Indians are proud of every one of them. Today, we are going to honour them and show them the love and respect that we have for them. On behalf of the Reliance Foundation, we wish that 'United We Triumph' can become a movement," Nita Ambani said during the event, according to ANI. Bollywood stars Kartik Aryan and Ranveer Singh were also in attendance. Along with initiatives like the India House at the Paris Olympics 2024, this event demonstrated Reliance Foundation's "commitment to fostering a strong sporting culture and empowering its athletes to achieve greater success on the international stage."

Mahima Chaudhry requested Ajay Devgn to not tell anyone about her accident during Dil Kya Kare, wanted to 'salvage' her career: 'Ajay used to say...'



When Mahima Chaudhry made her debut in the 1997 film Pardes, she was the new star on the block and the actor had a bright future ahead of her. But in 1999, when she met with an accident during the shoot of Dil Kya Kare, Mahima went through a rather difficult time. In a recent interview, Mahima opened up about that time in her life when she actually started thinking of an alternate career as she believed that she wouldn't be able to continue as an actor.

Talking about the accident which led to 67 glass pieces being taken out of her face, Mahima told Radio Nasha that if the same thing happened today, she would be hailed as a hero and the industry would be supportive but this wasn't the culture in those days. "When my accident happened, I didn't realise that I have these many cuts on my face. I found later when I went to the bathroom and saw the mirror. Before that, I was telling Prakash ji (Prakash Jha, director) that if nothing has happened, let's shoot. Because doctors were done with the scans etc. He said, 'No no, let's wait, we'll just go out and talk about

dates.' When I saw my face, I realised that my face is injured," she said.

Mahima Chaudhry said that when her co-star and producer of the film Ajay Devgn and director Prakash Jha came back, she requested them to not tell anyone about her accident so she could save her career as she feared that if the news got out, she would be banished from the industry. "When Ajay and Prakash ji came back, my first thing was 'please don't tell anyone that I have gone through this. Let me at least try and see what I can salvage my career with.' It is just immense that no one from the production never told anyone. 20 years later, I told the story and that's when people got to know. It is commendable. I used to go on set and everyone could see it," she recalled.

Mahima shared that a film magazine printed her photo that they clicked secretly and called her "scarface" but apart from that, no one said anything. The actor recalled that she also signed a film with late director Satish Kaushik and actor Anil Kapoor but she walked out of that. When Anil visited her home, Mahima pretended that she had broken her foot so she didn't have to open up about her face. "That was tough because I was very young when I went through that," she recalled. Mahima said that at this time, she didn't think that she would come out of the accident. "Ajay used to say that after surgeries, it would all be fine but I didn't believe it. I was thinking of other career options. Even today, my one eye is smaller than the other. Back then, it was very stressful. I never faced the camera straight. I would always angle my face a bit," she shared. Mahima Chaudhry's accident happened in Bangalore when during an early morning shoot, a vehicle coming from the wrong side rammed into her car and the glass pieces got stuck in her face.

After evading Kerala police for a week, actor Siddique, accused of rape, makes public appearance.

As Siddique left the lawyer's office, he was surrounded by media trying to get his comments, but he remained silent and wore a broad smile while getting into his car with his son. Malayalam actor Siddique had been absconding since the High Court denied his anticipatory bail plea on September 24. (Image: Siddique/Facebook)

After a week of playing hide-and-seek during which he kept himself away from the public eye and the Kerala police, Malayalam actor Siddique, who is currently facing rape charges, finally made a public appearance on Tuesday. He was spotted at the office of advocate B Raman Pillai and Associates in Ernakulam North. This came just a day after the Supreme Court granted him interim protection from arrest.

As Siddique left the lawyer's office, he was surrounded by media trying to get his comments, but he remained silent and wore a broad smile while getting into his car with his son. The actor had been absconding since the High Court denied his anticipatory bail plea on September 24. Meanwhile, a bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma of the apex court issued notices to the Kerala government and the survivor in the case, seeking their responses within two weeks. "In the meantime, it is directed that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with Crime No.1192 of 2024 of the Museum police station, Thiruvananthapuram, he shall be released on bail, subject to the conditions that may be imposed by the trial court and subject to his joining the investigation and remaining present before the investigating officer as and when called upon to do so, till the next date of hearing," the bench said, news agency PTI reported.

After Siddique went missing, the Kerala Police is-



sued a lookout notice featuring his photo, which appeared in various newspapers. He is facing charges under Sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) registered at the Museum Police Station case in Thiruvananthapuram, the notice said. Following the release of the Justice Hema Committee report, a woman stepped forward with rape allegations against the actor. This had prompted Siddique to resign as general secretary of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA). Shortly after, the survivor filed a formal complaint with the police. Siddique, however, denied the allegations, labelling them as a "criminal conspiracy" aimed at damaging the reputation of the entire Malayalam film industry. Despite many others facing similar allegations after the Hema Committee report's release, Siddique was the only one who did not receive anticipatory bail. He contended before the High Court that the delay in FIR registration was detrimental, but the court ruled that this could not be grounds for dismissing the entire complaint. Nevertheless, the Supreme Court's recent decision has provided him with some relief for at least two weeks.

'I wasn't happy when Karan Johar sent Jigra to Alia Bhatt,' says Vasan Bala: 'I asked Karan why did you do this?'



Alia Bhatt-starrer Jigra has the star in a rather unique role where she is playing a saviour to her younger brother, played by Vedang Raina. In a recent interview, director Vasan Bala shared that he did not plan for Alia Bhatt to be a part of the film when he was discussing it with producer Karan Johar and was not happy when Karan sent Vasan's rough draft to Alia. Vasan said that his "kachhapakka e-mail" found its way to Alia's inbox and he wasn't prepared for it. Talking to Tried & Refused Productions, Alia said that Vasan and Karan were in talks with each other after Vasan's Monica O My Darling and were looking for the next thing to work on when Vasan started working on this film. As Alia said that Vasan probably had an idea of who he wanted to do the film with, the director said, "No." He then added, "I had written a very kachhapakka email, stream of consciousness thoughts... sent it to Karan and 6-7 hours later, he called saying that I have already sent it to Alia and I was really not happy with it."

Vasan then explained that he wasn't happy with Karan's gesture because he wanted to check the script and correct the errors before sending it to Alia. "I was like I would have at least done some spell check, grammar check, hygiene, written some very nice hero entry... That email was sent and I asked Karan 'why did you do this?' He said 'no, no this is how it works. Then he said we'll meet in a couple of days,' he recalled. Alia said that she

"responded to the material when I read the first half" and was very keen to know what happens next and thus, she chased Vasan for the rest of the script for one month.

Thalapathy Vijay-starrer Greatest Of All Time to stream on Netflix from this date

Greatest Of All Time OTT Release: GOAT, Vijay's penultimate film before he hangs up his acting boots to concentrate on his political career, made all the right noises in the lead up to its release on September 5. The film managed to make even more noise after the release as it became the second highest grossing Vijay film, and amassed over Rs 400 crore at the global box-office. Close on the heels of celebrating the 25th day of its successful run in theatres worldwide, it was announced that GOAT will begin its streaming run on Netflix from October 3.

Sharing this update on Netflix's official handle, the streamer wrote, "Ever seen a lion become a G.O.A.T? Thalpathy Vijay's The G.O.A.T - The Greatest Of All Time is coming to Netflix on 3 October in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Hindi." The lion reference here is taken from a dialogue uttered by a character played by YG Mahendran that hypes up an ageing intelligence agent, who decides to return to the service after a long sabbatical.

Directed by Venkat Prabhu, GOAT starred Vijay in the dual roles of Gandhi and his son Jeevan. The film was much-anticipated for the extensive usage of de-aging technology, and it did considerable justice to the same. Also featuring the likes of Prashanth, Sneha, Prabhu Deva, Laila, Mohan, Jayaram, and Ajmal, GOAT had music by Yuvan Shankar Raja and cinematography by Siddhartha Nuni.

Arshad Warsi says his 'Bandaa Singh Chaudhary' character exemplifies unwavering human resilience



Mumbai: Actor Arshad Warsi, who is gearing up for the release of his upcoming period film 'Bandaa Singh Chaudhary', has said that his character in the film banks on the unwavering human resilience and spirit in dark times.

The trailer of the film was unveiled at a multiplex in the Juhu area of Mumbai on Tuesday, and it shows a story set in the aftermath of the 1971 Indo-Pak war. As India is ravaged by war, a new battle emerges threatening the fabric of communal harmony in India. Punjab becomes the epicentre of rising communal tensions, with Hindu and Sikh communities at loggerheads. The film showcases a tale of fractured communities searching for unity amid chaos.

Arshad Warsi, who takes on the role of a man who is fighting a losing battle in the film, said, "This film digs deep into the raw emotions of people who were thrust into a storm of violence and fear. My character is a person that reiterates that even in the darkest times, the human spirit has the courage to rise above all". The communal riots that scarred families and displaced thousands found their human voice in the film. Actress Meher Vij, who portrays a woman battling unimaginable loss, shared, "This story is personal. It's about finding hope and love when everything else crumbles. It's about standing strong when the world falls apart around you".

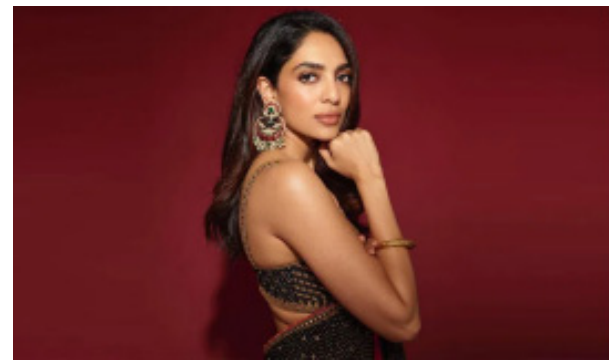
Through the lens of its characters, the film explores the tension between community and country, showing how the fight for unity became a test of both heart and will. Producer Arbaaz Khan said, "Bandaa Singh Chaudhary" is not a story of struggle, it's reflective of the strength of a nation that refuses to be broken by divisive forces. It's powerful, emotional, and absolutely necessary for the times we live in". Arbaaz Khan Production presents 'Bandaa Singh Chaudhary', in association with Seamless Productions LLP & Aks Movies & Entertainment. The film is produced by Arbaaz Khan & Manish Mishra.

Sobhita Dhulipala says her 'Love, Sitara' is a heady mix of 'strong and sensitive'

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Mumbai: Actress Sobhita Dhulipala, who is receiving a lot of positive response to her work in the recently released film 'Love, Sitara', has said that her titular character in the film is a blend of strong and sensitive. In the film, Sobhita embodies the character of Sitara, a strong and independent woman who navigates the complexities of love and relationships as she prepares for her own wedding.

Talking about the same, the actress said, "Sitara to me, is a heady mix of strong and sensitive. A successful career girl who finds the courage to question and shatter her own behaviour patterns and conditioning. The dignity and rawness of the women that are at the centre of this story is staggering". She went on to explain her choice to play such a distinct character, expressing how much the recognition means to her. She added, "To be seen playing a character that is completely different from the ones I've done so far - it was an important choice to make and when that choice is recognised and loved by critics and audiences, it feels deeply motivating and fulfilling. I am inspired! And beaming". In 'Love, Sitara', Sobhita shares the screen with Sonali Kulkarni and Rajeev



Siddhartha. Audiences have appreciated seeing her as a bride and a pregnant woman, embracing the multifaceted journey of Tara with heartfelt authenticity. Meanwhile, the actress recently got engaged with Telugu star Naga Chaitanya in an intimate ceremony in Hyderabad. The occasion was graced by the couple's families and close friends. While Naga Chaitanya opted for a white kurta-pyjama teamed with a matching dupatta, Sobhita donned a peach coloured traditional look paired with a bun accessorised with flowers.

Kenishaa Francis responds to NDA breach claims while discussing Jayam Ravi and Aarti's marriage: 'Open google, read up about it'



Kenishaa recently shared personal details about Jayam Ravi and Aarti's marriage based on what the actor told her. Some netizens then accused her of breaching the non-disclosure agreement with him. After singer and spiritual healer Kenishaa Francis accused Aarti and her family of "abusing" Jayam Ravi, the actor's estranged wife recently released a strongly worded statement. (Images: Instagram) The controversy surrounding actor Jayam Ravi and his wife Aarti Ravi's separation shows no signs of fading, with new developments emerging daily. Recently, after singer and spiritual healer Kenishaa Francis accused Aarti and her family of "abusing" Ravi, the actor's estranged wife released a strongly worded statement asserting that her silence does not indicate weakness or guilt.

Meanwhile, following an interview with DT Next, during which Kenishaa shared personal details about Ravi and Aarti's marriage based on what the actor told her, some netizens accused her of breaching the non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with him. For the unversed, psychologists and therapists are bound by confidentiality, meaning they cannot disclose client information without consent.

Must Read | Angad Bedi says he is ready to leave 'in a hurry' after seven years of marriage to Neha Dhupia, she says 'wear a helmet' In response to the criticisms, Kenishaa Francis posted a photo of a bowl of wasabi peas on her Instagram stories, noting, "There's a differ-

ence between a psychologist and a spiritual healer. Their NDA terms also differ. Do me a favour - open google, read up about it and then may it be a day of enlightenment :) Also eat some wasabi's today pweaseee :). "kenishaa francis, jayam ravi, aarti ravi, kenishaa francis singer, kenishaa francis jayam ravi, jayam ravi aarti separation, jayam ravi aarti divorce, jayam ravi divorce, kenishaa francis husband, aarti ravi news, jayam ravi divorce statement, aarti ravi divorce, jayam ravi wife In response to criticisms, Kenishaa posted a photo of a bowl of wasabi peas on her Instagram stories. "As a therapist, it was beyond painful for me to hear about his struggles with Aarti and her parents. No one deserves so much abuse, irrespective of the gender, and I can release all the evidence, with or without Ravi's permission in the court of law, from my notes of our therapy sessions," she said during the DT Next chat, adding that Aarti was deliberately trying to "tarnish" Jayam Ravi's image. ICYMI | Krushna Abhishek agrees that Sunil Grover's return to The Great Indian Kapil Show 'made a huge difference' Aarti clarified that her silence should not be misconstrued as weakness or guilt. "In light of the ongoing public commentary surrounding my personal life, I find it important to emphasise that my silence is not a sign of weakness or guilt." She mentioned her decision to remain dignified rather than engage with those attempting to "portray me in bad light to conceal the truth".

