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Hyderabad's Riyaz wins big at Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship

Hyderabad: Hyderabad rider Md Riyaz clinched the Super Sport category title in the Indian National Championship 2024, extending his unbeaten run in the class with victories in all four races at the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2024, held at the Madras International Circuit in Chennai on Sunday. Riyaz, the only racer to represent Telangana in national championships, finished with a timing of 8.275 seconds in Round 4 and accumulated a total of 86 points, with 25 points awarded to the winner of each round. Speaking after the event, he expressed his determination to come back stronger in next year's championship.

Cabinet's first decision in New Year dedicated to farmers: Modi over crop insurance schemes

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday (January 1, 2025) that the government's first decision in the New Year is dedicated to farmers, as the Union Cabinet headed by him enhanced allocation to crop insurance scheme and raised subsidy to a key fertiliser. He said on X, "(Govt's) first decision of the New Year is dedicated to crores of farmer brothers and sisters of our country. We have approved increasing the allocation for crop insurance scheme. This will provide more security to farmers' crops and will also mitigate their concerns about any damage." Ours is a Government fully committed to furthering welfare of farmers. We are proud of all our farmer sisters and brothers who work hard to feed our nation. The first Cabinet of 2025 is dedicated to enhancing prosperity for our farmers. I am glad that key decisions have been... The Cabinet's decision on extending the one-time special package on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) will help farmers by ensuring the fertiliser at affordable prices, he added. The Cabinet approved the continuation of the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme till 2025-26 with an overall outlay of ₹69,515.71 crore for 2021-22 to 2025-26. The decision will help in risk



coverage of crops from non-preventable natural calamities for farmers across the country till 2025-26, a statement said. It also approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for the extension of a One-time Special Package on DAP beyond the NBS subsidy at 3,500 per MT for the period starting from Wednesday till further orders to ensure sustainable availability of DAP at affordable prices to the farmers. The tentative budgetary requirement for this would be approximately up to ₹3,850 crore, the statement said.

Book Revanth Reddy in Formula-E case for cancelling event without Cabinet approval, says KTR

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Hyderabad: BRS working president and former Minister KT Rama Rao on Wednesday said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy should be booked in the Formula-E race case, if taking decisions without the Cabinet approval was wrong. As the then Municipal Administration Minister, he had decided to host the event in Hyderabad, while Revanth Reddy, as the new Chief Minister, decided against it. "If taking decisions without Cabinet approval is wrong on my part, Revanth Reddy also cancelled it without discussing in the Cabinet. If a case is filed against me, why isn't there one against Revanth Reddy?" he asked. In an informal interaction with mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao dismissed allegations of wrongdoing in decisions related to the Formula-E race event. He reiterated that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) case against him in the Formula-E race case was baseless as there was no wrongdoing. He declared that he had complete faith in the judiciary and exuded confidence to come out clean. He rubbished the corruption charges as well. "Leave alone Rs 600 crore, there is not even a single paise of corruption," he declared, adding that the Advocate General failed to clarify on the doubts raised by the Telangana High Court which heard the arguments on Tuesday and reserved its judgment on his petition to quash the ACB case.

On the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials to appear before them on January 7, the BRS working president said his lawyers would decide whether to attend the questioning or not. "This is the sixth attempt targeting to arrest me, and yet, Revanth Reddy has found nothing," he said, adding that the Congress government was trying to jail him without evidence. Rama Rao leveled serious allegations against the Congress, stating that its leaders were involved in massive corruption in contracts related to the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project. "There will be Rs 12,000 crore of corruption in RRR contracts, with Congress leaders collecting thousands of crores from contractors and sending the money to their Delhi high command," he stated.

He predicted growing discontent among people with the Revanth Reddy government, particularly over the handling of the Rythu Bharosa scheme. He questioned the need



for a self-declaration by farmers. He suspected that the Congress government would stop the financial assistance to farmers in a phased manner which would only trigger public revolt against the government. The former Minister pointed out the issues surrounding 42 per cent reservations for BCs in local body elections, blaming the Revanth Reddy government for undermining it. He suspected that the Congress leaders might encourage others to file cases against the limited reservations citing the 50 per cent reservation limit. On the occasion, Rama Rao announced that the BRS would complete its membership registration and appoint the State-level committees in the first half of the year. He said the BRS foundation day celebrations were scheduled for April 27, and training programmes for party leaders were planned to bolster the party's strength in the upcoming local body elections. He also hinted at possible by-elections this year, citing growing anti-incumbency among people. He revealed that the BRS would take the issue of MLAs defection to the Supreme Court after Sankranti festival. In response to a question, he said the party supremo and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao would step out at an appropriate time whenever people of Telangana need him. He also stated that the BRS would showcase its strength in the local body polls as well.

10 dead, 30 injured as vehicle hits crowd in New Orleans



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At least 10 people were killed and 30 injured on Wednesday (January 1, 2025) after a vehicle drove into a crowd on New Orleans' Canal and Bourbon Street in the heart of the thriving tourist district, authorities in the southern U.S. city said. New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell termed the incident as a 'terrorist attack'. The police further added that the driver tried to hit 'as many people' as possible in the attack. Police Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick said, "This man, this perpetrator, he fired on our officers from his vehicle when he crashed his vehicle. Two of our officers have been shot. They are stable."

"The 8th District is currently working a mass casualty incident involving a vehicle that drove into a large crowd on Canal and Bourbon Street. There are 30 injured patients...

and 10 fatalities," NOLA Ready, the New Orleans emergency preparedness program, said in a statement. Emergency authorities said the incident took place at approximately 3.15 a.m. (0915 GMT). At that hour, the area would be packed with revellers celebrating New Year in the French Quarter district, renowned for its bars, restaurants and jazz history. CBS News television reported witnesses saying a truck rammed into the crowd before its driver jumped out and started exchanging gunshots with police. A white truck crashed through a barricade "at a high rate of speed," witnesses Jim and Nicole Mowrer told CBS. "Once it was past us, we did hear gunfire, saw police running that direction," Nicole Mowrer said.

"Once the gunfire stopped, we stayed in the alcove until the gunfire stopped, came out into the street, and came across a lot of — several people who had been hit, (we) wanted to see what we could do to help. Authorities gave no immediate indication as to whether the car ramming was deliberate or any other indication as to the cause. New Orleans is one of the most heavily visited destinations in the United States and the incident came shortly before the city hosts a major football game, known as the Sugar Bowl, featuring teams from the University of Georgia and Notre Dame. Policing was heavy over the New Year's, according to the city, as authorities braced for the crowds. The city police department had announced staffing at "100 percent, with an additional 300 officers assisting from partner law enforcement agencies," including on horseback and using unmarked units.

Dr Bharati Kulkarni appointed as the new Director of NIN

Hyderabad: Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, an acclaimed physician-scientist has taken over as new Director of National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN) on Wednesday. Dr. Bharati specialized in Paediatrics from Pune University and has a Master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health apart from a doctoral degree from Queensland University of Technology, Australia.

She served as a scientist at ICMR-NIN for more than 20 years and for the past three years has been holding the position of the Head, Division of Reproductive and Child Health and Nutrition at ICMR.

New Year's gift to Hyderabad: Chief Minister decides to extend Metro Rail to Medchal and Shamirpet

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Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has taken a decision to extend the Hyderabad Metro Rail to Medchal and Shamirpet and gave the green signal for the preparation of detailed project reports, HAML Managing Director, NVS Reddy said. In a statement issued here on Wednesday, NVS Reddy said the Chief Minister given a go ahead for the preparation of DPRs for the Paradise-Medchal (23 km) and JBS-Shamirpet (22 km) metro corridors. The HAML Managing Director was instructed to immediately prepare the DPRs and send them to the Central Government for approval as part of Metro Rail Phase-2 'B'. The Chief Minister took the crucial decision after discussing the preparation of DPR for these two corridors with Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration Department, Dana Kishore and NVS Reddy today. The corridor will be approximately 23 km long from Paradise Metro Station to Medchal via Tad Bund, Bowenpally, Suchitra Circle, Kompally,



Gundlapochampally, Kandlakoya, ORR Exit; Similarly, from JBS Metro Station to Shamirpet will be via Vikramপুরi, Karkhana, Trimulgherry, Lothukunta, Alwal, Bollaram, Hakimpet, Thumukunta, ORR Exit.

Supreme Court to hear on Thursday plea challenging designation of senior advocates by Delhi HC

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court is set to hear on Thursday a plea seeking quashing of the entire process of designation of 70 lawyers as senior advocates undertaken by the Delhi High Court. As per the causelist published on the website of the apex court, a bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan will take up the matter for hearing on January 2. The petition filed by advocate Mathew J. Nedumpara, a Mumbai-based lawyer, said the entire process of designation of lawyers as seniors is vitiated by "favouritism, nepotism, patronage and other illegal and extraneous considerations".

It also said that the separate dress code for designated senior advocates amounts to unjust classification, nay, near apartheid among lawyers and is unconstitutional and void being violative of Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of India. In October last year, the top court dismissed a plea challenging the designation of senior advocates under the Advocates Act, 1961. A bench of Justices S.K. Kaul (now retired) and Sudhanshu Dhulia said the system of designation of advocates as 'senior' cannot be said to be untenable or be classified as unreasonable under Article 14 of the Constitution. "We dismiss the petition with no orders as to cost," said the bench, adding that the plea has been filed under a "misadventure" by the petitioner-in-person, advocate Nedumpara. Nedumpara's plea had argued



that senior designation has created a class of advocates with special rights and "the same has been seen as reserved only for the kith and kin of judges and senior advocates, politicians, ministers, etc." The petition said that the designation of advocates as senior advocates under Sections 16 and 23(5) of the Advocates Act, 1961 as well as under the Supreme Court Rules, 2013 creates a "special class of advocates with special rights, privileges and status not available to ordinary advocates" and is unconstitutional being violative of the mandate of equality under Article 14 and the right to practice any profession under Article 19, as well as the right to life under Article 21.

Agra man kills four sisters, mother in Lucknow hotel room, cites property-linked harassment

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A 24-year-old man killed his four sisters and mother inside a hotel room on Wednesday, alleging land-related harassment by some locals of his community in their hometown Agra, police said. The accused, Mohammad Arshad, was arrested shortly after the chilling incident which took place in the busy Naka area of the city came to light, a senior police officer said. Central Lucknow Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Raveena Tyagi said the incident took place at Hotel Sharanjeet. "The accused, identified as Arshad (24), allegedly killed five members of his own family. Following the gruesome act, the local police promptly apprehended the accused from the crime scene," Ms. Tyagi said. "The deceased have been identified as Alia (9), Alshia (19), Aksa (16) and Rahmeen (18) — all sisters of Arshad. The fifth victim is Asma, the mother of the accused," according to the police. The DCP said Arshad's family lived in Agra and preliminary inquiry has revealed that he took the step because of domestic disputes. "The forensic teams have been deployed at the crime spot to collect evidence while a detailed probe has been launched into the matter," she said. Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime and Headquarters) Babloo Kumar, who arrived at the scene, told reporters, "Inquiry is also being conducted with nearby hotel staff and any findings will be shared with the media as soon

as they come to light... Regarding the bodies recovered, some show signs of injuries — on the wrist of one and on the neck of another.

"Based on these marks, statements from witnesses and the post-mortem report, we are conducting a detailed investigation into the matter," he added. A purported video surfaced on social media shortly after the shocking incident came to light in which Arshad confessed to slitting the wrists and throats of his sisters and mother. He claimed that he took the step due to the harassment and oppression the residents of his locality. "I, along with my entire family, am forced to take this step in helplessness and despair... I have killed my sisters and myself. When the police get this video, I request that they hold the people of the locality responsible for all of this," Arshad said.

He alleged that the people of his locality have committed "unimaginable atrocities" on his family members in order to snatch away their house. Despite raising their voices, no one ever listened to them, he said. "It has been 10 days now, and we have been forced to sleep on the footpath and wander in the cold. They have taken our house from us, even though we have the legal papers for the property. We wanted to dedicate it to a temple and change our religion, but everything has been snatched away from us," he said.

India, Pakistan exchange list of nuclear installations

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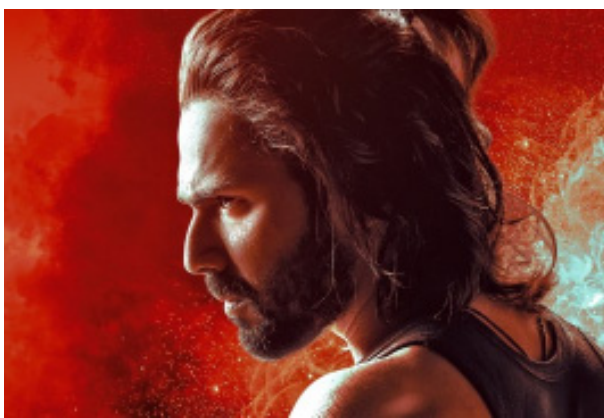
India and Pakistan on Wednesday (January 1, 2024) exchanged a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral pact that prohibits the two sides from attacking each other's atomic facilities, in continuation of an over-three-decade practice. The exchange of the list took place under the provisions of an agreement on the prohibition of attack against nuclear installations and facilities, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

It was done simultaneously through diplomatic channels in New Delhi and Islamabad. "India and Pakistan today exchanged, through diplomatic channels, simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad, the list of nuclear installations and facilities covered under the agreement on the prohibition of attack against nuclear installations and facilities," the MEA said. The exchange of the list came amid frosty ties between the two countries over the Kashmir issue as well as cross-border terrorism. The agreement was signed on



December 31, 1988 and entered into force on January 27, 1991. The pact mandates the two countries to inform each other of the nuclear installations and facilities to be covered under the agreement on January 1 of every calendar year.

Varun Dhawan-starrer witnesses a 60 percent drop, earns Rs 4.5 cr



been in the theatres for a week, made Rs 7 crore on Thursday.

Baby John was marketed as a pan-Indian actioner, with Jawan director Atlee serving as producer. The film is a remake of the Vijay-starrer Theri. The film hasn't performed well at the box office but it is yet to be known if the reason for the same is because Theri's dubbed version is easily accessible to the audience, or because they have rejected Varun in this avatar. Made on a reported budget of Rs 180 crore, Baby John also saw a cameo by Salman Khan. Directed by Kalees, Baby John also starred Keerthy Suresh and Wamiqa Gabbi. On Thursday, trade analyst Taran Adarsh wrote, "BabyJohn is underwhelming on Day 1, benefiting primary from the #Christmas holiday on Wednesday... The 'pre-release' trends had projected an opening day in the ? 17 cr - ? 20 cr range, thanks to the festive boost, but as always, #Boxoffice remains highly unpredictable. BabyJohn faced stiff competition from #Pushpa2 [in mass circuits] and #Mufasa [in urban centres], which impacted its opening day biz... It's worth noting that #Pushpa2 continues to be a mighty opponent for 'all' films.

"A midweek release coinciding with a major holiday typically ensures a strong opening day... However, #BabyJohn must sustain its momentum till Sunday to achieve a respectable extended weekend total," he wrote. Varun hasn't had a solo hit in the theatres since 2017's Judwaa 2. His last release, 2022's Bhediya, opened with Rs 7.48 crore and made Rs 66.65 crore during its run. Before that, Jugjugg Jeeyo, which also starred Anil Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor and Kiara Advani, managed to open with Rs 9.28 crore, and made Rs 85.03 crore during its run. Varun will next be seen in Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari with Janhvi Kapoor. The film is being produced by Dharma Productions, and is being directed by Shashank Khaitan.

Mohanlal reveals Jeethu Joseph spent years pitching Drishyam script to various other actors before bringing it to him; shares latest update on Drishyam 3

Mohanlal recently admitted he hasn't watched any of the Drishyam remakes in full, not even the ones featuring Ajay Devgn and Kamal Haasan. Mohanlal, Meena, Ansiba Hassan and Esther Anil in director Jeethu Joseph's Drishyam.

Though 11 years have passed since its release, director Jeethu Joseph's Drishyam remains a benchmark in the crime-thriller genre. The first Malayalam film to gross more than Rs 50 crore worldwide, Drishyam reshaped the trajectory of Malayalam cinema, helping it garner international recognition. The film was also remade in numerous Indian and foreign languages, and an official English remake is also in the pipeline. Featuring Mohanlal, Meena, Asha Sarath, Ansiba Hassan, Esther Anil and Siddique in key roles, its sequel Drishyam 2 premiered in 2021 to widespread acclaim, much like its predecessor.

Malayalam superstar Mohanlal recently spoke fondly about the movie and the future of the Drishyam franchise. "Jeethu had Drishyam's script ready at least five years before we shot the film (first part). He approached many people with that script, but it didn't work out as they weren't convinced. Antony Perumbavoor of Aashirvad Cinemas (who eventually produced the movie) informed me and asked if I could listen to it. When I heard it, I felt it was unbelievable script-wise," he shared during a chat with Suhasini Maniratnam for Galatta Tamil. "How does a film become a hit? It's when there's something in it that you can take back home after watching, be it a song or a scene. In Drishyam, the key point was love for the family."

"When we planned Drishyam 2 six years later, Covid hit," he recalled, explaining how they had to forego a theatrical debut due to the pandemic and opted for a direct-to-OTT release. However, this decision proved beneficial for the movie, as it opened to worldwide acclaim, with people from various parts of the globe watching it online, propelling the Malayalam film industry to greater heights. "People all over the world watched Drishyam. I was shooting in Gujarat



recently and many Gujarati people on the flight spoke to me about the movie. It brought Malayalam cinema pan-Indian recognition. Now, we are trying to come out with Drishyam 3," he revealed, hinting at the franchise's future. Both Drishyam and its sequel were remade into several languages, including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada. Mohanlal's Drishyam was the first Malayalam film to enter the Rs 50 crore club in worldwide gross. (Both Drishyam and its sequel were remade into several languages, including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada, with Ajay Devgn, Kamal Haasan, Venkatesh and Ravichandran reprising the role originally played by Mohanlal. Interestingly, the original version also received international remakes, including Dharmayuddhaya (2017) in Sinhala and Sheep Without a Shepherd (2019) in Mandarin Chinese.

Plans are also underway to remake the movie in English, Korean, and Spanish. However, Mohanlal admitted he hasn't watched any of these remakes in full, not even featuring Kamal. "I haven't watched any remake of Drishyam, not even Kamal's or Ajay's. I've seen parts of all these movies, but not entirely," he confessed.

Sarika gave Shruti Haasan 'chikki balls' to distribute on her birthday, other kids brought fancy chocolates: 'There was no pocket money'

Shruti Haasan with parents Kamaal Haasan and Sarika. Shruti Haasan has opened up about growing up with a strict mum, Sarika, and not asking for a single penny from her father, Kamal Haasan. (Photos: Shruti Haasan/Instagram) Actor Shruti Haasan, the daughter of legendary actors Kamal Haasan and Sarika, has opened up about her childhood and the values that her parents instilled in her. She shared that her mother was "extra strict" with her while she was growing up, fearing she'll be spoiled as she comes from a "big home with many cars."

When asked if she has ever taken favours from her father or used her privilege to get work, Shruti categorically denied it. She told Pinkvilla, "No, never! The only privilege of my name, that I use, is that sometimes I go ahead in the queue at the airport." She added, "I am too independent to do that. Mujhe ghinn aati hai aise soch ke bhi (I feel sick even thinking about leveraging my privilege)." Kamal Haasan and Sarika's love story is one that has been well-documented, with the two actors meeting on the sets of the 1984 film Raaj Tilak and falling deeply in love. However, their marriage ended in divorce in 2004, after 16 years together. Despite their separation, both Kamal and Sarika have continued to co-parent their daughters, Shruti and Akshara.

Shruti also spoke about her mother's strict upbringing, revealing that Sarika never gave her pocket money and instead encouraged her to earn everything on her own. "There was no concept of pocket money. I had to earn everything. Because mummy always feared that with such a big house, so many cars, the kids will get spoiled. So she was extra strict," Shruti said. She even shared a humorous anecdote about how her mother would send her to school with 'chikki balls' on her birthday, instead of fancy chocolates like her classmates. "I used to be so embarrassed. I used to be told in school, 'we thought your father was an actor! And you got this sweet?' It was really embarrassing. My mum was really down to earth," Shruti laughed.



Despite being perceived as a privileged star kid, Shruti clarified that she has not taken any financial help from her parents since she started earning. "I haven't taken a single penny from anybody since the time I was 21. So when people say that (he bought a house for her, etc) I understand why they are saying it. But that is a big misconception. If you ask my parents, I have never taken a penny from them. Whatever I am today and everything I have today, I have done it with their blessings, their name, and the wonderful people I have worked with in the industry. But everything I own, people may say that my father bought me a new car, but no I got it myself," Shruti said, setting the record straight.

Sharad Kelkar's show makes you feel and think, doesn't sugarcoat harsh realities of medical profession



India's answer to ER/Grey's Anatomy is here: Doctors, which is as straight-forward a title as you can get, is about just that, a bunch of medics, ranging from eager new residents to rockstar surgeons, as well as other denizens—nurses, interns, administrators— who make up a busy hospital. It takes a couple of episodes for the 10-part show to get into the groove, which gives us an insider's look at medical practitioners going all out in high-stress emergencies, as well as dealing with those who are struggling with terminal diseases. These are humans who are also doctors. We see them as people, with their strengths and weaknesses, but who do not compromise when it comes to saving the lives of their patients. Like the two long-running American shows that Doctors wants to emulate, personal tics are very much entwined with professional ups and downs. Nitya Vasu (Sethi) who has just joined the prestigious Elizabeth Blackwell Medical Centre in Mumbai has an ulterior motive that she reveals from the get-go. Convinced that top neurosurgeon Ishaan Ahuja (Kelkar) is responsible for botching her brother Dhaval's (Ali) operation, resulting in permanent damage, she has every intention of making him pay.

The other new arrivals include the boyish Roy Saldhana (Shah), who is sweet on Nitya and makes no bones about it. The very ambitious Keyuri Patel (Lyra Dutt) doesn't mind playing hard to get into the ER for tough surgeries, pushing other contenders aside. Sweet Naheeda Jaafri (Hashmi) suffers from anxiety attacks, propelling her into difficult situations,

which her colleagues Riddhun Sethi and Neil Shastri (Khan, S Sethi) have to deal with, with not very salutary consequences. A few of their exchanges feel shoe-horned in, at least to begin with, but they do manage to give off the feeling of having each other's backs when required.

The series revolves mainly around the pulls-and-pushes between Nitya and Ishaan, and the stirrings of an attraction may be a predictable outcome between the two, plot-wise (writing credits are shared amongst Shibani Keshkamat, Radhika Anand, Bharat Misra, Sidharth P Malhotra) but both the gravelly-voiced Kelkar who usually gets to play supporting roles in movies, and Sethi, who grabbed our attention in 'Kohrra', make it work. A show like this one, with its eye on the two leads, becomes a tad sketchy about the others. Viraf Patel, as Ishaan's friend-and-colleague Abhijat Gupta (Patel), makes you miss him when he's not around. The unfortunate Dhaval is made to brood too much. And an episode, involving a young doctor who has snapped, is downright problematic in its depiction of the psychiatric ward. The harried administrator (Fernandes) feels like a stereotype, complaining about pushing files, and not being able to see patients. The nurses are mostly a faceless group, making noises about striking : anyone who has worked in a hospital can tell you that without them nothing works. But there's also a lot that feels urgent and real, especially when Ishaan and Abhi conduct complicated surgeries, observed by their junior colleagues through the viewing gallery, duly awed by their prowess. Senior doctor Sabeeha Bannerwala (Jalali), who likes to bark, minus bite, at the new 'uns, gets to experience what the other side feels like, with a diagnosis which doesn't really have a prognosis. Much time is spent in the OT, with bodies supine, machines humming, surgeons scrubbing, blood spilling (we have a bleeder!), and, yes, people dying. The series doesn't pull back from showing death as inevitable. A principal character, dealing with a particularly virulent cancer, doesn't make it. And that's a fact of life. I like that the sugarcoating is kept at a minimum. It makes you feel, and think. Hopefully the second season will iron out the edges: these are characters I'm happy to spend more time with.

Govinda's father-in-law refused to attend his wedding with Sunita Ahuja, didn't approve of their marriage: 'Are you crazy?'

Govinda and Sunita Ahuja got married when she was just 18, and Govinda was yet to establish himself as a movie star. At that time, the couple kept their marriage hidden from the public, and in a recent interview, Sunita said that she sometimes felt like a child when she had her daughter Tina at 19. Tina, who was also a part of the same chat, said that Sunita's father was not supportive of their union and hence, did not attend the wedding. Talking to Hauterrfly, Sunita said that she lived in a nuclear family before getting married, but when she married Govinda, she moved in with his joint family. "When I got married to Govinda, he had a big family. I got married when I was just 18. I was 19 when Tina was born so I was still a child when I had the baby," she said, and mentioned that Govinda had already made it clear that his mother will continue to be the head of the household as long as she is alive and Sunita also lived under her shadow.

"At that time, I was too much in love with my husband. He had told me prior that my house will be headed by my mother till the time she is there. After she is gone, then you can do what you want," she said, and recalled how many of Govinda's nieces and nephews lived with them. "Then I got used to be other kids (Krushna, Vinay) being in the house. They were all very little. I am very fond of kids. My heart does not allow me to say that Govinda's mom is not there, let me throw everyone out. I thought if you perform good deeds, god will watch, even if the kids don't," she said. Sunita has been in a public feud with Krushna and his wife Kashmeera for many years now.



She added, "Just because I used to love my husband Govinda a lot, I put up with everything." Tina then spoke about how her mother came from a different world when she married Govinda. "My mom used to wear hot pants, lived in Pali Hill, came from a very rich background. My dad was not that financially strong. He was struggling from Virar. My maternal grandfather was very well to do comparatively. It was a very Bollywood story where he told my mother, 'Are you crazy? He is an aspiring actor'. He didn't even attend the wedding because he was not too happy with the whole thing," she recalled.

Sridevi was dismayed by Boney Kapoor's weight gain and hair loss: 'You were slim and trim when I met you'



Boney Kapoor, the renowned film producer and father of actor Arjun Kapoor, Janhvi Kapoor and Khushi Kapoor, has been making headlines for his remarkable weight loss transformation. In fact, he recently also held a press conference following his hair transplant. In a conversation, Kapoor revealed that his late wife, Sridevi, was the inspiration behind his decision to shed the extra pounds and opt for a hair transplant.

Talking to ABP, Boney said, "I was remembering what my wife (Sridevi) had told me. She had said that if you want to do something with your hair, then first lose weight. So I lost weight," he said. Kapoor's motivation to lose weight stemmed from his appearance on the monitor while working on the film Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (Boney played a small role in the 2023 movie starring Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor). "I would feel that everything is fine in that frame except me. I looked like lala ji in that frame. I wanted to get rid of the lala ji look," he admitted.

Boney Kapoor and Sridevi's love story is one for the ages. The two met on the sets of a film and it was love at



first sight for Kapoor. Despite the fact that Sridevi was already an established star, Kapoor was smitten by her charm and beauty. The couple tied the knot in 1996 and were together until Sridevi's untimely demise in 2018. Their love story was a testament to the power of true love, and even years after Sridevi's passing, Kapoor continues to be inspired by her memory. In addition to his weight loss, Kapoor has also been open about undergoing hair transplantation. While he didn't elaborate on the details of the procedure, it's clear that he's feeling more confident than ever. Kapoor's weight loss journey was not just about aesthetics, but also about health. He revealed that Sridevi had been constantly encouraging him to lose weight for health reasons. "For health reasons she wanted me to lose weight," he said.

Kapoor said that his transformation is a tribute to Sridevi's memory, and a reminder that it's never too late to make a positive change in one's life. As Kapoor himself said, his wife's words of encouragement were the driving force behind his weight loss. "She would say, 'When I met you, you were slim and trim, tall and good looking and now you have just...' and I would tell her."

