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WHO MAY APPROVE BHARAT BIOTECH'S COVAXIN 'WITHIN 24 HOURS'

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The World Health Organisation is likely to grant emergency use approval to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin "within 24 hours", according to media reports on Tuesday. "If all is in place and all goes well and if the committee is satisfied, we would expect a recommendation within the next 24 hours or so," Margaret Harris, a spokeswoman for WHO, was quoted as saying at a UN press briefing. The Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech had applied to the WHO on April 19 for Covaxin's Emergency Use Listing (EUL). The WHO had earlier said that it will carry out the risk and benefit assessments before granting the EUL to determine if a manufactured vaccine is quality-assured, safe and effective. The company also submitted additional info at



WHO's request on September 27.

Last week, a top official of the WHO said that while the process of "thoroughly evaluating a vaccine for use" can take a long time, it's necessary to give the right advice.

"The World Health Organisation is very clear that we want all countries to recognise vaccines that have been given an Emergency Use Listing (EUL) by the WHO advisory process. But it's also very important that WHO, when it makes a recommendation like that, is making that

globally," WHO Health Emergencies Programme Executive Director Dr Mike Ryan had said.

The WHO approval is key for millions of Indians, who have taken Covaxin, to travel abroad. Without a WHO nod, the two-dose Covaxin is unlikely to be accepted as a valid vaccine by countries across the world.

The WHO has so far included only six Covid vaccines in its EUL list that includes the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, manufactured as Covishield by the Serum Institute of India.

FORMER PUNJAB CM AMARINDER MAY LAUNCH OWN PARTY ON WEDNESDAY

Team Absolute | Chandigarh

Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh may announce the launch of his own political party -- the Punjab Lok Congress -- on Wednesday ahead of the Assembly elections slated for early next year.

An indication in this regard came on Tuesday when his media advisor Raveen Thukral extended an invite to the media for Amarinder Singh's press briefing in Chandigarh.

Meanwhile, responding to personal attacks by his former Congress colleagues, Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said: "From personal attacks they've now stooped to threats and harassment of my supporters in Patiala and elsewhere. Let me tell my rivals they can't defeat me with such low-level political games. They will neither win votes nor people's hearts with such tactics."

He added: "Those who have stood by me have done so because they believe in and want to continue working for Punjab's peace and development. They will not be scared away by such petty acts of



intimidation or persecution. We will continue to fight for Punjab's future."

Formally saying goodbye to the Congress which made him the Chief Minister of Punjab twice and the state party President thrice, an "upset" Amarinder Singh last week said that he would soon announce the launch of his own political party

to serve the interests of the people, including the farmers who've been fighting for their rights for over a year now.

He also said he is hopeful of a seat-sharing arrangement with the BJP for next year's Assembly elections in the state, if the farmers' issues are resolved in their interest. He added that he would not rest

until he can secure the future of his people and his state.

After his resignation, Amarinder Singh held meetings with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, triggering speculations he could join the BJP.

"Punjab needs political stability and protection from internal and external threats. I promise my people that I will do what it takes to ensure peace and security, which is today at stake," read an earlier tweet by Amarinder Singh.

Since his resignation as the Chief Minister, Amarinder Singh has been targeting state Congress President Navjot Sidhu by publicly saying that he would fight his possible elevation to the Chief Ministership tooth and nail, and is ready to make any sacrifice to save the country from such a "dangerous man".

He has also claimed that the Gandhi siblings (Priyanka and Rahul) were "quite inexperienced" and "their advisors were clearly misguiding them".

After months of infighting within the Congress, Amarinder Singh had submitted his resignation as Chief Minister on September 18.

After standoff with Pak Army, Imran Khan notifies appointment of Nadeem Anjum as new ISI Chief

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Pakistan Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Tuesday notified the appointment of Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum as the new chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). He will replace the incumbent Lt Gen Faiz Hameed from next month, Dawn reported.

"The prime minister has seen and approved the appointment of... Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum... as director general Inter-Services Intelligence, with effect from November 20, 2021, from the panel of officers at para 6 of the summary," a notification issued by the Pak PMO dated October 26 said.

According to the notification, the incumbent ISI director general, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, will continue to hold charge as the ISI chief till November 19, 2021, the report said. The appointment comes after nearly three weeks of an alleged standoff between the Pakistan military and the government over the appointment of Pakistan's new spymaster. The army had announced on Oct 6 that the former ISI chief, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, had been made the Peshawar corps commander, while Lt Gen Anjum



was appointed in his place, the report said. But the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had not since issued an official notification of Lt Gen Anjum's appointment, leading to rumours about strains in civil-military relations.

Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum, who was commissioned in service in September 1988, earlier headed Corps V in Karachi.

Gen Anjum commanded a brigade in Kurram Agency, led Frontier Corps (North) in Balochistan and remained commandant of Command and Staff

College Quetta before becoming corps commander Karachi in December 2020.

After days of speculation on October 12, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry had said that the authority to appoint the ISI chief lay with the prime minister, and that the set procedure would be followed for the purpose.

"The legal procedure will be followed in the appointment of the new DG ISI, for which both [Gen Bajwa and Prime Minister Imran Khan] are in agreement," he had said, the report added.

India, UK holding first tri-service drill in Arabian Sea

Team Absolute | New Delhi

India and the UK's armed forces are carrying out their maiden tri-service exercise 'Konkan Shakti 2021' in the Arabian Sea, off the Konkan coast, and elsewhere defence officials said on Tuesday.

The tri-service exercise aims to derive mutual benefits from each other's experiences and also showcase the continuing cooperation between the two countries, they said.

"On completion of harbour planning phase, the sea phase of the exercise commenced on October 24. It will continue till October 27," the Indian Navy said.

All participating units were split into two opposing forces with the aim of achieving sea control to land troops at a pre-designated site.

"One force was led by the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet and comprised

the flag ship INS Chennai, other warships of the Indian Navy and HMS Richmond, the Royal Navy's Type 23 frigate," the force said.

The other force operated under the UK Carrier Strike Group comprising aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth, other UK and the Netherlands' ships and Indian warships.

The two forces integrated, within their groups, exercises such as replenishment at sea approaches, air direction and strike operations by fighter aircraft -- MiG 29Ks and F35Bs, cross control of helicopters -- Sea King, Chetak and Wildcat, transiting through war-at-sea scenarios and gun shoots on expendable air targets.

The simulated induction of troops was also undertaken, followed by setting up of a joint command operations centre.

Thereafter, the two forces effected a rendezvous at sea

with advanced air and surface exercises.

The air operations included strikes on the combined formation by Indian maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) Dornier, fighters of the Indian Navy (MiG-29Ks), Royal Navy (F35Bs) and Indian Air Force (SU-30 and Jaguars) as well as a composite fly-past over the formation.

Sub-surface exercises with an Indian Scorpene class submarine and underwater remote controlled vehicle EMATT, operated by the Royal Navy, were undertaken through the night.

"Indian MPA P8I also participated in the exercise," Navy said.

The land phase of the exercise is being conducted between the Indian Army and UK Army at Chaubatia under the Golden Key Division of Surya Command.

The UK Army is being represented by officers and troops of the 1st Battalion of

the Fusilier Regiment and the Indian Army is represented by the troops of 1/11 Gorkha Rifles.

The joint company level exercise between the two nations is aimed at training troops in conduct of Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief Operations by coalition forces in an opposed environment.

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Maritime cooperation is a distinguishable symbol of the commitment of both nations in ensuring a positive climate at sea for enhancing strategic stability and promoting global economic prosperity.

The interoperability achieved over the years, as a result of such exercises, has proved to be operationally beneficial to armed forces of both countries.

'No politics..': Zakia Jafri to SC against SIT clean chit to Gujarat CM

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Zakia Jafri, widow of late former Gujarat Congress MLA Ehsan Jafri, on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that she is not concerned about high dignitaries and there is no politics, but rather the issue is about law and order, and the right of the individuals.

Zakia Jafri has moved the Supreme Court challenging the SIT report, which gave clean chit to the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi and other high functionaries in the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing her, submitted before a bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar that his client was "not concerned about any high dignitaries here. There is no politics in this. This is just about law and order, rights of individuals".

He added that his client's case is that there was a larger conspiracy at play bureaucratic inaction, police complicity, hate speech and a conspiracy to unleash violence.

Sibal submitted that the petitioner filed a complaint to DGP Gujarat categorically alleging there is a widespread conspiracy, which led to crumbling law-and-order situation in the state after Godhra carnage. He added the SIT has not produced relevant material before the court.

As this, the bench queried Sibal: "Documents which you wanted to rely on were not looked at by SIT?"

Sibal emphasised that the republic stands on what the court decides and reiterated that there was no politics involved here.

"I don't want anyone to be named, anyone to be indicted... but it is a law and order issue. This



should not happen again. I only want investigation, I do not want any convictions at this stage," he said. He further added that this is not a political issue, rather an administrative failure of the state.

Sibal added that there are 23,000 pages worth of material, which does not limit to Gulbarga Society carnage alone, and emphasised that nobody has gone into these pages so far.

"We only want this court to look at these pages. That is all we want. If SC limits it to

Gulbarga, what happens to the rule of law?" he asked.

The top court is likely to continue hearing the matter on Wednesday.

Zakia Jafri's husband was killed in the Gulberg Housing Society massacre during the 2002 Gujarat riots. She moved the top court challenging the SIT report which ruled out any "larger conspiracy" by high state functionaries in instigating the communal riots post Godhra massacre.

CHINA'S PLA DEPLOYS NEW TYPE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ON BORDER WITH INDIA

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Xinjiang Military Command has received a new type of all-terrain vehicle, which is expected to ensure logistics support to plateau border defence troops as winter draws close and as China-India



border tensions again risk rising after the latest military talks failed to reach an agreement due to "unrealistic Indian demands", Global Times reported.

The delivery of the vehicle comes at a time when China and India failed to reach an agreement during the 13th round of corps commander-level talks over issues related to the western section of the China-India border, with the PLA Western Theater Command slamming India for its unreasonable and unrealistic demands on October 11, Global Times said.

Several Chinese experts reached by the Global Times warned at the time that China needs to brace for the possibility of further Indian military aggression, as India is risking a new round of conflict.

The unit that commissioned the new vehicle is garrisoned at a high-altitude, snowy border region that is extremely cold, lacks oxygen and has a complex terrain, which causes difficulties in logistics support

including the transport of supplies, the PLA Xinjiang Military Command revealed in a release published on its WeChat account.

After several on-the-spot investigations, the vehicle was tailored to suit the needs of the troops, as it uses caterpillar tracks that aren't made from metal. These tracks are sturdy, do not damage road surfaces, have high mobility and can carry heavy loads, the command said.

The vehicle can traverse freely in complex terrains like shallow river banks, deserts, mountains and snowfields even under bad weather conditions, and provide reliable support to the supply transportation of plateau troops, the release said. It didn't reveal the designation of the new vehicle.

"There is no need to worry that we will run out of living materials this winter," the release quoted a soldier as saying, the report added. According to a report by China Central Television (CCTV), some PLA units started to use this type of vehicle in January.



EC NOTICE TO ASSAM CM ON POLL CODE BREACH, CONG SEEKS BAR ON CAMPAIGNING

GUWAHATI | Agencies

The Election Commission has issued notice to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma over his alleged violation of code of conduct during campaigning for the October 30 Assembly by-elections, following a complaint from the Congress.

Amid the EC's showcause notice seeking Sarma's response by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the Congress on Tuesday demanded the poll panel immediately bar him from further campaigning.

EC Secretary N.T. Bhutia, citing the rules, said that from the time elections are announced, Ministers and other authorities shall not announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof or make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities etc.

"The Commission is of the view that by making the above statements, you have violated the said provision of Model Code of Conduct and the instructions. Now, therefore, the Commission gives you an opportunity to explain your position in this



regard on or before 5 p.m. of Tuesday. If no explanation is submitted within the said time limit, the Commission shall take a decision without any further reference to you," the notice to Sarma said.

The poll panel said that notice was served to Sarma on Monday following separate complaints by Assam state Congress President Bhupen Kumar Borah and leader of

Opposition in the Assembly Debabrata Saikia, that the Chief Minister, during the campaign, promised the construction of medical colleges, roads, bridges, stadiums, development projects and financial grant to self-help groups of tea garden workers.

Meanwhile, the Congress said that Sarma being the constitutional head of the state is supposed to respect the

model code of conduct.

"But instead it is being seen how brazenly and openly Sarma is violating the rules without consideration for EC rules giving the impression that those in power are not accountable to anybody. This reflects a complete lack of respect for institutions and rules," state Congress chief spokesperson Bobbeeta Sharma said.

It is evident through the proof of the video clippings that the Chief Minister has violated the model code of conduct and the EC should not wait for a response by giving a show cause notice, she said, in a statement.

"On the basis of the audio-visual evidence, Sarma should be immediately barred from further campaigning. This would set an example for EC that the model codes of conduct rules have been made to be followed and not to be disregarded in utter disdain by those in power," the statement said.

By-elections will be held for five Assembly seats - Bhabanipur, Mariani, Thawra, Tamulpur and Gossaigaon - on October 30.

Cruiser raid: Mumbai court grants first bail to 2 accused from Odisha

A special NDPS court in Mumbai on Tuesday granted bail to two accused - both passengers from Odisha on the Mumbai-Goa cruise ship - which was raided by the Narcotics Control Bureau on October 2.



political row. While Rajgaria was accused of possessing 2.4 gms of ganja, Sahu was charged with accepting that he had consumed drugs twice on the ship, and nabbed after the cruise ship returned to Mumbai from Goa on October 4.

Arguing for bail, Sahu's lawyer Sana Raees Khan contended that the NCB did not conduct a medical examination to ascertain if her client had indeed consumed drugs.

Seeking bail for Rajgaria, his lawyer Taraq Sayed said that no recovery was made from his client and the 2.4 gms of ganja allegedly

shown in his possession was handed over by the ship security personnel to the NCB.

While Rajgaria runs a sponge iron plant in Odisha, Sahu owns a jewellery shop in Rourkela and regularly travels to places like Dubai, Mumbai and other cities for business purposes.

A total of another 18 arrested-accused still remain in judicial custody while the bail applications of three prominent accused, Aryan Khan, Arbaaz Merchant and Mumun Dhamecha will come up for further hearing before Bombay High Court on Wednesday.

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Manish Rajgaria and Avin Sahu, both from Rourkela, who have been granted bail of Rs 50,000 each.

The duo was among the total 20 arrested, including superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan, after the NCB swooped on the Cordelia Cruise ship and bust an alleged rave party on board, sparking a nationwide sensation followed by a huge

Pan India helpline for cyber crime, frauds launched

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Centre has launched a helpline number - 155260 - for reporting cyber fraud or the consumer can directly lodge a complaint on Cyber Crime Portal regarding the same.

"The helpline number has been prominently published on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) portal. A banner link is also provided to directly lodge any complaint on the Cyber Crime Portal," Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Leena Nandan told media persons here on Tuesday. The helpline and the prominent display of the link to lodge the complaints related to cyber crime are an endeavour of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) under Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer

Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Complaints of cyber fraud were regularly received on the NCH. The Department of Consumer Affairs, therefore, collaborated with the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs, for strengthening redressal of cyber fraud grievances on NCH. Advocacy resources to raise awareness on cyber fraud have also been published on NCH platform. These include preventive measures for safeguarding against common cyber frauds like financial fraud, job fraud and matrimonial frauds. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has also provided a 'Knowledge base on Digital Payments' providing FAQs for various modes of digital payment like BHIM, Bharat QR, IMPS, Debit cards etc. It has been published on NCH plat-

form. "NPCI has also started an online dispute resolution system for UPI complaints," Nandan said. "Our Department is collaboratively working with stakeholders, including, TRAI, NPCI and I4C to protect consumers from cyber frauds and safeguard consumer rights. We have held the first meeting in September. With inputs from stakeholders, our operations will be even smoother," the Secretary Nandan said. In addition, a number outreach and publicity activities have been undertaken to make consumers aware about their rights, consumer protection law & become cautious of unfair trade practices. Publicizing the National Consumer Helpline and to educate consumers on how to lodge consumer complaints has been the Department's prime focus.

Neelamani Durga Devi Mandir was damaged at Andhra govt's behest: BJP

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The BJP has claimed that Neelamani Durga Devi Mandir in Pathapatnam was damaged at the behest of the Andhra Pradesh government. The saffron party also demanded that the YSRCP government must book the culprits for hurting Hindu sentiments.

BJP national secretary and Andhra Pradesh co-in-charge, Sunil Deodhar told IANS that even after three days of destruction of Neelamani Durga Devi Mandir, the Y.S. Jagan Mohan government failed to take any action.

Deodhar claimed that in the name of road widening without following the set procedure and norms to shift the temple, the idol of Lord Hanuman was destroyed by the officials of Andhra Pradesh government.

"Neelamani Durga Devi Temple at Pathapatnam in Srikakulam district is one of the ancient temples where Hindus of North Andhra Pradesh



and Odisha worship, is destroyed by the Jagan government in the name of road widening. No norms for shifting a temple like allocating land, consent of local Hindus was followed," Deodhar said. Condemning the inci-

dent, Deodhar said that the BJP will not remain silent over the incident which was deliberately done to hurt Hindu sentiments and the party's Srikakulam district has already launched an agitation against it.

Deodhar demanded strict action against officials involved by initiating criminal proceedings against them.

"Andhra Pradesh's endowment minister must apologise for the sinful act of the state government," Deodhar demanded.

Earlier in a tweet, Deodhar said, "In past, anti-Hindu criminals (still roaming freely) in Andhra Pradesh vandalised idols and busts in temples. Now, the evangelist Chief Minister @ysjagan and his cohorts have legitimised the Temple Destruction in AP. BJP Strongly protests destruction of Neelamani Durga Devi Mandir in Pathapatnam." Quoting Deodhar tweet, BJP Rajya Sabha member GVL Narasimha Rao said, "Andhra Pradesh CM @YSJagan must apologise to the Hindus for the continued attacks on Hindu temples and desecration of idols of Hindu Gods and Goddesses. @YSRCParty government must book culprits for hurting Hindu sentiments."

Farm laws may be withdrawn before Punjab, UP polls: Akhilesh

Lucknow | Agencies

Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav has expressed the apprehension that the Modi government may withdraw the farm laws in view of the upcoming Punjab and Uttar Pradesh elections and later implement them afresh, once elections get over.

Accusing the BJP of only serving the corporates, he said the BJP government is committed to serve the industrialists who have already set up silos and other infrastructure because of the farm laws.

"Ho sakta hai, main aaj keh raha hoon aapse ki Punjab ke chunao dekhte hue, Uttar Pradesh ke chunao dekhte hue, ho sakta hai kisan ke kanoon rad kar diye jayen aur phir chunav ke baad naye kanoon phir aa jayenge (There is a possibility, I am telling you today. Keeping in mind the elections in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, the three farm laws may be recalled and implemented again in a new form after the elections)," Akhilesh told reporters in an informal inter-



action. He said the BJP government will implement the farm laws afresh after the elections because it is committed to help the corporates who have already spent money on setting up the infrastructure required once the farm laws are implemented.

Akhilesh further said the government may soon "sell" the recently inaugurated airport in Kushinagar and added that it is selling away everything primarily to deprive the benefits like reservation in employment which will not be applicable once the project is taken over by a private entity.

"Don't be misled by the gala inauguration of the Kushinagar airport recently. For the BJP leaders it was like visiting a property that a common man plans to sell," he said.

He said the Kushinagar airport project was conceptualised by his government and Rs 260 crore was allocated in the Budget for its construction. "BJP is doing what it does the best. They are claiming that the Kushinagar project is their initiative," he added.

Bureaucrats administered Integrity Pledge to tackle corruption

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Public servants in Central government ministries, departments, public sector undertakings and public sector banks on Tuesday took an Integrity Pledge as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week organised by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

The CVC has also issued a Certificate of Commitment for the Integrity Pledge which can be downloaded.

The certificate says the person concerned has adopted the Integrity Pledge and is committed to uphold highest standards of honesty and integrity and to follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life. The text of the Integrity Pledge reads: "I believe that

corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. I believe that all the stakeholders such as government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption. "I realise that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption. "I, therefore, pledge to follow probity in all walks of life, to neither take nor offer bribe, to perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner, to act in public interest, to lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behaviour and to report any incidence of corruption to the appropriate agency."

PM should dismiss Goa CM, Minister for graft: Cong

PANAJI | Agencies

The Congress party on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately dismiss Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and his cabinet ministers in the wake of serious corruption allegations levelled by former state Governor Satya Pal Malik in an interview to a national news channel.

Malik, who is currently the Governor of Meghalaya, had said that there was rampant corruption in Goa, even during the Covid pandemic, especially in delivery of ration during the lockdown and turning a blind eye to movement of mining trucks, when the entire state was shut down.

The Congress has also demanded a probe into the allegations by a sitting Supreme Court judge.

"The Prime Minister must immediately dismiss the Chief Minister and his entire council of ministers, because they are directly involved in massive corruption in the middle of the pandemic. I am not saying it, it is a BJP-appointed Governor making these allegations. The allegations should be investigated by a sitting judge of the Supreme Court," Congress national spokesperson Gaurav Vallabh said while addressing a press conference here. "The Prime Minister should come and answer. You do 'Mann ki Baat'. Have one



'Mann ki Baat' on this issue. After being intimidated by the Governor of state, why did you not initiate any action against the Goa Chief Minister? I hope by today evening, the Prime Minister will take action against Sawant and the entire cabinet," Vallabh said.

Malik in a TV interview on Monday said that he had informed Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the corruption in the BJP-led coalition government in Goa, but was soon transferred from his post in the coastal state to Meghalaya.

"(A total of) 1,77,915 people were infected by the virus and 3,358 people died. Who is responsible for this? It is the responsibility of the state government of Goa. They were hand in glove with the mining mafia. When the entire country was in lockdown, the mining mafia was not in lockdown," Malik said.

Ahead of internal polls Cong to start membership drive from Nov 1

The Congress will start membership drive from November 1, ahead of internal polls in the party. This was decided in a special meeting of General Secretaries, In-Charges and PCC Presidents chaired by Sonia Gandhi in Delhi on Tuesday. Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi was also present and participated in the deliberations.

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Addressing a press conference after the meeting, party General Secretary Randeep Surjewala said, "It was resolved to undertake a massive membership drive commencing November 1, 2021, running through till March 31, 2022. "It was unanimously agreed

that the Indian National Congress would reach out to every nook and corner, every ward and village across the country and offer Indians in the remotest parts, a platform for their aspirations."

The Congress asked the people to join Congress to throw the BJP government which has caused sufferings to the people.

The Congress said that special emphasis was laid on enrolling first time voters as members of the Congress. "The Congress leaders and workers will especially visit the localities and homes of our brothers and sisters belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes; hold interactions with these sections by laying special focus on the steps initiated by the Congress Party for their welfare and inclusion, as also identify the way forward for addressing the main points," he said.

The party has also decided to enrol women members in mission mode from all sections of society.

"The core idea is not just a nationwide outreach to specific sections of youth, women and the

marginalised but also to bring out the fact that the Congress party is the only vehicle to fight the designed attack on the lives and livelihoods of these sections by the policies of the Modi Government," Surjewala added. Congress will counter diabolical and systematic attack unleashed by the BJP/RSS on the Congress ideology and on the core fundamentals of justice, equality and affirmative action enshrined in the Constitution, he said. "The meeting expressed concern over the systematic subjugation of democracy by unconstitutional means and virtually holding every institution captive to the whims and caprices of the ruling elite." Congress has asked its every party functionary - from ordinary workers to the senior most leaders to take on this fight based on the core of the Congress ideology and the founding principles of India.

Party will initiate a comprehensive training programme at all levels of the party. "AICC office bearers and the PCC presidents agreed to undertake issue and policy-based training programmes to counter the vicious propaganda,

unleashed by the ruling regime, both by word of mouth and through social media", Surjewala said. The Congress outlined agitational programs from November 14 to 29, and said party's resolve to fight the sinister attack on the agriculture sector and millions of farmers, the grave unrest on account of unprecedented unemployment, the debilitating attack on people's budget by unpalatable increase in prices of petrol, diesel, cooking gas, cooking oil, building material and every household item.

"The sorry state of our economy bordering on collapse and an impending economic recession is made all the more worrying as the Modi Government remains clueless and directionless on correcting the economic downturn. The net result of their policies is that a handful of crony capitalists continue to grow their wealth by several crores everyday while small businesses, MSMEs, marginal shopkeepers and entrepreneurs become victims of their greed losing their hope, savings and livelihoods," Surjewala said.



NCB TARGETING BOLLYWOOD, UDDHAV THACKERAY TO WRITE TO MODI: MALIK

"The CM expressed his concerns at how Bollywood's image is being maligned globally. After Hollywood, it's the most important film industry, employs millions of people and contributes around 3-4 percent to the national GDP. The CM will write to the PM highlighting the matter," Malik told media persons.

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Concerned over the manner in which Bollywood is being "targeted" by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for the past over one year, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will write to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue, Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik said on Tuesday.



The minister met his NCP colleague and Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil and the CM this evening to discuss setting up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the ongoing fallout of the cruise rave party by the NCB. "The CM expressed his concerns at how Bollywood's image is being maligned globally. After Hollywood, it's the most important film industry, employs millions of people and contributes around 3-4 percent to the national GDP. The CM will write to the PM highlighting the matter," Malik told media persons. On the issue of probing the issues revealed by a NCB "Panch Witness" related to the ship raid, Thackeray and Walse-Patil have assured that necessary action like lodging a police complaint would be taken up. The state government is likely to probe the purported revelations made by "Panch-Witness" Prabhakar Sail on alleged bribery deals by the NCB through conduit Kiran Gosavi, who is currently absconding. Malik's meetings were a followup of a 26-

ARYAN KHAN DRUG CASE: 5-member team to examine Wankhede in Mumbai

Team Absolute | New Delhi

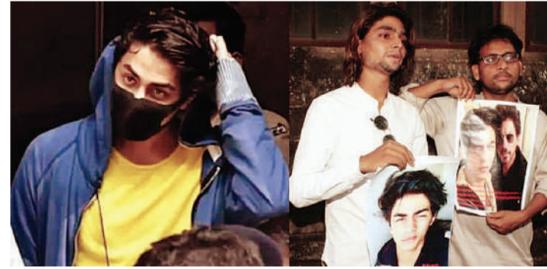
The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede, who led the cruise ship drug bust involving Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and later came under the shadow of extortion allegations, will be examined by a five-member team of NCB vigilance department on Wednesday, sources said on Tuesday.

He will be examined in Mumbai along with Prabhakar Sail among others, according to sources.

Sources said that a five-member team led by the NCB vigilance unit head DDG NR Gyaneshwar Singh would reach Mumbai at 11 am on Wednesday. Gyaneshwar Singh said he is not going to Mumbai on Tuesday. "We do meet daily. I haven't called anyone. I haven't called anyone for my probe. I am not going to Mumbai today," Gyaneshwar said while evading questions related to the corruption charges on the probe agency.

Earlier, he had said that the agency will initiate an inquiry into the allegations of extortions against Wankhede made by an independent witness in the cruise drug case.

Wankhede on Tuesday reached the NCB headquarters in New Delhi to meet SN Pradhan, director general of the NCB. Interestingly, at the same



time, Gyaneshwar left the office without meeting Wankhede.

When Wankhede reached the NCB office from the back gate, some people gathered there in his support. The supporters who were seen hold-

ing placards written 'global support for Sameer', denied the allegations, saying they want honest officers like Wankhede and he should not be targeted in such a way. Wankhede had reached Delhi on Monday night

Sameer Wankhede in Delhi to meet NCB chief

New Delhi: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede, who is heading the probe into Mumbai's high profile drugs case, on Tuesday reached the head office here to meet chief S.N. Pradhan. Mumbai NCB arrested Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan in the cruise drug case investigation on October 2. The official reached Delhi Monday night to meet the Director General of NCB in connection with bribery allegations. According to reports, he may be questioned on the bribery allegations. When Wankhede reached the NCB office from second gate, some people had gathered there in his support. However, while interacting with the media after reaching Delhi late on Monday night, Wankhede refuted the allegations against him as "baseless."



to meet the Director-General of the NCB, in connection with the allegations. According to reports, he may be questioned on the bribery allegations. However, while interacting with the media after reaching Delhi late on Monday night, Wankhede termed the allegations against him as "baseless."

"I have not been summoned. I've come here for a different purpose. Allegations against me are baseless," he said. Mumbai NCB arrested Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan in the cruise drug case investigation on October 2. Prabhakar Sail, the 'independent witness', in a statement to the media, claimed that Rs 25 crore was demanded by an official of the NCB and other persons, including absconding witness K.P. Gosavi, to let off Aryan Khan in the case. Prabhakar told media persons that he had overheard Gosavi telling one Sam D'Souza over the phone, after Aryan Khan was brought to the NCB office following the October 2 raid, about a demand of Rs 25 crore and "to settle at Rs 18 crore as they have to give Rs 8 crore to Sameer Wankhede". Singh said he will record the statements and analyze the evidence given by the witness, Prabhakar Sail, and submit a comprehensive report to the NCB. He said that certain facts have been reported through social media by the independent witness.

Maharashtra government allows all fully-vaccinated people to board Mumbai local trains

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The Maharashtra government on Tuesday issued an order allowing the common people, irrespective of the nature of their jobs, who are vaccinated fully against COVID-19 to board suburban trains in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). In this order, the state government has extended the definition of fully vaccinated people to cover even those people who are working in non-essential sectors. This means people who have taken both the doses of vaccines against COVID-19 and completed 14 days after inoculation can travel in local trains.

The government also stated that the people working in essential sectors must be fully vaccinated and should have completed the 14 days

post-inoculation before they can be allowed to board local trains.

Currently, the Central Railway and the Western Railway have been issuing a monthly pass to vaccinated commuters instead of daily tickets to curtail the crowd.

Notably, both the railways on Monday said suburban services in Mumbai will be operated at the 100 per cent capacity of the pre-pandemic level from October 28, but the existing travel restrictions for the general public will remain unchanged. This decision was taken considering the increased flow of commuters, an official said on Monday. Central Railway and Western Railway will run 1,774 and 1,367 services, respectively, on their

suburban network from October 28. The zonal railways used to operate these many services before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, Central Railway and Western Railway are operating 1,702 and 1,304 suburban services, respectively, which is 95.70 per cent of the total suburban services in the normal period. Till now, only government employees and essential services staffers are allowed to travel on suburban trains, apart from the fully-vaccinated citizens, who have completed the 14 days after the second dose and those who are below 18 years.

After the outbreak of the pandemic, the suburban services were completely stopped from March 22, 2020.

Later railways began suburban services for essential service categories as identified by the Maharashtra government and approved by the Ministry of Railways from June 15, 2020.

Suburban locals are considered the lifeline of Mumbai. Nearly 80 lakh passengers used to travel on the suburban locals before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 graph is also slowing down in Maharashtra.

The state on Monday reported 889 COVID-19 cases, the lowest number in a day since May 5, 2020, and 12 fresh fatalities, the least number of one-day death count in more than 18 months, a health department official had said.

Rs 1,000-crore 'extorted' from Bollywood in Mumbai, Maldives, claims Nawab Malik

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In another sensational disclosure, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) national spokesperson and Minister Nawab Malik on Tuesday said at least an amount of Rs 1,000-crore has been 'extorted' in Mumbai and Maldives from Bollywood personalities.

Pointing the needle against the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede, Malik released a 4-pager purported letter he received from a whistleblower within the agency. The Minister said he received the letter which has been copied to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, state Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil, Director-General of Police Sanjay Pandey, Congress President Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi. "My fight is not against the NCB... They have done a good job in the past 35 years... I am fighting against a person who has extorted money from people... My estimate is over Rs 1,000-crore. The NCB has already started a probe and they must look into the points raised in the 4-page letter," Malik demanded. Reacting promptly to the purported letter, the NCB Deputy Director-

General, South West Region Mutha Ashok Jain said: "I have seen the letter. We will take necessary action." Dismissing the charges by Wankhede and his family on the birth certificate which he revealed on Monday, Malik issued an "open challenge" to them to file any case or criminal defamation, he would face arrest and put the matter before the Courts. Hitting back, a Bharatiya Janata Party activist Mohit (Kamboj) Bharatiya slammed Malik and said the 4-pager letter was a fake, even the affidavit submitted by a NCB 'Panch-witness' Prabhakar Sail was bogus and demanded the Minister's immediate resignation for misusing his ministerial status. "The Minister has been lying since day one... Sail's affidavit was made at Malik's behest... All this is done to malign the NCB and the BJP. I fear for my life and I demand security. I am filing a defamation case against him today," Bharatiya told mediapersons. Making another grave accusation, the Minister said that Wankhede has been illegally tapping the phones of two persons, one in Mumbai and another in Thane. "I have their full details... and will disclose more at the appropriate time. How did the officer ask for the CDR details of my daughter Nilofar Malik from the Mumbai Police? Is she a criminal? The police have rejected Wankhede's demands," Malik said.

The Minister reiterated his charge that Wankhede has allegedly submitted a bogus caste certificate to get a central government job in a reserved category and vowed to bring out more dope on this.

"The BJP has been trying to portray it as a Hindu-Muslim fight... In my 45 years in public life, I have never played politics in the name of religion and the people know this well. But Wankhede has deprived a poor Dalit boy by grabbing his job in the reserved quota on the basis of fake documents," said Malik.

The Minister further said that since his first expose in early-October, many people have been coming to him with information on the NCB, including a witness who said that the agency made him sign 50 blank papers. On the contents of the 4-pager, Malik said that it has alleged details of about 26 different cases in which people have been deliberately framed by the agency, and how money was extorted.

Aryan Khan bail plea: Bombay HC to continue hearing on Wednesday

Contending that Aryan Khan was "wrongly arrested," Rohatgi said the only thing against him was he arrived with Merchant, and apparently had knowledge of the drugs found on the latter, and hence, had "conscious possession."

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The Bombay High Court on Tuesday adjourned, till Wednesday, the hearing of the bail application of superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan, who has been arrested along with 19 others in the cruise party case by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

Making a forceful plea for bail to Aryan Khan, his lawyer and former Attorney General of India Mukul Rohatgi told the court that the star-son was a special invitee to the ship through event manager Prateek Gaba.

Both Aryan and Arbaaz Merchant were caught before they boarded the ship on October 2, nothing was recovered from Aryan, and the NCB has nothing to show he consumed anything (drugs), he said.

"He was arrested on October 3 and his statement recorded. There was no occasion to arrest my client, short and

simple," Rohatgi told a single judge bench of Justice NW Sambre.

He pointed out that even though the NCB officers are not police officers, they exercise police powers, and citing a precedent, said that confessions given to them are inadmissible as evidence. Contending that Aryan Khan was "wrongly arrested," Rohatgi said the only thing against him was he arrived with Merchant, and apparently had knowledge of the drugs found on the latter, and hence, had "conscious possession." However, in Aryan Khan's case, there was no conscious possession at all and even if this is considered the maximum punishment is one year for the 6 gms (seized from Merchant).

He also questioned the NCB's charges under various acts including charging him with conspiracy, and said that the WhatsApp chats recovered from Aryan Khan's phone, which are cited but not on record, don't relate to the cruise party.

Moreover, he said even if there was a plan to smoke there, it was aborted as they were arrested before, but the penalty (by the NCB) was of consumption, and argued that there was no case of either consumption, sale, or purchase of drugs.

Aryan Khan denies links with Sail, Gosavi as NCB opposes bail plea

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The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Tuesday filed its reply and strongly opposed the bail plea of Aryan Khan, son of

Court. However, in his reply Aryan said he had no links with the goings-on outside pertaining to allegations and counter-allegations between the NCB and a political leader.

Contending that the bail plea is devoid of merit and must be dismissed, the NCB said that investigations have revealed Khan's international links which show that he is not a mere consumer as claimed by him, prima facie point towards illegal drug procurements.

Referring to the affidavit of a 'Panch-Witness' Prabhakar Sail, the NCB termed it as "clear instances of tampering, influencing witnesses in the midst of an ongoing investigation" and Khan's bail plea should be rejected on this ground alone.

It stated that Shah Rukh Khan's manager Pooja Dadlani appears to have influenced the



Rohatgi said that Aryan is not accusing anybody from the NCB nor con-

Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan, before the Bombay High

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Panch-Witness and as soon as this glaring fact came to light, the NCB immediately moved the Special NDPS Court on Monday (October 25).

In their brief 2-pager response to the NCB's 35-page reply, Khan's legal team said he had nothing to do with the allegations and counter-allegations currently on in public/social media between (Sameer Wankhede) and some political personalities (Nawab Malik).

They said that Khan is not making any allegations against anybody in the NCB and has no links with the 'Panch-Witness' Sail or his purported employer and another 'Panch-Witness' Kiran Gosavi.

Accordingly, Khan sought bails on grounds of merits uninfluenced by the developments in the case raging outside. The NCB reply and the bail plea are now slated to be argued by Khan's lawyers, former Attorney General of India Mukul Rohatgi, along with senior advocates like Amit Desai and Satish Maneshinde. Simultaneously, besides Aryan Khan, the bail pleas of two other accused, Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha are also expected to come up for hearing today, as all have been sent to judicial custody till October 30 by the Special NDPS Court.



EDITOR'S SPECS

Amit Shah's three-day J&K visit

Centre unclear over political process for normalcy in J&K

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's first visit to Jammu & Kashmir after dilution of Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcation of State into two Union Territories.

J&K has been under central rule since June 2018 and the political and parliamentary subterfuge in reorganising the erstwhile State still rankles as a discordant chapter of India's experiments in federalism. Shah used the three-day visit to underscore the progress J&K has made since its reorganisation the uptick in tourist inflow and the string of development and welfare projects. As for the stringent curbs that the people have had to endure meanwhile, Shah said those were bitter pills that helped save lives. Through a series of public engagements and official functions in Jammu and the Valley, the Home Minister's single-minded focus was on reiterating the BJP's political narrative on Kashmir. He said "three families" had held J&K to ransom until the party came to its rescue. Whether or not politics in J&K has been any more or less corrupt than other part of the country is anyone's guess, but it is a matter of fact that the former State had a poverty rate of 10.35% against the national average of 21.92%. The Centre has been successful in removing the question of independence or even autonomy from the conversation on Kashmir. But to pretend that there is no political question in Kashmir to be discussed or resolved is reckless. Besides trying to systematically delegitimise the mainstream parties, the BJP policy also sought to build an entirely new political apparatus in the Union Territory. Shah ruled out any talks with Pakistan, but said he was willing to talk to the youth of Kashmir.

PAK READY TO TALK, AFRAID TO WOUND ISLAMISTS

The Imran Khan-led government in Pakistan is afraid to discipline, but is ready to talk, to various Islamist militant groups that, emboldened by the rise of a Taliban government in Afghanistan next door, are increasingly taking to the streets to force their demands.

Challenged from various quarters, the government's immediate threat comes from the banned Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) that has launched a 'Long March' to lay siege to the national capital.

The body of headline Sunni activists demands that the government fight the perceived 'Islamophobia' in the Western world. More specifically, it wants the French envoy in Islamabad expelled for France's expulsion of Islamists at home and its role in the Charlie Hebdo cartoons controversy.

The government that has banned the TLP has also been talking to its leaders, reportedly committed last November to the envoy's expulsion and ending of trade ties with France. This buying of time, or foot-dragging, has only emboldened other Islamist groups -- Pakistan has scores of them -- to join the TLP protests.

The Long March, joined by thousands of its workers in major cities, has already caused the deaths of three policemen and two protesters as on October 22 with tensions rising.

"On Saturday (October 23), the relatively less-equipped and poorly trained workers of the proscribed TLP had managed to bulldoze all security layers of the Lahore and Sheikhupura police and entered Gujranwala while chanting slogans and calling other activists to join them," the Dawn newspaper said in a report.

The authorities have deployed para-military forces, including the Frontier Constabulary, the Rangers and Elite Commandos to deal with the marchers. They were, however, outnumbered as the marchers "pierced through" (as Dawn newspaper described) the authorities' multi-layered blockades and cordons, including placing of huge steel containers.

Going by past experience, such protests have the tendency of being prolonged, lead-



ing to violence and causing political instability and economic misery for the public.

Prime Minister Khan had himself led one when he was in the opposition and it had lasted several weeks. With the Internet snapped and roads blocked, they also affect economic activity and cause misery to the people.

As of last weekend, the TLP had issued what seemed to be a two-day ultimatum. It has lodged itself at Muridke and will not enter Islamabad, 368 km away, while talks are underway. The announcement was made by Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed who claimed that the talks had "almost succeeded". But the TLP declared that "nobody will go home" till demands are fully met. They include the release of their chief, Saad Hussain Rizvi.

Reflecting confusion over who would conduct the talks, Prime Minister Khan directed that a committee be formed with

Noorul Haq Qadri, the religious affairs minister in charge, and left on a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

Sensing greater seriousness, however, he directed Rasheed, who was in Dubai to watch India-Pakistan cricket match, to return home and head the negotiations team. All issues are wide open at the end of the negotiations over the weekend. The Minister said that detained TLP workers, along with those banned and placed on the Fourth Schedule, would be released. He said under an agreement signed with the TLP earlier, the issue of expelling the French ambassador will be taken to parliament for debate.

"Qadri and I have signed agreements with the TLP. We will take the issue of the French ambassador's expulsion to the National Assembly and ask the speaker to form a committee." He said the French ambassador

was not present in the country at the moment, adding that the TLP's objection was justified as there had been no progress on the accords for six months.

Of the TLP leadership, the Minister said: "They are political people and they have the third-highest vote bank in Punjab. They reserve the right to make any statement."

Significantly, each time the TLP is mentioned, the media refers to it as a 'proscribed' body. But the government has been talking to them, thus lending it a measure of legitimacy.

A media representative sought to point out the contradictions in the government's handling of the Islamists. Minister Rasheed's matter-of-fact reply was that the mention of the TLP being banned was a matter of record. He skirted the issue of the government holding talks with a banned body.

Situation remains critical. "For the government, it is a tightrope to walk," explained a Punjab government official, who did not want to be named, to Dawn newspaper.

"It could not offer anything to the TLP but intimidation, which, unfortunately, might not work due to the religious factor."

The newspaper said in its editorial on October 24 that "the TLP's ability to paralyse cities and bring life to a grinding halt is well known. It is also well known that the group has been indulged, emboldened and then struck down by various powers. While this makes for a multifaceted problem, the government's mishandling of the TLP has been a constant source of concern."

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JAPAN GOVT PANEL ASKED TO COMPILE URGENT ECONOMIC PROPOSALS

Tokyo | Agencies

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Tuesday he has asked a government economic policy panel to prepare "urgent proposals" by early November to enrich his vision of "new capitalism."

The proposals will include promoting advanced technology for digitalization and de-carbonization, as well as economic security issues including ensuring semiconductor supplies as "top priorities", Kishida said at the end of the panel's first meeting.

"We shared the view of aiming to improve productivity through growth strategies and increase the levels of people's income through redistribution of the fruits" of that growth, Kishida said, reiterating his principle of creating "the virtuous cycle of growth and distribution", reports Xinhua news agency.

The economic package planned by Kishida may include some measures in the urgent proposals if his



party wins a majority in the House of Representatives election as expected, a government official told reporters. The Prime Minister has pledged an economic package worth "tens of trillions of yen," or hundreds of billions of dollars, to

boost the Covid-19 pandemic-hit economy.

Served as the head of the panel, Kishida will discuss policy measures for economic growth and redistribution of wealth under his "new capitalism" policy along with 15 busi-

ness leaders, researchers and his cabinet.

The 15 members include seven women, distinguished from the now-defunct growth strategy panel set up by Yoshihide Suga, Kishida's predecessor, which only had two women out of eight private sector experts. Among the seven are Tomoko Yoshino, the first female chief of the nation's largest labour organization Rengo, who took the post early this month, and Yumiko Murakami, former head of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Tokyo Centre. As Kishida promised when he took office on October 4, the panel will focus on issues such as expanding the middle class through salary increases and improving working conditions for non-regular employees and freelancers. It aims to conclude discussions by June next year to have them reflected in its annual economic policy guideline for the next fiscal year, according to the official.

Bandar Seri Begawan:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Tuesday kicked off its 38th and 39th summits under the chairmanship of Brunei virtually, with the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and promoting economic recovery high on the agenda.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah said the ASEAN member states will take this opportunity to consider the bloc's community building efforts in realizing the Community Vision 2025, reports Xinhua news agency.

He noted that ASEAN countries will also discuss other issues, including further strengthening the resilience towards regional recovery from the pandemic and enhancing cooperation with dialogue partners.

Lim Jock Hoi, secretary



general of the ASEAN, said in his greeting speech that despite the pandemic challenges, the bloc's economic outlook remains resilient.

He said ASEAN's economic recovery from this pandemic will depend on a more even distribution of vaccination rollout across the region, which will ensure the continued fair and credible access to the vaccines for all people.

The summits, with the theme "We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper", is scheduled to discuss a number of issues, including further strengthening the resilience of the ASEAN Community towards regional recovery from the pandemic, enhancing the preparedness of the bloc in addressing common chal-

lenges; seizing new opportunities in pursuit of shared prosperity; and maintaining cooperation towards achieving the region's long-term goals. Meanwhile, both ASEAN members and their dialogue partners hope the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), a mega trade deal between 10 member states plus China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand which was signed last November, will take effect soon to promote regional trade and investment, thus helping with the post-pandemic economic recovery in the region.

Scheduled for Tuesday to Thursday, the 38th and 39th ASEAN summits and related summits will also be joined by leaders from dialogue partners, including China, Japan, South Korea, India, the US, Australia and Russia, among others.

PALESTINIAN PREZ SLAMS ISRAELI INTERFERENCE IN NGO WORK

Ramallah | Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas has condemned Israel for interfering in the work of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the West Bank, reported the official Palestinian news agency (WAFA).

Abbas told the NGOs' representatives at his office here that the Israeli decision "is rejected and condemned", adding that "all the Palestinians stand to the side of the NGOs which document and unveil the Israeli crimes that are committed against the Palestinians", Xinhua news agency quoted the WAFA report as saying.

Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz on October 22 ordered the designation of six Palestinian NGOs in the West Bank as "terrorist organizations".

The decision was largely condemned by the Palestinians and the European Union. Israeli media had reported that Gantz declared the six NGOs to be "terror organizations", saying that they had effectively operated as an arm for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). "The organizations were active under the cover of civil society organizations, but in practice belong (to) and constitute an arm of the PFLP, the main activity of which is the destruction of Israel," Gantz's office said in a statement.

According to the WAFA report, Abbas told the representatives of the NGOs that the Palestinian side is officially acting to confront the Israeli decision on the international stage.



Moon meets ruling party's presidential nominee

Seoul | Agencies

South Korean President Moon Jae-in held a meeting Lee Jae-myung, presidential nominee of the ruling Democratic Party (DP), on Tuesday in a move that could help solidify the latter's position after a bitter primary.

The tea meeting at Cheong Wa Dae came 16 days after Lee was nominated as the DP's presidential candidate on October 10. It also came a day after Lee announced his resignation as Gyeonggi Province Governor to focus on the presidential election scheduled for March 9, 2022, reports Yonhap News Agency.

Political parties are closely watching the meeting as to whether Moon and Lee will discuss sensitive issues like the corruption scandal surrounding a land development project undertaken in the city of Seongnam when Lee was its mayor.

The opposition party accuses Lee of wrongdoing and is calling for an independent counsel investigation.

Presidential officials said, however, that the two are unlikely to discuss any political or election issues because the



president is required to remain politically neutral ahead of elections regardless of party affiliation.

Tuesday's meeting with Moon is expected to help Lee gain united support from the ruling party as the presidential nominee seeks to form an integrated team for his campaign in the wake of intense competition during the primary. Lee's campaign hopes to use the series of symbolic steps as a spring-

board to launch the nominee's election committee before the main opposition People Power Party picks its standard-bearer on November 5.

Lee, however, continues to be dogged by questions about his possible involvement in the snowballing corruption scandal surrounding an apartment development project conducted in Seongnam in 2015 when he was the city's mayor.

N KOREA ACCUSES UN SPECIAL RAPPOURTEUR OF 'DISTORTING REALITY'

Seoul: North Korea on Tuesday rebuked the UN special rapporteur on its human rights situation for "distorting our reality" and acting "at the urging of the US" as the country responded to his recent criticism of the regime.

In the remarks carried by the Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency, the spokesperson for the Korea Association for Human Rights Studies berated Tomas Ojea Quintana for having accused the North of rights violations during a recent UN General Assembly session.

"Recently, so-called 'special rapporteur' on the human rights situation in the DPRK has maliciously slandered our state at the United Nations, reeling off reckless remarks such as 'systematic human rights violation, oppression of freedom of expression'," the spokesman said. DPRK stands for the North's official name, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Yonhap News Agency reported. "The 'special rapporteur,' not being content with distorting our reality, has pointed a finger at our 'people's livelihood' and viciously picked on the most realistic and appropriate anti-epidemic measures taken by our state for our own specific need," the spokesperson added.





Wanted in rape case, Congress MLA's son arrested

According to officials, the rape case was registered against Karan Morwal on April 2 this year at the women's police station in Indore.

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Karan Morwal, the son of a Congress MLA from Badnagar Assembly Constituency in Ujjain district, who was absconding for over six months after a woman lodged a rape case against him, was arrested on Tuesday, police said.

He was arrested from a village in Ujjain, said a senior police official in Indore.

Based on an information received about his whereabouts, a police team cornered Karan Morwal in the village. Karan Morwal (30) was arrested near Maksi town in Shajapur district, about 80 km from Indore, Jyoti Sharma, in-charge of the women's police station in Indore, told reporters.

"We were informed that he (Karan) is moving in a white car and based on information we put barricades on a particular road and started checking. He was trying to escape, but

the police were alert and arrested him," said Sharma.

Madhya Police had recently increased the reward against him from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000. Karan Morwal has been evading arrest for the last six months. Necessary legal formalities were underway following his arrest, she said. On October 20, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra had directed state police to arrest Karan Morwal as soon as possible. He had also asked his father Murlu Morwal to take him to the police station within two days. Karan has been on run after a 23-year-old girl lodged a police complaint on April 2 this year.

Murlu Morwal is the Congress MLA from Badnagar Assembly seat.

In her complaint, the woman had alleged that she was raped by the MLA's son on the pretext of marriage.

Locals in Bhopal villages rewarded for cleanliness



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The Madhya Pradesh government has launched a unique initiative to ensure cleanliness on a daily basis in rural areas of state capital Bhopal. Under this campaign the local people are being rewarded for using toilets and properly disposing of waste.

TVs and mobile phones are being given as rewards to the local people who have done commendable work ensuring cleanliness at their houses and nearby surroundings. This initiative to maintain cleanliness was undertaken in Bairasia tehsil

(block). A lucky draw was organised by the Damila Cleanliness Committee in which the cleanest toilets from all villages of this gram panchayat were selected, and the families were rewarded by means of a lucky draw.

A colour TV was given to Madhav Singh of Kanera village who bagged the first prize, a mobile phone to Inder Singh of Kadhaiya village who got the second prize, a torch to farmer Narendra Singh of Damila village for third prize, wall clock as fourth prize to Jaiendra Singh of Jamila village, the fifth prize as a fibre chair which was given to Badrilal of Ganyari village.

As many as 71 best participants were included by the Damila gram panchayat during this cleanliness felicitation event.

24,000 government employees, 50 CRPF companies to conduct bypolls in State

Electioneering to stop on October 27 at 6 pm. Till now, election campaign used to end two days before of polling but with revised Covid guidelines, campaign will stop 72 hours before voting.

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Over 50 companies of Central Reserve Police Forces will be pressed into service to conduct by-elections in three assembly constituencies and one Lok Sabha seat, which will go to polls on October 30.

With modified election guidelines in place due to Covid pandemic, election campaigning will stop on October 27 at 6 pm. Till now, election campaign used to end two days before of polling but with revised Covid guidelines, campaign will stop 72 hours before voting.

An Election Commission official said over 50 CRPF companies will be deployed to conduct free and fair elections in three assembly and one Lok



Sabha constituencies.

These forces are in addition to the police and home guards that will be deployed from the state. Election Commission official said over 24,000 government employees will be engaged to conduct bypolls in state.

Additional police force has been deployed in the areas sharing their borders with neighbouring states. The four constituencies going to by-election share their borders with Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

The Election Commission is also keeping a close watch on expenditure made by the candidates besides their ways to threaten and allure voters.

Vulnerable and sensitive polling booths have been identified and appropriate arrangements including installation of CCTV cameras and webcasting on the day of polling has been made.

Election Commission has also instructed officials to ensure implementation of Covid guidelines on the day of polling.

Strengthening of institutions must for better results



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Strengthening of institutions and better implementation of schemes is must for better results. Vice-Chancellor of BR Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, NR Bhanumurthy, said this while delivering a lecture on "Relationship between Efficient Use of Administrative and Public

Expenditure" in the lecture series "Effective Change Sustainable Results" at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis. Bhanumurthy said that by only increasing the budget in the social sector, it is not necessary that the desired objectives are achieved. He said that the positive relation of mother's teaching is with the better results in the social

sector. Bhanumurthy said that Madhya Pradesh has ample opportunity to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) if public expenditure is used efficiently. Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Good Governance GV Rasthmi, Director of the Institute, Principal Advisor, Senior Advisor, Advisor and other officers took part in the lecture series.

CM paid tribute to freedom fighter Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan paid tribute to freedom fighter and eminent journalist Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi on his birth anniversary. Chouhan has tweeted that "Respectful homage on the anniversary of revered Late Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi ji, the freedom fighter, the pioneer of Indian journalism, who shook the British government with his sharp writings. Your dazzling thoughts and ideal life will always inspire the youth to rebuild the nation and serve the society." Ganesh Shankar 'Vidyarthi' was born on 26 October 1890 in Allahabad. He was a fearless and impartial journalist, social worker and freedom fighter. His name is eternal and

immortal in the history of India's freedom movement. Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi was a journalist who, with the power of his writing, shook the British rule in India. This great freedom fighter supported and cooperated with the non-violent ideas and revolutionaries alike with pen and speech. In his short life span, he raised his voice against the cruel system. He was associated with revolutionary papers like 'Karmayogi' and 'Swarajya' and also wrote his articles in them. He was also the editor of "Pratap". He also had to suffer a lot because of his revolutionary journalism. The government lodged many cases against him, imposed heavy fines and arrested and sent him to jail many times. He passed away on March 25, 1931 in Kanpur.

CM PLANTED KADAMBA SAPLING IN KHANDWA



Bhopal: Kadamba tree is considered to be a tree of deities. Kadamba is famous in Ayurveda for its medicinal properties. A special thing about Kadamba is that its leaves are very big and gum is extracted from them. Its fruits are like lemons. Kadamba flowers have their own distinct importance. Its fragrant flowers find a mention in ancient Vedas and compositions.

CM CONDOLES DEATH OF ANSHUMAN BHARGAVA

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has expressed profound grief over the death of Anshuman Bhargava, who served as State Editor of daily English newspaper Hitavad. Chouhan has prayed to God to give place to the departed soul at his lotus feet and strength to the bereaved family to bear the loss.

Chouhan said that Bhargava was a friendly and soft spoken person. The untimely passing of Bhargava is an irreparable loss to the journalism world. Commissioner Public Relations Sudam Khade and Director Public Relations Ashutosh Pratap Singh have also condoled the death of journalist Bhargava.

IGRMS' Museum popular lecture on Wednesday

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Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) is organising a Museum popular lecture on Wednesday October 27th, 2021. Rohini Arora, Academic and Design Consultant, Chandigarh will speak on "Rumals of Chamba: Embroidered Expressions of Pahari Women."

The lecture will be organized through google meet online mediums From 4.00 PM. The program will be presided over by the Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director, IGRMS.

Rohini Arora did her Ph.D. in Textile and Apparel Science from Lady Irving College,

University of Delhi in the year 2015. She was invited for the exhibition 'Chamba Ke Rumal: Expression of Hill Women through Embroidery' in the year 2018. After this, the Indian Council of Cultural Relations has displayed this exhibition in important centres of Serbia and Switzerland as well as presented in major



events of the world to promote the excellent art forms of embroidery of Chamba region. Arora is currently working as a Design Consultant for many reputed institutions along with teaching work.

Pledge of honesty and transparency at IGRMS

The Vigilance Awareness Week from

26th October to 01st November, 2021 is being observed at IGRMS. Director, IGRMS, Praveen Kumar Mishra administered pledge of 'INTEGRITY' to officers and staff of the Sangrahalaya. Addressing all officers and employees, Dr. Mishra said "That corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. I believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption. Every citizen should be vigilant and commit to highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption".

Loyalty to high ideals, the basis of life: Governor

Positivity in thoughts is necessary

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Governor Mangubhai Patel has said that everything is possible with determination. The need is for positivity in thoughts and feelings. The fruit of the work done with good faith is always pleasant and enjoyable. Keeping loyalty to the high ideals in life, one should move ahead on the path of development.

He said that every person has immense potential. What is needed are efforts with determination. He called upon the students to follow the oath they have taken in the convocation for the rest of their life. This is the way to the meaningful life.

Patel was addressing the convocation programme organised by Barkatullah University at Minto Hall. Gold medals were awarded to 22 girl and boy students, Ph. D. to 66 and post-graduate degrees to 50 students. Souvenir was also released at the convocation ceremony. Governor Patel said that the society is becoming materialistic due to the effect of increasing marketism. The virtual sphere of thinking and contact is expanding, but behaviour is becoming more individualistic. The society has to consider the reasons for the diminishing importance of brotherhood, cooperation, happiness of others and self-



satisfaction in the lifestyle. He said that the corona pandemic had rendered technology and progress helpless all over the world. Lessons will have to be learned from this. Education is not just knowledge of technology. Scientific and modernity alone do not lead to holistic development of a person. It is necessary to have ideals, values and conscience in life. Integration with culture and traditions is the only way of holistic development. Governor said that education brings knowledge, culture, skill, social sense and modesty in personality. He said that the spirit of respect, coordination and cooperation for every member of the society should be developed through education. The students are expected to create a unique identity of their family and society in whatever field they go to, with the knowledge, culture of life values acquired in life. Congratulating the students, he expressed happiness over the increase

in the number of girl students getting education. Patel encouraged the students to perform better at par with the girls. Professor Pankaj Mittal, General Secretary, Federation of Indian Universities, said that the future is of knowledge based education. In the form of the new National Education Policy, unprecedented and best opportunities have been available to the present generation. He said that continuous learning is necessary for uninterrupted progress in life. The new education policy is an easy opportunity for this. He said that the present era is rapidly changing. It is necessary that education and teaching should be continuously updated. He said that in the new policy, universities have been given autonomy in curriculum formulation. It should be put to good use. He told the teachers that they have been given complete freedom for teaching. Opportunities have been given for new experiments in education. Governor Patel inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Patel was honoured by the Vice Chancellor with a shawl, a Tulsi plant. In the welcome address Vice Chancellor Prof. RJ Rao gave information related to the university. The programme was conducted by Registrar IK Mansoori.

Chief Minister Chouhan sets a record by planting saplings for 250 consecutive days

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For environmental protection, on Narmada Jayanti, exactly 250 days ago, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had taken a pledge that he would plant a sapling every day. This resolution of Chouhan was not only a message of environmental protection for the people of the state, but it was also a successful attempt to mobilize public participation for the environment, which is also becoming fruitful today.

Even today the Chief Minister is fully committed to fulfill his resolve. His every morning begins with planting saplings. Whether he is in Bhopal or Delhi, or in any division, district, tehsil or village, he does not fail to plant saplings wherever he is in the morning. This cycle has been going on continuously for 250 days. Chouhan had started planting one sapling every day by planting Rudaksha and Sal saplings in Shambhudhara area of Amarkantak on the occasion of Narmada Jayanti on February 19. He had also said that plantation is a sacred work, all citizens should plant saplings and protect them for environmental protection on priority. He also appealed to the citizens to contribute to the conservation and pro-



tection of nature by protecting trees. Chouhan has been sensitive towards the environment from the very beginning. Chief Minister Chouhan not only kept the Narmada water clean but also mobilized wide public participation for nature and environment by planting trees extensively on both the banks of Narmada Maiya, by undertaking Namami Devi Narmada Yatra for the protection of Narmada river, the lifeline of Madhya Pradesh. Along with development, he also got success in making the society stand with the government in climate change through Narmada Yatra. The local people took up the responsibility of protecting the saplings planted on the banks of Narmada. Along with the development of the state, the initiative of taking the society along in other mega campaigns has reached its peak today. On the initiative

of the Chief Minister, a state-wide "Ankur Abhiyan" was launched to ensure public participation in the field of environment. In the campaign, more than 4 lakh people registered online and planted saplings and took selfies with the planted saplings and uploaded photos of themselves and plants on the Ankur Abhiyan app. Along with this, the responsibility of protecting the plants has also been taken over. This campaign is going on continuously and people's participation too.

In order to promote greenery in urban and rural areas also, Chouhan has decided to plant more and more trees in public interest. While giving permission for the construction of new houses by the urban body, the condition of plantation is also being put in the housing complex. Similarly, villagers are also constantly being motivated for plantation. Overall, Chief Minister Chouhan is leaving no stone unturned in increasing public awareness about the environment in the state. He says that we have to give clean and environment-filled surroundings to the coming generation, which was given to us by our old generation.



EMILIA CLARKE, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR LAND LEAD ROLES IN SCI-FI ROM-COM

Los Angeles | Agencies

Emilia Clarke, who essayed the character of Daenerys Targaryen on 'Game of Thrones' and got four Emmy nominations for it, and BAFTA winner Chiwetel Ejiofor ('12 Years A Slave') are to appear together in 'The Pod Generation', a sci-fi romantic comedy to be directed by the French-American director Sophie Barthes, reports 'Variety'.

Summarising the plot, 'Variety' reports: "Set in a near future where AI is all the rage and nature is becoming a distant memory, the story revolves around Rachel (Clarke) and Alvy (Ejiofor), a New York couple who are ready to take their relationship to the next level and start a family. Rachel's work gives them a chance to use a new tool developed by a tech giant, Pegasus, which offers couples the opportunity to share pregnancy on a more equal footing via detachable artificial wombs, or pods. Alvy, a botanist and devoted purist, has doubts, but his love for Rachel prompts him to take a leap of faith. And so begins the wild ride to parenthood in this brave new world."

Barthes, whose last film was based on Gustave Flaubert's classic, 'Madame Bovary', has previously handled one such unusual storyline in the Paul Giamatti-starrer 'Cold Souls' (2009), where the Hollywood star plays a fictionalised version of himself and enlists the services of a company to deep freeze his soul.

The director's part-Indian American husband, Andrij Parekh, is the movie's cinematographer. Last year, he won an Emmy for the episode titled 'Hunting' of the much-acclaimed satirical television series, 'Succession'.



Brendan 'George of the Jungle' Fraser to play Firefly in 'Batgirl'

New York | Agencies

Brendan Fraser, who faded out from Hollywood after 'George of the Jungle' and 'The Mummy', has been cast in DC's upcoming 'Batgirl' movie. He will play the villainous Firefly, a sociopath with a passion for pyrotechnics, opposite Leslie Grace, reports 'Variety'.

Specific plot details for 'Batgirl' have been kept under wraps, but it is known that it centres on Barbara Gordon, the daughter of Gotham police commissioner Jim Gordon.

J.K. Simmons is returning to portray Jim Gordon after first playing the character in Zack Snyder's 'Justice League'.

'Batgirl' is set to premiere on HBO Max, the streaming service backed

by WarnerMedia, sometime in 2022. The project is notable because, according to 'Variety', "it marks one of the first major DC Comics properties to skip theatres in favour of streaming".

Plus, it is one of the studio's rare comic book adventures -- following 'Wonder Woman' and its sequel, as well as Margot Robbie's 'Birds of Prey' -- to spotlight a female super-

hero.

For Fraser, it has been a good year. He recently landed the lead role in Darren Aronofsky's next film 'The Whale', an adaptation of Samuel D. Hunter's play about a 600-pound middle-aged recluse, and he will be seen in Martin Scorsese's 'Killers of the Flower Moon' alongside Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro.



Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Daniel Craig, who played 007 for the fifth and final time in 'No Time To Die', has recalled his last shoot for the espionage blockbuster, which was actually for a moment much earlier in the movie.

Appearing on 'The Jess Cagle Podcast', Craig said: "The last thing was during the Cuban sequence. We didn't, unfortunately, get a chance to go to Cuba, we had to fake it, which they did beautifully (at) Pinewood." I'm with a character called (Valdo Obruchev, played by David Dencik), an evil scientist, and I grab him and we walk down an alleyway and it's misted up. Basically, I disappear around an alleyway and that was my last scene as Bond. It wasn't particularly spectacular.

"There were no explosions or car chases - it was a simple 'walk away from camera, and cut' That's it."

However, it was still emotional saying goodbye as Craig had to deliver a speech when everyone turned up to mark his final scene, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

He said: "What usually happens is it's sort of this anticlimax at the end of a film. Everybody's usually so tired and all we wanna do is get home. You kinda say goodbye to each other and say, 'We'll see you around' and that's it."

'Goodnight, it's been great, thank you very much', and maybe get a chance to get a drink.

"So it sort of felt a little bit like that."

But suddenly, everybody, all of the people in the office's who were working late - in fact, most of them stayed late.

"All of the crew, all of the heads of department, all of the actors around all came to set. So suddenly there was 200 people on set. That floored me, that completely floored me."

He then had to address the crew, and he admitted the enormity of the situation got to him.

Craig said: "I hate making speeches. I was like, 'Oh God, now I'm gonna have to say something'."

"I tried to keep it together, and I tried to - actually, what really moved me so much was the fact that everybody turned up and I realised how important that family has been for me over the years, and how important sharing that experience with all these people that been."

"That broke me at that point - that's what I'll miss most, I think. You can imagine - it's a massive collaborative effort, doing a Bond movie."

Khloe Kardashian Confesses Her Most 'Cringe Worthy' Moment On 'KUWTK': 'So Mortifying'

Khloe Kardashian has shared her life on reality TV since 2007 - but this throwback moment still is 'so mortifying'!

Los Angeles | Agencies

Khloe Kardashian, 37, confessed one of her most embarrassing moments on Keeping Up With The Kardashians involved ex Lamar Odom, 41. "I remember taking a bath naked with a bunch of candy and Kourtney's filming me," Khloe said to People magazine in a new interview. "It's just like why am I doing this on camera? It's so mortifying," she said, adding she did things that were "so mortifying and cringe-worthy."

It was actually BFF Malika Haqq who filmed the moment, which aired back in season four of the reality show. The moment happened after Malika suggested Khloe find ways to "still nurture" her relationship with her then-husband, who was frequently on the road. After brainstorming, the women thought of shooting Khloe in a sexy video. "You know, I kind of like the idea of a sexy little video - I can be naughty," Khloe said in a confession-al. "He's obsessed with candy. Oh my god, I should do candy - like bags and bags and bags of skittles, and put them in a bathtub with me sitting in it with a tiara." Khloe excitedly suggested over brunch to Malika at the time. "You're going to have skittles in places you never have before," her BFF responded, as the girls went right to the store to get shopping.

The moment wasn't as sexy as planned, as Malika hurt Khloe as she poured huge gum balls on her in the tub. "Owwwwww!" she screamed as Malika told her to "stop being a baby." Khloe and Lamar married back in 2009 after knowing each other for just a few weeks. The pair went on to star in their own spinoff Khloe & Lamar, however, separated in 2013 after four years of marriage. Two years later, Lamar almost lost love following a near fatal overdose at a Nevada brothel, prompting Khloe to hold the divorce. Although Lamar was on good terms with the KarJenner clan after being discharged from hospital - even attending the Yeezy fashion show in 2016 - Khloe legally divorced him that year.



Daniel Craig reveals final Bond scene he filmed for 'No Time To Die'



Jamie Chung & Bryan Greenberg Reveal They Secretly Welcomed Twins: 'Double Trouble Now'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Longtime couple Jamie Chung and Bryan Greenberg are parents after secretly welcoming twins. Bryan took to Instagram to share an adorable video of himself holding both newborn babies on his chest on Oct. 24. "We go double the trouble now," he captioned the footage. Jamie reposted the video on her own Instagram Story, and commented on it with two red heart emojis.

The news certainly came as a shock to fans, as the public did not know that Bryan and Jamie were expecting! The comments section of Bryan's Instagram post was flooded with congratulatory messages, as well as several fans (and even fellow celebs!) writing, "WHAT?!" Back in 2019, Jamie opened up on Instagram about her decision to freeze her eggs.

"I've been stewing over the idea of freezing my eggs for a couple of years now, and decided to move forward with the process only just recently," she explained in the March 2019 post. "I did my research on facilities and then it all boiled down to these deciding factors; I want options. I'm buying time. I'm unsure and scared and hopeful. I have the best life partner a person could ask for and I know I want to one day raise a child with Bryan. I'm just unsure when that will happen. And I realized that's ok."

She added, "I've been documenting my journey to freezing my eggs because I too have a ton of questions about this process. How you feel on the day to day basis, the overall process and which injections suck major balls. Everyone is different and everyone's process will be different, but I hope that sharing my journey will help answer some of those questions."

Jamie and Bryan began dating in 2012 and got engaged in December 2013. They tied the knot in Santa Barbara, California in October 2015, with a three-day celebration that was Halloween themed. These newborn babies are the first children for both stars. Bryan did not confirm the babies names or genders in his Instagram post.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY

Olivia Rodrigo



T20 World Cup

ASIF-MALIK LATE BLITZ, RAUF'S FOUR-FER HELP PAKISTAN BEAT KIWIS

Sharjah | Agencies

Haris Rauf's superb bowling followed by Asif Ali and Shoaib Malik's late blitz helped Pakistan beat New Zealand by five wickets in a Super 12 match of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, here on Tuesday.

The victory sends Pakistan back above Afghanistan to the top of Group 2 with two wins from two matches in the tournament.

A sensational bowling performance by Haris Rauf, (4/22) helped Pakistan restrict New Zealand to 134/8 in 20 overs. Apart from Rauf, fellow pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, Imad Wasim, and Hafeez picked up a wicket each on the sluggish pitch at Sharjah. Chasing the target, Pakistan openers Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan picked up where they left off against India, controlling the powerplay and seemingly sealing the chase. But, Tim Southee gave New Zealand a sniff when he bowled the Pakistan captain for nine.

Fakhar Zaman, who came to bat next, didn't look in great touch. His scratchy innings came to a close with 11 off 17 when he was trapped in



front by Ish Sodhi. Then, a dangerous Mohammad Hafeez looked intent on getting the chase over in a hurry as he raced to 11 off just five balls.

But, the match swung when Hafeez lofted his sixth ball to the long-off boundary where he was sensationally caught by a diving Conway in the catch of the tournament so far. Pakistan's chances of victory took another substantial blow when Rizwan fell to Sodhi with the target still 66 runs away and with the top four all back in the dugout.

However, Pakistan batsmen didn't give up, with Ali particularly being more aggressive, slamming three sixes in his 27 off just 12 balls. Malik

finished with a similarly crucial 27 (20), but it was his partner who hit the winning runs, banging his third six over wide long-on off Trent Boult before rolling a two to a similar area to seal the win in the penultimate over. Earlier, batting first, New Zealand were off to a slow start. They were 42-1 after the end of powerplay with opener Martin Gupthill (17) back in the pavilion.

Another Kiwi opener Daryl Mitchell (27) also struggled to score freely and was dismissed by Imad Wasim in the 9th over of the innings. Jimmy Neesham's visit to the middle lasted just two deliveries as Hafeez got rid of him to leave New Zealand

60/3 at the midway point of the innings.

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson hit a few boundaries and he along with Devon Conway built a partnership and tried to revive the innings. The Black Caps were recovering well but a direct hit from Hasan Ali caught Williamson short of his crease, leaving the Kiwis in trouble at 90/4 after 13.1 overs.

After Williamson's departure, New Zealand's innings never got the momentum and they kept on losing wickets at regular intervals. Devon Conway, who looked in good touch, was the next one to depart after scoring 27 of 24.

The next batsmen -- Glenn Phillips (13), Tim Seifert (8), Mitchell Santner (6) didn't contribute much as Pakistan bowlers kept New Zealand in check by taking wickets periodically. In the end, New Zealand were restricted to 134-8 in 20 overs.

Brief scores :

New Zealand 134-8 in 20 overs (Daryl Mitchell 27, Devon Conway 27; Haris Rauf 4/22) lost to Pakistan 135-5 in 18.4 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 33, Asif Ali 27*; Ish Sodhi 2/28)

Markram, Rassie star as South Africa thrash West Indies



Dubai | Agencies

Fine innings by Aiden Markram and Rassie van der Dussen helped South Africa thrash West Indies by eight wickets in their second Super 12 match of the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 at Dubai International Stadium on Tuesday.

Chasing 144, the South African batters reached the target with ten balls to spare. Rassie (43 not out), Markram (51 not out) played match-

winning knocks as West Indies bowlers looked on helplessly. Reeza Hendricks who came in place of Quinton de Kock also impressed with crucial 39 runs.

Earlier, Evin Lewis (56) was the only positive as the West Indies batting lineup failed to step up for a second successive game. Lewis hit six sixes and three boundaries in his 56-run knock. Captain Kieron Pollard (26) was the other top contributor to the team.

For Proteas, Dwaine Pretorius (3/17) scalped three wickets. Keshav Maharaj (2/24) picked two, while Kagiso Rabada (1/27), Anrich Nortje (1/14) took one each.

Brief scores

West Indies 143/8 (Lewis 56, Pollard 26; Pretorius 3-17) vs South Africa 144/2 (Aiden Markram 51*, Rassie van der Dussen 43*, Akeal Hosein 1-27).

Junior national hockey: Raja Karan, MP Academy to meet in final

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Raja Karan Hockey Academy will take on Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy in the final of the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021 after they won their respective semi-final matches with ease here on Tuesday.

In the first semi-final, Raja Karan Hockey Academy edged out Namdhari XI 5-3 in a thriller to reach the final of the inaugural edition of the tournament. Lovepreet Singh (21', 33', 60') bagged a fine hat-trick, while Agyapal (12') and Mahakdeep Singh (16') contributed a goal each for Raja Karan Hockey Academy. Whereas Mokhran (34', 45') netted twice and Captain Rajinder Singh (36') scored a goal for Namdhari XI.



In the second semi-final, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy registered a comprehensive 6-2 win against Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy. Haider Ali (30', 57') and Rajat (33', 58') registered a brace each, while Himanshu (19'), and Shreyas Dhupe (48') scored a goal each for Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy. Akashdeep

Singh (11') and Jashanpreet Singh (54') were the goalscorers for Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy.

While Raja Karan Hockey Academy and Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy will clash in the final, the 3rd/4th Place match will be played between Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy and Namdhari XI on Wednesday.

Women's hockey nationals: Punjab to meet Odisha in quarters

Jhansi | Agencies

Sarabdeep Kaur and Kirandeep Kaur scored a brace each as Hockey Punjab blanked Hockey Arunachal 6-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the 11th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2021 here on Tuesday.

Sarabdeep opened the scoring for Punjab in the 20th minute and added another goal in the 33rd minute while Kirandeep Kaur scored her brace of goals in the 36th and 43rd minute of the match as Hockey Punjab started on a strong note in their Pool E match. Shalu Mann (28') and Navjot Kaur (50') scored one goal each as Punjab sealed their place in the last-eight stage.

In the quarter-finals, Hockey Punjab will take on strong contenders Odisha while Hockey Madhya Pradesh face Hockey Jharkhand,



Hockey Maharashtra take on Karnataka and Hockey Haryana meet Uttar Pradesh Hockey in other last-eight stage matches on Wednesday.

Chhattisgarh Hockey, Hockey Andhra Pradesh, Hockey Bihar, and Hockey Bengal registered victories in their respective matches on the sixth day of the championship.

Earlier, in the first match of the day, Odisha while Hockey Madhya Pradesh face Hockey Jharkhand,

Rushali Kashyap (23', 39', 50', 54') scored four goals, while Aasmeen Khan (6', 17'), Shashi Kiran Lakra (11', 21'), Captain Balvinder Kaur Mehra (37', 55'), Pooja Singh (43', 57') scored a brace each. Gayatri Shinde (15') and Pooja Yadav (36') scored one goal each. Sakshi Thakur (18') scored the only goal for Hockey Himachal.

In the other Pool E match, Hockey Andhra Pradesh defeated Hockey Chandigarh 3-2. Kalpureddi Veera

Venkata Durga (38', 42', 54') scored a hat-trick for Hockey Andhra Pradesh, while Reetu Devi (17') and Poonam (29') scored one goal each for Hockey Chandigarh.

In Pool A, Hockey Uttarakhand drew 0-0 with Le Puducherry Hockey.

Hockey Bihar defeated Goans Hockey 4-1 in their Pool B match. Ebha Keretta (22', 43', 54') scored a hat-trick, while Ritu Singh (25') scored one goal for Hockey Bihar, while Captain Geeta Rathod (10') scored the only goal for Goans Hockey. In the last match of the day, Hockey Bengal defeated Hockey Gujarat 8-1 in their Pool C match. Manisha Bhakat (3', 7', 24', 41', 51') scored five goals, while Nandita Deb (20'), Puja Bag (54'), and Supriya Bahadur (57') scored one goal each for Hockey Bengal. Muskan Kureshi (47') scored the only goal for Hockey Gujarat.

Shiva Thapa wins opening bout at Men's World Boxing

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Seasoned boxer Shiva Thapa started his campaign at the 2021 AIBA World Boxing Championships with an easy win in Belgrade, Serbia on Tuesday.

The bronze medal winner of the 2015 edition and reigning national champion, Thapa looked in good touch against Kenya's Victor Nyadera in the 63.5kg round-of-64 match. With technical supremacy, the boxer from Assam kept control over his opponent throughout the bout before recording a victory by a unanimous margin.

With this victory, the five-time Asian Championships medalist Thapa also extended India's unbeaten run at the prestigious tournament after Rohit Mor and Akash Sangwan won their respective opening round bouts on Day 1.



Thapa will now take on Sierra Leone's John Brown in the Last-32 clash on Saturday.

Later on Tuesday, three more Indians will be seen in action in their respective opening round matches. While Narender (+92kg) will fight against Poland's Oskar Safaryan, Sumit (75kg) will take on Damon O'Neill of Jamaica. On the other hand, Deepak Bhorja

(51kg) will have a comparatively difficult challenge in his opening round match as he will start off against two-time Asian champion Azat Usenaliev of Kyrgyzstan on Tuesday. A 13-member Indian contingent has been competing at the 21st edition of the tournament which will go on till November 6. With the participation of 650 top boxers from more than 100 countries, the championships is being played in 13 weight categories as per AIBA's newly introduced weight divisions.

The gold medalists of each category will receive \$100,000 while silver and bronze medalists will be given \$50,000 and \$25,000 respectively. Alongside an enormous prize pool of \$2.6 million, AIBA will also award the winners with designed medals, made of solid gold and silver respectively, and belts to commemorate their accomplishments.

NO SPECTATORS TO BE ALLOWED AT JUNIOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP AT BHUBANESWAR

New Delhi: Spectators will not be allowed at the Men's Hockey Junior World Cup scheduled to begin at Bhubaneswar on November 24 and the event will be a telecast-only affair, it was announced on Tuesday. The Hockey India and International Hockey Federation (FIH) have jointly decided to hold the marquee quadrennial tournament under closed doors.

The tournament has suffered a few setbacks due to the Covid-19 pandemic with Australia, New Zealand, and England withdrawing their teams. While Australia and New Zealand decided to pull out their teams due to the travel restrictions imposed by their respective governments, England cited concerns over Covid cases in India as a reason to pull out of the event.

Malaysia aggressively pursuing bid to host CWG, Asian Games

Kuala Lumpur | Agencies

Malaysia will be aggressively pursuing its ambition to host either the Asian Games or the Commonwealth Games in the next 10-15 years and the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) vice-president Dato' Shahrul Zaman Yahya has said that "discussions are underway". The next year's Asian Games have been awarded to Hangzhou in China, while Birmingham is the host city for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur had last hosted the CWG, in 1998. "There is certainly serious talk about us hosting a big Games in the next 10-15 years," Yahya was quoted as saying by insidethegames.biz.

"Hosting Games is not a small feat. It is something that we have to plan probably for. Not only to host it but to bid for it would require very extensive and proper plans. "Yes, we are talking about it. It is not impossible for us to perhaps host the Commonwealth Games again. Of course,

the next progression for us after hosting the Commonwealth Games, we are looking at hosting the Asian Games. Again, there's nothing stopping us from considering to host the Commonwealth Games after that very successful Commonwealth Games in 1998," Yahya said. In fact, Malaysia became the first Asian country to host the Commonwealth Games in 1998.

While the slots for hosting the Asian Games till the 2034 edition have all been filled -- the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has awarded the 2030 and 2034 editions to Qatar and Saudi Arabia respectively -- Malaysia can aim for the 2038 slot for the continental games. The Commonwealth Games could be an option since the host for the 2026 edition has not yet been finalised. The Canadian city of Hamilton did appear inclined but has asked the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) to award the 2030 Games as it would coincide with the centenary of the first Commonwealth Games in the Canadian city.

Rohit, Akash off to flying starts at Men's World Boxing

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Rohit Mor and Akash Sangwan started India's campaign at the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships with commanding victories on the opening day in Belgrade, Serbia.

According to information received here, making debut at the prestigious event, Rohit set the tone for India after defeating Olympian Jean Caicedo 5-0 comprehensively in the 57kg opening round match on Monday. The 20-year-old Indian made good use of his height and hit some timely heavy blows to score crucial points against the Ecuadorian pugilist, who participated at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

Later in the night, Akash extended the winning momentum for India and produced an equally dominating show against Adem Fukran of Turkey in the 67kg bout. The 21-year-old Akash showcased good attacking as well as defensive skills of boxing and hardly allowed the Turkish boxer to score any points before completing a 5-0 win in a lopsided match. In the round-of-32, Rohit will take on ALEN Rahimic of Bosnia and Herzegovina while Akash will be up against German boxer Daniel Krotter on



Thursday.

The second day of the competition on Tuesday will see four Indians starting their campaigns. While bronze medal winner of the 2015's edition, Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) will take on Kenya's Victor Nyadera, Narender (+92kg) will fight against Poland's Oskar Safaryan. Sumit (75kg) will play against Damon O'Neill of Jamaica.

On the other hand, Deepak Bhorja (51kg) will have a comparatively difficult challenge in his opening round match as he will start off against two-time Asian champion Azat Usenaliev of Kyrgyzstan on Tuesday. In-form Deepak, who claimed senior nationals title last month, had caught many eyeballs earlier this year after defeating Olympic champion Shakhobiddin Zoirov of Uzbekistan at Strandja Memorial Tournament. Two Indian pugilists-reigning Asian champion Sanjeet (92kg) and Sachin Kumar (80) have been awarded with first-round byes in their respective categories. Govind Kumar Sahani (48kg), Varinder Singh (60kg), Nishant Dev (71kg), Sumit (75kg) and Lakshya Chahar (86kg) are the other boxers of the 13-member Indian contingent who will compete at the 21st edition of the tournament which will go on till November 6. The event has been witnessing competition between 650 top boxers from more than 100 participating countries from across the world. It is also the first time in the history, the championships is being played in 13 weight categories as per AIBA's newly-introduced weight divisions.

The gold medalists of each category will receive \$100,000 while silver and bronze medalists will be given \$50,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

Berrettini secures ATP Finals berth alongside Djokovic and Medvedev

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Italy's Matteo Berrettini will make his second Nitto ATP Finals appearance after becoming the sixth singles player to qualify for the 2021 season finale, to be held at the Pala Alpitour in Turin from November 14-21.

The 25-year-old secured his return to the year-end championships for the first time since 2019 when he reached the Erste Bank Open second round in Vienna on Monday evening. This year marks the first edition of the Nitto ATP Finals in Turin, following a 12-year stint in London. "My words

aren't going to describe the happiness I feel in my heart," said Berrettini. "2020 was a tough year for me on and off the court. Here I am about to play my second (Nitto ATP) Finals and I can't believe it. I always have to remember where I started. I didn't dream about this, because it was so big, but now it's happening. I want to do my best."

"When they were telling me in 2019 that the Finals would be in Turin, I remember the mayor of the city told me, 'I'll see you in Turin'. And I was, 'Yeah, right'. Then I qualified for London and now I am qualifying for Turin."

Siddhant Chaturvedi's different characters in 'Bunty Aur Babli 2'

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After delivering a standout performance as MC Sher in 'Gully Boy', Siddhant Chaturvedi will be playing the quintessential Hindi film hero in his next, 'Bunty Aur Babli 2' where he shares the screen with Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukerji and debutante Sharvari.

Siddhant, who plays the new 'Bunty', a con artist who swindles people, is excited about having played so many characters in a single film. Talking about this, the actor says, "I'm getting to be so many people in 'Bunty Aur Babli 2' because of the number of disguises we have managed to pull off in the film! For an actor like me, that was an exciting proposition because I could show people what all I can do in my first film as the quintessential masala Hindi film hero."

He spoke about the challenge of



playing so many characters and getting things right with regards to each character's mannerisms and body language. He adds, "Each disguise came with a lot of prep, each character required me to pull off different accents and body language."

"It was a very tough one to do because each character needs to

stand out for the film to work. I had an amazing time because this is what I feel I was born to do - entertain people in various avatars and hopefully do a good job every single time," he concluded.

'Bunty Aur Babli 2' also features Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukerji as the original 'Bunty and Babli' who set out

on a chase to track down the new 'Bunty and Babli' played by Siddhant and Sharvari, respectively.

The film which is set to release worldwide on November 19 has been written and directed by Varun V. Sharma, who has worked as an assistant director in YRF blockbusters like 'Sultan' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai'.



I'm just the polar opposite of 'Zarina': Richa Chadha

Bollywood actress Richa Chadha, who is playing the character of Zarina in the web series 'Inside Edge' that is soon to be out with its third season, says her character is just the opposite of who she is in real life.

'Inside Edge' is an Amazon original produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar and created by Karan Anshuman, who is now the creator and showrunner of this series. The third season will be directed by Kanishk Varma.

Richa said, "Zarina is an interesting character and although I am nothing like her in real life, I get how she became the way she did. I am just the polar opposite of Zarina's character, and this is one of the reasons I have thoroughly enjoyed playing the role immensely. The love for power, fame, money, comes alive in her character and is so real. I am excited about the third season and look forward to audience reviews because I feel Zarina, who has been wronged in so many ways since Season 1, will claw her way back to the person she once was." 'Inside Edge' is a fictional series that follows the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of the Mumbai Mavericks, a fictional T20 cricket franchise playing in the PowerPlay League. The first two seasons have garnered appreciation from the audience. Season three is in the works and will soon be released on Amazon Prime.

Sunny Deol recalls working with dad Dharmendra

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Bollywood actor Sunny Deol has recalled shooting for the 2001 movie 'Indian' in which he played the role of 'DCP Rajshekhhar Azad'.

He said: "Indian is a very dear project to me. I get really nostalgic looking back at the shooting days; such meaningful stories don't often come your way. It is a film that will always remain a part of me." It was an action movie that also featured Shilpa Shetty, Danny Denzongpa, Raj Babbar, Mukesh Rishi and Rahul Dev. It was directed by N. Maharaaj and produced by Sunny's dad and legendary actor Dharmendra.

As the film completes 20 years, Sunny also reminisces about working with his father and adds: "Working with dad is always an enriching experience, there is always something new to learn from him, till date. I remember him being so passionate about the project and I'm so glad that the film completes 20 years today. As I look back, there are some really beautiful memories that come back to me."



RAM CHARAN, SHANKAR'S NEXT MOVIE KEENLY ANTICIPATED

Hollywood's handsome hunk Ram Charan, who is currently one of the busiest heroes, comes together with director Shankar Shanmugham for his next movie. Ever since the movie was announced, the anticipation has doubled and with whopping budget plans, the makers are set to surprise the audience.

It was earlier reported that the shooting of the movie has begun, and is currently progressing at a brisk speed. The makers have come up with a huge budget for a song, which is being shot in Pune now. The sources revealed that this will be one of the costliest songs ever in Telugu cinema.

Shankar Shanmugham is known for his movies 'Gentleman', 'Shivaji', 'Robot', 'T', and '2.0'. He has conceived unique ideas for the songs in his movies, and '#RC15' wouldn't be any lesser in terms of grandeur.

Another interesting aspect is that there are multiple villains in the movie, and they also differ for each language, as the movie is being made in multiple languages. Tentatively titled '#RC15', Shankar's directorial is an action entertainer which is imbued with a political streak. The movie casts the gorgeous Kiara Advani as the love interest of Ram Charan. The film is produced by Dil Raju under Sri Venkateswara Creations banner.

Ram Charan, on the other hand, is to appear in 'Acharya' alongside his father and Telugu megastar Chiranjeevi. There is also talk that 'KGF' director Prashanth Neel is readying a script for Ram Charan, which is not yet confirmed.



SAMANTHA INVOKES SHILPA SHETTY'S EXAMPLE IN COURT CASE

Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who had filed a defamation case against a couple of YouTube channels and an individual, is in no mood to rest until she gets things right.

It was reported that the Kukatpally court here had trashed Samantha's appeal to take legal action against those who she claimed defamed her.

The actress who wanted legal action to be taken against her defamers was asked to seek an apology from them instead. The court had cited that the celebrities share personal details and then file defamation cases, which was not the right thing. Not ready to take it, Samantha had to bring her advocate in her defence. It is reported that Samantha's attorney has cited the recent 'permanent injunction order' case filed by Shilpa Shetty as the refer-



ence point to Samantha's case now. After her husband Raj Kundra was arrested in a pornography case, Shilpa Shetty had approached the Bombay High Court. The court passed the permanent injunction order, restricting media outlets from reporting derogatory reports pertaining to her. Samantha's legal team indicated that she could approach the court for a similar verdict in her defamation case as well. The court has now reserved the judgment on Samantha's defamation case and will be heard soon.

Samantha's divorce announcement came as a shocker to all, after which multiple websites and YouTube channels started speculation related to her personal life and spreading rumours about the actress having affairs with her colleagues.

HORROR SHOULD BE CONSUMED LIKE DYBBUK: EMRAAN HASHMI

Ahead of Dybbuk release Emraan Hashmi opens up on his connect with the Horror genre, says, "I feel I have a parallel love story with this genre"



reason enough to relish and rejoice as the movie promises to be a really scare affair. Ahead of the film's release Emraan has now opened up on his connect with the horror genre.

Emraan Hashmi shares, "I feel I have a parallel love story with this genre. I personally like this Horror films and hence starring in Raaz 2 and Ek thi Dayaan was like a dream come true for me. A wave of horror films will always be there in the industry and Horror should be consumed like this (Dybbuk). I feel yet in our country and industry, this genre hasn't been completely explored yet. Not many films are made. I really wish more and more stars come forward to do horror films. Also because I know the success ratio of this genre is lot more. Very less films have released but whenever its released in horror, it does great business."

Emraan further also opened up on encounter with a ghost "Personally, I am so desensitized around the concept of ghosts, I will probably entertain the ghost and be very happy to finally see a ghost and know that my belief is true out there."

Recently the film's trailer was unveiled. In a teaser Nikita's character was seen opening a Dybbuk box that had trouble written all over it, what follows next is a series of terrifying events that will keep the audiences at the edge of their seats. Get ready for the supernatural thriller as it leaves you with an unsettling mystery that looms ahead to unravel.

The film marks Emraan Hashmi return to his favourite genre horror. The film stars Nikita Dutta and Manav Kaul in prominent roles and is all set to release on 29th October, 2021 on Prime Video. Written and Directed by Jay K, the upcoming Amazon Original film is the official remake of 2017 Malayalam blockbuster film - Ezra. The music is given by Clinton Cerejo.

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