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## mRNA vaccines significantly cut severity of Delta, Omicron infections

NEW YORK | Agencies

People who have received two or three doses of an mRNA Covid-19 vaccine are significantly more likely to have milder illnesses if infected with the Delta or Omicron coronavirus variants than those who are unvaccinated, according to a study.

The study, involving a team of University of Utah researchers, examined health care personnel, first responders and other frontline workers in the US.

"It's encouraging that the mRNA vaccines hold up rather well against these variants," said Sarang Yoon, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at University of Utah Health.

"We know that breakthrough cases are more likely with Delta and Omicron than the initial strain, but



the vaccines still do a good job of limiting the severity of the infection," Yoon said in a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Researchers examined 1,199 participants who developed Covid-19 infections.

In the case of Delta, participants who had received two vaccine doses were significantly less likely to be symptomatic than those who were unvaccinated.

In the case of Omicron, the risk of symptomatic infection was similar between participants with two vaccine doses and those who were unvaccinated, while those with three doses experienced a higher risk than the unvaccinated.

The authors noted that, while the study is among the largest of its kind examining Covid-19 vaccines over time and across variants, grouping participants by variant and vaccine status resulted in some combinations with relatively few people, affecting the precision of the findings.

There were also results the authors characterised as "unexpected" among participants who received three doses and had symptomatic Omicron infections.

## Much more rides on India's Bahubali rocket than 36 OneWeb satellites

Venkatachari Jagannathan | Chennai

Indian space agency officials are confident that their 'Bahubali' rocket will complete its historic mission without any hitch on Sunday.

India's heavy lift rocket the about 640 ton Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII (GSLV MkIII) was nicknamed as 'Bahubali' when it flew with the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft.

On Sunday, the rocket renamed as LVM3 M2 will on a historic mission of carrying 36 OneWeb satellites weighing about six ton to sling them in Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

This is the first time the rocket is being used to carry foreign satellites. All these years the GSLV MkIII rocket was used to carry India's communication satellite and other payloads.

After the recent failures of ISRO -- the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) failed on its maiden launch and similarly, a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) mission too failed.

Apart from the OneWeb satellites, a lot more will be riding on LVM3 rocket on Sunday, ISRO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Space S. Somanath told IANS that with LVM3 rocket India can fill the vacant slot in the global market catering to the com-



panies launching constellation of satellites. ISRO will also launch another set of 36 OneWeb satellites in 2023. Further contracts will depend on how ISRO executes the two OneWeb contracts, Somanath added. The Indian space agency officials are hoping that 'Bahubali' will deliver the satellites in the space and the Diwali will be a happy one.

## Media is business and I have no business with it: Arijit Singh

Sukant Deepak | New Delhi

"I am not media shy at all. Media is a business and I have no business with it. Only my work has business with it. I work, and if it is good enough, it is a product for the media. I am not important here, that is why I avoid it. It keeps me peaceful..." singer Arijit Singh tells correspondents when pointed out that he is considered one of the most media-shy people in the Hindi film industry.

"A live performance is like an exam. We prepare and perform. Of course, there are chances of committing a few mistakes, something that forces me to be alert at all times. It engages me in different instruments playing live and remembering my own part in the arrangement. It is always fun, and I will be seen live after a gap of three years during 'One Night Only - India Tour'."

Excited about the concert, he adds, "I am not sure how prepared we are as it has been three years and everything around has changed. This tour is an opportunity for me to work and focus more on training."

While he is busy finishing some Hindi and



Bangla songs, Singh tells about the process he follows for his live concerts, "The setlist is made according to the mood transition --- keeping the scales and tempo in mind. Then comes the aspect of working out parts for all the musicians. These days most of my band members compose their parts themselves. I just tweak it a little bit. After the structure is finalised, we rehearse for days to be in sync with each other."

While there have been several controversies over 'reimagining' old songs, Singh feels if done well and cooked honestly, the end result can be excellent. "After all, the melodies we try to reimagine from the past happen to be our favourites."

## TREE HOSPITAL Unique teacher-student joint initiative in Bengal's Hooghly district

Team Absolute | Kolkata

Iconic Indian scientist and botanist, Jagadish Chandra Basu pioneered the thought that plants are like any other life form. Inspired by that thought, the teachers and students of Balagarh Bijoy Krishna College in Hooghly district of West Bengal have started a unique "Tree Hospital".

Principal of the college, Pratap Banerjee told reporter that often people plant trees out of fascination but forgetting that fact that only planting saplings are not enough since they also need proper nourishment and at times treatment just like human beings. "Often, house owners who plant trees within their residences face a variety of problems relating to the health of the plants like yellowing, wilting or dying leaves, dark spots of leaves, trunk and branch cankers, fungal accumulation and dying trunks," he added.

In such cases the plant-owners



resort to replacement of the ailing trees or plants without understanding that like human bodies such plant ailments can be cured as per advice of professional arborists.

The tree hospital started by the college will exactly serve that purpose, where the plant and tree owners can contact them and get their plants

per the advice of the experts.

Banerjee also said that the Balagarh area is the nursery hub of the district.

"However, many of them do not have the technical expertise on how plant diseases can be treated. So, our project is basically aimed at educating these nursery owners about the common plant diseases and how to heal them. The members of the local nature club and West Bengal Nursery Association have also partnered with us. We have started it in a small way but surely together we can achieve our goal for a greener world," Banerjee said.

Arborists are of the opinion that the health of the trees or plants are drastically affected by the attacks of insects and pests.

What is necessary in this regard is identification of the nature of pest infection after evaluating their symptoms and accordingly draw out an effective treatment plan.

## 2 LANGURS ELECTROCUTED, HUNDREDS PARTICIPATE IN FUNERAL PROCESSION

Gaya: A case of man's love for animals was seen on the Tekari Road locality in Gaya, where hundreds of people gathered near the Hanuman temple upon hearing the news of the death of two langurs on Wednesday.

The two langurs, who were electrocuted to death, were cremated following Hindu customs.

According to the locals, the langurs died after being hit by a high-tension wire near the temple on Wednesday evening.

Local resident Bimlendu Chaitanya said that langurs have been dying in the locality in the month of October for the past five years.

Three langurs had come under the grip of the electric wire, two of which died, while the third was injured.

These incidents are happening because of the negligence of the concerned department, Chaitanya added.

Another local, Vipin Kumar Kejriwal, said that on Thursday, the funeral procession of the langurs was taken out from the temple following several Hindu rituals, amid the beating of drums. The community decided to cremate them according to Hindu customs as soldiers of Lord Ram's army.

Several social workers of the city took part in the funeral procession, setting an example of kindness and humanity. The entire locality resonated with chants of 'Jai Shri Ram'.

After passing through different localities, the langurs were cremated at the Bahadurgarh crematorium on the banks of Falgu river.

## T20 WORLD CUP Chance to change trend of not winning ICC trophies in last 9 years: Rohit Sharma

Melbourne | Agencies

Come Sunday, and India will resume their quest to win an ICC trophy when they open their Super 12 campaign in the Men's T20 World Cup against arch-rivals Pakistan at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground.

With India having gone without winning a T20 World Cup after the triumph in the inaugural edition in 2007, captain Rohit Sharma believes that the show-piece event in Australia gives his side a chance to change the trend of being winless in ICC events in the last nine years.

"It's a challenge to not win an ICC trophy for nine long years, if I am not wrong. The last one we won was in 2013 (Champions Trophy). With the team like India, there are always a lot of expectations and are certainly disappointed with that (on not having the trophies in last nine years)."

"This tournament gives us that chance to change it and do well. We certainly know we have to play our best cricket in coming here and do well. So, we will take things one game at a time and think about that one game, how we will do well in that game and then move on from there to think about the next one," said Rohit in the pre-match press conference.



With the dreams of doing an encore of 2007 resurfacing in 2022, Rohit termed it as a challenge for his team to live up to the same. "Won't say it as a pressure, but will definitely say it's a challenge for us to come out on top in the ICC events."

"Not the performance we would have liked to put in ICC events when we play the big games (in the past), I believe the opportunity comes and we have the opportunity to come here and do well. We will have to focus on certain things to get that right."

## APPLE WATCH HELPS DETECT RARE CANCER IN 12-YR-OLD GIRL

San Francisco | Agencies

An Apple Watch has reportedly been credited with spotting a 12-year-old girl's rare cancer before she was even aware of it, with the help of its heart rate notifications feature.

As reported by Hour Detroit, Imani Miles and her mother Jessica Kitchen now view the Apple Watch as more than just a gadget.

Imani's mother, Jessica, noticed that her daughter's Apple Watch started beeping constantly, alerting Imani to an abnormally high heart rate.

"That's really weird because it's never happened before. It just kept going off," said the mother. The concerned mother took her daughter to the hospital, where doctors noticed a tumour in her appendix.

It was then that they learned of a "neuroendocrine tumour" on her appendix, which according to doctors, is "rarely seen in children", the report added.

When doctors found Imani's tumour, it had already spread to other parts of her body, requiring her to undergo surgery to remove it.

"If the watch didn't go off, I probably would have just waited and taken her in the next couple of days," Kitchen was quoted as



saying.

"If she didn't have that watch, it could have been so much worse," she added.

Imani had surgery at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in the US to remove the remaining tumour, according to the report.

Earlier this month, Apple Watch detected a 34-year-old woman's pregnancy.

The woman on Reddit posted that the watch indicated that her average resting heart rate had significantly increased in just a few days, which made her suspect that something was off.

In July, a woman's heart was detected with a rare tumour after she received multiple alerts that her heart was in atrial fibrillation.



GHAZIABAD GANG RAPE CASE: DCW WRITES TO UP CM, DEMANDS HIGH-LEVEL INQUIRY

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) Chief Swati Maliwal on Saturday wrote a letter to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, demanding a high-level inquiry and also setting up a high-level committee into the gang rape of a 38-year-old woman in Ghaziabad district.



arms and legs and threw her out on the road, the DCW said. The DCW Chief in her letter has urged that an inquiry must be conducted to find out who caused injuries to the victim and who was responsible for inserting an iron rod-like object in her private parts, which was pulled out by the GTB Hospital in the national capital.

On the other hand, if it is proved beyond doubt that the girl was actively involved in conspiring against the accused men and she is not the victim but the perpetrator, then strict action should be taken against the woman under Section 182 of the IPC, Maliwal added.

WOMEN'S PANEL SERVES NOTICE TO PAWAN KALYAN ON REMARKS ABOUT 3 MARRIAGES

Amaravati | Agencies

Andhra Pradesh State Women's Commission on Saturday issued a notice to actor-politician Pawan Kalyan for remarks reportedly made by him about his three marriages.

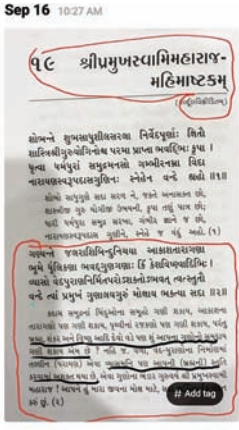


ing alimony in crores, lakhs and thousands as per their capacity, which woman will be secured?" Vasireddy Padma asked. She questioned Pawan Kalyan as to whether he did not realize the impact his words as a cinema hero and president of a party will have on his fans and followers. She also took strong exception to the actor allegedly using the word 'stepney' while referring to women in his speech.

Hindu sadhus in Gujarat decry book 'insulting' Hindu deities

Vadodara | Agencies

Taking strong objection to a book 'Pranukh swami Mahima Ashtakam' praising Pranukh swami, a section of Hindu sadhus in Gujarat are mulling filing an FIR against its publisher saying that it "insults" the Hindu deities.



ated and an FIR will be filed for hurting Hindu sentiments," he added.

"It is unfortunate that political parties and even the so-called Hindu Sangathans, spiritual leaders are tight-lipped on the issue," he said and questioned political leaders and the right-wing organisations on their silence over the issue.

Sattriya proponent of Assam Basistha Dev Sharma passes away

Guwahati | Agencies

Eminent Sattriya proponent of Assam and the Burha Sattriya of the Barpeta Satra in the state, Basistha Dev Sharma passed away on Saturday.



of Assam. In 2017, the Sattriya maestro was selected for the national-level Srimanta Sankardev Award by the state government. Following his continuously deteriorating health for the last few days, the people of Barpeta organised an earthen lamp lighting ceremony and offered their prayers for Dev Sharma's recovery.

Jilted lover confesses to killing 23-yr-old woman

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

Within hours after the murder of a 23-year-old woman, who was found with her throat slit at her home in Kannur on Saturday, the accused has presented himself before the local police.



when the family members of Vishnu Priya returned home after attending a funeral nearby. They were shocked to find the woman, who worked at a local medical laboratory, lying in a pool of blood. A person suspected to be behind the murder was spotted in the locality, said the locals.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER GANG RAPED IN JHARKHAND

Ranchi | Agencies

A software engineer was gang raped by 10 youth in Jharkhand's Chaibasa town. On Friday, the victim, along with a male friend, had gone to visit the aerodrome area in Tekratahu, when they were suddenly surrounded by the accused.



tified accused. Some youths from neighbouring villages have been taken into custody for interrogation on the basis of suspicion.

Kerala: Rape accused Cong MLA suspended from party

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

Congress legislator Eldhose Kunnappilly on Saturday was suspended from the party for six months after the party did not find his explanation on the matter convincing and satisfactory.

Swadeshi Jagaran Manch opposes complete ban on firecrackers in Delhi

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Swadeshi Jagaran Manch (SJM), the economic wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, on Saturday strongly opposed a complete ban on firecrackers in the national capital during Diwali, terming it "inappropriate" and "hurtful" to Hindus.



ers of India. It's notable that there has been pollution due to the mixing of potassium nitrate and sulfur in Chinese firecrackers. However, in green (pollution-free) firecrackers made in India, potassium nitrate and sulfur are not mixed and other pollutants such as aluminium, lithium, arsenic and mercury etc. have been reduced to the minimum," said Ashwani Mahajan, All India Co Convenor, SJM said. These green firecrackers are certified by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute. It's scientifically proven that green crackers cause 30 per cent less pollution, he added.

Gang blackmailing couple over obscene video busted in Noida

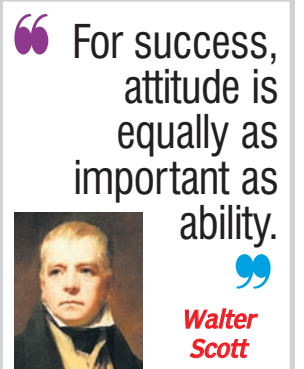
Noida | Agencies

The Noida police, with arrest of four persons, have busted a gang involved in blackmailing couples after secretly making their obscene videos.

similar manner extorted money from people. Based on the interrogation, the police tracked and apprehended Pankaj and Anurag. Accused Pankaj used to supply SIM cards to people involved in illegal businesses while accused Anurag used to run an unauthorised call centre.

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## World's 2nd most polluted city: Automobile pollution fuels Kolkata's dubious record

The only other Indian city to figure in the list is the country's commercial capital of Mumbai, which ranks 14th among the 20 most polluted cities in the world.

Sumanta Ray Chaudhuri | Kolkata

Kolkata is the second most polluted city in the world, according to a recent report of HEI SoGA, second after the national capital Delhi. In the report, based on the quantity of PM2.5 and nitrogen dioxide in the air, it has been said that population congestion in these two cities has been the major contributing factor behind India's two top cities figuring in this negative-quality list. However, environmental experts and activists are of the opinion that besides population there are other factors contributing to this high air pollution rate in Kolkata, the foremost of which is the automobile fuel emission, which contributes 60 per cent to the pollution.

Recently, the Kolkata Press Club conducted a workshop on "Air Quality Leadership" for media persons, which was attended by environment experts like Bose Institute professor Abhijit Chattopadhyay, environment scientist Dipanjali Majumdar and environment activist Vinay Jaju among others.

Both Majumdar and Jaju, while admitting that automobile fuel emission continues to be the most dominant factor in this high rate of air pollution in the city besides population congestion, said there are other man-made factors like the



innumerable street food vendors who cook food in the open on coal ovens or kerosene ovens, adding to the pollution. Speaking to correspondent, environment activist Somendra Mohan Ghosh pointed out that an initiative was taken by the state government to replace the coal and kerosene ovens with electric induction cookers and accordingly distribution of these cookers started. However, the process stopped after providing such gadgets to just around 1,500 of the 10,000-odd street food vendors in the city.

The second and another major reason, according to Chattopadhyay, is the indiscriminate burning of garbage in open places. He stressed on the introduction of a garbage segregation system

in all the 144 wards under the KMC.

The third factor is the real estate activity in the city especially in the area adjacent to the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass, which was supposed to be the lungs of Kolkata. The construction materials are piled high which results in polluting items getting mixed in the air. The environmentalists advocated joint action by the corporation, police and the environment department authorities against the real estate promoters. Recently, the state transport department launched a number of e-buses under the West Bengal State Transport Corporation (WBSTC) and as announced by Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim efforts are on to replace all the passenger vehicles of WBSTC with e-buses in a gradual and phased manner.

### AMONG INDIA'S MOST POLLUTED, HYDERABAD AT NO. 4

Hyderabad: Among major Indian cities, Hyderabad is ranked as the fourth most polluted city after Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai and it is the most polluted mega city in the southern part of the country. The air pollution level in the city was categorized unhealthy with the Air Quality Index (AQI) of 159, according to the data on IQAir website on October 21. The main pollutant was Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 or small particles with the primary sources of this being automobiles and industries. Analysts say vehicles contribute one-third of the air pollution in the city. PM2.5 concentration in Hyderabad was 70.4 micrograms per cubic metre of air. This was 14.1 times the World Health Organisation (WHO) annual air quality guideline value. Experts have attributed vehicular pollution as the single biggest reason for deteriorating air quality in Hyderabad in addition to fossil fuel burning, construction, opening landfill burning and landfill fires of solid waste. Like many other cities in India and the world, Hyderabad failed to meet the WHO air quality criteria of 5 micrograms per cubic metre of air.

## 100-yr-old unemployment prob can't be solved in 100 days: PM



Team Absolute | New Delhi

The 100-year-old problem of unemployment cannot be solved in 100 days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

While launching a mega recruitment drive via video-conference, he said that the country is forging ahead on the path of self-reliance. "The Rozgar Mela is an important milestone in the government's efforts for employment, self-employment in the last eight years," he added.

Prime Minister Modi launched the employment fair on Saturday with 75,000 candidates receiving their appointment letters in the first phase of the recruitment scheme.

"Today our mission is Make in India. We have become a global hub in many sectors where earlier we were import dependent. When India breaks all export records, it is a testimony to the generation of employment, the PM said.

Through the PM Rozgar Mela 2022, recruitments will take place in around 38 ministries

and departments under the Government of India. Ministries are expected to conduct these recruitments at a direct level or recruit eligible candidates through agencies such as Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission and Railway Recruitment Board.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan joined from Odisha, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya from Gujarat, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur from Chandigarh, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal from Maharashtra, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav from Rajasthan, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman from Tamil Nadu, Heavy Industries Minister Mahendra Pandey from Uttar Pradesh, Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda from Jharkhand and Minister of Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh from Bihar.

The new recruits will join 38 ministries and departments of the central government. The appointees will join the government at Group - A, Group - B (Gazetted), Group - B (Non-Gazetted) and Group - C levels.

## "Kind Enough To Leave Her Alive"

Madhya Pradesh Court Cuts Jail Term Of 4-Year-Old Girl's Rapist

Team Absolute | Bhopal

"A demonic act" is how the Madhya Pradesh High Court described the rape of a four-year-old girl, but then reduced the rapist's life sentence to 20 years, because "he was kind enough to leave [the girl] alive".

The convict had requested that the jail term he's served so far - 15 years - be considered enough. The High Court's Indore bench ruled, "Considering the demonic act of the [convict] who appears to have no respect for the dignity of a woman and has the propensity to commit sexual offence even with a girl child aged 4 years, this court does not find it to be a fit case where the sentence can be reduced to the sentence already undergone by him."

"However, considering the fact that he was kind enough to leave the [girl] alive, this court is of the opinion that the life imprisonment can be reduced to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment," added the bench of Justices Subodh Abhyankar and Satendra Kumar Singh in the



October 18 order.

The High Court found no reason to overturn the conviction order passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Indore.

The man used to live in a tent near the hut of the girl's family - all of them worked as labourers - when he called her into his hut on the pretext of giving her a rupee.

The girl's grandmother found the man raping her. Her testimony and medical evidence proved that the girl was indeed raped.

## Swapna Suresh accuses top 3 CPI-M leaders of sexual misconduct

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

In her latest attack, the prime accused in Kerala gold smuggling case Swapna Suresh has charged three top CPI-M leaders with sexual misconduct, kicking up a fresh row.

She has been targeting the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family for some time now. Suresh made the accusations during an interview with a leading vernacular TV channel on Friday night.

Notably, Vijayan and his top brass had slammed the then Chief Minister Oommen Chandy after his office staff turned out to be "close" to solar scam accused Saritha Nair in 2014-2016. According to Swapna, while two leaders -- former State Minister and incumbent MLA Kadakampally Surendran and former Speaker - P. Sreeramakrishnan - made direct moves and sent lewd messages to her, former Finance Minister Thomas Isaac invited her to the picturesque tourist hill sta-



tion in Munnar.

It's been over 12 hours since she publicly named the three leaders, but there is total silence from the ruling CPI-M.

One reason, why these three CPI-M leaders will be able to sail through without much trouble is that she has levelled allegations against Vijayan's daughter in sell-

ing Covid data and also about the alleged smuggling of gold in biryani vessels to his official residence, says a media critic on condition of anonymity.

Also, a Congress legislator-Eldhose Kunnappilly who was on the run for the past 11 days after getting anticipatory bail when a former lady friend levelled charges of rape and attempt to murder, on Saturday appeared before the police probe team.

With regards to allegations of sexual misconduct it's even Stevens' for the traditional rival political fronts, hence not much noise can be expected, as the critic.

"Now all that remains to be seen is, will the Congress take any action against Kunnappilly and if it happens, then the CPI-M will be under duress. What's even more baffling is that even after Swapna challenged these top leaders including Vijayan, they have not filed a defamation suit. So all eyes are on the ruling CPI-M next move," said the critic.

## MINOR GIRL SUFFOCATES TO DEATH IN BLAZE AT BIRYANI OUTLET IN PUNE

Pune: A six-year-old girl suffocated to death after a fire engulfed a biryani eatery in the busy Sadashiv Peth market area, here on Saturday, police said.

The blaze occurred around 10.45 a.m., triggered by a suspected LPG gas cylinder leak and quickly spread to the entire eatery and a small mezzanine floor above where the owner Naeem Khan and his family were staying. As Naeem Khan and other customers raised an alarm, his wife managed to clamber down with two kids to safety from the upper floor, while one girl, who was asleep there, remained trapped above due to the smoke.

The fire brigade, which rushed to the spot, managed to rescue the girl - identified as Iqra Naeem Khan - and shifted her to a hospital. Though the victim, Iqra had not suffered any serious burns, she was declared dead during treatment and the cause is suspected to be the toxic fumes she may have inhaled while waiting for help.

After battling the blaze for over two hours, the fire brigade managed to control it and investigations are on into the incident, as three gas cylinders were recovered from the premises, including one that was leaking.

## BORIS JOHNSON IN UK PM RACE!



London: Boris Johnson has enough support to enter the race to become Britain's next prime minister, his ally and Conservative lawmaker James Duddridge said on Saturday, reporting that the former leader had reached the 100 endorsement threshold.

The Sunday Times, BBC and Sky News cited an unnamed source close to Johnson as saying he had 100 backers and therefore "could" be on the ballot.

Boris Johnson, who arrived in London earlier on Saturday after a holiday in the Caribbean, has not officially declared he is running in the contest, but Duddridge said on Friday that Johnson had told him he was "up for it".

## Ruling BJP allows use of loud speakers in 10,889 mosques in K'taka

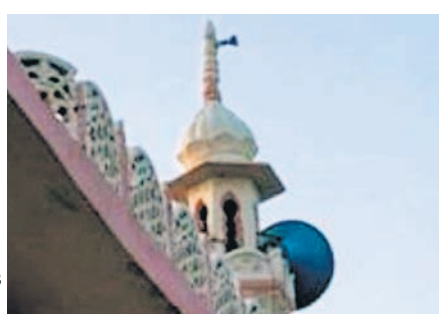
BENGALURU | Agencies

Ruling BJP government in Karnataka has granted permission to 10,889 mosques in the state to use loud speakers on Saturday. The police department has issued licence as per guidelines in this regard on the directions of the state government.

A total of 17,850 applications were submitted from mosques, temples and churches for the use of loud speakers. Three thousand Hindu temples and 1,400 churches have also been given permission for the same.

The licence has been given for the period of two years. The government has collected Rs 450 as the fee.

Ruling BJP government took the decision on licensing after Hindu activists raised the banner of revolt against mosques using loud speakers during performing Ajaan violating the Supreme Court guidelines. Hindu organisations had given call to play chants of Hindu Gods and



Goddesses from 5 a.m.

Muslim organisations had given a call to the managements of mosques across the state not to violate the rules and follow orders of the state government in obtaining licence to play loud speakers.

The guidelines have also been prescribed for use of loud speakers for mosques, temples and churches. The loud speakers could only be played between 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The loud speakers will have to be played in accordance with the limit of decibels. It has been made compulsory to adopt the equipment which controls the decibels.

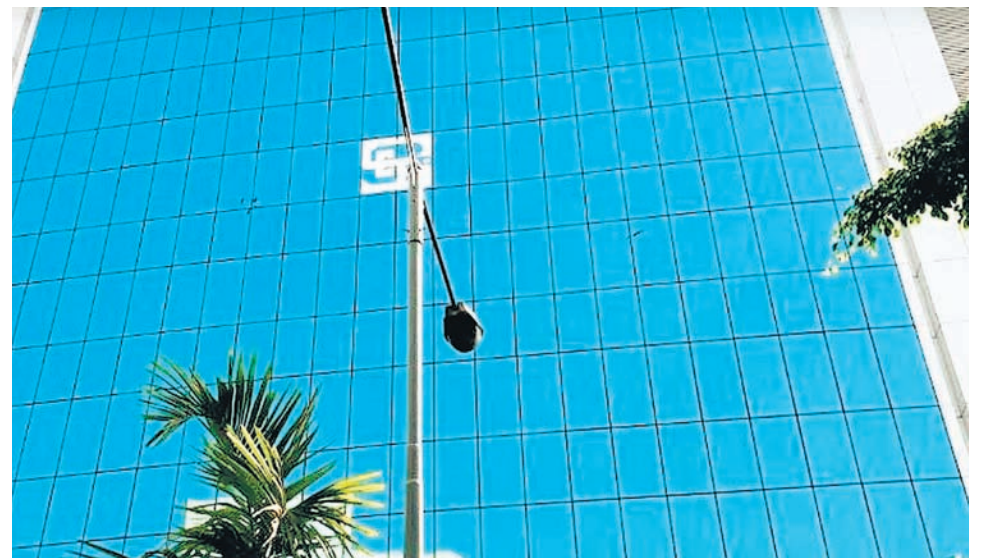
## MANIPULATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY BOMBAY DYEING CREATED MISLEADING SHARE PRICE MOVEMENT

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Had the correct picture of the financial position of Bombay Dyeing been made public, the share price would not have maintained the same trajectory as it did for the period from 2011-12 to 2017-18, a SEBI order has said.

The real estate segment of Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company (BDMCL) was single-handedly responsible for the profits of BDMCL during this period, the order noted.

"I note that more than 50 per cent of sales in the real estate segment were shown to be from Scal in all the FYs under review. I note that though the 'Polyester' and 'Textile' business segments of BDMCL had volumes in sales, these segments did not translate into profits, rather they incurred losses/negligible profits during the period under investigation," SEBI whole-time member Ananta Barua



said in the order. Thus, when the financial statements of BDMCL for the period from FY 2011-12 to 2017-18 are found to present inflated figures of sales and profits, their disclosure as true and fair' is an act patently fraudulent and

unfair trade practice for the investors in securities, because investors rely on the financial disclosures made by the company, to make their investment/disinvestment decisions, the order said. The alleged manipulation of

financial statements by BDMCL has interfered with the normal mechanism of price discovery and integrity of securities market and created a misleading appearance of the share price movement of BDMCL, the order said.



# 15 KILLED AS BUS RAMS INTO TRUCK IN REWA

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At least 15 people died when a Gorakhpur-bound passenger bus rammed into a stationary truck in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district, police said on Saturday.

According to Rewa Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mithilesh Shukla, while 15 passengers died, over 20 were injured in the accident which took place late on Friday night. "The bus, carrying 60 passengers, was on its way to Gorakhpur from Hyderabad when it collided with a stationary trailer-truck on National Highway 30 (NH 30) near Sohagi ghati area," Manoj Pushp, Rewa collector told reporter, adding that while 12 people died on the spot, two passed away on their way to the hospital from Teonthar to Rewa and one succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

The accident was so gruesome that the bodies trapped in the bus had to be pulled out with the help of JCB. Most of the deceased are said to be residents of Uttar Pradesh who worked as labourers, and were reportedly sitting in the cabin and on the front seat.

On being alerted, police personnel from Sohagi rushed to the site and launched a rescue operation.

The incident occurred between 11.30 p.m and 12 a.m on Friday night. While most of the injured were rushed to a hospital in Teonthar, those who suffered serious injuries were shifted



to Rewa, said SP Navneet Baseen.

Chief Ministers of both the neighbouring states - Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh) and Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh) spoke to each other and instructed officials to ensure best medical treatment to the injured. The CMs also expressed their condolences over the demise of people, officials told IANS.

Chouhan added that the MP government will bear the cost of treatment of the injured. Passengers with minor injuries have been sent to Prayagraj by bus after preliminary treatment. The bodies are being sent to Prayagraj. He said that in this hour, "We stand with the families of the deceased," he stated.

# Chief Minister Chouhan purchases puja thali and utensils on Dhanteras

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with wife Sadhna Singh, sons Kunal and Kartikeya Chouhan reached Roshanpura Square and shopped on the occasion of Dhanteras. He bought a silver coin, a puja thali (plate) and utensils as a Shagun. Chief Minister Chouhan also had a paan at Jayka Pan Bhandar shop.

Chief Minister Chouhan met all the citizens who came to the market for Dhanteras shopping and also extended his best wishes on Dhanteras. Citizens also took selfie with Chouhan. Talking to media representatives, Chief Minister appealed to the people of the



state to share the happiness of Diwali with the poor and needy. He told that I will share happiness by celebrating the

festival of Diwali with the children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19.

## CM WILL PERFORM GOVARDHAN PUJA WITH ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LOVERS

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the festival of Govardhan Puja will be celebrated publicly. Govardhan Puja is the worship of environment and nature in the true sense, it was started by Lord Krishna. He told the Brij residents that Govardhan mountain gives grass to the cows, the fruits of the trees on the mountain are utilised and the forests of the mountain give life to the people. Therefore, if the people of Brij want to worship, then Govardhan Parvat should be worshipped. The tradition started by Lord Shri Krishna continues in India till date. Govardhan Puja is the protection of the environment, which has become very relevant today. That's why Govardhan Puja will be celebrated with environmentalists and environment lovers. Chief Minister Chouhan said that only worship of nature can save the earth for the coming generations, so there will be a programme of Govardhan Puja along with nature lovers.

## CHIEF MINISTER WILL CELEBRATE DIWALI WITH CHILDREN ORPHANED IN COVID

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has extended Diwali greetings to the people of the state. Chouhan said that Diwali festival begins from Dhanteras itself. I will celebrate the great festival of Deepawali on 23rd October with such sons, daughters and nephews and nieces who have lost their parents due to Covid. Sharing happiness with such children and celebrating festivals with them will give me joy and happiness. Chief Minister said that collectors of all districts will also organise programmes to share the joys of the festival with such children and give them gifts.

# Kamal Nath slams Shivraj govt over alleged corruption in Mahakal Lok project

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A day after the Madhya Pradesh Lokayukta issued notice to 15 officials, including three IAS officers, for alleged corruption in the construction of the Mahakal Lok corridor, the extended part of Ujjain's Mahakaleshwar temple, former Chief Minister and state Congress chief Kamal Nath on Friday slammed the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led government over the charges.

Kamal Nath termed the allegations as serious, and demanded an impartial and high-level inquiry into the matter.

Attacking Chouhan over rampant 'corruption' in the state, Kamal Nath accused the BJP government of making false promises and investing public money in its image making events.

"News of corruption in the construction work of Mahakal Lok is worrying. The sentiments of crores of people have been hurt by this news. There should be an impartial, high-level inquiry. Whoever is guilty should not be spared," Kamal Nath tweeted. The notices were issued to the 15 officials, including the Ujjain district collector, based on a complaint filed by Mahesh Parmar, the Congress MLA from Tarana Assembly constituency in Ujjain district.



The Congress legislator claimed to have filed the complaint in May this year. The other two IAS officers are the director of the Ujjain

smart city project, Kshij Singh, and Ujjain Municipal Commissioner Anshul Gupta. Notably, Anshul Gupta was transferred from Ujjain five days before the Mahakal Lok was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 11. "A tender was floated for the development of a parking lot, but it was cancelled without any information and a new tender was floated with five times increased money. The tendering process was completely biased as rules were not followed. And it was done by a nexus of senior officials and contractors. I had lodged a complaint in this regard with the Lokayukta department in Bhopal in May this year. I am thankful to the department for taking action in this serious matter," Parmar told reporter on Friday.

The Congress MLA also claimed that murals and statues of Lord Shiva, which have been installed in the newly-constructed Mahakal Lok corridor, were purchased for more than eight times the actual market price.

"The BJP government claimed it has invested over Rs 300 crore in the project, but around 30 per cent of that amount was spent for marketing and advertising," Parmar added.

Sources privy to the development told reporter that the Lokayukta has asked all the 15 officials to submit their reply October 28.

# Join Asaduddin Owaisi, get Biryani, says party leader

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A leader of the All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) has been offering biryani and breakfast to new entrants in the outfit in Narela Assembly constituency of Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal as part of a drive to increase the party's base in the region.

The party led by Asaduddin Owaisi had for the first time contested the recently held urban bodies' polls in the state and secured seven seats of corporators.

"We are welcoming people who did not get due respect in their parties, whether it was the BJP or Congress. When they come to our office to join the outfit, as a mark of respect, we offer them biryani or breakfast such as samosas and tea, like we do to guests in our

homes," AIMIM leader Peerzada Tauqeer Nizami told media. Nizami said new entrants are garlanded and offered food in keeping with their respective religious practices, he said. "They should feel that they have come to the right place. I listen to their problems and make efforts to sort them out," he said.

More than 20,000 people have joined the party so far during the ongoing drive, the AIMIM leader claimed, adding that the move will be replicated by the party in other Assembly segments of Bhopal after Diwali.

"We had organised a public meeting of party president Owaisi in Narela during the recently held urban bodies' elections," Nizami said, adding that he was told to work for the party in Bhopal.

# BJP's special campaign to reach out to a particular section

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In Madhya Pradesh, BJP has started working on a new strategy. For this a special contact campaign has been started. Under this campaign, contact, dialogue and coordination will be established with the society and its influential citizens. Party's state in-charge Murlidhar Rao and state president Vishnuodd Sharma started this campaign from the Bhojpur club of the capital and greeted the former administrative officers. Initiating the special contact campaign, the party's state in-charge Muralidhar Rao informed the former officers about the party's ideology and policies in detail and urged them to cooperate more in nation building and stay in constant touch. At the same time, while discussing the objectives of this campaign, State President Sharma talked about spreading the message of BJP to



other people of the society.

At the launch of the campaign, party's state in-charge Murlidhar Rao and state president Sharma, General Secretary Bhagwandas Sabnani, former

CBI director Rishikumar Shukla, former DGP Swaraj Puri, former IAS K. Mishra, Ajatshatru, Raghuvveer Srivastava, SS Uppal, Mahesh Chaudhary, Kavindra Kiawat, DD

Agarwal, SN Rupala, KP Rahi, SNS Chauhan, Naresh Pal, B.S. Kulesh, Ashok Verma, Dr. Rajiv Saxena, former IPS RK Marathe, RK Arusia and other officers.

State Minister Rahul Kothari, in charge of the Special Contact Campaign, said that the BJP has started a special contact campaign with the aim of expanding and expanding its contact and communication with the society. will prove to be effective. Rahul Kothari informed that special contact campaign will be launched in every district of the state. Under this campaign, prominent persons from education, law, medicine, culture, art, sports, science, industry and economics, agriculture, journalism and religious fields will be contacted. During this, the information of these prominent persons will be collected and they will be made aware of the ideology and efforts of the party.

# Man arrested for peeping into girls hostel washroom in Chhatarpur

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A man was arrested for allegedly peeping into the washroom of a government-run girls hostel in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur, police said on Friday.

In their complaint, the female students have complained that they noticed such incidents in the past also, but could not identify the persons.

Chhatarpur's Additional Superintendent of Police Vikram Singh said that a group of girls of the senior girls hostel had come to the police station to lodge a complaint against a person who used to peep in their washroom. In the latest case, the person was identified through a CCTV camera installed at a local grocery shop located adjacent to the hostel. On the basis of the



complaint, local police lodged an FIR and started searching for the suspect, who was traced and arrested.

Police identified him as Nitesh Karosia, and he has been booked under Indian Penal Code's Section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty).

Last month, an SMS of a girl student in Chandigarh had gone viral on social media, which had sparked a public outrage, and a similar incident was also reported in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur where the girl students had complained that some persons peep into the washroom of their hostel.

# NEIGHBOUR TRIED TO RESOLVE COUPLE'S FIGHT, HUSBAND KILLED HIM

Bhopal: A man died while resolving a neighbouring couple's dispute over cooking chicken at home in Chawani Pathar village under Bilkhriya police station in Bhopal, an official said. The incident occurred on Tuesday but it came to the fore after the arrest of the accused Pappu Ahirwar on Friday.

Bhopal Dehat Superintendent of Police (SP) Kiran Lata Karketa said the couple fought over cooking chicken at home on Tuesday. The woman refused to cook chicken at home on Tuesday. Following that, her husband Pappu Ahirwar assaulted the woman. Some people living in the neighbourhood reached there and resolved the dispute between the couple.

But later, Pappu reached the house of one of his neighbours, Bablu Ahirwar and attacked him with a stick. Due to this he sustained severe injuries and was admitted to Hamidia Hospital where doctors declared him dead. The accused Pappu Ahirwar has been arrested and further investigation is going on, the SP of Karketa added.

# Healthy MP will be made with the blessings of Lord Dhanvantri: Minister

On the initiative of Medical Education Minister Sarang Lord Dhanvantri was worshipped in medical colleges for the first time in the state. Worship of Lord Dhanvantri in Gandhi Medical College of Bhopal

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang prayed for the good health of the people of the state by offering prayers to the god of health, Lord Dhanvantri at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal on the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras. On the call of Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang, for the first time in Madhya Pradesh, Lord Dhanvantri is being worshipped on Dhanteras in medical colleges.

Minister Sarang said that during the churning of the ocean, on the day of Dhanteras, Lord Dhanvantri had

appeared with Amrit Kalash and herbs. According to the scriptures, only by his blessings one gets the boon of a healthy body and health. Our medical college is also the project where we provide healthy body and health benefits to the public by making doctors. With this intention, Lord Dhanvantri has been worshipped with rituals in all the medical colleges of the state on Dhanteras for the making of a healthy Madhya Pradesh.

Dhanvantri will be worshipped in medical colleges every year on Dhanteras Sarang informed that on the occasion of Dhanteras, Dhanvantri Dev Puja was performed in medical colleges all over Madhya Pradesh. Its sole purpose is that

the doctors who live with the determination to serve the suffering humanity, they get the blessings of Lord Shri Dhanvantri Ji and the patients taking health benefits in the hospitals affiliated to the medical colleges get the boon of a healthy body.

Minister Sarang said that this initiative of the Medical Education Department will continue uninterrupted. Now every year on Dhanteras, the god of health, Lord Dhanvantri will be duly worshipped in all the medical colleges of the state. Today, on the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras, the family members of the doctors, students and patients participated in Dhanvantri Puja in all the medical colleges of the state and prayed for the good health of all.

# Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan plants saplings



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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted Amla, Gulmohar and Pithoriya saplings in the Smart City Garden. Purushottam Das Ji Mahamandaleshwar of Tulsi Ashram Shivpuri and members of Arera Rotary Club of Bhopal participated in plantation. The club's Smt. Amrita Tiwari, Vikram Jain, Adarsh, Nutan Seth and Ashish Tiwari also planted saplings. The members of the club are active in planting and taking care of the planted saplings.



# MAHA: ON DIWALI-EVE, 800 YOUTH GET JOB LETTERS; MVA SLAMS BJP GOVT

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Three union ministers -- Piyush Goyal, Narayan Rane and Ramdas Athawale presented appointment letters to various Central government jobs at separate functions held in Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur respectively, on Saturday.

The functions came shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi kick-started the recruitment drive for 10 lakh people in the next one year with the induction of 75,000 youth on the eve of Diwali.

The jobs are being given directly by 38 separate Central ministries/departments, or vide UPSC, Railway Recruitment Board and State Service Commissioners, with a simplified tech-enabled, speedy recruitment process.

Goyal, Rane and Athawale handed over the recruitment letters to hundreds of selected candidates in the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Indian Posts, Indian Railways, Armed Forces Medical College, CISE, RCF, MDL, ITD, CBIC, ESIC, several public sector, regional and rural banks, IIT-Bombay, BSF and other organisations.

The three Central ministers urged the new recruits to work with dedication in their new assignments to ensure fulfilling the PM's dream of a developed India in the next 25 years.

The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi allies Congress, Nationalist Congress Party and



Shiv Sena (UBT) slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government's decision to "wake up after eight-and-half years" with an eye on the ensuing states elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Congress Chief Spokesperson Atul Londhe said that the government is making big hue

and cry over the 'job jamborees' held on Saturday when the fact is that the recruitment examinations and process for most of these posts were completed over two years ago but the candidates were not hired for making political gains later.NCP's Chief Spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said that com-

pared with the 2-crore jobs promised by Modi when he took power, what is actually being offered after over 8 years is a pittance, that too with political motives.

Terming it as "another big hoax and hog-wash", SS (UBT)'s Spokesperson Kishore Tiwari said for giving just 75K appointment letters, Modi has taken eight-and-half years, that too before the elections in Gujarat, Haryana and other states.

"Where are vacancies in the State and Central government with automations or outsourcing or selling off valuable public sector assets? The PM's assurance of 2 crore jobs every year for his tenure of 10 years comes to 20 crore jobs. It will take a century to fulfil his promise at the current speed. The government is fooling the masses before the state and Lok Sabha polls," Tiwari added.

Londhe said that over 22-crore youth have registered for employment on the government's Shram portal of which only 700,000 have got jobs, while the CMIE has said more than 45 crore people have given up hopes for any job opportunities.

The Congress leader also targeted Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis' statement promising to create 72,000 jobs in the state, and said the (state) government is not capable of even giving 72 jobs.

Today's 'Rozgar Mela' saw the participation of union and state ministers, elected leaders and other officials in different parts of India.

## THACKERAY TO TOUR FLOOD-HIT AREAS OF AURANGABAD ON OCT 23



Mumbai: Amid the Opposition clamour to declare a 'wet drought' in Maharashtra, former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will go on a tour of the flood-hit regions of Aurangabad on Sunday for a first-hand assessment of the ground situation, his aides said here on Saturday.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) chief, accompanied by others leaders, will go around the farmlands where standing crops of cotton and soyabean, have been badly damaged or completely razed owing to the spells of heavy rains lashing many parts of the district since the past fortnight, spelling doom for the farmers.

Thackeray said that despite the agro-crisis that has darkened the Diwali of the affected farmers, the government of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has done nothing in the matter.

"Many farmers' lands are still submerged in the flood waters... but the government is rubbing salt into the tillers' wounds by publicly stating there is no need to declare a 'wet drought' in the state," said Thackeray.

After studying the situation, the ex-CM will discuss ways and means of how to ensure government help for the farmers and also how the party apparatus can help the peasantry in crisis, said his spokesperson Harshal Pradhan.

## 10 Idols stolen from temple, Maha seeks TN cops' help

Jaina | Agencies

The police in Maharashtra's Jalna will take the help of Tamil Nadu police to solve the theft of idols from a Ram temple in the district, a senior official said on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters, district superintendent of police Dr Akshay Shinde said they will seek help from the Tamil Nadu police to solve the theft that took place at the Ram temple in Jamb Samarth village in Ghansawangi tehsil on August 22.

At least 10 idols were stolen from the temple in the village, which is the birthplace of the renowned saint Ramdas Samarth.According to sources, the Tamil Nadu police's idol wing has been instrumental in pursuing smugglers of antiquities and returning stolen



idols. The police have scanned all phone calls made from mobile phones during the course of investigation, and have also searched wells and water bodies near the village, as it was suspected that the idols were thrown into water bodies, the official said.

Meanwhile, Dr Shinde said in order to bring more transparency to the functioning of the police force, a proposal

has been made to install CCTV cameras in various parts of Jalna city.

"As per the proposal, Rs 1 crore would be spent for installing the cameras. This will help in improving surveillance and taking action against traffic violators. The cameras linked to CCTV control rooms will help in the detection of crimes," the SP said.

## Extortion case: Jacqueline deleted evidence from phone, says ED

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Mumbai

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has claimed that Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez had deleted evidence from her cell phone, and also tried to leave the country.

The ED made this submission while opposing the actor's bail plea in connection with a money laundering case pertaining to Rs 200 crore extortion matter involving multimillionaire conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, an official said on Saturday.

The news agency is in possession of ED documents which confirm that she had deleted data from her cell phone.

"She admitted deleting crucial evidence on her phone and further had told others to delete the evidence which amounts to tampering of evidence. She also tried to flee abroad," the ED has claimed.



The ED said that during the investigation it emerged that Jacqueline enjoyed the proceeds of crime which the main accused (Sukesh Chandrashekhar and Leena Maria Paul) obtained by the route of extortion from Aditi (wife of Shivinder

Singh).Jacqueline had knowledge of the criminal antecedents of the main accused -- Sukash and Leena. "She not only used and enjoyed the proceeds of crime herself but also shared that with her family members staying abroad while knowing very

well that the money and gifts showered by Chandrasekar were nothing but proceeds of crime not earned by him through any genuine source. An amount of Rs 7,12,24,767 had been identified till now as proceed of crime and the same was attached," the ED said.

The ED said that Jacqueline never cooperated with the investigation team, and only when confronted with evidence and statements, she had made disclosure.

Initially, Jacqueline denied that Chandrashekhar had purchased two cars for her parents but on December 12, 2021 she admitted it. She also stated that her sister had received \$1,72,913 in her account.

Fernandez was granted interim bail. She has not been given regular bail. The court has extended her interim bail till the next date of hearing.

## MUMBAI POLICE ISSUE PROHIBITORY ORDERS FROM NOVEMBER 1-15

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai Police on Friday said that it has issued a prohibitory order banning gathering of five or more people, use of loud speakers, illegal processions, among other activities for a fortnight from November 1, an official order said.

The order was issued by Sanjay Latkar, deputy commissioner of police (operations). It said that it was a routine order.

The order said, in view of inputs received by the police about disturbance of peace, law and order situation, danger to human life and property the gathering of five or more persons, illegal processions and use of loudspeakers, band and bursting of firecrackers is prohibited from November 1 to November 15.

The order issued further said that there were exemptions for weddings, funerals, meetings, companies, co-



operative societies, theatres and cinema halls.In another order, the police said that it had banned display, possession of weapons, arms and ammunitions from November 3 to December 2, in view of maintaining

peace and safety. Any creation, display and publishing of pictures, signs and boards, which will lead to trouble in social morals, security or danger is also banned.

According to the order, provocative

utterances, songs and use of music is also prohibited during this time.

"Stringent action will be taken against people who are found violating the order," the order said.

## Maharashtra rally driver Takale selected to represent India in FIA World Motorsports Games

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Former Asia-Pacific Rally champion Sanjay Takale of Maharashtra will represent India at the forthcoming 2nd edition of the FIA World Motorsports Games to be held at the iconic superline tarmac Circuit Paul Ricard in Marseille, France, from October 26 to 30.

Takale was recommended by the Federation of Motorsports Clubs of India (FMSCI), the national governing body of the sport, to the world governing body, FIA (Federation Internationale l'Automobile). The 2022 FIA World Motorsports Games are happening after a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This will be the first time I am going to represent India, which makes this opportunity very special," said Takale addressing a media conference here ahead of his departure for France.Takale will be behind the wheels of the French car Peugeot and competing in the Rally4 class of competition. Takale will be supported by aerpace -- a futuristic drone-based logistic transportation system company



launched by young visionaries from Mumbai in 2019, who have been working on the dream project. Aerpace has its vision to inspire the world to move through cities in smarter and more sustainable ways through drone technology.The 54-year-old ace driver Takale, who had expressed his desire to return to competitive rallying, was selected on the basis of his past performances and, he picked New Zealand-born, now Australia-based Mike Young as his navigator.

## Minor girl raped by Step Father, Maternal Uncle, arrested

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a shocking incident, a 13-year-old girl was raped by her stepfather and maternal uncle in Worli. As per the report by Mid-Day, the accused duo has been sexually assaulting the minor for over a year and a half. The cops filed a suo moto complaint and arrested the accused.

The incident came to light on Thursday evening when the Worli police officials during patrolling found the minor girl roaming around cluelessly. Cops found that something is not right as they said that the minor was found in a "shocked" state. The police brought her to the police station and then asked her about herself. Following this, the minor shared her ordeal. The girl said that her stepfather and her maternal uncle had been raping her since November 2020.

After this, the minor was sent to BYL Nair hospital a medical examination was conducted. The police filed an FIR. The FIR was filed



after a woman police constable who was with the police patrolling team that spotted the girl lodged a complaint.

A case was registered against the accused under sections of rape under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence act (POCSO). Following the FIR, the duo was arrested and produced before the court on Friday which remanded them to police custody.

## MUMBAI'S WESTERN RAILWAY HIKES PLATFORM TICKET RATE AMID DIWALI RUSH

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Parts of Mumbai Central Division railway stations are going to witness a five-time hike in the platform tickets rate from Saturday in view of the festive season.

The Western Railway decided to increase the rate of platform tickets in selected railway stations to avoid rush and huddle at the platform forms during the festive season, railway officials said.

The new platform ticket rate after the notification will be Rs 50 per person, which was Rs 10 earlier," railway officials said, adding that the new rates will be applicable till October 31. "In view of the festive season rush at railway stations & to regulate the number of passengers in Railway Premises including Platforms & FOBs, it has been decided to increase the Rate

of Platform ticket from Rs.10/- to Rs.50/- over few nominated stations of WR's Mumbai Central Division with immediate effect till 31 October 2022," a press release read.The nominated stations are Mumbai Central, Dadar, Borivli, Bandra Terminus, Vapi, Valsad, Udhna and Surat.Meanwhile, to manage the extra rush of passengers in the ongoing festive season, Indian Railways is running 2,561 trips of 211 special trains (in pairs) till Chhath Puja this year.People worship the Sun God during the festival, which will be celebrated between October 28-31 this year.

According to the official statement of the Ministry of Railways, Indian Railways has notified additional 32 special services to ensure smooth and comfortable travel for passengers during this festive season.Special Trains have been planned to connect major destinations across the country on railway routes, like Darbhanga, Azamgarh, Sahara, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, Firozpur, Patna, Katihar and Amritsar etc.Earlier on October 4, Indian Railways had notified 179 special services for the convenience of rail travellers.

East Central Railway (ECR) has notified 128 trips of 9 pairs of special trains, Eastern Coastal Railway (ECoR) has notified 94 trips of 6 pairs of special trains, Eastern Railway (ER) has notified 108 trips of 14 pairs of special trains, Northern Railway (NE) has notified 368 trips of 35 pairs of special trains, North Central Railway (NCR) has notified 223 trips of 8 pairs of special trains.

North Eastern Railway (NER) has notified 34 trips of 2 pair special trains, North Frontier Railway (NFR) has notified 64 trips of 4 special pair trains, North Western Railway (NWR) has notified 134 trips of 5 special pair trains, Southern Railway (SR) has notified 56 trips of 22 special pair trains, South Western Railway (SWR) has notified 14 trips of 2 special pair trains, South Central Railway (SCR) has notified 191 trips of 19 special pair trains, South Western Railway (SWR) has notified 433 trips of 22 special trains, West Central Railway (WCR) has notified 16 trips of 6 special pair trains and Western Railway (WR) has notified 306 trips of 18 special pair trains.



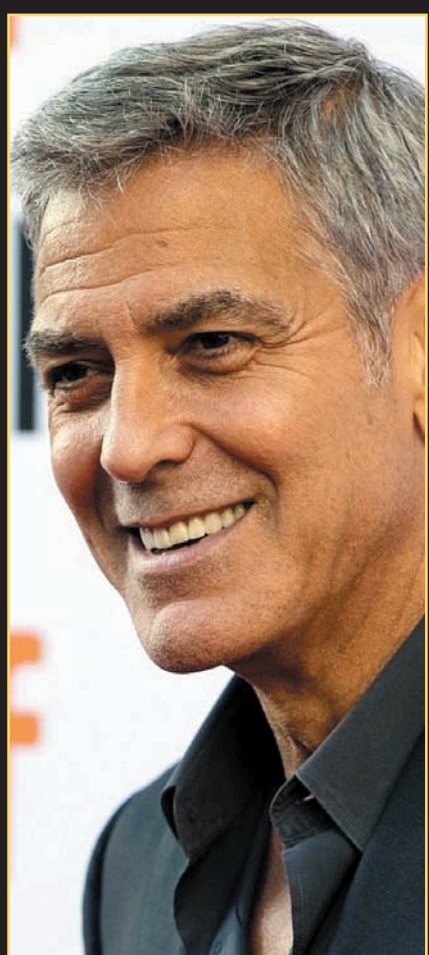
# Angelina

## Jolie signed for biopic on Opera singer Maria Callas

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Chilean filmmaker Pablo Larrain, who is known for the 2021 film 'Spencer', is making a biopic on the life of America-born Greek soprano Maria Callas titled 'Maria', and is casting Academy Award winning actress Angelina Jolie. The film, based on true accounts, will tell the tumultuous, beautiful and tragic story of the world's greatest opera singer, relieved and re-imagined during her final days in 1970s Paris, reports Deadline. The film has been written by Larrain's 'Spencer' writer, Oscar nominee Steven Knight. According to Deadline, the filmmaker's brother and creative partner Juan de Dios Larrain will produce for Fabula Pictures, alongside Lorenzo Mieli for The Apartment Pictures, a Fremantle Company, and Jonas Dornbach for Komplizen Film production company. "Having the chance to combine my two most deep and personal passions, cinema and opera, has been a long-awaited dream," said Larrain. "To do this with Angelina, a supremely brave and curious artist, is a fascinating opportunity. A true gift (sic)". "I take very seriously the responsibility to Maria's life and legacy. I will give all I can to meet the challenge," added Jolie, quoted by Deadline. "Pablo Larrain is a director I have long admired. To be allowed the chance to tell more of Maria's story with him, and with a script by Steven Knight, is a dream."

Jolie has most recently appeared in films including Marvel's 'Eternals' and the Warner Bros drama 'Those Who Wish Me Dead'. She's currently in post-production on 'Without Blood' - her fifth feature as a director, and the first under her new three-year deal with Fremantle, announced back in March.



## George Clooney wasn't ready to be a parent to twins at 56

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Hollywood star George Clooney recently revealed his initial feelings about being a dad to twins. The 'Gravity' actor appeared on 'The Drew Barrymore Show', where he revealed he was "terrified" when he first found out that he and wife Amal were expecting twins, reported People magazine.

"That wasn't part of the plan. (Amal's) sister has twins too. We went to that thing at 12 weeks where they go, there's the kid. (To) look at the picture of the kid," Clooney recalled. "And [the doctor] goes, 'It's a boy.' Then he goes, 'And a girl.' And I was like, 'What?'," he said, quoted by People.

"It was such a disaster. I was like, 'Are you kidding me?'" the actor continued. "Now it's the greatest thing in the world. I was terrified then."

Asked why Clooney was scared at the time, the 'Up in the Air' star told host Drew Barrymore: "Well, I was 56 years old and that just sounded terrifying to me."

Appearing on 'CBS Mornings' last month with wife Amal, Clooney revealed that the couple had made a "terrible mistake" in parenting the twins. "We taught them Italian," he explained. "But we don't speak Italian."

"So we've armed them with a language they can harm us with," the actor continued. "And we both don't really know what they're saying."

Confirming the twins speak both Italian and French, Clooney teased: "I'm from Kentucky, English is my second language."

## Elegant Glamour

### Monica Bellucci looks the picture of elegance in a purple flared jumpsuit at the Lumiere Award ceremony in Lyon.

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Monica Bellucci looked the picture of elegance in a purple flared jumpsuit while posing on the red carpet for the Lumiere Award in Lyon. On Friday night, the 58-year-old Italian actress looked incredible in the chic outfit, letting her effortless style do the talking as she smiled for the cameras. Monica kept the look classy with little accessorising, only pairing it with a studded black clutch bag in her hand.

Her chocolate brown tresses looked bouncy and her front fringe framed her face perfectly.

She chose a flawless makeup look, showcasing her incredible skin, opting for a smoky black eyeshadow look and a peachy toned lip colour.

The wrap-effect of the top half of her jumpsuit synched in her waist to show off her enviable frame, while folds in one of her trouser legs accentuated the flare in her pocketed flares, reports dailymail.co.uk.



## LUXURY FASHION HOUSE BALenciAGA SEVERS TIES WITH KANYE WEST

Los Angeles | Agencies

Luxury fashion house Balenciaga said that it would no longer work with Kanye West, becoming the first company to sever ties with the rapper and designer after he made a series of controversial and anti-Semitic remarks in the last few weeks.

In a statement, parent company Kering said: "Balenciaga has no longer any relationship nor any plans for future projects related to this artist," Business of Fashion and Women's Wear Daily reported, according to forbes.com.

West and Balenciaga collaborated on his short-lived Yeezy line with retailer Gap - West and Gap ended their partnership last month after West accused the brand of breaching its contract with him. Balenciaga head Demna Gvasalia and West were reported to have a close relationship - West walked in Balenciaga's Paris fashion show, and Gvasalia attended his Yeezy show - where West debut his 'White Lives Matter' shirts - and West's ex-wife Kim Kardashian has been featured in many of the brand's recent campaigns, and has frequently worn its fashions. Forbes has not yet received a response from West and Kering, but West told Bloomberg via text message Friday, "God runs the world. We perform only for God. We serve only God. God bless."



## Jennifer Coolidge would love to join 'riveting' 'Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Jennifer Coolidge would join the "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" to impress her gay friend Lisa Rinna, known for her roles in Legally Blonde and American Pie but would join the likes of Lisa Rinna in the reality series, which follows the lives of affluent women based in the Californian city, reports aceshowbiz.com.

She told E! News, "Beverly Hills' is riveting. It is riveting for many reasons. All the g... would go on that one. Lisa Rinna is such a good villain. So I like that (franchise)."

Each of the women on the series uses a catchphrase to describe their character. She decided on what her own would be if she were offered a place on the show. She said, "c\*\*\*\* to me, I'm gonna beat the s\*\*t out of you!"

Meanwhile, Coolidge is reprising her role as Tanya McQuoid in The White Lotus at a holiday resort in Hawaii and teased that the second season will see her character ha...



## Madonna gets backlash over bizarre circumcision confession

Los Angeles | Agencies

Queen of pop Madonna has taken to her Instagram Story to make a bizarre circumcision confession. The 'Like a Virgin' songstress wrote over a plain background: "I have a confession to make." She followed it up with a picture of her holding a wine glass with her colourfully-painted nails.

Another photo shows her taking a sip from the glass, while the third one sees her bending towards her phone's camera. The next shot features her in the same position with her removing her sheer blue skirt and putting it around her head.

Over the images, she declared: "I was not circumcised." Following Madonna's bizarre posts, many have ques-

tioned the singer's intention in making the confession, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"Ever notice people like Madonna who are no longer in the spotlight due to age or whatever reason NEED IT? SUDDENLY they change sexual preference, say something OUTRAGEOUS like bombing the White House or just ANYTHING to get BACK to people paying ANY kind of attention to them?" one person reacted on Twitter.

Others accused Madonna of trying to stay "relevant," with a tweet.

One blasted her: "More gender confusion from Liberal Hollywood Loonies," as another added: "Holy crap she looks bizarre."

A baffled user asked, "What does that even mean," while a fan said: "I am concerned. Madonna is acting strange even for madonna."

Someone else called her out as a "Depraved human being."

Prior to this, Madonna made a jaw-dropping confession about her sexuality. In an October 9 post, she appeared to come out as gay through a TikTok video.

## ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Maya Jama



## T20 World Cup 2022

# SAM CURRAN'S FIVE-FOR LEADS ENGLAND TO 5-WICKET WIN OVER AFGHANISTAN



**Brief scores**  
Afghanistan 112 (Ibrahim Zadran 32; Sam Curran 5-10) lost to England 113/5 in 18.1 overs (Livingstone 29 not out; Rashid Khan 1-17) by five wickets

Perth | Agencies

All-rounder Sam Curran's sensational five-for led England to a convincing five-wicket win over Afghanistan in a Super 12 match of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 at Perth Stadium, here on Saturday.

Ibrahim (32) and Ghani (30), who played with a degree of confidence in tricky conditions, were the top scorers for Afghanistan. In reply, England chased down the target with five wickets and 11 deliveries to spare. Liam Livingstone top-scored for his side with an unbeaten 29-ball 21, while Jos Buttler, Davin Malan and Alex Hales made scores of 18, 18 and 19 respectively.

## NEW ZEALAND THRASH AUSTRALIA BY 89 RUNS IN SUPER 12 OPENER

Sydney: Tim Southee and Mitchell Santner picked three wickets each as New Zealand broke their 11-year winless run in Australia with a comprehensive 89-run thrashing of the hosts and defending champions in the Super 12 opener of Men's T20 World Cup at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday.



After openers Devon Conway (92 not out off 58 balls) and Finn Allen (42 off 16 balls) took New Zealand to a stiff 200/3 in 20 overs, Southee (3/6) and Santner (3/31) ensured that Australia never got going in their tall chase to be skittled out for just 111 in 17.1 overs. None of the Aussie batters reached 30 runs.

### Brief scores

Brief scores: New Zealand 200/3 in 20 overs (Finn Allen 42, Devon Conway 92 not out, James Neesham 26 not out) beat Australia 111 all out in 17.1 overs (Glenn Maxwell 28, Pat Cummins 21; Tim Southee 3/6, Mitchell Santner 3/13) by 89 runs

## T20 World Cup

# India, Pakistan gear up for Sunday showdown

Melbourne | Agencies

Exactly 364 days ago, there was a lot of hype and excitement around India and Pakistan meeting each other in Dubai to kickstart their 2021 Mens T20 World Cup campaign. In that match, Pakistan blew away India by ten wickets to break their winless run against their neighbours in T20 World Cups.



Come Sunday, and the two teams will renew the greatest rivalry in the cricket world yet again when they face off against each other at a sold-out Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) to begin their 2022 T20 World Cup Group 2 campaign. However, the rain could play spoilsport in the marquee match, with Australia's bureau of meteorology predicting a 70% chance of showers, most likely in the late afternoon and evening.

India are entering the competition on the back of embracing an attacking approach with the bat, which is in complete opposite of their timid attitude last year. But they are without two of their biggest assets in the shortest format of the game: Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah.

With the batting, Rohit, K.L. Rahul and Virat Kohli have to give India the start they need in the bigger grounds of Australia apart from banking high on the x-factor from a scintillating Suryakumar Yadav. Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik will be shouldering the finishing duties while Axar also has to give the left-handed edge with the bat, which could keep Rishabh Pant, someone who has got success in Australia previously, out of the eleven.

Pakistan, meanwhile, have their batting responsibilities on the shoulders of their opening pair, skipper Babar Azam and wicket-keeper Mohammad Rizwan. Though their middle order is a soft underbelly, the game-changing promotion of Mohammad Nawaz in the Asia Cup Super Four match will still be fresh in India's mind.

Pakistan's bowling attack has been given a huge boost by the return of left-arm pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi apart from Mohammad Wasim Jr, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf in their ranks. Azam had said in the pre-match press conference that Pakistan will bank on the

extremely crucial inputs given by their in-form pacer Rauf, who calls MCG home while playing for Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League (BBL).

If Sunday's high-octane clash becomes a truncated affair, India have got more depth and cutting edge than Pakistan. But with the mercurial Melbourne weather looming, one can never count on an unpredictable Pakistan side, just like what happened in Dubai almost a year ago.

### Squads:

**India:** Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Ravichandran Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh and Mohammad Shami.  
**Pakistan:** Babar Azam (c), Shadab Khan, Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Iftikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Hasnain, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Wasim, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Shan Masood.

## Women's Indian Open

# Drall take sole lead into final day

Gurugram | Agencies

Amandeep Drall drilled a confident six-footer for a final birdie to take the sole lead with a bogey-free 67 on the third day of the US\$ 400,000 Hero Women's Indian Open.



She takes a one-shot advantage into the final day over Sweden's Caroline Hedwall (68) and German Olivia Cowan, whose bogey-free 65 equalled the week's best card.

Aditi Ashok added to the excitement with an eagle two on the Par-4 ninth during her round of 69 lying fourth and Gaurika Bishnoi (72) despite a bogey on the 18th was fifth, making it three Indians in the Top five. Of the top five, only Hedwall (2011) and Ashok (2016) have previously won the Hero Women's Indian Open, while Drall, Cowan and Bishnoi are yet to register a win on the Ladies European Tour.

## Tennis star Simona Halep suspended for doping with a prohibited substance

New York | Agencies

The tennis world was left shocked at the start of the weekend when Former World No.1 and two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep of Romania announced that she has tested positive for a prohibited substance and was provisionally suspended.



Halep, who won the 2018 French Open and 2019 Wimbledon women's singles titles, tested positive for a substance called Roxadustat in an extremely low quantity in a sample provided at the U.S. Open 2022.

"Today begins the hardest match of my life: a fight for the truth. I have been notified that I have tested positive for a substance called Roxadustat in an extremely low quantity, which came as

the biggest shock of my life," Halep informed in a statement on her social media handles.

"Throughout my whole career, the idea of cheating never even crossed my mind once, as it is totally against all the values I have been educated with. Facing such an

unfair situation, I feel completely confused and betrayed," the 31-year-old Romanian star said in the statement. Halep professed her innocence and pledged to "fight until the end" to prove that she has not taken the substance knowingly.

## MotoGP 2022

# Marquez produces magic for third place on the grid

Malaysia | Agencies

Memories of a bruising morning for the Honda Team quickly vanished as Marc Marquez put in a pair of incredible laps to advance from Q1 and then grab a front-row birth for Sunday's race.



With his back seemingly against the wall, Marquez did what he does best and performed when it mattered most. The first magic lap came at the end of Q1, having barely challenged the top five, the #93 went 1.2 seconds faster than his previous best lap to take second in the session and move to Q2. Perfectly timed, the delight was clear to see as the eight-time World Champion pounded his chest in celebration.

and with the clock rapidly decreasing as he went back out for a second attempt. Finding another 0.9s, Marquez shot up to third thanks to a 1'58.454 and secured his third front-row start since his return to competition in Aragon.

The story repeated itself in Q2, Marquez setting a best lap of 1'59.347 on his first run

# Indian junior men's hockey team beat Malaysia 5-2 in Sultan of Johor Cup

Johor (Malaysia) | Agencies

The Indian junior men's hockey team started its campaign in the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup, defeating Malaysia 5-2 in its opening game on Saturday.



Amandeep (6'), Arajjeet Singh Hundal (10'), Bobby Singh Dhami (20'), Sudeep Chirmako (26'), and Sharda Nand Tiwari (56') scored for India in the match. Malaysia's goals were scored by Shahmie Irfan Suhaimi (13') and Muhammad Mamat (52').

India showed intent right away in the match, with captain Uttam Singh pressing deep inside the circle in the first minute. Malaysia, on the other hand, maintained a strong defensive line and averted the threat. A few minutes later, Amandeep hit a reverse hit into the net to give India the lead.

Arajjeet Singh Hundal deflected the ball into the net from a penalty corner attempt, giving India a 2-0 lead. Malaysia's Shahmie Irfan Suhaimi pulled one back with a couple of minutes left in the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, India continued to press deep inside Malaysia's circle, putting pressure on the opposition's defence.

The second half began with Malaysia earning an early penalty corner, but an error by Malaysian captain Abd Razak Syawal quickly ended the threat.

Malaysia maintained possession for the majority of the third quarter in the hopes of covering the deficit but were unable to convert it into a goal.

However, Sharda Nand Tiwari scored from a penalty corner as India won the match 5-2.

# PKL 9: Bharat's inspiring performance helps Bengaluru Bulls stun U Mumba

Bengaluru | Agencies

U Mumba were in a fantastic position at 24-11 at the end of the first half, but Bengaluru Bulls' raider Bharat put up a stupendous performance and helped his team register a thrilling 42-32 victory over the Mumbai side in the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 9 at the Shree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday.



Bharat scored a whopping 16 points in the match, while Vikash Kandola contributed with eight points. Guman Singh picked up a few raid points and helped his side take a massive lead at 6-1 in the 5th minute. Soon after, the Mumbai side inflicted an All Out and attained a stronghold of the match at 10-3.

U Mumba defenders Rahul Sethpal and Mohit also stepped up their game as their team continued to widen its lead. Guman Singh reduced the Bulls to just one player on the mat in the 13th minute and soon after, Captain Surinder Singh tackled Sachin Narwal to help U Mumba inflict another All Out. Bengaluru's Bharat pulled off a few raids, but the team from Mumbai stayed in the lead at 24-11 at the end of the first half. Bharat effected a SUPER RAID and inflicted an ALL OUT

in the opening minutes of the second half to help the Bulls stay in the game. Bharat continued to effect raids as the Bulls reduced the gap between

the two sides to 22-25. The tables turned completely after Bengaluru inflicted an All Out in the 31st minute and took the lead at 28-27.

# Merdeka Cup to 'restart' again! India may feature, feels AIFF chief

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey has said that his "request to restart Merdeka Cup" -- the friendly football tournament -- has been welcomed by Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) chief Datuk Haji Hamidin Bin Haji Mohd Amin.

The AIFF chief took to Twitter to share the news. IANS has learned that the friendly tournament will kickstart next year and India will participate in it.

"The #MerdekaCup had created so many opportunities for #IndianFootball in the past. My request to restart this tournament & have INDIA as one of the invitee participants was warmly greeted by FA Malaysia President Dato Haji Hamidin bin Haji Mohd. Amin. Thank you@FAM\_Malaysia," he tweeted.

Merdeka is Asia's oldest football tournament which has invited football-playing nations to compete since 1957. As per reports, after the 1980s, interest in the cup waned from both football fans and football teams, because many Asian nations focused more on the qualification phases in FIFA World Cup and AFC Asian Cup.





## Sharvari's favourite Diwali ritual is day's first meal before sunrise

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Sharvari loves Diwali and all the traditions which come with it. Right from lighting diyas, to making rangoli, to dressing up in Indian wear to meeting friends and family she thoroughly enjoys all aspects of the festival.

However, the one Diwali ritual she looks forward to is the 'pahili pahat' which is a Maharashtrian ritual where the whole family sits together to have the first meal of the day before sunrise.

Talking about the same, Sharvari said: "I love

Diwali and the ritual of pahili pahat in which, as a family, we all wake-up before sunrise, use Utna (multani mitti) as a scrub for one's skin, get ready in new Indian clothes, listen to some happy marathi songs about Diwali and have breakfast together."

"This breakfast is called faral which includes dishes like chivda, chakli, shankarpale, karanji and many more savories like that which are all cooked at home."

"I really look forward to this meal as we come together on a table as a family and the mood is very festive and celebratory. It feels like a new beginning. I also relish the wide spread of food and my favorite thing is chakli and shankarpale." She summed up saying: "As a kid I have always enjoyed faral and I appreciate it more so now, because everyone is busy in their own hectic schedules but on Diwali, we all come together and after faral take blessings from our elders."

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mika Singh and one of the most adored actresses, Akanksha Puri, are officially together after the latter earned the title of Mika Singh's 'Vohti', on the reality show *Swayamvar Mika Di Vohti*. However, even after the end of the show, it wasn't clear whether Mika Singh was married to Akanksha Puri or not. In a recent interview, Akanksha Puri opened up about her current relationship status with popular singer Mika Singh and shared why they'll never think of getting married in the future.

Talking about the same, she opened up to a news portal in an interview and said, "We mentioned on the show that we were friends for many years. We continue to be that. We are just friends and not a couple".

Puri further explained that even though the show's motive was to find a life partner, 'nothing changed' between them after the *Swayamvar* finale and therefore they are 'same old friends'. "Yes, the *Swayamvar* was about choosing a partner, so we decided on each other as we have known each other for almost a decade. We have never said that we are in love or displayed any romance. We were clear that we were looking for a life partner and preferably someone who has been a friend. But post the show, nothing has changed between us and we continue to be the same old friends that we were," she added. Akanksha rose to fame with the show *Vighnaharta Ganesh*. She has appeared in *Bigg Boss* and been a part of several music videos.

Akanksha Puri not to marry Mika Singh



## IFFI 2022

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The selection of 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was announced by the Indian Panorama on Saturday.

To note, Indian Panorama is a flagship component of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), under which the best of contemporary Indian films are selected for the promotion of film art.

Since its inception, the Indian Panorama has been completely devoted to showcasing the best Indian films of the year. Organized by National Film Development Corporation, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, the primary aim of the Indian Panorama is to select the feature and non-feature films of cinematic, thematic and aesthetic excellence.

While the feature film segment consists of 25 movies, including "Jai Bhim", "Major", "Ariyippu", "The Kashmir Files" and "RRR", the non-feature segment boasts of 20 titles such as "Taangh", "Other Ray: Art of Satyajit Ray", "Clinton" and "Fatima", among others. "Hadinelentu" and "The Show Must Go On" will be the opening films in feature film and non-feature segments, respectively. The Feature Film Jury, comprising twelve members, was headed by acclaimed Director and Editor Chairperson Shri Vinod Ganatra. The other members who were a part included, A Karthik Raja, Ananda Jyothi, Dr Anuradha Singh, and Sailesh Dave.

Films like 'Jai Bhim', 'RRR', 'The Kashmir Files' Part Of 2022 Line-Up

Oinam Doren presided over the jury for the non-feature category as chairperson. Chandrasekhar A, Harish Bhimani, Manish Saini, and P Umesh Naik were part of the six-member panel for this section.

The list of non-feature movies includes films such as "Pataal-Tee", "Ayushman", "Gurujana", "Hatibondhu", "Khajuraho, Anand Aur Mukti", "Vibhajan Ki Vibhishka Unkahi Kahaniyan", "Chhu Med Na Yul Med", "Before I Die", "Madhyantara", "Wagro", "Veetilekku", "Beyond Blast", "Rekha", "Yaanam" and "Little Wings". The selected films will be shown at the 53rd IFFI, which will be held in Goa from November 20th to November 28th, 2022.



## Kirti Kulhari feels playing single mother in show is relatable

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Kirti Kulhari, who is currently enjoying the response to the recently released third season of her International Emmy-nominated streaming show, *Four More Shots Please!*, shared some interesting anecdotes about her character Anjana from the series.

Talking about the relatable factors of her character, she said: "In terms of story, of course, everything that's a part of Anjana's life is something that I have to play with full conviction. What part of my role people most relate to is playing a single mom. When you don't have a male partner, yet single-handedly manage to bring up your child, those challenges have been very relatable to people."

The series tells stories of four women, Siddhi (Maanvi Gagroo), Anjana (Kirti Kulhari), Damini (Sayani Gupta), and Umang (Bani J) as they make their way around with their perfectly imperfect lives.

Asked if she feels the pressure with the new seasons of living upto the audience expectations, Kirti further mentioned: "Yes. We do feel the pressure. The pressure to do better in season 3 than season 1 and 2 and keep the audience hooked to it."

"But more than the pressures, it's our excitement to come together. The confidence we have now on the show seeing the attachment of fans towards the show. The loyal fan base. Right now there's a lot of excitement as the show returns after two years", she added.

*Four More Shots Please!* also stars Prateik Babbar, Lisa Ray, Neil Bhooplam, Rajeev Siddharth, Amrita Puri, Simone Singh, Samir Kochhar, Jim Sarbh, Rohan Mehra, Shilpa Shukla and Sushant Singh in pivotal roles, and is available to stream on Prime Video.



## RUBINA DILAIK GETS INJURED WHILE REHEARSING

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Rubina Dilaik can be called the reigning diva of the entertainment industry and there are no second thoughts about it. She is presently winning the hearts of the masses with her performances in Television's popular dance reality show *Jhalak Dikhla Jaa* season 10.

However, in a shocking turn of events, the diva got severely injured while rehearsing. She shared a glimpse of the same which is gut-wrenching. Sharing the same, she wrote, "And few things are not in our control..."

For those who are unaware, Rubina started her career with *Chhoti Bahu* but became a prominent household name with her show *Shakti Astitva Ke Ehsaas Ki*. She later went on to participate and winning *Bigg Boss 14*.

Talking about *Jhalak Dikhla Jaa*, the franchise made a grand comeback to television after a 5-year hiatus. It is judged by Karan Johar, Madhuri Dixit, and Nora Fatehi.



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