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“ If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever.”
Thomas Aquinas

2 IAF FIGHTER JETS CRASH IN MP AFTER COLLISION DURING ROUTINE EXERCISE

- In a statement, the IAF said the accident took place when the Sukhoi-30 MKI and Mirage 2000 were engaged in the air bombing exercise.
- The two aircraft had taken off from the Gwalior Air Force Station.
- According to defence sources, the Sukhoi-30 MKI had two pilots, while the Mirage 2000 had one during the crash that occurred in the bordering area of Morena and Bharatpur (Rajasthan).
- The Sukhoi was in the air for some time and the pilots ejected safely.



“ Two fighter aircraft of the IAF were involved in an accident near Gwalior. The aircraft were on routine operational flying training missions. One of the three pilots involved sustained fatal injuries. An inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the accident. Both Su-30MKI pilots are safe.”
Indian Air Force

“BALLS OF FIRE”: WITNESS OF JETS' CRASH

Morena: Witnesses to the crash recounted hearing a deafening sound and sighting balls of fire descending to the ground followed by two persons in uniform parachuting into the thick forest nearby. “People were shocked to hear loud noise and smoke emanating from something that fell on the ground which later turned out to be the rear portion of one of the aircraft. While one of the planes which had caught fire in the rear portion was seen plunging into the Pahargarh forests, the other aircraft was seen gliding towards the forest area of adjoining Rajasthan. Seeing the flashes of fire in the aircraft which was plunging down into Pahargarh forests, many villagers started running in that direction. We also saw two pilots coming down in parachutes. We spotted them on the ground in a safe condition 15-20 minutes later.”

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Two fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) - Mirage 2000 and Sukhoi Su-30, reportedly collided in the sky near Morena in Madhya Pradesh while carrying out an air bombing exercise, leading to the crash of both the aircraft. While two pilots of Sukhoi Su-30 managed to eject, the pilot flying Mirage 2000 lost his life after sustaining serious injuries. The deceased pilot has been identified as Wing Commander Hanumanth Rao Sarathi (flying the Mirage 2000). Two other pilots (flying Sukhoi Su-30) were later flown by an IAF helicopter for medical treatment in Gwalior.

Senior officials of the Defence Ministry and IAF have reached the crash site. The sources also said that Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was briefed by the Chief of Air Staff on the incident. The Defence Minister enquired about the well-being of the pilots and is monitoring the developments closely, they added. The officials also confirmed that while the two IAF fighter air-

The IAF deeply regrets to inform that Wg Cdr Hanumanth Rao Sarathi suffered fatal injuries during the accident. All air warriors and the fraternity stand strongly with the bereaved family.

craft crashed in Manpur village of Pahargarh forest area in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior-Chambal region, the major portion of the Sukhoi aircraft was strewn in the neighbouring Pingora area at Bharatpur district in Rajasthan. According to Morena district collector Ankit Asthana, both jets reportedly collided in Morena district's territory but since the ejection of the pilots happened from the Sukhoi aircraft at very

high altitude, both the pilots landed safely in Morena district, while the aircraft glided into the jungles of Bharatpur district of Rajasthan. Sources in Morena district administration told IANS that a team of forensic experts from the IAF had arrived at the spot, which is around 90 km from Morena district headquarters,

and started a probe on the site. The IAF in an official communication later said an inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the accident of the two jets, which had taken off on Saturday morning from the IAF's Maharajpura airbase in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh on a routine operational flying training mission.



'DEADLY FOR DEMOCRACY'

FALI NARIMAN SLAMS LAW MINISTER'S REMARKS AGAINST COLLEGIUM SYSTEM

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Amid the ongoing row between the Centre and the judiciary over judges appointment, former Supreme Court Judge Rohinton Fali Nariman, speaking at a public event, slammed Law Minister Kiren Rijju for his "diatribe" against the collegium system for appointment of judges. On Centre sitting on candidates recommended by the collegium for judgeship, Justice Nariman termed it "deadly for democracy". "This sitting on names is a very deadly thing which is against the democracy of this country. Because what you are merely doing is you are waiting for a particular collegium and hoping that

the next collegium changes its mind." Nariman was part of the Supreme Court collegium till he retired in August 2021. He also suggested a 30-day deadline for the government to respond to the recommendations made by the collegium. Nariman also called for the formation of a special five-judge bench, and a judgment should be passed that when collegium sends a name to the government, and if there is nothing comes the government within a period of 30 days, then it will be taken as it has nothing to say. Nariman was speaking on Friday at the Mumbai University while delivering the seventh Chief Justice M.C. Chagla Memorial Lecture.

Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhavan renamed as Amrit Udyan



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The gardens at the President's official home, Rashtrapati Bhavan, have been given a common name as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations. The old road sign that said "Mughal Gardens" was removed and taken away in a bulldozer. "On the occasion of the celebrations of 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the President of India has given a common name to the Rashtrapati Bhavan gardens as Amrit Udyan," Deputy Press Secretary to the President Navika Gupta said.

Spread over 15 acre, Amrit Udyan has often been portrayed as the soul of the presidential palace. Amrit Udyan draws its inspiration from the Mughal Gardens in Jammu and Kashmir, the gardens around the Taj Mahal and even miniature paintings of India and Persia, according to the Rashtrapati Bhavan's website. "The Amrit Udyan had up till now been opened for the public only during the annual festival, Udyan Utsav, held in the months of February-March. But the gardens, which forms the third circuit of the Rashtrapati Bhavan tour, will now be open for the public from August till March," the Rashtrapati Bhavan's website says.

LIFT LIQUOR BAN IN BIHAR TO ATTRACT FOREIGN TOURISTS: JITAN RAM MANJHI

Patna: Former Bihar Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi on Saturday demanded lifting of liquor ban in the state as it is "impacting" foreign tourists' arrival and foreign exchange earnings. He asked Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav to talk to CM Nitish Kumar and get the ban removed. Manjhi, while addressing a gathering during Budha Mahotsava in Bodh Gaya, claimed that Bihar is losing huge amounts of foreign exchange earnings due to liquor ban. "Despite it being an international tourist place, the foreigners do not spend more than 2-3 hours in Bodh Gaya. They come to Bodh Gaya and Gaya, visit important places and return to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh or Hazaribagh in Jharkhand," Manjhi said. "I request Tejashwi to talk to the chief minister and restart the liquor operation in the state. If we want the foreign tourists to stay longer and spend more here, their meals and drinks will have to be taken care of. If liquor is restarted, their arrival will surely increase tenfold," Manjhi said.

MINOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ASSAM RIFLES, NSCN-IM IN NAGALAND

Guwahati | Agencies

A minor confrontation occurred between Assam Rifles troops and cadres of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim-Isak Muivah (NSCN-IM) in Nagaland's Peren district, according to army sources. The sources revealed that multiple domination patrols of the Assam Rifles were out for durations varying from 72 hours to 96 hours in the run-up to Republic Day. One such patrol team, while returning after completing assigned tasks, took an administrative break at at Ntangi National Park in Peren at around 4 p.m. on Friday evening. At that time, the Assam Rifles patrolling team observed that NSCN-IM cadres were also moving on the same path, and the two parties had a minor confrontation there. The NSCN-IM had signed a ceasefire agreement with the Central government 1997 that ended decades of insurgency in Nagaland that began shortly after India's



independence in 1947. The agreement was extended last year. The sources mentioned that the Assam Rifles followed the ground rules of the agreement and ensured that the incident did not escalate. The patrol team leader decided to disengage the troops. The whole incident did not last more than 40 minutes. On August 3, 2015, the Centre had also inked a framework deal with the influential Naga faction after more than 80 rounds of talks between the two sides. The NSCN-IM is still insistent that the Naga people have a separate flag and constitution, hence the ultimate resolution in talks is yet to be materialised.

SIX KILLED IN FIRE AT HOSPITAL IN JHARKHAND

Dhanbad: Six people, including two doctors, died after a fire broke out in Hazra hospital in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district on Saturday. When the fire department got the information, six fire tenders were pressed into service to put out the fire. The fire, which broke out at 02.30 a.m. at the second floor and soon spread to the entire hospital, could be brought under control by 10.00 a.m. Dr Prema, Dr Vikas Hazra and four employees of the hospital who were sleeping in the residential complex of the medical facility on the second floor died. On the basis of situation at the spot, it is being said that Dr Vikas used water and tub from the washroom but in vain. The firefighters rescued nine people, who were being treated at the hospital, and rushed them to Patliputra Nursing Home. The cause of the blaze is said to be short circuit. A fire official said the hospital did not have adequate arrangement for putting out the blaze and even anti-fire machine was also not operational. IMA's state President A.K. Singh and district unit chief Major Chandan expressed grief over the tragedy.

'NHSRCL's new tendering norms may weaken competition in Bullet Train project'

- The National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has been leasing out work for constructing fast-track railway projects. These are specialised works and supposedly have huge value.
- According to an industry insider, the NHSRCL has laid out some fresh clauses for the bidders to follow for C2 package.
- The infrastructure players fear the new norms may weaken the competition in bidding. According to a source, this apprehension is causing worry among interested infra companies.
- A source on Friday said that various industry insiders termed the new clauses "arbitrary" and something which would lead to a significant rise in the overall cost of the project in a longer period.
- They also pointed out the deliverability aspects of the project, since many large companies find themselves in a fix following the new clauses. These clauses were not there while bidding for the C1 package.

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The introduction of fresh clauses in the tendering process for the C2 package of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed train project does not seem to be going down well with the major infra players who are placing the bids for the prestigious project, sources in the know of things said. One of the clauses says that the bidders "should have neither obtained any debt restructuring nor should have applied for any debt in the last three years to the date of bid submission". This has now become one of the major issues that is concerning the industry as most of these high value infra projects and companies do substantially operate on loans and debts and hence, this new clause is making a host of contractors uneasy, various



industry sources indicated. This clause was not there during the tendering process of C1 package, which essentially allowed the party that had obtained any debt restructuring in the previous three years to the bid for the same. In such cases, the bidding party is required to open a dedicated "Trust and Retention account" (T&R account) and submit the list of vendors, suppliers, sub-contractors and other consultants who the bank will make direct payments on the cue of the Contractor, preventing the contractor from diverting the

funds for some other work. This has been taken off in the new norms released. As of now, the C1 Package Tender Process is complete and a Joint Venture bidder has already been declared the lowest bidder for quoting a competitive price. The difference between the lowest and the second lowest bid is around Rs 600 crore, as per reports. Now, with the new clauses which make "Trust and Retention" accounts non applicable, even the existing contractors who have won separate packages of the project find themselves in a position where they do not qualify for the tendering process. Thus, the bidders who have already obtained or are in the process of getting debt restructuring shall not be eligible to participate in the bid, bringing down the competition in the whole process.

Refurbishment of 1400 km roads, e-scooters for last-mile connectivity

New Delhi | Agencies

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced two infrastructure-related projects for the city in the coming months that include refurbishment of 1,400 km of roads under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department and e-scooters for last-mile connectivity. He said that the work order will be completed for this project by March 20 and it may start from April 1. He was hopeful that the work will be completed within six months. A massive plantation drive will be carried out on the central verges of the streets as well as empty spaces along side roads. Kejriwal said further that the Delhi government is also planning to introduce e-scooters. Delhi government will pro-



vide 1500 scooters at 250 locations in Dwarka. There will be an integrated ticket system by which one can take the bus, the Metro and also can hire the e-scooter. Sharing more details about the project, Kejriwal said that the rider has to drive the e-scooter himself. The rider can pick up the e-scooter from these 250 locations and also drop off at anywhere of these locations. The e-scooters will come with helmets, can be hired by anyone and will be operational for 60 km with one charge, the CM added.



Madhya Pradesh engulfed by dense fog including Capital

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The effect of cold has increased across the state and people are resorting to bonfire. With rain and dense fog, now Madhya Pradesh is shivering with cold winds. Cold wave is going on in many cities of the state. 20 cities including Bhopal, Jabalpur, Ujjain were under dense fog in the Saturday morning. There was such a dense fog in Jabalpur that nothing was visible after 50 metres. The effect of fog was seen in Bhopal till 9 am.

Datia and Gwalior had the coldest night. The mercury was recorded at 4 degree Celsius in Datia. Meteorologists says that a new system of rain will become active in the state. Due to this, the rainy season

may continue till the first week of February. On Saturday morning, all the districts of Rewa, Shahdol and Chambal division, including Rewa, Singrauli, Sidhi, Satna, Shahdol, Umaria and Anuppur, Bhopal, Panna, Damoh, Chhatarpur, Jabalpur, Katni, Dindori, Balaghat, Narsinghpur, Betul, Ujjain, Shajapur, Sehore were effected. There was 50 meter visibility in Jabalpur. 200 to 500 meters in Ujjain, Balaghat and Malajkhand, 200 meters in Bhopal, 300 meters in Khajuraho, 500 to one thousand meters in Damoh and one thousand meters in Umaria.

Dense fog remained in Bhopal till 9 am. At the same time, the effect of cold was also seen. Due to this the

THE NEW SYSTEM BECAME ACTIVE FROM SATURDAY

As per information, at present the Western Disturbance (WD) is active as a Cyclonic Circulation at lower-middle tropospheric level over North Pakistan/Afghanistan region, while an Induced Cyclonic Circulation is over Punjab and Punjab, India. The trough line is passing through East Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh up to Vidarbha.

children reached the school shivering. With rain, cold winds, now the effect of cold has started increasing again.



Comuters at Link road No. 1 in Bhopal.

Click Time: 0730 hrs

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM HAS BROUGHT A NEW REVOLUTION IN COMMUNICATION - CHIEF MINISTER SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that earlier newspapers and TV were dominant in the media, they had a big role. The social media platforms that came after this have now broken many misconceptions. To show or not to show TV, to print newspapers or not, to become a platform for the general public, social media has brought a new revolution in the information world. Now nothing can be hidden from anyone. Congratulating the experts of the social media platform, the Chief Minister said that they have established our tradition and our religion on the world stage. Those who once opposed Ram are now chanting the name of Ram. Jai is proclaiming Mahakal. Social media has played an important role in bringing about this change. The Chief Minister said that in today's era, social media is indispensable if we want to propagate our ideas. Social media has changed the mindset of the country.

Chief Minister Chouhan inaugurated the two-day social media conclave at Vikram Kirti Mandir in Ujjain



by lighting the lamp. Social media experts from many parts of the country are participating in this Conclave of India Policy.

Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh is setting new records in terms of development. Today is Narmada Jayanti. We have done the work of connecting Narmada - Shipra. Taking it to Gambhir, Kalisindh and Parvati. The irrigation potential of the state used to be 7 lakh hectare, which has now

increased to 45 lakh hectare. By the year 2024, it will increase to 65 lakh hectares. He said that to give a good message for the protection of the environment, he started the tradition of planting saplings daily, which is being followed today. The years are over. The Chief Minister expressed happiness that on this initiative, the citizens of the state have uploaded lakhs of photographs by planting trees on the Ankur portal, giving a very good response. Sapling - About

68 lakh photos of saplings have been uploaded on the portal after 75 days of planting.

Chief Minister said that India is a very ancient nation. In the West, when there was no rise of civilization, then the hymns of the Vedas were composed in our country. We had universities like Taxila and Nalanda functioning here. The land of the country has respected every idea. At present the country is chairing the G - 20 with the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Our tradition has been of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and according to this work is being done by taking the formula of one earth, one future and one family. The Chief Minister said that the United Nations was formed later, before that our sages had given the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam to the world. Chief Minister in the last 15 Referring to the development journey of Madhya Pradesh over the years, he said that every daughter born on the land of the state is born a millionaire. This scheme has made a big change in the number of men and women. Earlier the sex ratio was 912, which has increased to 956 and now it has increased to 978.

CM Chouhan, Kamal Nath express concern over fighter jets crash

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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Congress leader Kamal Nath on Saturday expressed their concern over the incident of two fighter jets crashing in the state's Morena district this morning.

Directing the Morena district administration and police to provide all possible help in the rescue operation, Chief Minister Chouhan said, "The news of the crash of Sukhoi-30 and Mirage-2000 aircraft of the Air Force near Kolaras in Morena, I tweeted. Notably, around 10.30 am, two fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) collided and crashed in Morena during a routine bombing exercise, defence sources said. According to the sources, the Sukhoi-30 MKI had two pilots, while the Mirage had one during the crash that occurred in the bordering area of Morena and Bharatpur (Rajasthan). One fighter jet fell in Bharatpur, the other in Morena. The sources said that the two pilots were safe and taken to a hospital in Gwalior, while an IAF chopper has

been dispatched to the location of the third pilot. The jets had taken took from the Gwalior Air Force Station for the routine bombing exercise. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was briefed by the Chief of Air Staff on the incident. The Defence Minister enquired about the well-being of the pilots and is monitoring the developments closely, the sources said. In a statement, the IAF said that it has established a "Court of Inquiry which will establish whether there was a mid-air collision or not" between the two fighter jets. Locals who witnessed the crash informed the local police after which the Gwalior Air Force Station was notified.

his concern. "Sad news has been received about the crash of Sukhoi-30 and Mirage-2000 aircraft of the Air Force near Kolaras in Morena," he tweeted. Notably, around 10.30 am, two fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) collided and crashed in Morena during a routine bombing exercise, defence sources said. According to the sources, the Sukhoi-30 MKI had two pilots, while the Mirage had one during the crash that occurred in the bordering area of Morena and Bharatpur (Rajasthan). One fighter jet fell in Bharatpur, the other in Morena. The sources said that the two pilots were safe and taken to a hospital in Gwalior, while an IAF chopper has

Congress leader in Jabalpur booked over offensive remarks

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A Congress leader has been booked over his alleged offensive remarks during a public speech in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district, sources said on Saturday.

While addressing the people on Friday, district president of the Congress Nilesh Jain exhorted his supporters to tackle the corrupt with an iron hand. "First request the corrupt against corruption with folded hands, and if they don't listen, then break their hands."

He was booked the same day on the basis of a complaint registered by a Bharatiya Yuva Morcha of Jabalpur. His utterances came a day after the state unit Congress kicked-started its 'Hath Se Hath jodo' campaign, a political march that will cover all 230 Assembly



seats in the state. At the event, Jain said - "Haath jodo, nahi mane to bhrashtachari ke haath todo' (First request the corrupt with folded hands, and if they don't listen, then break their hands)" Rajmani Singh, who is district president of Bharatiya Yuva Morcha of Jabalpur district, lodged a complaint at Shahpura police station. The Congress leader has been charged under two sections, including 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), said police.

FEST LITERARIO TO BE ORGANIZED AT SANT HIRDARAM GIRLS COLLEGE

Bhopal: Literary Committee of Sant Hirdaram Girls College, Bhopal is going to organize one week Literature Festival Fest from 30th January to 4th February. Literario to savour the beauty of literature as it adds to the reality, it does not simply describe it but it enriches the necessary competencies that life requires, this is the message conveyed by Dr. Neha Gupta, Coordinator of the Fest. The Fest includes a plethora of competitions which will unveil the hidden talents of the students and hone their skills further. Various Intra collegiate events will be organized which includes Elocution, Extempore, Speech, Poetry, Debate, Solo-act and Stand-up Comedy and at Intercollegiate level Essay Writing and Debate Competition will be organized in the pious presence of Rev SiddhBhauji, eminent personalities as Jury members, members of the Management, faculty members and students from various prestigious institutions.

Journalist tied to tree, slapped and punched in Narmadapuram

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A 25-year-old journalist was tied to a tree and assaulted with slaps and punches by a group of men over an old argument in a village in Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh, on January 25, police today said. The beating, linked to a trivial argument some weeks ago, was video-recorded by the men, all six of whom have been arrested.

In his complaint, the journalist, Prakash Yadav, who works for a TV and online news outlet, said he was on his way back to his village, Kotgaon, on a motorcycle after making some advertisement bookings from the neighboring Managaon, when a man named Narayan Yadav waylaid him. He allegedly abused Prakash



Yadav over an argument they'd had on January 1. "When I objected, his brother Narendra Yadav and another man named Om Prakash came and joined him, and they assaulted me," the journalist said as per the FIR. A case has been registered under sections related to assault and criminal intimidation.

ISRO SELECTS SISTEC AS ITS NODAL CENTER FOR ONLINE COURSES

Bhopal: Sagar Institute of Science and Technology (SISTec) has been selected by the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Dehradun, Government of India as its nodal center for its online courses. The above selection is under the outreach program of IIRS ISRO. Dr. Arnav Anuj Kasar, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering SISTec has been appointed as the coordinator for the program. The program will comprise online sessions, webinars and live sessions where experts from IIRS-ISRO and institutions will share knowledge along with a theme-oriented online course module. SISTec students of civil engineering will gain knowledge on new emerging streams, geospatial technologies and their applications. The online course will benefit students and faculties with the award of certifications and dissemination of knowledge in the field of remote sensing and GIS in Central India.

Chief Minister Chouhan planted saplings on Narmada Jayanti

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Banyan, Mango and Saptaparni at Smart Udyan (Water Vision Park) located in Shyamala Hills in the presence of citizens on Narmada Jayanti today. Chief Minister had taken a pledge to plant saplings every day by planting saplings at Amarkantak, the origin place of Narmada Maiya from Narmada Jayanti of the year 2021. In a period of about two years, Chouhan has planted more than 2 thousand saplings at different places of the country and state including Bhopal. On the call of Chief Minister, lakhs of citizens of the state have started planting saplings regularly. The work of planting saplings on the occasions of birthdays, marriage anniversaries and in the memory of departed rela-



tives is being done in the entire state. More than 60 lakh saplings have been planted under Ankur Abhiyan. People's participation in tree plantation is continuously increasing.

FIR REGISTERED FOR OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT WORK AND ASSAULTING AN ELECTRICIAN

Bhopal: An FIR has been lodged by the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company against an accused for misbehaving, assaulting and threatening to kill an employee of the power company during official work at Kazi Camp in Chhola zone of Bhopal city, has been registered. Company's Chhola Zone J.P. The work of line improvement was being done near Kazi Camp Wasim Masala DP by the line man Mr. Karan Singh and other staff of the city office. During this, Golu Atmaj Saeed Kati, a resident of Kazi Camp, along with obstructing government work, threatened to misbehave, assault and kill the employees of the electricity company.

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PRIYANKA CHOPRA, NICK JONAS GET MATCHING TATTOOS

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Priyanka Chopra Jonas and her American pop-star husband Nick Jonas have got themselves matching tattoos. Showing her body arts, including one of her late father's handwriting, a map of the world, and three paw prints, the actress explained the special meaning behind the design behind her ear, which is the same as an inking her husband has elsewhere on his body, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"I have a check and a box behind my ears. My husband has them on his arms, because when he proposed, he asked me, that I checked all his boxes, and would I check another one," she said in

a video for British Vogue.

The actress praised Nick - who she married in December 2018, five months after they got engaged - for being a "super thoughtful" husband who has encouraged her to take life more slowly. She gushed: "My husband is super thoughtful. When he's around, everything feels like it will be OK. He's taught me to approach things from a much calmer place. I was a tornado, still am. A mile a minute, bee in a bonnet, kind of person and he's not." While Nick is 10 years his wife's junior, Priyanka - who has 12-month-old daughter Malti with the Jonas Brothers singer - recently gushed about the wisdom of her spouse. She said: "He's a wise man beyond his years ... I get affirmations from him all the time, to remind me of my value when I forget or when I get insecure. He just sees through the fog for me. He sees the best in people."



Los Angeles | Agencies

Madonna shows off her dancing skills while rocking a stylish striped robe in a TikTok clip... after adding dates to her upcoming tour. She has become renowned for showing off her impressive dance moves during various live appearances over the years. Madonna showed off her dancing prowess to nearly 4 million of her followers with a video that was shared to her TikTok account. The hitmaker's clip was posted not long after she announced that she had added several new dates to her upcoming and much-anticipated run of shows, The Celebration Tour. In the clip, Madonna wore a black-and-white robe that covered up much of her frame while she danced for her fans. The hitmaker accessorized with numerous necklaces that gave her look a bit of extra shine. Her brightly dyed orange hair remained free-flowing and cascaded onto her shoulders. Rumors about a confirmation for the new tour began to circulate earlier this month, and Madonna officially announced that she would be taking to the road on the 17th. The Grammy-winning hitmaker wiped many of the images from her Instagram account in favor of sharing promotional shots for her new run of shows. It was revealed that an extra show had been added to the singer's leg of shows in Paris, where she will now play four times. The Celebration Tour is currently scheduled to kick off at the Rogers Arena in Vancouver on July 15. The run of shows will continue through 2023 and it is set to conclude with a performance at the Kia Forum in Inglewood on January 8 of next year.

Madonna shows off her dancing skills on 'TikTok'



CLAIRE FOY MIGHT SKIP OSCARS 2023

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Claire Foy, whose latest movie 'Women Talking', which is directed by writer Sarah Polley is nominated for Best Picture and Best

Adapted Screenplay at the upcoming ceremony, is tempted to skip the event. The British star admitted that she hasn't yet decided which of the cast will be invited to go, but she thinks she should step aside because the event takes place in California on March 13, the same day her and ex-husband Stephen Campbell Moore's daughter Ivy turns eight, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Asked if she is going to the Academy Awards, she said: "I don't know. There are 12 of us in the cast so it depends on who they pick to go with them. It's my child's birthday that day so I probably shouldn't go. Either way I'll have a great time!" Claire initially expected playing a member of the Mennonite community would be "empowering" because she didn't have to be too concerned about her appearance, but ultimately, she and her castmates couldn't wait for filming to end so they could glam up again.

Speaking on 'The Graham Norton Show', she said: "We had no hair and make-up at all and wore polyester dresses so what got us through filming was the thought of a party at the end when we could wear make-up and shave our legs. I thought not worrying about shaving would be a real moment of empowerment but actually it was horrible and reminded me of puberty!"



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Demi Rose

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Singer Harry Styles was left red-faced after suffering a wardrobe malfunction while performing in front of his first celebrity crush Jennifer Aniston. The singer split his trousers right down the middle during his Los Angeles concert on Thursday night, January 26 which was attended by the 'Friends' icon, reports aceshowbiz.com. The awkward incident occurred when he belted out his hit song 'Music for a Sushi Restaurant'. In videos surfacing online, Styles could be seen dropping to his knees before making a shocked face to the crowd as he realised his pants had split. The former One Direction member quickly covered the rip with his hands and managed to see the funny side, apologising to the audience sitting in the front row. "My trousers ripped. I feel I must apologise to a certain few of you right down in the front there. I mean, this is a family show," Harry said.

Addressing one man in particular, he added: "You sir, are you okay? I promise it's not part of the show." The musician was later seen running around the stage before grabbing a pride flag which he used to cover the split by tying it around his waist. Despite so, Jennifer was spotted enjoying the show. Harry's fans quickly flocked to Twitter to poke fun at the superstar singer. "If I were Harry, just thinking

Harry Styles suffers wardrobe malfunction before 'first crush' Jennifer Aniston

about ripping my pants in front of Jennifer Aniston would send me into early retirement," one fan joked. Someone else chimed in: "Harry's pants tore at the same concert as Jennifer Aniston, his crush since he was in puberty." "Harry's first-ever celebrity crush is in the audience tonight and he F**KING RIPPED HIS PANTS in front of her," a third person wrote. Other fans joked about how Harry will be kept awake at night thinking about the incident.





Athiya Shetty shares photos from pre-wedding ceremony

eter K.L. Rahul giving Athiya a hug, though his face is not visible.

The new pictures show Athiya dressed in a shiny beige saree and pink blouse with traditional gold and jewellery.

The first picture shows her smiling, while being surrounded by her female friends. The

second image shows a pre-wedding ceremony in progress featuring Mana Shetty, who is seen performing a puja.

Athiya and Rahul tied the knot on January 23 in Khandala. The intimate affair was attended by their family and close friends.



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Bollywood actress Athiya Shetty treated her fans to some unseen pictures from her pre-wedding cer-

emony dressed in a stunning golden saree with pink blouse and traditional polki jewellery. Athiya took to Instagram to share pictures from one of her pre-wedding ceremonies. A picture also features crick-

Anil Kapoor has an appetite for the current & latest: Tillotama Shome

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Actress Tillotama Shome, who is gearing up for the release of her streaming show 'The Night Manager', has shared an interesting anecdote about actor Anil Kapoor. The actress said that Anil loves to engage with new actors and likes to keep himself updated on trends and current affairs.

Elaborating on the same, Tillotama said: "Anil Kapoor is not just physically youthful but has an appetite to engage with new actors. His curiosity is humbling. He can make you really nervous with the amount of homework he does. And that makes you work harder."

She further mentioned: "Saswata da and I had no scenes in this sadly, but he is the warmest. I had such a wonderful time working with Anand Potdhuke. Our directors Sandeep and Priyanka went above and beyond to keep everyone comfortable."

'The Night Manager', which is a Hindi-language adaptation of John le Carre's eponymous novel, has been produced by The Ink Factory and Banijay Asia, the series is created and directed by Sandeep Modi and second director Priyanka Ghosh.

The show, starring an ensemble cast, will stream on Disney+ Hotstar from February 17.



Archana calls Kartik Aaryan 'bhaiya' while enacting romantic scene

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A romantic scene turned into a comedy moment, when 'Bigg Boss 16' contestant Archana Gautam called Bollywood star Kartik Aaryan, who came on the sets of the show to promote his film 'Shehzada', "bhaiya".

Archana was told by filmmaker-choreographer Farah Khan to enact

a romantic scene with Kartik, but her slip of tongue during the act left everyone bursting into laughter.

Farah said that Archana is making ginger tea in the kitchen with Kartik by her side.

In the promo shared by the channel Colors on Instagram, Archana was seen making tea and Kartik put his arms across her waist.

She then tells him: "Haye chhodo

na mummy dekh legi."

He refuses to let her go and then Archana says: "Kaunse gate se aye ho bhaiya."

Kartik is then seen breaking into laughter as the scene comes to a pause. 'Shehzada' also stars Kriti Sanon. The film is directed by Rohit Dhawan and is set to release ahead of the Valentine's Day on February 10.



RAVEENA TANDON ALL SET FOR AS-YET-UNTITLED OTT SHOW

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After an overwhelming response to her streaming show 'Aranyak', Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon, who reigned in Bollywood in the 1990s and was recently awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour in the country, is set to star in

another OTT show. The makers are keeping the show title and the storyline under the wraps currently. Sharing her excitement, Raveena Tandon, said: "I'm extremely elated to be a part of the show. This show is going to be very special for me as I've always liked to challenge and reinvent myself with every character I've ever played and this show has given me just that, all I can say is, stay tuned for some fun!"

The yet-to-be-titled show will stream on

OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar, with its title and streaming date to be announced soon. Gaurav Banerjee, Head, Content, Disney+ Hotstar & HSM Entertainment Network, and Disney Star, said: "It brings us immense happiness to announce our association with Raveena Tandon. She is and has been a superstar throughout her journey in the Indian Film Industry and together, Disney+ Hotstar and Raveena Tandon will soon bring some magic on the audience screens."

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'Aditya Narayan is my favourite host'

KJo praises host Aditya Narayan, says his mum is a big fan of the show

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Filmmaker Karan Johar shared that his mother and producer Hiroo Johar is a big fan of 'Indian Idol' and praised host Aditya Narayan on the 13th season singing reality show, which will be 'Celebrating Dharma'.

Commending Aditya Narayan for his hosting skills and the talented contestants, Karan said: "Aditya Narayan is my favourite host. Because the thing is, a host's job is to entertain everyone, throw punchlines and introduce everyone. But Aditya is also a great singer and blends so well with everyone on this show. He is the perfect blend!"

"And I have to say the thirteenth season of Indian Idol is an exception-

al one. If we have a Rishi, we also have a Chirag, if there is Debosmita there is Senjuti followed by Navdeep, Shivam, Bidipta and Sonakshi as well."

Talking about how his mother is a big fan of the show, he shared: "My mother watches Indian Idol - Season 13 every weekend, and whenever she comes across an exceptional performance, she asks me to watch it on social media. While Indian Idol is my favourite show and I do watch it but in case I miss it, I ensure I catch the performance on social media."

The 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' director also praised Sony Entertainment Television, and the show's judges - Vishal Dadlani and Himesh Reshammiya for the way they treat



the talent on the show with the utmost respect and provide constructive feedback that helps them enhance their skill.

He added that the contestants of the show should feel privileged to have two of the most talented musical minds in the industry sitting in front of them.