



KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES INAUGURATED IN MP

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The fifth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) was inaugurated by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the presence of Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur at Tatyia Tope Nagar Stadium on January 30 evening.

The KIYG 2022 will be held at 23 venues in eight cities of the State in which nearly 6,000 athletes will take part in 27 different sports, an official said. For the first time sports like kayaking, canoeing, canoe slalom and fencing will be part of the Khelo India Youth Games.

"The games started from Monday in a glittering manner on the theme 'Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka

Do' for 13 days," Chouhan told reporters. Noted artists including Shaan, Neeti Mohan, Sivamani and Abhilipsa Panda performed at the grand opening event.

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Nisith Pramanik and Madhya Pradesh Youth Welfare and Sports Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia was also presented on the occasion.

The games will be held in eight MP cities- Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur Mandla, Balaghat, and Khargone (Maheshwar) - while one cycling event will be held in Delhi, she said.

A total of 303 international and 1,089 national officials will be part of the games and nearly 2,000 volunteers will be deployed at different sport venues, the official said.

MP LOSES FIRST MATCH IN BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS



Bhopal: The first sporting event of the Khelo India Youth Games 2022, volleyball, began in the indoor hall of the Sports Authority of India on Monday. Players from different states looked their opponents in the eye here. Some won the first match, some lost, but it was the spirit of sports that maintained a positive environment among young athletes. The volleyball players enticed the spectators with strong serves, continuous smashes, and great enthusiasm and impactful cheers.

On the first day, there were four matches in both the men's and women's categories. In the men's category, the matches that were played were among Gujarat v/s Delhi, Tamil Nadu v/s Madhya Pradesh, Haryana v/s Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan v/s Himachal Pradesh. In the women's category, the matches that were scheduled for day 1 were: Haryana vs. Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal vs. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu vs. Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat vs. Kerala. Madhya Pradesh's men's team kicked off with a good start in the first round but lost their rhythm in the second round. They tried to catch up in the third round, but it was too late, and they lost their first match against Tamil Nadu by 3-0. Madhya Pradesh women's team lost by 3-0 against Tamil Nadu.

Indore man's heart flown to Pune for ailing army soldier

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The heart from a 34-year-old brain dead man in Madhya Pradesh's Indore was flown to Pune in a special plane of the Indian Army on Monday to be transplanted to a soldier suffering from a heart ailment, an official said.



Pradeep Aswani, a vegetable trader from Ujjain, sustained a serious head injury in a road accident on the night of January 20 and was admitted to a private hospital in Indore for treatment, the official from Indore Society for Organ Donation said. Aswani's condition did not improve and the doctors declared him brain dead, he said. The man's grief-stricken family agreed to donate his organs, following which surgeons retrieved his heart, liver, kidneys and eyes, the official said. Talking to Reporter, Indore's Divisional Commissioner (Revenue) Dr

Pawan Kumar Sharma said that a team of Army doctors took the heart harvested from Aswani's body to Pune in a special plane and the organ will be transplanted to the soldier. Aswani's elder sister Neelam Khushlani said, "It is a matter of great pride for our family that my late brother's heart is going to be transplanted to a soldier. I feel that (after the heart transplant) my brother will live as a soldier and serve the country."

Meanwhile, Aswani's kidneys, liver and eyes will be

transplanted to needy patients in local hospitals, said Sandipan Arya, a volunteer of "Muskan Group", an organisation associated with the Indore Society for Organ Donation. According to eye-witnesses, Aswani's body was sent for last rites from a private hospital in the city.

Personnel from the Madhya Pradesh police sounded the bugle as a tribute to Aswani in the presence of local Lok Sabha MP Shankar Lalwani and doctors.

2 ARRESTED FOR PROTESTING AGAINST THE FILM IN INDORE

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Police have taken strict actions against the people on Monday who protested against the film Pathan in Indore city, objectionable slogans were raised by some people on January 25, Wednesday at Badwadi police station area of Sadar Bazar. Police have registered two separate cases under section 295 A, 153 A, 505, 34 of Indian Penal Code (IPC). Inflammatory and objectionable slogans were raised and a video of other people's provocative speech had also gone viral. While taking action in the case two accused were arrested and detained in jail. Earlier, police arrested four other accused who raised objectionable slogans and protested and sent them to jail.



According to the information, the Sadar Bazar police identified the other two accused on the basis of the viral video and arrested them. The accused are identified as Uvesh Avesh Ahmed and Tausif. Investigation in the case is going on by the police, on the basis of which advance legal action will be taken. Every activity of social media is being closely monitored by the police.

MP Assembly's month-long budget session to begin from Feb 27

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The budget session (2023-2024) of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly will begin from February 27, State Home Minister Narottam Mishra, who is also the state's Parliamentary Affairs Minister, said on Monday.

It would be month-long session, which would conclude on March 27. The preparation including receiving of questions from the legislators will begin with announcement of the beginning of the session.

According to the Madhya Pradesh Assembly secretary, there will be a total of 13 sittings during the 29-day budget session, which would be the 14th of the current Assembly.

Before the presentation of



the state budget for the fiscal 2023-24, various issues of public welfare will be discussed during the month-long session, Mishra, who is also spokesperson of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government, said.

As the assembly polls in the state are scheduled to be

held at the end of this year, the ruling BJP is most likely to announce several projects and public beneficiary schemes to woo the voters.

On the other hand, the opposition Congress will corner the BJP government on all fronts.

BJP govt in MP begins administrative surgery ahead of Assembly polls

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With around eight months left to the state legislative elections, the BJP-led Madhya Pradesh government has started an administrative surgery.

In a notification issued by Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains late on Sunday, as many as 11 IAS officers, of them seven district collectors, have been transferred.

The transfer list issued two days before the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is scheduled to chair a high-level meeting with IAS and IPS officers in the state.

Gwalior collector Kaushlendra Singh has been shifted to Bhopal after being appointed as Additional Chief Secretary of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Akshya Kumar Singh, 2010 batch IAS, who was serving as district collector of Shivpuri,



has been appointed as new district collector of Gwalior.

Ravindra Kumar Choudhary (2011 batch IAS) will be the new district collector of Shivpuri, while Khargone collector Kumar Purusottam (2012

will be new collector of Ujjain. Notably, Kumar Purusottam was appointed Khargone collector following a communal riot in April last year. Shivraj Singh Verma (2012 batch IAS) district collector of Barwani will be

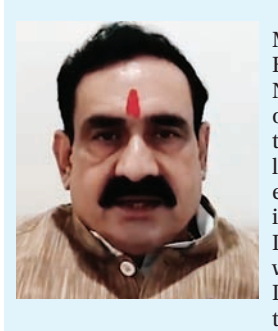
replacing Kumar Purusottam.

Dr. Phatting Rahul Haridas (2012), who has been serving as collector of Shivni district, will replace Shivraj Singh Verma. Similarly, Sonia Meena, collector of Anuppur has been shifted to Bhopal and has been appointed as Additional Chief Secretary in Madhya Pradesh government.

Jabalpur Municipal Commissioner Ashish Vashishtha (2014 batch IAS) will be new collector of Anuppur district, while Kshit Singhhal (2014 batch IAS), who has been serving as the CEO in Sagar Zila Panchayat, has been appointed as the new district collector of Shivni.

Sources said that a major reshuffle of IPS officers, including Police Commissioner Bhopal and Indore, is likely to be announced soon. The names of SP to IG rank officers are also likely to be included in the upcoming transfer list.

ARRESTED LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATED WITH PFI: MP HOME MINISTER



Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra on Monday said that the female law student arrested for alleged impersonation in Indore, had links with banned Islamic organisation - Popular

Front of India (PFI).

Briefing the media, minister Mishra said that during interrogation, Sonu Mansoori confessed that she was working for PFI and some other banned organisations. Mansoori was providing information to the banned Islamic outfits, he added.

"She has confessed to her involvement with PFI during the police questioning. It is a serious issue involving an attempt to disrupt peace and harmony of Madhya Pradesh, so it deserves no leniency. Indore police are trying to track some other persons also suspected of impersonation. Tough action would be taken against those involved in such activities," the minister said. Mansoori's arrest came during a hearing in a district court room in Indore.

A complaint from the bar council said that a woman was trying to record court proceedings on her phone while posing as an advocate. She was identified by one of the lawyers but on being asked about her identity, she could not give satisfactory answers. "It was later found that she was a law student and was posing as an advocate to be a part of court proceedings. We also recovered Rs 1.5 lakh in cash from her," Rajesh Raghuwanshi, additional DCP said on Sunday.

Katni's mayor Preeti Suri joins BJP, again



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In a major political development ahead of Assembly elections due in November, Katni's mayor Preeti Suri, who won as an independent candidate, joined BJP in presence of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, state BJP president VD Sharma, home minister Dr Narottam Mishra and ex-minister Sanjay Pathak in Bhopal on Monday. Apart from this, district panchayat member Amit Rai and three independent corporators from Katni - Suman Makija, Dr Ramesh Soni and Khushbu - also joined BJP in addition to Nivari district panchayat president Saroj Rai.

The chief minister welcomed them. Praising the decision of Preeti Suri, he said she returned to BJP to serve people in a better manner.

VD Sharma said Preeti Suri was a member of BJP earlier but fought mayoral election as an independent candidate and won. But she always had a longing for ruling party. Political pundits believe that by winning hearts of rebels, BJP was trying to cement its position in Katni Assembly constituency.

Sources said former minister Sanjay Pathak played an important role in drawing independent leaders to BJP fold.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has raised another question before state Congress president Kamal Nath that why the latter fail to fulfill promised made in Congress election manifesto like starting Krishak Kanya Vivah Scheme. Chouhan said Nath was avoiding answers to his questions.

It's raining in Bhopal Malhargarh records 3 cm rain

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Clouds loomed across the sky in Bhopal on Monday while the weather remained chilly. The meteorological department has forecast occurrence of light rain accompanied by thunder in many districts in next 48 hours. On Monday, Bhopal recorded a minimum temperature of 15 degrees Celsius, which was 3.5 degrees above normal.

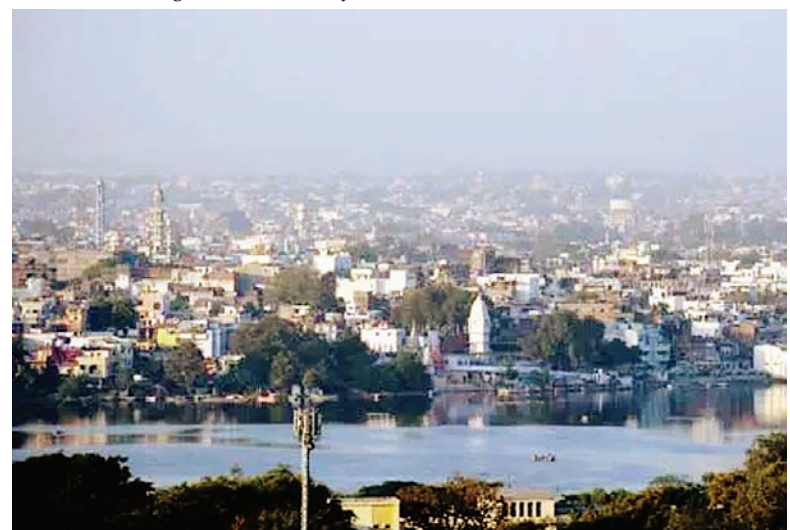
The meteorological

department has forecast fall in temperatures by two to three degrees in next 48 hours. Meanwhile, showers are likely to occur at isolated places in Gwalior and Chambal divisions and districts like Vidisha, Raisen, Rajgarh, Betul, Dhar, Indore, Ratlam, Ujjain, Dewas, Shajapur, Neemuch, Mandsaur, Umaria, Dindori, Katni, Damoh, Sagar, Chhattarpur, Tikamgarh and Niwari.

Rain will be accompanied by thunder in

Gwalior, Chambal divisions and districts including Vidisha, Rajgarh, Neemuch, Mandsaur, Damoh, Sagar, Chhattarpur, Niwari.

In last 24 hours, rainfall occurred in Chambal, Gwalior and Ujjain divisions. About 3 cm rain was recorded in Malhargarh (Mandsaur district) followed by 2 cm rainfall each in Karhal, Bhanpura, Vijaypur, Manasa, Neemach, Jawad, Mandsaur, Alipur, Kailaras recorded 1 cm rainfall each.



217 DIAMONDS OF DIFFERENT SIZES TO BE AUCTIONED IN PANNA



Panna: The auction of approximately 217 diamonds (Gem, Off Colour and Industrial Diamonds) weighing about 367.03 carats and amounting around Rs 39,61,297 will commence in Panna from February 21. Besides this, a large number of small and medium size diamonds weighing from a few cents to carats will also be kept for auction. These diamonds were recovered from shallow diamond mines of Panna. Panna collector, Sanjay Kumar Mishra will conduct the diamond auction. Out of 217 diamonds, five diamonds are of Gem quality weighing 11.88 carats, 9.64 carats, 6.44 carats, 6.29 carats and 5.70 carats.

These diamonds have been found by people who took 'patta' or a land deed of a diamond mine form the government. Now all such people are waiting with bated breath for the auction day as after the auction, the diamonds they have found would fetch them large sum of money.



'I HAVE NEVER FELT BETTER'

Britney Spears denies breakdown, says she's 'never felt better'

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Pop icon Britney Spears has made her return to Instagram just a week after removing her page and telling her fans she's 'never felt better'.

The singer concerned fans with a number of posts lately, leading one to call police with fears for the star's well-being, reports Mirror.co.uk.

In a lengthy post alongside an image of a pink rose, the star wrote: "Since everyone thinks they know my story. Think again. A mere side of any given Sunday doesn't show worship placing someone's story out there it's a day of WEL-COMING a not a righteous reply. It is what it is a nope I'm not having a breakdown and I am who I am and moving forward in my life. I have never felt better."

She went on to say she's enjoying being able to "volumise my voice in a world where I lost my rights a for 15 years."

She explained that if those taking aim at her were able to walk in her shoes, they might understand how she is feeling. Britney continued: "Still learning this no rules thing a I don't think so limited a I feel younger and in awe a unfortunately I'm boring as hell and drink hot chocolate at night. I've waited nearly 15 years to drink alcohol only to realise I hate it!!! It makes me sad and I feel bloated, although food tastes better."

She then exclaimed she would "rather show my a**" than sit down, before concluding: "PS yes I took my Instagram down and now its back up because I can!!!!"



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Actress Pamela Anderson said that the late Playboy founder Hugh Hefner is the only man to treat her with "complete and utter respect."

The 'Baywatch' star has revealed how the late Playboy founder's invitation to feature on the cover of his magazine helped her reclaim her sexuality, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Asked if anyone "has ever treated her with complete and utter respect", Pamela told the Sunday Times newspaper: "Hugh Hefner." She recalled: "I was painfully shy, and I hated that feeling. That's why I did it. I just didn't want that feeling anymore. Doing that first photoshoot gave me this little kind of portal on what it felt like to be a sensual woman. My sexuality was mine. I took my power back."

The actress has penned a new memoir 'Love, Pamela' and revealed that she gained 25 pounds in the process of writing the book.

Pamela, whose story is also told in the new Netflix Documentary 'Pamela, a Love Story', said: "I went through kind of a crazy time writing the book. I started writing my book and I put on like 25 pounds. Crazy! I look back at it and I see how it was the book process because as I wrote my book, I didn't change too much."

"I mean, I was drinking earlier with the husband and stuff but I lost it all at the end of my book. It was crazy, it was crazy! I had a physical reaction to telling my story. It was almost like I was hanging on to something. It was a protective, my puffy suit of armour." "I don't know what it was - I was thinking it was some kind of protection. It wasn't like I was eating any different, I'm vegan, I eat nuts and berries, you know, I don't eat a lot. But my body was changing!"

Hugh Hefner is the only man to treat me with respect: Pamela Anderson



'Unexpected and delightful'

JAMIE LEE CURTIS CELEBRATED HER FIRST OSCAR NOMINATION WITH CATE BLANCHETT & A CAKE!

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Actress Jamie Lee Curtis "had a cake" with her fellow nominee Cate Blanchett to celebrate the first Oscar nomination of her career.

The actress has earned her first Academy Award nod for Best Supporting Actress for her role in 'Everything Everywhere All at Once' and discussed her celebration with her fellow nominee and 'Borderlands' co-star Cate Blanchett, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Lee Curtis noted that her best friend, the Oscar-winning film and TV producer Debbie Oppenheimer, came over in the

early hours of the morning to watch the nominations being revealed with her husband Christopher Guest.

She told People: "It was a shocking morning. Unexpected and delightful."

"And then I went to work on the re-shoots for 'Borderlands' with Cate Blanchett, and she had been nominated that morning, as (had) our sound designer. So, we had a cake, and it was celebratory, but then we worked."

Lee Curtis said: "It is the thrill of my life, professionally. It is, because it never was something I thought would ever happen."

Despite her Oscar's recognition, the star has revealed that she

doesn't

obsess about winning awards and had developed a philosophical attitude towards the glitzy ceremonies.

She explained: "Life is short and precious and we're in a profession that celebrates art, a time when we're out of COVID and we're back together and if we're not celebrating this moment right now, what are we doing?"

"It's out of your control. At the end, win or lose, it doesn't matter. We're here celebrating the arts."

OSCAR-NOMINATED ACTOR JAMES MARTIN RETURNS TO HIS DAY JOB AT COFFEE SHOP

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Oscar-nominated actor James Martin said that he is returning to his day job after starring in 'An Irish Goodbye'. The star has Down's syndrome, worked at Starbucks in Belfast before starring in the short film, reports mirror.co.uk. He said that he "helps out all the customers" and that he's been "doing that a long time."

"It's nice," he explained. James played one of two brothers who are brought together by their mother's death. The film is nominated in the Best Short Film category at the Oscars. He also worked as a chef in the Italian restaurant Scalini's. "I can make garlic bread, meatballs, salads and mussels, chips and stuff like that," he added. The actor discussed acting with Down's syndrome and said "anybody can act" and it "doesn't matter if you have Down's syndrome." "Take Stephen Hawking [who had motor neurone disease] in the Simpsons," he explained. "He was a fantastic actor, he knew what he was doing but you just have to treat him like an adult. I always say to people never judge a book by its cover." James is also known for his role in the show 'Ups And Downs'.

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'Avatar 2' crosses \$2.11 bn globally

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James Cameron's film blockbuster sequel 'Avatar: The Way of Water' added \$15.7 million from 3,600 North American theatres between Friday and Sunday, enough to claim the No. 1 spot for the seventh consecutive weekend. So far, 'Avatar 2' has generated \$620 million at the domestic box office and \$2.117 billion globally.

It passed 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' (\$2.071 billion) to become the fourth-highest grossing movie in history. Now, 'The Way of Water' ranks behind only 'Avatar' (\$2.92 billion), 'Avengers: Endgame' (\$2.7 billion) and 'Titanic' (\$2.19 billion) in terms of worldwide ticket sales. Cameron has directed three of those four releases, putting the filmmaker in unmatched company, reports Variety. Elsewhere at the box office, only one new movie

- Neon's disturbing sci-fi thriller 'Infinity Pool' opened in theatres nationwide. The R-rated film, from director Brandon Cronenberg (son of genre legend David Cronenberg), debuted to muted results, generating \$2.7 million from 1,835 cinemas. Alexander Skarsgard and Cleopatra Coleman star in 'Infinity Pool' as vacationers at a wealthy tropical island. But when a mysterious woman (played by Mia Goth) convinces the couple to venture away from the resort, they suffer a tragic accident that pushes them into a world of consequence-free violence. What unfolds next is the kind of stomach-squelching horror that makes the film's mediocre 'C.' CinemaScore unsurprising, even though critics dug 'Infinity Pool'.



One Direction member Harry Styles to perform at 2023 Grammy Awards

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Former One Direction member Harry Styles will perform at the 65th annual Grammy Awards on February 5. It was announced during the AFC Championship game on Sunday evening, reports 'Variety'.

Styles joins previously announced performers Bad Bunny, Mary J. Blige, Brandi Carlile, Luke Combs, Steve Lacy, Lizzo, Kim Petras, and Sam

Smith. He's finishing up the months-long North American leg of his 'Love on Tour' just three nights before the Grammys in Palm Springs, Calif, and will resume it less than three weeks later in Perth, Australia.

Beyonce leads the 2023 Grammy nominees with nine nods. Kendrick Lamar is close behind with eight, and Adele and Carlile are tied with seven.

Four contenders enter the race with six nominations apiece: Future, Harry Styles, Blige, DJ Khaled and Randy Merrill. Beyonce, Adele, Styles, Lamar and Lizzo being the five contenders who were each nominated in the top three all-genre categories: record, album and song of the year. Less expectedly, Blige and ABBA are both up for record of the year and album of the year.

The very hot Steve Lacy also landed in two top categories, being put into contention for both record and song for the recently chart-topping "Bad Habit."



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Maya Jama



WALKING ON THE SETS OF THE SERIES GIVES ME A SENSE OF EMPOWERMENT: SUSHMITA SEN

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Bollywood actress Sushmita Sen, who has cultivated a loyal fan following with her webseries 'Aarya', feels that the show has become synonymous with her name. The third season of the show started its shoot on Monday and the actress can't be more excited. Talking about the same, Sushmita said: "'Aarya' is synonymous with my name. I have lived as Aarya for two whole seasons and the love received by the audiences has only encouraged me to do more. Walking on the sets of Aarya Season 3 makes me feel at home and gives me a sense of empowerment."

The International Emmy-nominated show follows the story of the titular character of an independent woman who seeks to protect her family and joins a mafia gang in order to get revenge for her husband's murder.

The director of the show, Ram Madhvani said: "Getting to and commencing Season 3 of 'Aarya' is too special for me and my team. I'm grateful to our audiences who showered the series with so much love and stayed invested in the journey and evolution of Aarya Sareen. I can promise them that they are going to ask for more seasons after this one."

KAREENA'S NEW CHARACTER IS INSPIRED BY KATE WINSLET'S IN 'MARE OF EASTTOWN'

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Bollywood diva Kareena Kapoor Khan is marking a new phase in her glittering career with a brace of films that she terms as "shockingly different." She shared that her character in the upcoming Hansal Mehta film was inspired in part by Hollywood star Kate Winslet's role in 'Mare of Easttown'. She has wrapped a project that was shot in the UK under the working title 'The Buckingham Murders', directed by Hansal Mehta, reports Variety. The diva essays a detective and mother who investigate a murder in a town in Buckinghamshire. "I love 'Mare of Easttown' and when Hansal came to me, I said this is something that I've really been dying to do. So we've molded a little bit on those lines, she plays a detective cop in that," she told Variety. "It's the first time that I've dabbled in that." "I speak fluently in Hindi and I think also in Hindi because that's been what I've been doing all my life," Kapoor Khan said. "When you're thinking in Hindi, but speaking in English, it was actually a difficult task to do because it was the reverse situation for the first time." The project, produced by Ektaa Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms and Mahana Film also marks Kareena's debut as a producer. "I never really thought that I would be a producer. But when I heard this subject, and the fact that it's very different to a regular Hindi movie, it's a very different take to things. So I thought that will be really nice and different," Kapoor said. "And when Ektaa and Hansal told me that 'since you love the script so much, why don't you come on board as a creative producer as well, and take some calls as to what you think also and give your name to it' - after much thought, I thought that if I love something so much, and this is a character that I wanted to play, I think it's fun to do it. It's the first time. I don't know if I'll repeatedly do it. But let's see."

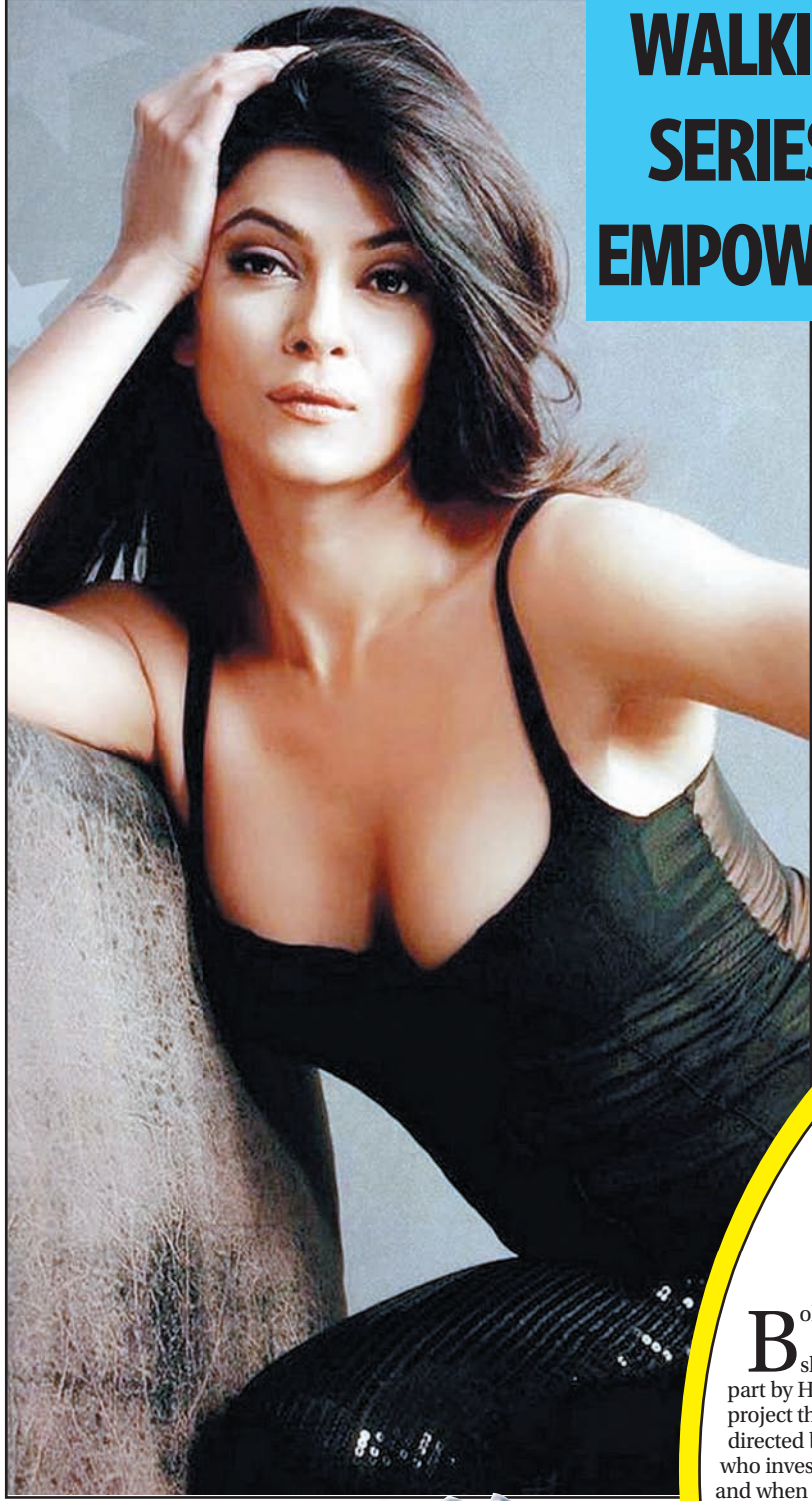
ARJUN KAPOOR REVEALS REASON BEHIND SIGNING UP FOR THE TV SERIES

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Bollywood actor Arjun Kapoor, who was recently seen in a cameo appearance in the web-series 'Cinema Marte Dum Tak', said that he became a part of the project because he wanted to add value by being a platform where the pulp filmmakers could talk freely. The actor said: "My role in the series is of a cameo or a special appearance. I wanted to add value by being a platform where these filmmakers could talk freely. I was just happy to be a part of this moment for them, which was celebrating them and getting their due." The docu-series sheds light on the pulp film industry of India which works under a lot of resource constraints. Considered to be a cottage style filmmaking industry, the series focuses on showing what and who contributed to the 90s Pulp Cinema, a genre of content that had strong and loyal fan following in its heydays.

It features celebrated pulp filmmakers like Dilip Gulati, J. Neelam, Kishan Shah and Vinod Talwar, who were some of the then successful names of the industry.

Arjun further said: "Prime Video gave them a platform which was not intended to make fun of. They are not trying to make it tacky, but are highlighting the people who have had this journey. I was very happy to be a part of this environment where they could tell their side of the story."



ADITYA ROY KAPUR DID RIGOROUS HOMEWORK FOR HIS WEB SERIES

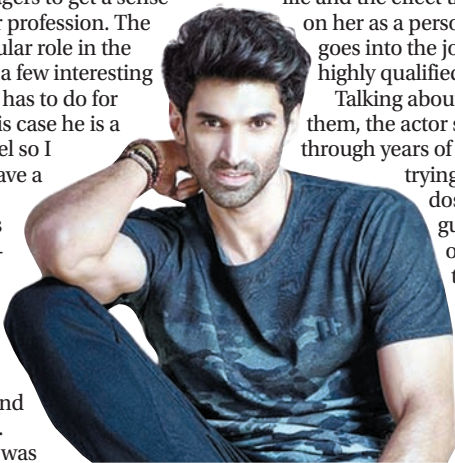
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Bollywood actor Aditya Roy Kapur, who is gearing up for the release of his web-series 'The Night Manager', spent time with actual night managers to get a sense of their world and their profession. The actor, who plays the titular role in the series, said: "There are a few interesting and unique things one has to do for every role. I think in this case he is a night manager at a hotel so I think every time you have a profession that is very specific, one of the joys of being an actor is getting to research these different professions and try and meet people in those professions to understand what goes on in front and also behind the scenes. Part of the prep for me was

meeting them."

Walking down the memory lane, he further mentioned: "I actually went and met a night manager. I spent a couple of days with her, interviewed her and quizzed her about her life and the effect that the profession had on her as a person to understand what goes into the job. You know, it's a highly qualified profession."

Talking about what he imbibed from them, the actor said: "You have to go through years of training for it, so I was trying to understand basic dos and don'ts, body language, tonality. I think one big part of playing the night manager was getting that aspect of it right. So that kind of looked convincing on camera when I was portraying myself as a manager, which was very interesting."



Jubin Nautiyal says his new song with Payal Dev is special

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Playback singers Jubin Nautiyal and Payal Dev have teamed up once again for a love song, which he said is special because it is animated. The music video of the song features vector animation of Jubin and Payal's sketches. The caricature rendition of both of them has been conceptualised by digital creator Pixoury.

Jubin said: "This is one of its kind music video, as it is specially animated by Hrishiraj, professionally known as Pixoury and I must say it has come out to be beautiful. Needless to say, it's always a pleasure collaborating with Payal Dev. We've worked so often together that we understand the melodies and synchronisations every time we are recording. We hope audiences shower this one with as much love as they have our previous collaborations." Singer-composer Payal Dev said: "Pyaar Hona Na Tha' is a simple but very deep and powerful love song. Kunaal Vermaa has penned some beautiful lyrics and Jubin Nautiyal as always has sung it fantastically."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Bhumi Pednekar