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H3N2 VIRUS: HEALTH EXPERTS CALL FOR MASKS, BETTER HYGIENE & FLU SHOT

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- ▶ ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR), THERE HAS BEEN A COMBINATION OF RESPI-RATORY VIRUSES RANGING FROM COVID-19 VIRUS, SWINE FLU (HINI), H3N2, AND THE SEASONAL VICTORIA AND YAMAGATA LINEAG-ES OF INFLUENZA B VIRUSES IN CIRCULATION.
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- **SOME OF THE MOST COMMON** SYMPTOMS INCLUDE PROLONGED FEVER, COUGH, RUNNING NOSE, & **BODY PAIN. BUT IN SEVERE CASES** PEOPLE MAY ALSO EXPERIENCE **BREATHLESSNESS AND/OR** WHEEZING.

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ven as India is seeing a spurt in Influenza cases, caused by H3N2 virus, health experts on Monday have suggested people to take precautionary measures such as use of masks, better hand hygiene, as well as an annual flu shot.

A total of 3,038 lab-confirmed cases of various subtypes of influenza including H3N2 have been reported till March 9 by the states, as per the latest data available on IDSP-IHIP



(Integrated Health Information Platform). This includes 1,245 cases in January, 1,307 in February, and 486

cases till March 9. "In my opinion, for the time being the government can again make masks mandatory at least in highly vulnerable zones like public transports, hospitals, airports, railway stations and other public conveyances. People should avoid visiting crowded places, or wear a mask whenever in public," Dr. Sunil Sekri, Associate Consultant - Internal Medicine, Max hospital, Gurugram, told reporter.

Meanwhile, the Covid infection has also reported a spike after four months as 524 daily Covid cases were reported on Sunday.

"For the last three years we have learned how respiratory infections can be prevented. Because the infec-

Masking is important particularly for those who are both with comorbidities and the family members of those who are having such kind of people at their home.

Dr. Iswar Gilada, An infectious disease expert

tions go out and come in from the nose and mouth, you need to cover this area and that is masking. Proper masks are needed, particularly when you are in crowded places," said Dr. Iswar Gilada, an infectious disease expert.The experts also suggested people to wash their hands before eating or utilising any public transit with soap or sanitiser to minimise the risk of infection.

Another thing is flu shots, that need to be taken annually to help boost immunity. It is because, "a vaccine that you took last year might not necessarily cover the influenza virus that's going to come next year or the year after. It will give you some baseline protection but it may not give you the best protection", Dr. Jayadevan told reporter. Meanwhile the experts also stated that antibiotics should be

The respiratory virus "spreads through droplets, so which means that the secretions can spread from person to person, and most people touch their nose and mouth at some point, or those secretions can remain on the fingers and when they shake hands with other people."

Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, Co-Chairman, IMA's National Covid-19 Task Force

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> Dr. Sunil Sekri, Max hospital, Gurugram

avoided in treating the flu as it works only against bacteria and not viruses. "Antibiotics are not effective

against viral infections like influenza or Covid-19. Antibiotics are designed to target and kill bacteria, not viruses. In some cases, antibiotics may be prescribed if a bacterial infection is suspected or if there is a secondary bacterial infection, such as pneumonia, that develops as a result of a viral illness," Dr Laxman Jessani, Consultant, Infectious Diseases, Apollo Hospitals, Navi Mumbai, told reporter."However, it is important to use antibiotics judiciously and only

when they are truly necessary to help prevent the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria," Jessani added.

Oscars 2023: 'Naatu Naatu' wins Best Original Song



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Taatu Naatu' picturised on Ram Charan and NTR Jr from the film 'RRR' made India proud again as it won the Best Original Song at the 95th Academy Awards.

Leaving behind names such as Lady Gaga, Diane Warren and Rihanna, 'Naatu Naatu' made history after contending against songs such as 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman', 'Hold My Hand' from Top Gun: Maverick', 'Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'This Is a Life' from 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'.

Music composer M.M. Keeravaani said on receiving the honour: "Thank you Academy. I grew up listening to The Carpenters... and here I am at the Oscars. There was only one wish on my mind... So was Rajamouli's and my family... 'RRR', pride of every Indian. Thank you.

'Naatu Naatu' has already won a Golden Globe and a Critics Choice Award this year.

'The Elephant Whisperers': **Best Documentary Short Film**

Los Angeles: India's short documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers' has brought home an Oscar in the Best Documentary Short Film category at the 95th Oscar Awards. The award was presented by Pedro Pascal. 'The Elephant Whisperers' was competing in the category alongside 'Haulout', 'How Do You Measure a Year?', 'The Martha Mitchell Effect' and 'Stranger at the Gate'.

The documentary was received by the director Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga. Kartiki talked about the film and said it is for coexistence and thanked the Academy Awards for recognising their work. The 'Elephant Whisperers' marks Kartiki Gonsalves' directorial debut. The documentary is about the bond that develops between a couple and an orphaned baby elephant, Raghu, who was entrusted to their care.





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GOVT DEMANDS APOLOGY FROM RAHUL AS CONGRESS OBJECTS

Team Absolute New Delhi eader of the House in Rajya Sabha Piyush **d**Goyal on Monday demanded an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on his statement in

Goyal said that his statement has brought disrepute to the country and Rahul Gandhi should apologise.

He said, "A prominent Opposition leader goes abroad and attacks Indian democracy. He has levelled allegations against the press, judiciary and the institutions. He has insulted the people of India and Parliament. There is freedom of speech in India and MPs can speak in Parliament. Rahul Gandhi should apologise in Parliament.

The opposition, especially the Congress, objected to it and raised slogans. Leader of opposition Mallikarjun Kharge condemned the statement of Goyal amid sloganeering from treasury



adjourned till 2 p.m. Kharge said Rahul is not the member of this House and Prime Minister himself has insulted the country in

Addressing the MBA students at the Cambridge Judge Business School on the topic of 'Learning to Listen in the 21st Century', Rahul Gandhi had said that the opposition parties are under 'constant pressure' as numerous cases have been slapped on them by the BJP government.

"Indian democracy is under attack. The institutional framework which is required for a democracy --Parliament, free press, the judiciary, just the idea of mobilisation -- these are all getting constrained. We are facing an attack on the basic structure of democracy,' Rahul Gandhi had said.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED TILL **TUE AMID PROTESTS OVER RAHUL'S REMARKS**

New Delhi: Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned till Tuesday, amid vociferous protests by both treasury benches and opposition members over the issue of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's speech in London. As soon as Lok Sabha convened at 2 p.m., Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the Chair, asked for papers to be laid in the House. However,

Congress members came into the well of House, shouting slogans "We want JPC" while treasury benches were also seen shouting slogans "Rahul Gandhi Maafi Maango" (Rahul Gandhi apologise).

Agrawal urged protesting members to return to their seats, saying that they should allow some business to be transacted. "All issues would be discussed," he said. Agrawal also said that the Speaker has disallowed all adjournment motions given by various members.

As protests continued from both treasury benches and opposition members, he adjourned the House till Tuesday. Rajya Sabha too was adjourned by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar within minutes of the upper House convening at

Finish Modi and country will be saved, says Congress' R'sthan in-charge

Jaipur Agencies

aunching a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress' Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Monday levelled allegations against PM Modi, questioning the Pulwama incident. He said that if Modi is finished the country will be saved, however, if Modi stays then the country will be ruined.

Randhawa said, "Our fight is not with Adani, but with the BJP. Kill BJP and Adani-Ambani will die automatically. When the Congress comes, Adani-Ambani should not come. They should go to jail. Many of our leaders did not take them along. This has to be taken

He added, "I tell all leaders to end their fighting and talk about ending Modi-BJP. If Modi is finished then the country will be saved. If Modi stays then the country will be ruined. Modi talks about patriotism. They don't even know what patriotism

Randhawa questioned the Pulwama incident and said

that Modi says "Pakistan mein ghuskar marenge". First of all, tell me, how did Pulwama happen? Get it checked. Wasn't it done keeping in mind the elections." He stated "All those who went to jail during the freedom struggle were from Congress families. Five generations of Congress families have gone to jail for the country. There is blood of every Congressman in Andaman's Cellular Jail. Modi says what has the Congress done. The Congress has given freedom to the country, it has given

the country to a dishonest

person like you," he com-

speaking at the Raj Bhavan gherao programme organised by the Congress under the leadership of Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Govind Singh Dotasara on Monday in protest against the crony capitalism policy of the BJP

central government in favour

of Adani.

Randhawa said, "When the British came, they had brought the East India Company to do business. Modiji has brought a man like Adani by making him like the East India Company which looted the country for 200 years and took it over. The country is moving towards slavery again. Not Modi but Adani is deciding

what will happen in the

country," he said.

He added, "First take out Modi, if Modi goes out then Adani will automatically end. First kill BJP, Adani will end automatically. Narendra Modi is destroying the country and selling the country." He lashed out at factionalism and selfish leaders in the Congress and said, "We have to work for the Congress, not

No rule of law under Modi, country being run as dictatorship, says Kharge

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ongress president and leader of opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday said that there is no rule of law under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing a press confer-

ence at Vijay Chowk outside Parliament, soon after both Houses were adjourned over protests related to Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's remarks in London, Kharge said, "There is no rule of law and democracy under Modi ji. They are running the country like a dictatorship, and then

they talk about democracy.' He added that those "crushing and destroying democracy" are talking of saving it. Over the Adani



issue, Kharge said, "We are demanding the constitution of a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) on the Adani stocks issue. When we raise

switched off and a ruckus erupts in the House.'

However, he added that the opposition is together and will continue to demand

Delhi BJP observes 'maun vrat' at Raj Ghat demanding Kejriwal's resignation

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elhi BJP, under the leadership of party's Working President Virendra Sachdeva, on Monday observed a 'maun vrat' (silent sit-in) opposite Rajghat demanding resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for his alleged involvement in the liquor pol-

During the silent sit-in, a film was also played on the LED screen "exposing" the alleged lies and false promises of the Kejriwal government.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Ramveer Singh Bidhuri, MP Dr Harshvardhan and Ramesh Bidhuri, MLAs Om Prakash Sharma and Abhay Verma, State General Secretaries Kuljit Singh Chahal and Harsh Malhotra, co-incharge of



Jammu and Kashmir Ashish Sood, Co-incharge of Assam Pawan Sharma, former State President Vijay Goel, National Spokesperson Sardar R.P. Singh, State Vice President and others were among those present.

Interacting with reporters after the symbolic one hour 'maun vrat' Sachdeva said that Rajghat is a sacred

place and it is a matter of great regret that Arvind Kejriwal & his colleagues after committing corruption, come here and instead of accepting their mistakes they try to cover up their deeds. Sachdeva said that they observed a symbolic 'maun vrat' demanding resignation of Chief

Minister Kejriwal and prayed for his

He said that the party workers will go to every street and neighbourhood of Delhi and expose this corruption of Kejriwal because the liquor scam happened with the consent of

Today, Kejriwal is ashamed to admit his relation with Vijay Nayyar whom he once used to hug. Kejriwal cannot run away from his responsibilities and it is certain that he will come under the probe agency's scanner for his involvement in the liquor

He said that the Kejriwal Government is not only involved in the liquor scam but also in the classroom scam, the DTC scam, the health scam, the Jal Board scam. Delhi BJP will continue to fight to raise the voice of the people against corruption.

SC AFFIRMS ORDER TO REMOVE MOSQUE FROM ALLAHABAD HC PREMISES

he Supreme Court on Monday affirmed the Allahabad High Court order passed in 2017, directing removal of a mosque from its premises

A bench of Justices M.R. Shah and C.T. Ravikumar declined to interfere with the high court order and granted three months' time to the petitioner to remove the mosque from the high court premises. It noted that the high court can demolish the construction. if it is not cleared within three months and also allowed the petitioner, Waqf Masjid High Court to make a representation to the state government for an alternative land

The bench said it does not see any reason to interfere with the impugned judgment and order of the high court. It added, however, it will be open to the petitioners to make a detailed representation to the state government seeking alternative land, which may be considered in accordance with law and on its own merits, and refused to entertain a petition challenging the high court order.

The bench noted that the mosque was situated on government lease



2002, and after cancellation of the lease, the land was resumed in favour of the high court in 2004 for its expan-

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the Waqf Masjid High Court, narrated the history of the mosque and added that Muslims were offering namaz and there was an arrangement for wazu as well. He said that the mosque is situated across the road outside the high court and wrong to say it was on the high court

Sibal added that in 2017, the government changed and a PIL was filed against the mosque after the new government was formed and added that the mosque was functioning as a public mosque for decades.

Senior advocate Indira Jaising, representing the UP Sunni Waqf Board, submitted that though the land belonged to the government but the board was in possession of the mosque meant for public use. She added that her client is willing to be

not insisting that namaz has to be offered there.

The counsel, representing the high court, argued that the petitioner is unnecessarily giving the matter a religious colour.

The top court told the mosque's counsel to try to understand that they have no right since it was a lease property. "Lease was terminated and land was resumed and confirmed by this court... You can't claim it as a matter of right to continue.'

Madras HC quashes govt orders empowering police to exercise powers of executive magistrates

Chennai Agencies

he Madras High Court has quashed two government orders issued in 2013 and 2014 empowering Deputy Commissioners of Police to exercise the powers of executive magistrates under Sections 107 to 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

A division bench of the Madras High Court comprising Justices N. Satish Kumar and N. Anand Venkatesh said that the government orders issued on September 12, 2013 and February 20, 2014 suffer from "manifest arbitrariness and violate the principle of separation of powers under the Constitution".

The court ordered status quo ante as it prevailed before the issuance of the two government orders, and held that such a status would be restored forthwith.

The court made it clear that violation of a bond exe-

NIA CONDUCTS SEARCH IN SRINAGAR IN ISIS KERALA MODULE CASE



cuted under Section 110 of CrPC could be dealt with only by judicial magistrates under Section 446 and not by the executive magistrates under Section 122(1) (b) of the Code.

An executive magistrate cannot authorise imprisonment under Section 122(1) (b) of the code for violation of the bond under Section 107. "A person who has violated a

bond executed before an executive magistrate under the said provision would have to be prosecuted before a judicial magistrate for inquiry and punishment under Section 122(1)(b) of CrPC," the verdict said. The judges also stated: "The police, like the proverbial camel in the tent, occasionally got their noses into the canopy but were stopped in the tracks by the courts. Then in 2013, the camel in its entirety struggled and the revenue officials and executive magistrate were ousted from the canopy and left in the cold. Now we have ousted the camel and put the canopy of justice where it belongs.

The judges also praised the amicus curiae Sarath Chandran, the Additional Public prosecutor, and advocates Janarthanan, Vivekanandan, and M. Santhanaraman for assisting

Excise policy scam: Delhi court extends bizman Arun Pillai's ED custody by 3 days arrest made in the matter by

Team Absolute New Delhi Delhi court on Monday extended Hyderabadbased businessman Arun Ramchandra Pillai's Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody by three days in the excise policy case.

He was arrested on March 6 after hours of questioning in the case. Special judge M. K. Nagpal of the Rouse Avenue Courts sent Pillai to ED custody on March 7, which expired on Monday.

The judge, dealing with the matter, extended his custody on Monday. On March 10, Pillai moved an application before the same court seeking to retract his statements given to the probe agency in the case. This led to the court issuing a notice to the ED. His arrest makes up for the 11th

The ED has alleged that Pillai was involved in forming a cartel (now called South group) manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers which controlled more than 30 per cent of the liquor business in the national capital. The central agency named the said cartel, South group, which includes BRS leader K. Kavitha, Sarath Reddy, the promoter of Aurobindo Pharma, YSRCP MP from Ongole, Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, his son Raghav Magunta and others. The South group was represented by Arun Pillai, Abhishek Boinpalli and Butchi Babu, the agency has claimed. Pillai is a partner in Indo Spirits with a 32.5 per cent

stake and he represented K.

Kavitha's interest, said the ED.

Pillai and another person have revealed the same in their statements. Pillai on paper invested Rs 3.40 crore in Indo Spirits. As revealed in the investigation, of this amount, Rs 1 crore was given to Pillai on the instructions of Kavitha. In exchange for kickbacks given by the South Group to Vijay Nair and AAP, Indo Spirits was made the wholesaler of Pernod Ricard which made it one of the most profitable L1. Thus the fund of Rs 3.40 crore which used to show investment in Indo Spirits (a special purpose vehicle to recoup the kickbacks paid by the South Group and channel the illegal gains) is proceeds of crime, the ED added. Kavitha is a member of Telangana Legislative Council.

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he National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted a search at Uzair Azhar Bhat's house in Karfali Mohalla of Srinagar and seized digital devices.

Bhat is suspected of spreading ISIS ideology, luring people to join the terrorist group and indulging in antinational activities.

The NIA said that in 2021, they started investigating Mohammed Ameen alias Abu Yahya who had been running various ISIS propaganda channels on different social media platforms, such as Telegram, Hoop and Instagram.

"He was propagating the violent jihadi ideologies of the ISIS and was radicalizing and recruiting new members to this ISIS module. He and his associates had even identified certain individuals for targeted killings. They



had also made plans to undertake Hijrah to Jammu and Kashmir for engaging in terrorist acts and had raised funds from various sources for

this trip," the NIA said. The official said that during the probe, it was found that Mohammad

Ameen was in touch with Deepthi Marla of Kerala, a converted Muslim, married to Anas Abdul Rahiman of Mangalore. In 2015, she had gone to Dubai to pursue studies where she met Mizha Siddeegue and both

women developed an inclination

towards the ISIS. In 2019, they tried to do Hijrah to Khorasan and reached Tehran, Iran. After reaching Tehran, their contact with ISIS operatives based in Khorasan could not be established.

"They both returned to India, and Deepthi got in touch with Ameen, Obaid Hamid Matta, Madesh Shankar alias Abdullah and others and made plans to undertake Hijrah to ISIS administered territory. In January 2020, she went to Srinagar to meet Obaid to plan the Hijrah and stayed in Srinagar for one week," the NIA said. One of the common contacts between Deepthi and Obaid, Uzair Azhar Bhat, who is suspected to have been part of the conspiracy, was raided on Monday. The NIA conducted a search at Bhat's house in Srinagar. The seized digital devices are being examined and further investigations are in progress.



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JD(U) READY FOR ALLIANCE WITH SP IN UP FOR 2024 POLLS

ational president Rajeev Ranjan Singh 'Lalan Singh' has said that if his party forms an alliance in Uttar Pradesh for next year's Lok Sabha polls, it will be with the Samajwadi Party (SP). "If there will be an alliance in Uttar Pradesh, it will be with the SP, he said in an informal interaction with reporters. The JD(U), which is in power in Bihar in alliance with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), has no elected representative in the Uttar Pradesh assembly. Interestingly, the party's state president Anoop Patel resigned in front of Singh, citing personal reasons. The JD(U) president announced that no new chief of the party's state unit would be announced. Satyendra Patel has been appointed as the state convenor, Singh said. He said the party and its working committee in Uttar Pradesh would be strengthened throughout this year for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The JD(U) will start a membership campaign in Uttar Pradesh with a target of adding five lakh members, Singh said. On the caste-based census, Singh said: "We asked the Central government about it. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the caste-based census but got no response. With the support of regional parties, we started the caste-based survey (in Bihar) which will continue till May 31."

ANTI-WOMEN TALIBAN

Asad Mirza

he slew of anti-women measures adopted by the Taliban government in Afghanistan has essentially gone against them, further isolating them globally and making them a pariah.

Reportedly, a handful of Afghan women courageously held a demonstration in the Afghan capital, Kabul, on 8 March, calling on the international community to protect Afghan women.

This was the second International Women's Day observed under the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan, which swept back to power in August 2021, and more or less marked a year-and-a-half of increasing misery for Afghan women.

In a statement to mark the International Women's Day, the head of the UN mission in Afghanistan, RozaOtunbayeva said it has been distressing to witness the Taliban's methodical, deliberate, and systematic efforts to push Afghan women and girls out of the public sphere.

The UN mission said the crackdown was a "colossal act of national self-harm" at a time when Afghanistan faces some of the world's largest humanitarian and economic crises.

The anti-women Taliban decisions have faced international condemnation, including by some Muslim countries even. The State of Qatar, earlier this week expressed deep concern over the Afghan caretaker government's decisions which negatively affect Afghan women and girls' rights, especially suspending their studies in secondary schools and universities and banning their work in non-governmental organisations.

The Qatari condemnation was conveyed in a statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office in Geneva, HE Dr. Hind Abdul Rahman Al Muftah dur-



ing an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, within the framework of the 52nd regular session of the Human Rights

The deputy foreign minister of Turkiye, Mehmet Kemal Bozay, has said that the international community must not allow the situation in Afghanistan to deteriorate "even further." The Secretary General of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Hissein Brahim Taha, spoke in Geneva and, reiterated the OIC's condemnation of Kabul's edicts banning women from education and work, saying: "It is against our religion."

Anti-women diktats

The biggest crackdown on teenage girls and university students came just days before Women's Day, when earlier this week the authorities banned them from secondary schools and higher educational institutions. No country has officially recognised the Taliban government as Afghanistan's legitimate ruler, with the right to education for women a sticking point in negotiations over aid and recognition.

According to UNESCO, currently, 80 percent of school-aged Afghan girls and young women - totalling 2.5 million people - are out of school.The Taliban's decision to keep girls' schools shuttered has reversed significant gains in female

education during the past 20 years. In another anti-women diktat, Taliban government has annulled divorce in Afghanistan, forcing divorced women to go back to abusive husbands. Lawyers say that several women have reported being dragged back into abusive marriages after Taliban commanders annulled their divorces.

Latest international efforts

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said last Friday that a delegation headed by UN Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed to Afghanistan recently, found that some Taliban officials were more open to restoring women's rights, but others were clearly opposed.

Mohammed, a former Nigerian Cabinet minister is the UN's highest-ranking woman, she was joined on the trip by Sima Bahous, execupromotes gender equality and women's rights, and Assistant Secretary General for political affairs Khaled Khiari.

The UN team met with the Taliban administration in the capital Kabul and talks focused on the restrictive measures the Taliban government has imposed on women and girls since they re-took power.

The UN has stressed that Afghan women are crucial to delivering humanitarian help to civilians, the majority of them women and children.

The Taliban government adheres to an austere interpretation of Islam and has imposed severe restrictions on women's lives that the United Nations called "gender-based apartheid".

Notably, the Ministry of Women's Affairs and the Human Rights Commission in Afghanistan have been erased under the Taliban regime.

According to the UN Mission in the country, nine out of 10 women in Afghanistan experience physical, sexual or psychological violence from their partner. Divorce, however, is far greater a taboo than the abuse itself and women who part with their husbands sustain many atrocities at the hands of society.

The United Nations' special representative for women in Afghanistan, Alison Davidian said the implications of the government's policies "impact all Afghans and will resonate throughout generations". Meanwhile, a prominent group of Afghan and Iranian women are backing a campaign calling for gender apartheid to be recognised as a crime under international law.

The campaign, launched on International Women's Day, reflects a belief that the current laws covering discrimination against women do not capture the systematic nature of the policies imposed in Afghanistan and Iran to

the status of women in society.

The authors of the open letter.

The authors of the open letter, including international lawyers, argue that the legal definition of apartheid as a crime against humanity, adopted by the UN in 1973 and supported by the 1998 Rome Statute, does not fit the case of Afghanistan and Iran, even if the descriptive term does.

Taliban Mindset

Initially, when the Taliban 2.0 took over power in Afghanistan in August 2021, there was some euphoria that now they might be a changed Taliban, looking forward to mend their earlier ways and chart a new course of development for their country.

However, starting with their first diktat in September 2021, urging for segregated classrooms for boys and girls at schools, the caretaker Taliban government has followed it up with a slew of anti-women measures.

What perplexes one is that though the Taliban describe most of these decisions as Islamic, in fact they are completely unIslamic. Islam gives equal rights to men and women in all spheres of life, including, education, inheritance, right to work, say in marriage. Yet, in action Taliban goes completely against the project and toochings of Islams.

spirit and teachings of Islam. Instead, if they had adopted a new pragmatic and forward looking approach towards reorganising the Afghan society, it would have gone in their favour and would have helped them to consolidate their power in the country. As currently there seems to be no political force in the country, which could counter the Taliban. In addition, it would have provided them legitimacy and support from the so-called Islamic countries, if only they would have chosen to uphold the Islamic teachings, which in reality, they have

international

UK CUTS DIPLOMATIC JOBS IN COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA, PAKISTAN, CHINA: REPORT

London Agencies

British-based diplomatic posts for key Indo-Pacific countries like India, Pakistan and China have been cut by up to 50 per cent in recent years, according to new government figures.

Despite being identified as key places to deepen ties with over the coming decade, staff members of embassies and consulates in Pakistan, China and India have all been diminishing over the last seven years, the Guardian reported.

According to the report, the number of British-based Foreign Office staff was between 110 and 119 in the Pakistan embassy and consulate.

This fell to 50-59, a cut equivalent to about 50 per cent.

Over the same timeframe, the

number of British-based Foreign

Office staff was cut from 70-79 to 40-

49 in the past seven years in India.

The figures shared by the Guardian

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The figures shared by the Guardian came from the Foreign Office minister David Rutley, in response to written parliamentary questions by the Labour frontbencher Catherine West.

The figures also showed a reduction in the number of trips by ministers to these countries.

The Foreign Office and international development department conduct-

ed 37 ministerial trips to the Indo-Pacific region in 2018, with some countries being visited more than once a year.

However, by 2022, the number of ministerial trips conducted was less than a third of that, with just 12 recorded, the Guardian reported.

A Foreign Office spokesperson told the Guardian that these numbers do not give an "accurate picture" of Britain's presence in the Indo-Pacific

The reduction in headcount of UKbased staff in China and India is partly due to Covid and how the UK spends its overseas development budget, the Guardian was told.

Citing evidence of the UK's growing influence in the region, the spokesperson told the Guardian that there was a boost of 16.4 per cent in trade with the Indo-Pacific year-on-year from autumn 2021 to 2022.

N.Korea fired 2 'strategic cruise missiles' from submarine

Seoul Agencies

orth Korea fired two "strategic cruise missiles" from a submarine in waters off its east coast over the weekend, the country's state media said on Monday.

The North's first known firing of cruise missiles from a submarine is widely viewed as an apparent show of force against a major South Korea-US combined military exercise, reports Yonhap News Agency.

The missiles were fired from the 8.24 Yongung in waters off Kyongpho Bay in the East Sea in an underwater launching drill held at dawn on Sunday, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

"The drill confirmed the reliability of the weapon system and examined the underwater-to-surface offensive operations of submarine units that constitute one of other major forces of the DPRK nuclear deterrent," the KCNA said in a report, using the acronym of the North's official name

the North's official name.

The missiles precisely hit preset targets in the East Sea after "travelling the 1,500 kmlong eight-shaped flight orbits for 7,563 to



7,575 seconds".

The latest launch came on the eve of the start of the allies' 11-day Freedom Shield exercise, which the North calls "preparations for a war of aggression" against it.

North Korea said its latest underwater launching drill "verified the current operation posture of the nuclear war deterrence means in different spaces".

Earlier in the day, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it detected an unspecified missile launched from a submarine in waters off the North's eastern coastal city of Sinpo on Sunday morning. It did not immediately provide other details.

22 KILLED AFTER MIGRANT BOAT CAPSIZES OFF MADAGASCAR

Antananarivo: At least 22 people have been killed after a boat carrying migrants capsized off the coast of Madagascar, the East Africa nation's port authority said.

The boat carrying a total of 47 people capsized on Saturday due to an accident in the seas off the coast of Madagascar, the Maritime and River Port Agency said in a statement late Sunday.

Twenty-three of them on board were saved, and operations to rescue the missing were still ongoing, Xinhua news agency quoted the authorities as saying.

The boat was on its way to the French overseas island of Mayotte, according to the statement.

Flood water inundates Australian state with crocodiles lurking underneath

Brisbane Agencies

Tith major flooding still occurring in Burketown and the Gregory River, the police force in the Australian state of Queensland on Monday reminded residents to limit movement in floodwaters due to unseen hazards and recent crocodile sightings.

"Police rescued a baby kangaroo from floodwaters behind a residential community in Burketown yesterday. A helicopter pilot flew over at the time and spotted two very large crocs nearby, a timely reminder to stay out of floodwaters as you never know what is lurking beneath," Queensland Police Service warned on social media.

In an update on the severe weather event affecting northwestern Queensland, the state police said sewage and water treatment plants in Burketown are now offline, with residents instructed to conserve water usage and continue to monitor advice



from local councils.

As significant flooding is surging downstream of Urandangi to Roxborough Downs, police are closely monitoring the situation in Urandangi, with 16 people so far evacuated from the town in preparation for rising floodwaters.

According to the police, air assets are stationed nearby and on standby for emergency rescues and transport of food, water and medical supplies.

Days of heavy rainfall led to major to record-breaking floodings through parts of northwestern Queensland. "No observations are available for the Burketown Airstrip manual gauge. Based on anecdotal information from Burketown, the river level is expected to have peaked above the 2011 record flood level of 6.78 meters on Sunday," said the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

"Major flooding is expected to be easing slowly on Monday. The river level along the Albert River at Burketown Airstrip is expected to continue easing slowly over the next few days, but is likely to remain above the major flood level (6.00 m) during Monday and Tuesday, possibly longer," the BOM added.

Burke Shire Mayor Ernie Camp told Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) on Monday morning that up to 100 people had been evacuated from Burketown, with another 120 across the shire.

Camp noted that the water levels dropped about 400 mm.

"So hopefully, there won't be no any further rises and we'll keep it positive."

22 IS militants killed in operation in Iraq

Baghdad Agencies

A total of 22
Islamic State
militants,
including some of
the group's leaders,
were killed in an
operation in Iraq's
western province of
Anbar, the Iraqi mili-

tary said.

Lieutenant General Abdul Wahab al-Saadi, Head of the Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service, said on Sunday at a press conference that the operation was carried out in two phases by an airborne force on a rugged area north of the town of Rutba, nearly 400 km west of the Iraqi capi-

tal Baghdad.

All the killed militants
were wearing explosive belts,
and senior leaders were
among the dead, said alSaadi without revealing the
exact date for the beginning

of the operation, confirming

that the operation is still underway, Xinhua news agency reported.

Over the past months, Iraqi security forces have conducted operations against extremist militants to crack down on their intensified activities.

The security situation in Iraq has been improving since the defeat of the IS in 2017. However, its remnants have since sneaked into urban centers, deserts, and rugged areas, carrying out frequent guerilla attacks against security forces and civilians.



maharashtra



Mumbai, Tuesday, March 14, 2023

MAHA FARMERS SPURN CM'S DOLE, START NASHIK-MUMBAI 'LONG MARCH'

Team Absolute Nashik/Mumbai

ot impressed by the government's announcement of a Rs 300/quintal subsidy for distressed onion cultivators, thousands of farmers started their footmarch from Nashik to Mumbai on Monday afternoon in support of their various

The All India Kisan Sabha leader and seven-time ex-CPI(M) MLA Jiva Pandu Gavit said that after discussions with the various farmers groups, it was concluded that the Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's proposal is "not acceptable" and the 'long march' will continue as scheduled.

"We have asked for Rs 600/quintal as immediate relief when onions are being sold at one or two rupees, and Rs 2000/quintal MSP from the next season. The government has offered only Rs 300/quintal now and no word on the MSP," Gavit told IANS during the walkathon.

CPI(M) spokesperson P.S. Prasad said that the government's assurance of Rs 300/quintal is "no relief" to the crisis-hit farmers who are now throwing away or burning their produce.

For the third time in five years. thousands of farmers are again on the road to Mumbai for their various demands that remain pending since long, braving the intense summer heat. It has come after similar march-

भारताचा कम्युंनिस्ट पक्ष (मावर्सवादी) ऱ्यांचा विधानसभेवर पायी लॉग

es in 2018 and 2019 - and will traverse around 175 kms - attracting farmers from all over the state who converged in Nashik on Sunday.

Among the demands are an immediate subsidy of Rs 600/quintal and MSP of Rs 2000/quintal from next season for onion growers, writing off of farmers' loans, suitable remuneration for all agriculture produce, power bills waivers, quick compensation for crop losses due to unseasonal rains-hail, forest land rights, etc.

Led by Gavit, the participants include ASHA workers, and representatives of the unorganised sectors

who wend their way waving the party flags and placards with slogans 'Give MSP to Onion', etc.

"Besides the subsidy and MSP, we demand that there should be bulk export of onion, it should be procured in bulk from NAFED at the MSP," Gavit and other farmers leaders said.

The farmers have sought regularisation of encroachers on forest lands up to four hectares with names in the 7/12 documents, waiver of power bills and making electricity available 12 hours daily for farmlands, clear the 7/12 of farmers by waiving off their entire agriculture loans.

They have also demanded NDRF amount of compensation for all crop damages due to unseasonal rains and other natural calamities that hit the agriculturists round the year, quick compensation and curb the "loot" by crop insurance companies, create an independent system for regular inspection of milk meters and weighing forks for milk and a minimum price of Rs 47 for cow milk and Rs 67 for buffalo milk and stop the conspiracy to slash prices of soybean, cotton, tur and grams, re-start selling grain along with free rations on ration cards every month.

Ahead of civic polls, MVA to hold joint rallies in Maharashtra

head of the upcoming local bodies elections, Maharashtra's Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) plans to hold a series of rallies in major poll-bound cities, party leaders said here on Monday.

Top leaders of Congress, Nationalist Congress Party, and Shiv Sena-UBT will unitedly reach out to the masses to speak on burning issues like inflation, joblessness, woes of farmers, how Eknath Shinde connived with Bharatiya Janata Party to topple the MVA regime in June 2022, and others.

The move comes after hectic deliberations among the top brass of the MVA which notched a major success in the recently-held Kasba Peth by-elections in Pune where it jointly trounced the BIP in its 3decades old bastion.

The first of the proposed rallies shall be held on April 2 in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar followed by Nagpur on April 16.

On May 1, a major public rally is planned in Mumbai coinciding with the Maharashtra Day festivities, May 14 in Pune, May 28 in Kolhapur and June 3 in

lies in the regional headquarters, the three parties will fan out to hold similar

The three parties shall galvanise their workers and leaders to work together with mutual respect and display strength to uproot the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and the ruling ally BJP in various civic bodies going to the polls, MVA leaders said.

NCP President Sharad Pawar, Sena-UBT President Uddhav Thackeray and Congress state President Nana Patole and others have cited the win in Pune as an example of how the BJP and its allies can be vanguished if the Opposition works in uni-

Nashik

After these upcoming ral-

meetings at district levels and in the remotest parts of the state from mid-2023, serving to kickstart the election process for Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in 2024.

MVA leaders like Thackeray, Pawar Sr., Leader of Opposition in Assembly Ajit Pawar, Leader of **Opposition** in Council Ambadas Danve, NCP state chief Jayant Patil, Patole, Chhagan Bhujbal, ex-CMs Prithviraj Chavan, Ashok Chavan and others have held deliberations on these aspects in the past few days.

Major fire sweeps Malad slum in Mumbai, no casualties

Team Absolute | Mumbai

major fire swept through several hutments in Appapada area of Anand Nagar in Mumbai's Malad east suburb on Monday evening, the BMC Disaster Control said.

The fire was followed by some loud explosions, according to locals, and thick black smoke was seen hillowing from the site that was visible several kms away in the north and

The BMC rushed at

other teams to battle the conflagration and no casualties have been

reported so far. This is the second major fire in the northwest suburbs of the city today that kept the authorities on toes since morning.

Around 11 a.m., a massive blaze engulfed a furniture warehouse and adjoining shops in the Jogeshwari furniture market and was only finally doused after a six-hour operation.

In both cases, there are no human injuries and the causes of the blaze are not known,

FIRE ENGULFS MUMBAI'S FAMED JOGESHWARI FURNITURE MARKET, NO CASUALTIES



Mumbai: A massive fire broke out in a godown at the famed Jogeshwari furniture market engulfing at least half a dozen adjoining shops near S.V. Road, here on Monday, the **BMC Disaster Control**

The Mumbai Fire Brigade, Mumbai Police, and other agend rushed and started battling the blaze in which no casualties were reported so far. The market, which sells, old, new, wooden and metal. refurbished or custommade furniture, is a popular destination for residential or commercial consumers wanting to decorate their homes or offices, with even foreigners occasionally dropping in for antique pieces available here. The cause of the blaze or the damage caused is not known and the fire-fighting operations are underway, said the BMC

AMAZING THAILAND **FESTIVAL 2023 TO BE HELD IN MUMBAI**

Mumbai: With India being one of the top source markets for Thailand, 'Amazing Thailand Festival 2023' is poised to spotlight Thailand as the "first-choice" destination for Mumbaikars and significantly boost its brand awareness.

Scheduled from March 24-26 2023 at Jio World Drive - BKC, Mumbai, the Festival organised by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Mumbai Office is strongly aimed towards increasing the brand awareness of Thailand in India and upscaling its tourist arrivals.

The three-day event will largely promote the 5 F's of Thailand, that is food, film, fashion, fight, and festivals. It will invite discerning tourists and potential trade partners from the length and breadth of Mumbai to get closely acquainted with its wide cultural variety, including its unique fashion, cuisine, artistry, and a whole lot more.

Isada Saovaros, Director of Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) - Mumbai Office said: "The people of India (Mumbai) have a special place for Thailand in their hearts. Thousands of Mumbaikars travel to Thailand every year to witness its unique culture, indulge themselves in the local cuisine, and explore its scenic wonders. We are elated to bring true 'Thainess' to them in Mumbai through the Amazing Thailand Festival 2023. We hope that this festival will help in demonstrating the abounding diversity and innate essence of the Thai culture and convince people to travel and experience Thailand in the coming months."



Corporate Identification Number: U74300MH2005PLC156444

Our company was originally incorporated as a Private Limited Company under the name "Bright Outdoor Media Private Limited" under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 vide Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Assistant Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Mumbai. on September 29, 2005. Subsequently, our Company was converted to Public Limited Company and the name of our Company was changed to "Bright Outdoor Media Limited" vide Special Resolution passed by the Shareholders at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of our Company, held on October 24, 2022. The fresh Certificate of Incorporation consequent to conversion was issued on November 24, 2022 by the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Mumbai. The Corporate Identification Number of our Company is U74300MH2005PLC156444. For further details on incorporation and registered office of our Company, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" beginning on page 135 of this Prospectus.

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Tel: 022 – 6714 0000 | E-mail: investor@brightoutdoor.com| Website: www.brightoutdoor.com
Contact Person: Khyati Mishra, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF 38,00,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹10/- EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF BRIGHT OUTDOOR MEDIALIMITED ("BRIGHT" OR "OUR COMPANY" OR "THE ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹146/-PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹136/- PER EQUITY SHARE) ("ISSUE PRICE") AGGREGATING ₹5,548.00 LAKHS ("THE ISSUE") OF WHICH UP TO 1,94,000 EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING TO ₹283.24 LAKHS WILL BE RESERVED FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY MARKET MAKER ("MARKET MAKER RESERVATION PORTION"). THE ISSUE LESS THE MARKET MAKER RESERVATION PORTION I.E. ISSUE OF 36,06,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹10/- EACH AT AN ISSUE PRICE OF ₹146/- PER EQUITY SHARE AGGREGATING TO ₹5,264.76 LAKHS ("NET ISSUE"). THE ISSUE AND THE NET ISSUE WILL CONSTITUTE 27.28% AND 25.89% OF THE POST-ISSUE PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY. FOR FURTHER

THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES IS ₹10/- AND THE ISSUE PRICE IS 14.60 TIMES OF THE FACE VALUE

THIS ISSUE IS BEING MADE IN TERMS OF CHAPTER IX OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (ISSUE OF CAPITAL AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2018 AS AMENDED ("SEBI (ICDR) REGULATIONS"). IN TERMS OF RULE 19(2)(b)(i) OF THE SECURITIES CONTRACTS (REGULATION) RULES, 1957, AS AMENDED, THIS IS AN ISSUE FOR AT LEAST 25% OF THE POST-ISSUE PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY. THIS ISSUE IS A FIXED PRICE ISSUE AND ALLOCATION IN THE NET ISSUE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MADE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 253 OF THE SEBI (ICDR) REGULATIONS. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE REFER CHAPTER TITLED "ISSUE PROCEDURE" BEGINNING ON PAGE 232 OF THE PROSPECTUS.

FIXED PRICE ISSUE AT ₹146/- PER EQUITY SHARE

MINIMUM APPLICATION SIZE OF 1,000 EQUITY SHARES AND IN MULTIPLES OF 1,000 EQUITY SHARES THEREAFTER

Our Equity Shares have never been publicly traded, and may experience price and volume fluctuations may be volatile and you may be unable to resell your Equity Shares at or above the Issue Price or at all

Weighted average cost of acquisition based on last 5 primary or secondary transactions (secondary transactions where Promoter / Promoter Group entities or shareholder(s) havingthe right to nominate director(s) in the Board of our Company, are a party to the transaction), not older than a contraction of the size of transaction. 3 years prior to irrespective of the size of transactions.

Note: *There were no primary / new issue of shares (equity / convertible securities) other than Equity Shares issued pursuant to a bonus issue on December 10, 2021, in last 18 months and three years prior to the date of the Prospectus.

** There were no secondary sales / acquisition of shares (equity / convertible securities) (excluding gifts) transactions in last 18 months from the date of the Prospectus.

Investors are required to refer section titled "Risk Factors" on page 27 of the Prospectus.

OPENS ON: TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 | CLOSES ON: FRIDAY, MARCH 17,

Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application - Make use of it!!!

*Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account, investors can avail the same. For further details check section on ASBA below. Mandatory in Public Issues from January 01, 2016. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI – Now mandatory in ASBA for Retail Investors applying through Registered Brokers, DPs & RTAs. Retail Investors also have the options to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account.**
Investors are required to ensure that the Bank Account used for applying is linked to their PAN. **UPI-Now available in ASBA for all individual investors applying in public offers where the application amount is up to ₹5,00,000, applying through Registered Brokers, Syndicate, DPs & RTAS. Retail Individual Investors and Non-Institutional

Investors also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021, read with press release dated

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI maybe availed by (i) Retail Individual Investors applying in the Retail Portion, and (ii) Individual Non-Institutional Investors applying with an application size of up to ₹500,000 in the Non-Institutional Portion. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Issue Procedure" beginning on page 232 of the Prospectus. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("AIBI"), the website of BSE Limited ("BSE") and in the General Information Document. ASBA Application forms can be downloaded from the website of the Stock Exchange and can be obtained from the list of banks that is available on the website of Securities and Exchange Board of

*List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. For the list of UPI Apps and Banks live on IPO, please refer to www.sebi.gov.in. Investors applying using the UPI Mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI (https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRe cognisedFpi=yes&intmld=40 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmld=34) respectively, as updated from time to time. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Issue. For issue related grievance investors may contact: Shreni Shares Private Limited Mr. Krunal Pipalia Tel: +91-22-2808 8456, E-mail: info@shreni.in. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll-free number: 18001201740 and Mail Id: Ipc.upi@npci.org.in; Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited at Tel: 022 – 6605 6588 and Email: cmsipo@kotak.com; and the Registrar to the Issue at Tel: 022 – 6263 8200 and E-mail: ipo@bigshareonline.com. All Investors shall participate in this large and the thought the ASPA presence. For details in this result and participate in the same and the strength of the ASPA presence. in this issue only through the ASBA process. For details in this regard, specific attention is invited to "Issue Procedure" on page 232 of the Prospectus. Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, UPI ID (if applicable, in case of investor applying through UPI mechanism) and the Client ID are correctly filled in the Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Application Form should match with the DP ID and Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Application Form is liable to be rejected. Applicant should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Application. Form is active. Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Application Form the Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Issue, any requested Demographic Details of the Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be among other things, for any correspondences related to the issue. Applicants are advised to update any change their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay

resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Applicants sole risk.

PROPOSED LISTING: The Equity Shares issued through the Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the on SME Platform of BSE ("BSE SME"). Our Company has received 'In-principle' approval from BSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to letter dated February 06, 2023 for using its name in the Prospectus for listing of our shares. For the purposes of the Issue, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be BSE SME.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF SEBI: Since the Issue is being made in terms of Chapter IX of the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, the Draft Prospectus was not filed with SEBI and SEBI has not issued any observation on Offer Document. Hence, there is no such specific disclaimer clause of SEBI. However, investors may refer to the entire "Disclaimer Clause of SEBI" on page

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to the Offer Document for the full text of the "Disclaimer Clause of BSE"

GENERAL RISKS: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in this Issue unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in this issue. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the Issue including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Issue have neither been recommended nor approved by SEBI nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to the section titled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 27 of the Prospectus.

BASIS OF ISSUE PRICE: The Issue Price is determined by the Company in consultation with the Lead Manager. The financial data presented in chapter "Basis for Issue Price" on page 96 of the Prospectus is based on Company's Restated Financial Statements. Investors should also refer to the chapter titled "Risk Factors" and "Restated Financial Statements" on page 27 and 163 respectively of the Prospectus. The Independent directors at a meeting recommended the Price noting that the Price is justified based on quantitative factors and key financial and operational performance indicators ("KPIs") disclosed 'Basis for Issue Price' section visà-vis the WACA of past fiveprimary issuances /secondary transactions dis "Basis for Issue Price" section.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 30 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013: Main Objects as per MoA of our Company: For information on the main objects of our Company, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 135 of the Prospectus and Clause III(a) of the Memorandum of Association of our Company The MoA is a material document for inspection in relation to the Issue

Liability of Members: The Liability of members of Company is Limited

Amount of Share Capital of our Company and Capital Structure: The authorised, issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity Share capital of the Company as on the date of the Prospectus is as follows: Authorised Share Capital of ₹15,00,00,000 divided into 1,50,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹10/- each. Pre-Issue Issued, Subscribed & Paid-up Share Capital is ₹10,12,87,800 divided into 1,01,28,780 Equity Shares of ₹10/- each. For details of the share capital and capital structure of the Company see "Capital Structure" on page 64 of the Prospectus.

Name of the Signatories to the MoA of the Company and the number of Equity Shares held by them:

ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES			CURRENT PROMOTERS		
Name of Promoters	Face Value (₹)	No. of Shares	Name of Promoters	Face Value (₹)	No. of Shares
Yogesh Jiwanlal Lakhani	10.00	8,000	Yogesh Jiwanlal Lakhani	10.00	1,01,24,323
Jiwanlal Vanmalidas Lakhani	10.00	1,000	Jagruti Yogesh Lakhani	10.00	400
Vuoumban liuvanlal Lakhani	10.00	1.000			

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SEBI Registration Number: INR000001385

Investors can contact the Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Issue in case of any pre- issue or post-issue related problems, such as non-receipt of letters of allotment, credit of allotted shares in the respective beneficiary account, etc. AVAILABILITY OF PROSPECTUS: Investors should note that Investment in Equity Shares involves a degree of risk and investors are advised to refer to the Prospectus and the Risk Factors contained therein, before applying in the Issue. Full copy of the Prospectus is available at the website of Stock Exchange at www.bsesme.com, the website of Lead Manager at www.shreni.in,

the website of our Company at www.brightoutdoor.com and the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION FORMS: Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered Office of Company, and registered office of Lead Manager, Shreni Shares Private Limited. Application Forms can also be obtained from the Stock Exchange and the list of SCSBs is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and SEBI. BANKER TO THE ISSUE & SPONSOR BANK: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Prospectus dated March 03, 2023.

For Bright Outdoor Media Limited

Yogesh Jiwanlal Lakhani

Date: March 13, 2023 **Designation: Chairman and Managing Director** Place: Mumba BRIGHT OUTDOOR MEDIA LIMITED is proposing, subject to market conditions and other considerations, public issue of its Equity Shares and has filed the Prospectus with the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai, Maharashtra on March 03, 2023. The Prospectus is available on the website of the Lead Manager at www.shreni.in, the website of the BSE i.e., www.bsesme.com,

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Oscars 2023

'Everything Everywhere All at Once' picks 7 titles including Best Picture



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verything Everywhere All at Once' was named best picture at the 95th Academy Awards, capping off an improbable awards season run by winning the movie business's highest honour.

Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh has become the first Asian actress to walk home with the Best Actress honour at the 95th Academy Awards. Yeoh was awarded for her stellar work in

'Everything Everywhere All at Once'. She raced ahead of her fellow nominees like Cate Blanchett, Michelle Williams, Ana de Armas and Andrea Riseborough.

Everything Everywhere All At Once seems to be unstoppable as it has collected five awards at the ongoing Oscar Awards, the latest one being Best Director award for the film's director duo, the Daniels -- Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert.

Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert won the honour for Best Original Screenplay for their film Everything Everywhere All at Once at the 95th Academy Awards.

The honour was presented by Florence Pugh and Andrew Garfeild. They were up against 'The Banshees of Inisherin', 'The Fabelmans',

'Tr' and 'Triangle of Sadness'.

Scheinert credited his win to his public school

Actress and producer Jamie Lee Curtis just won an Oscar as she was named as the Best Supporting Actress for her work in

'Everything Everywhere All at Once'. Jamie was nominated alongside names such as Angela Bassett ("Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"), Hong Chau ("The Whale"), Kerry Condon ("The Banshees of Inisherin") and Stephanie Hsu ("Everything Everywhere All at Once").

While taking the prestigious statuette, Lee Curtis dedicated the honour to everyone from her family to her fans. The Oscar for the Best Supporting

Actor was conferred upon Vietnamese-American actor Ke Huy Quan. He edged out fellow nominees like Brendan Gleeson ('The Banshees of Inisherin'), Brian Tyree Henry ('Causeway'), Judd Hirsch ('The

Fabelmans') and Barry Keoghan ('The Banshees of Inisherin'). The actor bagged the honour for his comeback role in the film

'Everything Everywhere All at Once'. The actor made history as the first Vietnam-born actor to win an Oscar.

'ALL OUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT' WIN BEST INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM AWARD

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he German anti-war film 'All Quiet on the Western Front' is leading the Oscars as it has won four awards so far at the ongoing 95th edition of the Academy
Awards. The film, directed by Edward Berger, was feted with the Best International Feature Film honour in addition to Best Cinematography, Best Original Score and Best Production Design.

It defeated films like 'Argentina, 1985', 'EO', 'The Quiet Girl' and 'Close'.

The Oscar for Achievement in Cinematography was awarded to James Friend for his outstanding work in 'All Quiet on the Western

> The award was presented by 'Creed 3' actor-director Michael B. Jordan and Jonathan Majors. Other nominees in the category included Darius Khondji Bardo, False Chronicle of a Handful of Truths') Mandy Walker ('Elvis'), Roger Deakins ('Empire of Light') and Florian Hoffmeister

RIPPED JEANS, NO MAKE-UP, LADY GAGA SURPRISES ALI

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inger-actress Lady Gaga took everyone by surprise on the stage during the ongoing 95th edition of the

'WOMEN TALKING' BAGS

he Oscar for the Best Adapted

Screenplay was awarded to Sarah Polley

for her work in Women Talking. The film

is based on the 2018 eponymous novel by

Miriam Toews, and is inspired by real-life

events that occurred at the Manitoba

Colony, a remote and isolated Mennonite

community in Bolivia. In 2009, the insular

Bolivia became international news

when nine male members of the sect

were accused, and eventually convicted,

of systematically drugging and raping at

least 130 girls and women from their own

community between the ages of 8 and

Mystery'.

films like, All Quiet on the

Western Front', Living', Top

Gun: Maverick' and Glass

Onion: A Knives Out

Mennonite colony in eastern

SCREENPLAY TROPHY

Academy Awards. The singer appeared in a no make-up look donning a casual avatar with ripped jeans and a black t-shirt. She performed her song 'Hold My Hand' from the Tom Cruise-starrer cinematic extravaganza 'Top Gun: Maverick'. The decision seemed to be a last-minute back-and-forth effort as Gaga was initially reported to be skipping the awards show due to demands on filming 'Joker: Folie a Deux'.

'ALL THAT BREATHES' LOSES **BEST DOCUMENTARY AWARD TO**

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'NAVALNY'

ndian documentary 'All That Breathes' directed by Shaunak Sen, lost out the Best Documentary feature award to 'Navalny'.

Other nominees in the list included 'Navalny', 'All The Beauty And The Bloodshed' and 'A House Made of Splinters'.

While accepting the award, director Daniel Roher made a political statement as he said that guishes in prison, he calls out the unjust invasion of Ukraine by Russia and Vladimir Putin.

BRENDAN FRASER NAMED BEST LEAD ACTOR FOR

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was an emotional moment for Hollywood star Brendan Fraser, who was all in tears after hearing his name at the 95th Oscars Awards, where he won the Best Lead Actor for his acclaimed film 'The The award was given to him by

> along with Austin Butler 'Elvis', Colin Farrell 'The Banshees of Inisherin', Paul Mescal 'Aftersun' and Bill Nighy 'Living'. All in tears of happiness, Fraser said: "So this is

Jessica Chastain and Halle Berry.

His name was in the category

what the multiverse looks like. I thank the Academy for this. And my studio for making this bold

He then told all the other contenders that it's an "honour to be named alonsgide you in this category".

wanted to tell you th can swim in the depth. I started 30 years ago and things didn't come easy to me. But I want to thank you for this acknowledge-

RUTH CARTER BECOMES FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO WIN TWO OSCARS

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uth E. Carter is the first Black woman to Rwin two Oscars. In 2019, she became the first Black person to win the Oscar for costume design for her work on Marvel's 'Black Panther'. At the 95th Academy Awards, she was once again recognised for the film's sequel, 'Wakanda Forever', reports 'Variety'.

Carter, according to 'Variety', beat out Catherine Martin, who won the BAFTA and Costume Designers Guild awards for her work on Baz Luhrmann's 'Elvis'.

She also beat Mary Zophres for 'Babylon', Jenny Beaven for 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' and Shirley Kurata for 'Everything



'AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER 'WALKS AWAY WITH BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS HONOURS

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he epic science fiction film, 'Avatar: The Way of Water', directed by James Cameron, clinched the trophy for Best Visual Effects at the ongoing 95th edition of the Academy Awards in Los Angeles and it doesn't come as a surprise even one bit given its stunning visuals.

The film comfortably defeated its fellow contenders in the form of the German anti-war film 'All Quiet on the Western Front', 'Top Gun: Maverick', Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'The Batman'. 'Avatar: The Way of Water' is the long-awaited sequel to the 2009 film 'Avatar'. The film has so far collected \$674.6 million at the US domestic box-office.

GUILLERMO DEL TORO'S 'PINOCCHIO' WINS BEST ANIMATED FEATURE FILM

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he Academy had the right nose to smell out the Best Animated feature film nominated at the 95th Academy awards as acclaimed filmmaker Guillermo del Toro's movie "Pinocchio" has taken home the Best Animated Feature Film hon-

> The award was presented by Emily Blunt and Dwayne Johnson at the prestigious event.

Guillermo del Toro's "Pinocchio" was contending against animated movies such as "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On", "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish", "The Sea Beast" and "Turning

After winning the award, Del Toro on stage said that Animation

should be kept in the conversation. He said: "Animation is cinemation, it is not a genre and ready to be taken for the next level. Keep animation in the conversation. I want to dedicate to my wife, kids and parents who are not there with me.'

Elizabeth Banks trips on stage, blames it on bear from 'Cocaine Bear'

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ctress Elizabeth Banks slightly tripped while making her way on the stage to announce the Best Visual Effects cate-**L** gory at the 95th Academy Awards. Elizabeth was followed by a "bear" on stage and she blamed tripping because of him. When she came on stage, she said: "He (pointing at the bear) tripped me, I recently directed 'Cocaine Bear' and without visual effects, this is what the bear looks like. Terrifying." Talking to the "bear", Elizabeth said in a joke: "The coke is not real, it's visual effects. Avatar is visual effects Batman flying around is not real but Tom Cruise flying is real a Wakanda is real!" She concluded with a joke: "Without visual effects Vivian's bear would have been a man in a bear suit with cocaine." 'Cocaine Bear' is a 2023 American horror comedy film

directed by Elizabeth Banks.



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FOURTH TEST DREW; INDIA RETAINS **BORDER-GAVASKAR TROPHY BY 2-1**

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he fourth Test between India and Australia has ended in a draw at the Narendra Modi Stadium, with the hosts' winning the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series 2-1 and retaining the trophy at

With more than an hour left on the clock for the game to end, both teams called for the match to end, as it reached the inevitable result of draw, as India pocketed their 16th consecutive series win at home. Also, it is the fourth straight series between India and Australia that has ended at 2-1 scoreline.



India and Australia will meet again in the World Test Championship final at the Oval in England from June 7-11. India's spot was sealed after New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by two wickets in a thrilling last-ball finish at Hagley

Oval. It was a Test match in Ahmedabad where the batters were dominant on a slow, flat pitch, completely opposite of the spin-friendly pitches in the first three Tests, which all ended in

three days.



OUR COMEBACK IN DELHI TEST SHOWED A LOT OF CHARACTER AND FIGHT: ROHIT Ahmedabad | India captain Rohit Sharma said his team's fightback in the second Test at New Delhi is something he would cherish, citing the character and fight shown to retain the trophy.

With the result 2-1, the first two Tests, we knew how important it was to start the series. I think the Delhi Test match was something I'm really proud of because we were very much behind the game and to come back from the situation that we did shows a lot of character and a lot of fight," he said.

"It was fantastic. Right from the word goes. It was exciting, all the Test matches there was something in it for everyone to watch. We understand the importance of the series and definitely understand the importance of the opposition. "After playing good cricket for 40-odd days we stand here with a result we are

quite happy with. There were challenges thrown up but we responded to them,' added Rohit.

Despite that, ace off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin took a sixwicket haul. Usman Khawaja, and Cameron Green notched up centuries for Australia, while Shubman Gill made a sparkling 128 and Virat Kohli made a magnificent 186 for

Sports

Travis Head and Marnus Labuschagne notched up fifties as Australia reached 175/2 before the end arrived as hopes for an unlikely win for both teams terminated.

Post lunch, Head reached his fifty when he guided a delivery from Axar past slip for four to take Australia towards safety. Opener Travis Head fell ten runs short of his Test century while left-arm spin all-rounder Axar Patel claimed his 50th Test wicket as Australia reached 158/2 in 64 overs.

After tea, Smith slammed a boundary each off Ashwin and

Brief scores

Australia 480 in 167.2 overs and 175/2 in 78.1 overs (Travis Head 90, Marnus Labuschagne 63 not out; Axar Patel 1/36, Ravichandran Ashwin 1/58) draw with India 571 in 178.5

IT'S QUITE DIFFICULT **TO SCORE RUNS OFF** LYON: SHUBMAN GILL

Ahmedabad India opener Shubman Gill, who notched up a sparkling 128 in the fourth Test of Border-Gavaskar Trophy here, admitted that the hosts batting line-up tried to put veteran off-

spinner Nathan Lyon under pressure as they found it quite difficult to get runs

"(Lyon) is always on his mark. He tests your patience so much. Especially when I was batting against him on day three and the first session was quite challenging for me and Rohit. Just the areas that he bowls.

"He doesn't give much to the batter for someone who is consistently bowling outside off stump; he doesn't give half volleys or short balls. That's quite amazing. As a batter it's quite difficult to score runs off him," said Gill after the

Bangladesh clinch historic series victory over England

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angladesh has registered a landmark series victory over England in any format, beating the reigning Men's T20 World Cup champions by four wickets in the second T20 of the three-match series at Shere Bangla National Stadium.

Mehidy Hasan Miraz's impressive all-round show set up the stirring victory with 4/12 from four overs that helped dismiss England for 117, then added 20 valuable runs in the chase in Sunday's win.

Najmul Hossain Shanto scored an unbeaten 46* and Taskin Ahmed hit the winning runs with two fours in the penultimate over to steer Bangladesh to their target with four wickets and seven balls in hand, ending England's long run of success in this format, having won the T20 World Cup, and bilateral series against Australia and Pakistan last

The T20I series in Bangladesh is the first between the teams, with England coming out on top in their only other meeting in the format by eight wickets at the T20 World Cup 2021.

England has triumphed in all five ODI series against Bangladesh, including with two wins from the three 50-



over clashes between the teams earlier this month.

Bangladesh won their fifth-ever ODI against England in 25 attempts in their most recent meeting after half-centuries to Shanto, Mushfiqur Rahim and Shakib Al Hasan.

England has been even more dominant in red-ball matches, with victories in their first eight Tests against Bangladesh to open with a streak of four 2-0 series victories. Bangladesh won the first T20I in the series by six wickets and will be aiming for a clean sweep in the third and final clash in Mirpur on March 14.Miraz and Shanto were two of five players in the Bangladesh team to have played fewer than 20 T20Is, as they look to build a new group to compete at the

Ashleigh Gardner, Brook seal ICC Player of the Month awards for Feb 2023

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ustralia's off-spin allrounder Ashleigh Gardner was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for February 2023, while England's young batter Harry Brook clinched the ICC Men's Player of the Month for the same duration.

Both Ashleigh and Brook seal their second Player of the Month awards after winning the honours back in December 2022. While Ashleigh beat competition from Nat Sciver, and Laura Wolvaardt, Harry defeated challenges from fellow nominees Ravindra Jadeja and Gudakesh Motie.

In the opening n Women's T20 World Cup against New Zealand, she produced a dazzling bowling performance; taking 5/12



runs to restrict them to a modest 76 all out in pursuit of Australia's 173. With a total of 10 wickets during the tournament at an average of 12.50, she was named Player of the Tournament in Australia's sixth time of winning the tournament.

"Thank you to everyone Women's Player of the Month. The past month has been ground-breaking for women's cricket and it's an

exciting time for our sport. The T20 World Cup was a brilliant tournament, and playing the hosts South Africa in the Final in front of a packed crowd at Newlands was an incredible experience." "Our Australian team are fortunate to have a number of world-class players, I'm happy I was able to contribute to our team success over the course of the World Cup," said Ashleigh on receiving the honour.

On the other hand, Brook continued where he left off when arriving in New Zealand in February. He started the series with a fluid 89 in 81 balls, and followed it up with another half-century claim the Player of the Match award as England secured a thumping 267-run victory at Mount Maunganui.

ARSENAL, MAN CITY KEEP UP PRESSURE IN PREMIER LEAGUE

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rsenal retained their five-point A lead at the top of the Premier League this weekend after a comfortable 3-0 win away to Fulham.

The pressure was on Mikel Arteta's side after Manchester City took three points, but goals from Gabriel after 21 minutes and Gabriel Martinelli five minutes later got them on their way, reports Xinhua. Martin Odegaard scored Arsenal's

third goal of an assured display in first-half injury time, and Arteta's men have now won their last five league matches. Manchester City remains second

after a 1-0 win away to Crystal Palace thanks to Erling Haaland's 78thminute penalty.

Manchester United midfielder Casemiro was sent off for a studs-up challenge in the 34th minute of side's 0-0 draw at home to Southampton. The red card was Casemiro's second in 19 games.



Both sides hit the woodwork, but Southampton will be disappointed not to have come away with a surprise win that would have lifted them off the bottom of the table. Chelsea continues to improve with

a 3-1 win away to Leicester City, who have now lost four games in a row. Ben Chilwell, Kai Havertz and

Mateo Kovacic scored for Chelsea, while Patson Daka netted for the home side. Harry Kane scored twice and Son

Heung-min also got on the scoresheet as Tottenham recovered from a bad 10 days which saw them knocked out of the Champions League and FA Cup with a 3-1 win at home to Nottingham Forest.

Leeds United twice came back from a goal down to take a 2-2 draw at home to Brighton. Alexis Mac Allister and a Jack Harrison own goal twice put Brighton ahead, but they were pegged back by Patrick Bamford and Harrison, who netted at the right

end 12 minutes from time. Dwight McNeil scored in the first minute to give Everton a 1-0 win at ome to Brentford. The win ended Brentford's unbeaten run which stretched back to October, and lifted Everton out of the bottom three.

I-League

PUNJAB END SEASON IN STYLE, HIT HALF-CENTURY OF POINTS

lready crowned champions a week ago, RoundGlass Punjab ended the I-League season in style with yet another convincing 2-0 victory over TRAU FC here at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium.

Staikos Vergetis's men finished with 52 points from 22 matches, becoming the first champion side to cross the 50-point mark since Churchill Brothers in 2012-13. AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey

presented the prizes in a simple ceremony. AIFF Executive Committee Member and AIFF Futsal Committee chairman Vijay Bali was also present.

The icing on the cake for RoundGlass Punjab was Slovenian forward Luka Majcen's brace on the



night, which allowed him to surpass David Castaneda's tally and win the Golden Boot with 16 goals. Tiddim Road Athletic Union

(TRAU) knew before kick-off that

they would finish fourth even if they manage to beat this season's I-League champions, as Gokulam Kerala cemented third place by beating Sreenidi Deccan earlier in

that led to a lack of motivation, but Leimapokpam Nandakumar Singh's boys did not look the pugnacious lot they have been this season.

Luka Majcen, however, was his usual self around the opponents' penalty area. He scored his 15th goal of the season and the first of the match in the 35th minute with a dipping right-footer from well outside the box.

Majcen's hot pursuit of becoming the league's top-scorer finally came to an end just after the break with a coolly-placed header. Freddy Lallawmawma made a sharp turn on the right edge of the TRAU box and

sent a perfect cross to the Slovenian waiting in the middle between two defenders. He headed it into the left corner to make it 2-0.

Shadab to lead Pakistan in Afghanistan T20Is

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ll-rounder Shadab Khan will captain Pakistan in the three-match T20I series against Afghanistan as the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Monday named a 15man squad for the three-match T20I series in Sharjah, which is set to commence on March

The board also named Mohammad Yousuf as the interim head and batting coach.

Key players like regular skipper Babar Azam along with along with Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Rizwan and Shaheen Shah Afridi have been rested, while Asif Ali, Haider Ali, Mohammad Hasnain and Khushdil Shah failed to find a place in the squad. These nine players were part of the Pakistan squad that reached the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia. Shadab will lead the side that includes four



uncapped players -- Ihsanullah, Saim Ayub, Tayyab Tahir and Zaman Khan -- while Abdullah Shafique, Azam Khan, Faheem Ashraf and Imad Wasim have been recalled in

Apart from the Shadab, players retained from the last T20I series are Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Haris, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Wasim Junior, Naseem Shah and Shan Masood.

Indian Wells

Medvedev downs Ivashka for 16th straight win of the season



Indian Wells (USA)s | Agencies

he four-time ATP Masters 1000 champion, Daniil Medvedev secured a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 win over Ilya Ivashka, scoring his 16th straight victory to advance to the fourth round of the

Indian Wells Masters This win is Medvedev's best Indian Wells result from 2021. He finished with eight aces and six double faults to enter the round-of-16, where he will meet Alexander Zverev

Medvedev broke the opening game of a straightforward first set. He broke again to open the second set, only for Ivashka to break back from 40/15 to spark a run of eight straight points and flip the feeling on the stadium court.

Strong serving kept Medvedev in the set, but Ivashka was on top in the many long rallies as his opponent grew frustrated with what he felt were slow conditions in the desert night. A loose service game handed a break to Ivashka, who served out the set to love to force a decider. Medvedev rediscovered the form in the final set and raced to a 5-0 lead, locking in from the baseline to blunt Ivashka's power game, and served out the win after Ivashka avoided a bagel with a 0/40 escape, completing the job on his fifth match point.

The matchup against Zverev, the pair's first ATP Head-to-Head meeting since Zverev's victory in the 2021 Nitto ATP Finals, will break a 6-6 tie in the series

PEGULA JUMPS TO FOURTH ROUND WITH A WIN OVER ANASTASIA POTAPOVA

Indian Wells (USA)| The No.3 seed American, Jessica Pegula came from a set down to beat No.27 seed Anastasia Potapova to reach the fourth round of the Indian Wells Masters.

Pegula rallied for a 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 win over Potapova in 2 hours and 17 minutes on Sunday to enter the last 16 in the California desert for the second time in her career. She previously came from a set down to beat Italy's Camila Giorgi in her first match.

In addition to coming from a set down against Potapova, Pegula was 3-1 down in the decider. She also saved a breakpoint at 4-4 in the second set and won seven of the last eight points to extend the





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PICKS CLASSIC

HOLLYWOOD LOOK FOR RED CARPET

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ctress Deepika Padukone, who is among the presenters at the Oscars alongside Dwayne Johnson, Emily Blunt, Riz Ahmed, Glenn Close, Samuel L. Jackson, Michael B. Jordan and Jonathan Majors, walked the coveted red carpet as she picked a classic Hollywood look for the event with an all-black attire.

The actress took to her Instagram and shared her look from the red carpet. She can be seen dressed in an off-the-shoulder jet-black gown, serving old-Hollywood glamour.

Her gown featured an off-the-shoulder neckline with a plunging design, drapings on the arms, full-length sleeves with attached Opera gloves, a fitted bust, corseted bodice, cinched torso, figurehugging fitting, and a mermaid-style pleated skirt grazing the floor.

Deepika Padukone is making her Oscars debut this year after making her debut in Hollywood with 2017's 'XXX: Return of Xander Cage'.

The actress has represented Indian cinema on a lot of international platforms. In 2022, Deepika was one of the jury members at the prestigious Cannes

Film Festival

'The Elephant Whisperers' director dedicates honour to 'motherland India'

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s short documentary 'The Elephant
Whisperers' brought home an Oscar, its director Kartiki Gonsalves credited her "motherland India" for the win.

'The Elephant Whisperers' was competing in the category alongside

'Haulout', 'How Do You Measure a Year?', 'The Martha Mitchell Effect' and 'Stranger at the Gate'.

After being presented the honour, Kartiki, who was accompanied with producer Guneet Monga, said: "I stand here to speak today about the

between us and the natural world for the respect of indigenous communities and empathy towards other living beings we share our space with and finally for coexistence. Thank you to the academy for recognising our film, highlighting indigenous people and animals."

She concluded by saying: "To my motherland India."

The documentary is about the bond that develops between a couple and an orphaned baby elephant called Raghu, who was entrusted to their care.

'My heart is racing with joy': Guneet Monga reacts to Oscar

Mumbai| India created history at the just concluded 95th edition of the Academy Awards as 'The Elephant Whisperers' clinched the Oscar for the Best Documentary Short Film. The film's producer Guneet Monga has reacted to her film's big win.

Guneet Monga has reacted to her film's big v The 'Elephant Whisperers' marks Kartiki Gonsalves' directorial debut.

Lauding the film's director, she said: "This is an incredibly powerful and historical moment. We, as two women from India, stood on that global stage making this historical win. I'm so proud of this film, this moment and proud of my amazing team at Sikhya Entertainment, that an independent production house from India has made the history to be the first ever Indian film by an Indian production to win an Oscar. My heart is racing with all the joy, love, and excitement in the moment. I'm so grateful to Kartiki, the wonderful visionary that

IIFA - COUNTDOWN TO THE BIGGEST CELEBRATION OF INDIAN CINEMA

The countdown to the biggest celebration of Indian cinema had begun. With the International Indian Film Academy and Awards (IIFA) scheduled to take place at Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, on May 26th and 27th.

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At the dawn of the new millennium in the year 2000 in the heart of London at the iconic Millenium Dome, one of the greatest and biggest entertainment IP's of the 21st century was born - IIFA.

Dedicated to building bridges across cinemas, businesses, communities and nations, creating everyone's dream. One People One World", 21 years ago, the dream to take Indian cinema to the world had come true and a celebration was brought to life that connected people, countries, cultures and nations with the platform of cinema.

Bringing alive the magical and unforgettable memories from over the years as IFA journeyed the world.

Proud to be leaders of the

Industry, IIFA has always put the environmental agenda at the realm of IIFA Weekend & Awards in 2007 when they launched the concept 'Greening The IIFA's' and came up with the idea of symbolizing this idea with Bright Green Carpets instead of traditional red ones.

With stars from Sienna Miller, Colin Firth.

With stars from Sienna Miller, Colin Firth, Amitabh Bachchan to Priyanka Chopra IIFA has done proud to make a difference and continue to thrive doing so in advocating that we can all make a difference to our home, our world. IIFA has always helped create clever messaging on the environment that the stars and celebrities involved would convey to the audiences and fans globally and today with the power of celebrity following, it's worked.

The awards reflect the commitment of fashion houses to sustainability,

'An unforgettable day for Indians'





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ollywood is celebrating the historic achievement of Rajamouli's epic movie 'RRR' at the 95th Academy Awards. Several Telugu film stars and celebrities conveyed their compliments to the 'RRR' team Monday after the award for Best Original Song category was announced.

"Congratulations to the entire team of 'RRR' movie on bringing Indian cinema glory," tweeted veteran Tollywood director K. Raghavendra Rao under whose tutelage Rajamouli had begun his movie career."

"And there you go... NAATU NAATU!! Crossing all boundaries!! Congratulations to mmkeeravaani garu,

Congratulations to mmkeeravaani garu, boselyricist and the entire team of RRR on their phenomenal win at the Oscars!! A jubilant moment for Indian cinema," stated Tollywood star Mahesh Babu. He also praised 'The Elephant Whisperers' team.

"Congratulations to the entire team of The Elephant Whisperers on winning the Best Documentary Short...a fantastic film and another phenomenal win," Mahesh Babu noted.

"We've created history. An unforget-

table day for Indians," stated Tollywood's Mass Maharaja, Ravi Teja.

Ajay Devgn wrote: "As it is often said, cinema speaks a universal language. Congratulations to the teams of RRR and The Elephant Whisperers for their Oscar win. It's a proud (Indian flag emoji) moment "

Tollywood Megastar and actor Ram Charan's father, Chiranjeevi was among the first to react to the historic moment when the song 'Naatu Naatu' from 'RRR' clinched the Oscar in the Best Original Song category.

Taking to his social media almost immediately after the magic moment of the announcement in Los Angeles, Chiranjeevi tweeted, "Oscarsa-a-a-would have still been a dream for India but for One Man's vision, courage & conviction ssrajamouli!"

A Billion Hearts filled with Pride & Gratitude! Kudos to every member of the Brilliant Team of RRR Movie".

ALL-INDIA FASHION WEEK CUM BEAUTY PAGEANT IN JAIPUR

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ogue Star, an inclusive platform of the women and by the women supporting them creates their distinctive identities, will organize an all-India fashion week cum beauty pageant in Jaipur. The upcoming extravaganza of fashion and beauty will be curated by Alison Woodham, a renowned fashion show choreographer based out of Mumbai. Another celebrity trainer Kavita Kharayat will groom the beauty pageant participants for the grand

The event which will be hosted at Le Meridian Hotel on 14th to 16th April 2023 is set to spread a message around unity in diversity. Alison and Kavita are working day and night to ensure a magnificent and

finale. Conceptualized by Alison, the grand finale of the VogueStar beauty

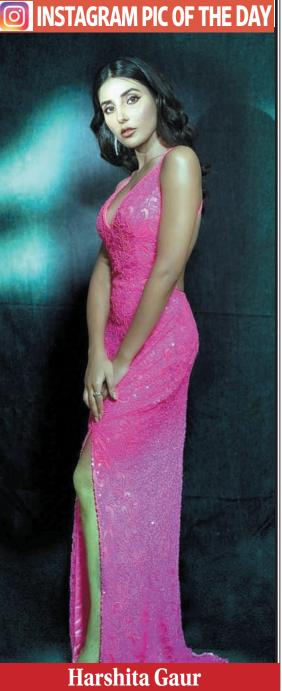
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pageant and
Fashion Week will witness state level winners trained by
Kavita, walk the ramp donning designer masterpieces crafted
by emerging designers from across the country. With over 20
year of experience, Alison Woodham is a business woman
who has taken her career from a single show to a multi-city
operation. She has organised big-city shows like The Chivas
Fashion Tour, Launch of Belvedere, Lakme fashion week,
Vogue, Sabyasachi, Manish Malhotra, Anamika Khanna,
Shantanu & Nikhil, TarunTahiliani, Christain Dior, Ayesha
Depala and many more.

A well-known face of the fashion industry, Kavita has worked with pioneer designers such as Manish Malhotra, Sabyasachi, Abu Jani and Sandeep Khosla among others.

Divided into two categories, the pageant will crown three national winners under Miss VogueStar India and Mrs Vogue Star India. The Mrs Vogue Star India is further categorized into two groups where in the group will be for married women from the age group of 18-35 while group 2 will be for women who are between 36-50 years.





This is just the beginning: NTR Jr on 'Naatu Naatu' win

Hyderabad| With 'Naatu Naatu' notching up India's first entertainment win at the Oscars, good wishes are pouring in. NTR Jr who is also attending the Awards event at Los Angeles reacted happily to the 'RRR' feat at the Oscars. "I cannot find the words to express my elation right now. This is not just a win for RRR but for India as a country. I believe this is just the beginning. Showing us how far Indian cinema can go. Congratulations to Keeravaani garu and Chandrabose garu. Of course none of this would have been possible without a master storyteller called Rajamouli and the audiences who showered us with all the love."

NTR Jr also complimented the 'The Elephant Whisperers' team, also from India, winning in the Short Documentary category. "I would also like to congratulate the team of 'The Elephant Whisperers' on their win today bringing another Oscar to India." NTR Jr, along with actor Ram Charan had featured in the iconic 'Naatu Naatu' number from the Rajamouli directorial.