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The intensity of rainfall would increase with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and extremely heavy falls at isolated places very likely over Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka and Jamnagar and heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi and Junagarh districts of Gujarat on Thursday," said an IMD official.

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for Gujarat's Saurashtra and Kutch coasts as Cyclone Biparjoy has intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm and is expected to impact the state and Pakistan in the coming days. "The extremely severe

cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' (pronounced as 'Biporjoy') over east central and adjoining northeast Arabian Sea moved north-north-westwards with a speed of 07 kmph. It is very likely to move nearly northwards till June 14 morning, then move north northeast wards and cross Saurashtra and Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi (Pakistan) near

Jakhau Port (Gujarat) by noon of June 15 as a very severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 125-135 kmph gusting to 150 kmph," IMD said.

The IMD further predicted that there will be light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places very likely over north Gujarat and adjoining south Rajasthan on Friday," it said.

Rajkot, Junagarh and Morbi districts of Saurashtra and Kutch on Wednesday.

"Isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over remaining districts of Saurashtra and north Gujarat region on Thursday, while light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places very likely over north Gujarat and adjoining south Rajasthan on Friday," it said.

FARMERS IN HARYANA AGAIN BLOCK HIGHWAY OVER MSP ON SUNFLOWER CROP

THE LOGJAM RETURNS

► KURUKSHETRA DISTRICT HAS THE HIGHEST PRODUCTION OF SUNFLOWER AND ITS MAIN PROCUREMENT CENTRE IS SHAHBAD. BESIDES, THE SUNFLOWER PURCHASE CENTRES HAVE BEEN SET UP AT PLACES OF AMBALA, YAMUNANAGAR, KARNAL, AND PANCHKULA DISTRICTS.

► HAFED HAS STARTED PROCUREMENT OF SUNFLOWER CROPS FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HAS ANNOUNCED TO REMAIN IN THE MARKET TILL THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS COMPLETED IN THE MANDIS.

► IT HAS BEEN PROCURING SUNFLOWERS AT THE RATE OF RS 4,850 PER QUINTAL IN SHAHBAD. WITH THE CHIEF MINISTER GIVING INTERIM RELIEF OF RS 1,000 PER QUINTAL UNDER THE BHAVANTAR BHARPAYEE YOJANA, NOW THE PURCHASE OF SUNFLOWER IN HARYANA HAS RAISED TO RS 5,800 PER QUINTAL.

► AT PRESENT, SUNFLOWERS ARE BEING PURCHASED IN PUNJAB BETWEEN RS 3,800 AND RS 4,200.

► TO PACIFY THE FARMERS, THE CHIEF MINISTER ON SUNDAY ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF A SUNFLOWER OIL FACTORY IN KURUKSHETRA, WHICH WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 20,000 METRIC TONNES.

Chandigarh | Agencies

Farmers in Haryana on Monday once again blocked the National Highway-44 near Pipli in the state's Kurukshetra district, severely hampering the movement of traffic between Chandigarh and Delhi.

The traffic was halted after the "mahapanchayat" called by the Bharatiya Kisan Union-Charuni failed to get any response from the government over procurement of sunflower seeds at the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 6,400 per quintal.

Also they were demanding the release of their leaders, especially Bharatiya Kisan Union-Charuni chief Gurnam Singh Charuni. Responding to issue of farmers, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar told the media that the government has a round of talks on the sunflower issue. Nearly 50,000 farmers from Punjab, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, besides Haryana and its neighbouring states, gathered in Pipli town and earlier gave an ultimatum to the government that "if it doesn't listen to their demands, a big call could be taken to block the national highway again or block the government Secretariat in Kurukshetra".

The sunflower growers are not happy with the relief announced on June 10 by Chief Minister Khattar, saying it was an attempt to prevent the 'mahapanchayat' called by farmers' associations.

The farmers have been demanding that the state government procure their sunflower crop at an MSP of Rs 6,400 per quintal, as announced for the crop by the Central government for 2022-23.

Wrestler Bajrang Punia also



reached Pipli and extended his support.

However, traffic on the Chandigarh-Delhi highway was diverted to avoid congestion after farmers gathered in Pipli over their demand.

Days after protesting sunflower growers were baton-charged and forcibly evicted for blocking the National Highway-44 near Kurukshetra, crowds of farmers on Monday started gathering again in support of the demand.

Tikait had already threatened a larger agitation than the year-long protest against the now repealed farm laws if the government did not announce a legal guarantee of the MSP for procurement of crops.

As a preventive measure, the government has imposed Section 144 in Pipli, a ruling that prohibits public gatherings in a given jurisdiction.

Farm leaders have also warned the authorities to release their nine leaders, including Charuni, who were sent to custody for 14 days for blocking the

national highway on June 7, otherwise a massive rally would be held on June 12. Besides charges pertaining to rioting, they are facing cases for unlawful assembly, use of criminal force to deter public servants from discharging duty and attempt to murder.

Amidst the rift between the state government and farmers, Chief Minister Khattar has said the government was studying the market for adequately compensating sunflower growers.

While digitally releasing Rs 29.13 crore as an interim 'bharpai' (compensation) to 8,528 sunflower farmers growing the crop on 36,414 acres of land on Saturday, he said that some people are trying to create confusion among the farmers claiming that his government does not care for the farmers.

The government has included sunflower in the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana under which farmers will be paid Rs 1,000 per quintal if produce is selling below the MSP.

WRESTLING MESS: WFI ELECTIONS ON JULY 4, RETD JUSTICE (J&K HC) TO BE RETURNING OFFICER

The much-awaited elections to pick the Executive Committee of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) will be held on July 4, informed the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in a letter to Justice (Retd) Mahesh Mittal Kumar, former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

Chetan Sharma | New Delhi

In the letter, the IOA has asked Justice (Retd) Mahesh Mittal to "confirm" his appointment as the returning officer to conduct the elections.

WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is facing charges of sexual harassment by India's top wrestlers, completed three tenures (12 years) in office in March this year.

The IOA on Monday started the election process by appointing a returning officer. "I am writing in connection with conducting the election of the Executive Committee of the Wrestling Federation of India. Wrestling is an Olympic sport and WFI is the National Federation of India, which is an affiliated member of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)."

"Due to administrative issues in the WFI, IOA has, in its Emergency Executive Council Meeting held on 27.04.2023, resolved to constitute as AD-Hoc Committee to take charge of affairs of WFI," said IOA joint secretary and acting CEO Kalyan Chaubey in the letter to Justice (Retd) Kumar.

"Now, the IOA has to take steps forward to conduct the elections of the WFI Executive Committee and are pleased to appoint you as

Centre is talking to
wrestlers: Haryana CM

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday said the Centre is talking to the wrestlers who called for a statewide strike on June 14 amid sexual allegations charges against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

"The bandh call has been given, but first, there should be talks," he told the media.

Earlier, wrestler Bajrang Punia, who attended the 'mahapanchayat' of protesting farmers to support their demand of MSP of Rs 6,400 per quintal for sunflower seeds, said the wrestlers have postponed their agitation till June 15 and their next course of action would be announced if strong action is not taken against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh by that time.

Returning Officer to conduct the elections of the WFI. You may consider appointing one Assistant Returning Officer and other staff to assist in conducting the elections," added the IOA joint secretary and acting CEO Kalyan Chaubey.

"Elections are required to

be conducted in the Special General Meeting of the WFI called on 4th July 2023 and the Schedule of Election will be required to be drawn accordingly. We look forward to your confirmation of acceptance and also the smooth conduct of elections of WFI on 4 July 2023."

Fire breaks out in govt office, health data destroyed

IAF choppers sought to douse fire raging at Bhopal's
Satpura Bhawan, Congress apprehends 'cover-up'

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The six-storey Satpura Bhawan, where at least half a dozen departments of the Madhya Pradesh government are located, was engulfed in a massive fire on Monday, resulting in damage to official records, computers, furniture and other property.

The fire, which broke out on the third floor of the building, where the Tribal Welfare Department is located, gradually spread to cover the entire building and was still raging late in the night. However, no casualty was reported, according to an official statement released late night.

The fire was so massive that efforts by the firefighters for several hours could not control it, and fire services of the Airport Authority of India were also summoned. Later, the state government sought the help of the IAF to douse the fire.

State Home Minister Narottam



Mishra, who was present at the spot at 11.20 p.m., told media persons that Air Force helicopters will reach soon to help douse the blaze.

The Satpura Bhawan is located in front of the Madhya Pradesh

Secretariat Vallabh Bhawan. All official records, especially pertaining to the Tribal Welfare Department, were reportedly reduced into ashes in the fire.

The exact reason of the fire was yet to be ascertained so far,

however, preliminary information indicates that a blast in an air conditioner may have caused it. Additional Chief Secretary, Administration, Vinod Kumar said. Mishra also said that a high level committee has been formed

to investigate the fire incident in Satpura Bhawan. The five-member committee, chaired by Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Rajesh Rajora will conduct a detailed inquiry in the matter and submit the report to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Meanwhile, the Congress has raised apprehension on fire incident, alleging that the incident could be a planned conspiracy to destroy files and other documents.

State media in-charge K.K. Mishra said: "Today, (Congress General Secretary) Priyanka Gandhi started the election campaign in MP. A fire broke out at Satpura Bhawan. It is an attempt to destroy documents to hide the corruption of BJP government. During a press conference two weeks back, I had mentioned the BJP would try destroy files to hide its corruption and fire incidents would start in government offices, and now it happened."

Claims of data breach
mischievous, CoWIN portal
completely safe: Health Ministry

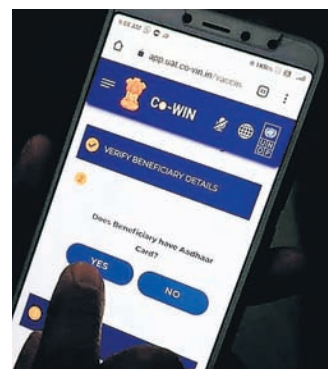
Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on Monday dubbed the alleged data breach of Covid-19 vaccine beneficiaries as "mischievous in nature", saying that the CoWIN portal is completely safe with adequate safeguards for data privacy.

The Health Ministry also said that it has requested the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) to look into this issue and submit a report, besides initiating an internal exercise to review the existing security measures of CoWIN.

The Health Ministry's remarks came after some media reports and social media posts claimed breach of data of vaccine beneficiaries. These reports also alleged breach of data from the CoWIN portal of the Health Ministry, which is the repository of all the data of beneficiaries who have been vaccinated against Covid-19.

The Health Ministry said in a statement, "Certain posts on the social media platform Twitter have claimed using a 'Telegram (online messenger application) BOT', the



personal data of individuals who have been vaccinated is being accessed.

It also said that security measures are in place on the CoWIN portal, with Web Application Firewall, Anti-DDoS, SSL/TLS, regular vulnerability assessment, Identity and Access Management etc.

It also said that CoWIN was developed and owned and managed by the MoHFW.

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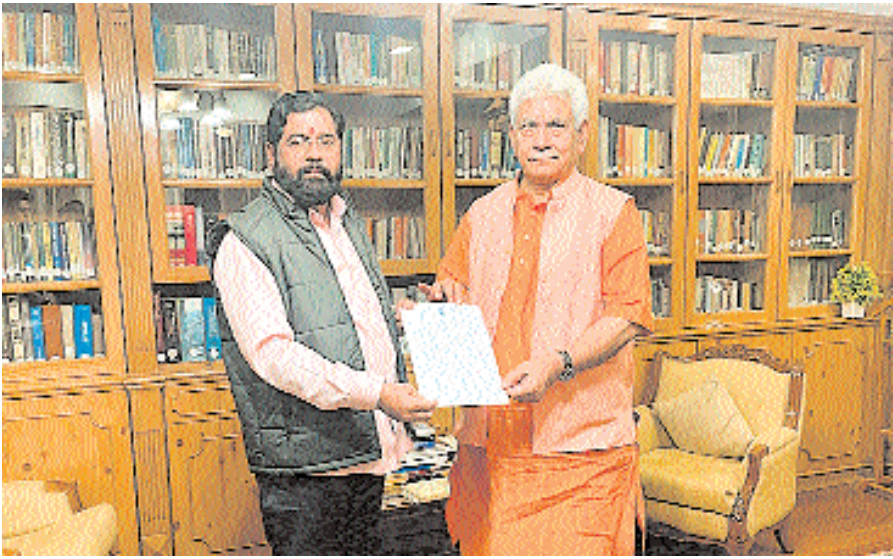


CM dreams of Maharashtra Bhavan in Kashmir, Pune NGO 'Sarhad' ready to help

Team Absolute | Srinagar/Mumbai

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has urged the administration of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to provide a plot of land to construct a 'Maharashtra Bhavan' to boost ties between the people, an official said here. Shinde, on a tour of Kashmir last weekend, called on the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha to convey his request vide a letter on Sunday. A prominent NGO, Sarhad, Founder Sanjay Nahar said that his organisation had made a similar proposal at least 10 years ago, but it was kept in cold storage as it could kick up similar demands from other states in the country. "We are ready for the project even today... Our only condition is that the Maharashtra Bhavan in Srinagar shall be run and managed by Kashmiri Muslim youth... They want to repay a debt to this state which has always hosted them and helped them in dire times," Nahar told reporter. In his letter, the visiting CM told the Lt. Governor that in view of the growing tourism and cultural

exchanges, plus enhancing economic and social ties, such an institution will be beneficial to people on both sides. He said the Maharashtra Bhavan in Srinagar will not only provide accommodation facilities to tourists from this state, but provide a glimpse of the state, its rich arts, culture and cuisine for the people of Jammu & Kashmir. The institution could also be used as a major hub for students, entrepreneurs, senior officials to strengthen ties between the state and the UT. Shinde assured that if a suitable piece of land is provided, the state government will construct a Maharashtra Bhavan keeping in mind the culture and environment of J&K. The ruling ally Bharatiya Janata Party leaders have welcomed the CM's proposal for setting up a Maharashtra Bhavan in J&K and said it would further cement ties with the UT.



NAVI MUMBAI MAN ARRESTED FOR USING AURANGZEB'S PICTURE ON SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE

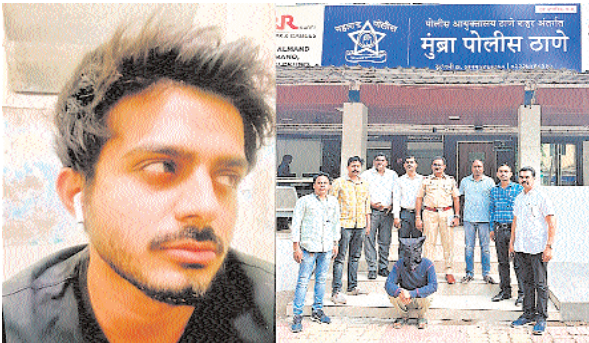
Team Absolute | Mumbai

An FIR was registered by Navi Mumbai police against a man for allegedly using Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's image as his Whatsapp profile picture after the issue was raised by a Hindu organisation, an official said on Sunday. Police arrested the man in Vashi, who works in an outlet of a mobile service provider. He was allowed to go and a notice was issued to him. The screenshot of Aurangzeb's profile picture was submitted to the police by a Hindu organisation, leading to registration of the case under sections 298 (Uttering words, etc, with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings) and 153-A (Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence) of the Indian Penal Code, the official said. Further investigation is underway, he added.

Thane court grants transit remand to Ghaziabad 'conversion' accused

Team Absolute | Thane

A day after his arrest, Shah Nawaz Khan, alias Baddo -- prime accused in the alleged 'conversion case through gaming app' -- was granted a transit remand and ordered to be produced before the Ghaziabad court in Uttar Pradesh within three days, officials said here on Monday. Shortly after the court orders, the Mumbai Police (Thane), which had tracked and nabbed Khan, 23, from a resort in Alibaug (Raigad), handed him over to the Ghaziabad Police four-man team camping here for the past six days. Absconding since several days after the alleged conversion racket erupted, Khan was reportedly in touch with some children who were targeted through a gaming App, 'Fortnite'. Following complaints of this and other alleged 'conversions through App scam', the Kavinagar Police Station of Ghaziabad lodged an FIR on



May 30 against Khan, a youth said to be a resident of Devripada in Thane and engaged in a cosmetics business. The complaint contended that Khan had sold computer gadgets to a minor Jain boy in Ghaziabad, then befriended him through regular chats, later made the juvenile

recite Quranic verses and allegedly brainwashed him with videos of the fugitive evangelist, Zakir Naik of Mumbai. The minor boy soon started visiting a local mosque in Ghaziabad to offer 'namaz' five times daily, shocking his family members and others, sparking a huge furore. Following the complaint, the Ghaziabad Police swung into action, nabbed Abdul Rehman, a cleric linked to the alleged 'conversion' racket and were on the lookout for Khan who was said to be hiding in Mumbai and then moved to Raigad. A techie studying in a junior college, Khan evaded the police teams but using tech-intel, the investigators finally zeroed in on him to a resort in Alibaug where he was holed up with his brother and arrested him on Sunday (June 11).

Mumbai Airport's 2nd runway gets a new 'carpet' for safety, efficiency

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport here has completed the six-month long 're-carpeting' project of its secondary runway 14/32, enhancing the operational efficiency and maintaining higher safety standards for air travel, an official said here on Monday. The CSMA operates one of the busiest single-crossover runways in the world -- secondary runway 14/32 and the main runway 09/27 -- handling an average of 950 flights daily and it is imperative for the runways to be kept in optimal conditions for continuous and safe landing/take-off of aircraft.



Accordingly, the re-carpeting project was taken up on December 9, 2022, and completed as per scheduled on June 10, just as the monsoon sets in, giving a meticulously structured approach to ensure smooth and efficient operations for the secondary runway. Around 200 personnel comprising engineers and workers toiled daily for the

project and the runway was closed for up to 12 hours daily, following a comprehensive schedule to complete the re-carpeting within the deadline, said the official. The work involved a runway length of 2,210 metres excluding the intersection portion, and a breadth of 75 metres, and the upgradation of all the stressed portions by laying some 72,500 tonnes of asphalt. The Adani Group-owned CSMA adopted the widely-acclaimed 'Mill & Fill' technique for Runway 14/32 comprising carefully orchestrated steps that include precise removal of existing Airfield Ground Lighting fittings by core cutting, core filling with quick-set concrete, etc.

Shiv Sena (UBT) to Maha CM, DyCM: Apologise for 'caning' Varkaris

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Shiv Sena (UBT) on Monday demanded that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis tender an apology to the people of Maharashtra for the unprovoked police caning on the pilgrims taking part in the annual pilgrimage of Saint Dnyanesh Maharaj from Alandi to Pandharpur. Sena (UBT) MP and Chief Spokesperson Sanjay Raut said that both Shinde-Fadnis must apologise to the people and the Varkaris (as the pilgrims are known) for the caning incident at Alandi. "The CM performs the annual pooja at the Pandharpur Temple... This kind of treatment is an insult to the people and the Varkaris who were going on their annual pilgrimage from Alandia Unless the CM apologises, he has no right to perform the special pooja," said Raut sternly. However, Fadnis and the police have flatly denied that there was any 'lathi-charge' and claimed it was a



minor scuffle with some Varkaris who were allegedly attempting to barge inside the temple on Sunday afternoon, sparking a huge political row. Congress state President Nana Patole, Chief Spokesperson Atul Londhe, NCP Working President Supriya Sule, state NCP President Jayant Patil, Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar, Chief Spokesperson Mahesh Tapase, Sena (UBT)'s Raut, Sushma Andhare and other leaders have slammed the state government for the caning of the Varkaris. Social media posts and TV clips show police personnel and some Varkaris in a tussle, with the cops resorting to a mild caning to deter the restless crowd, as over 8,00,000 devotees had gathered there for the annual

event. Some eyewitness reports said around 300-plus members of the Warkari Prashikshan Sanstha attempted to enter the sanctum sanctorum of the temple but were prevented by the police, leading to heated exchanges. The pilgrimage involves a palanquin of Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj being taken in a long religious procession from Alandi (Pune) to Pandharpur (Solapur). Pimpri-Chinchwad Police Commissioner Vinay Choubey and DCP Vivek Patil and other government officials contended that there was "no caning" of any devotees and the police had merely requested the Varkaris to avoid entering the temple without permission as the space in the sanctum sanctorum is very small. As a precaution to avoid a near-stampedee situation experienced last year, this year the authorities have restricted up to 75 member-devotees only per 'dindi' (palanquin procession), and passes have also been issued accordingly by the organisers.

Two 167-year-old British-era cannons, that once protected Mumbai, 'deployed' again (Anchor)

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Two mid 19th-century British East India Company-era cannons, installed to protect Mumbai, have now been refurbished and now adorn two parks, officials said on Monday. The sturdy steel cannons, both over 3 metres long with the inscription 1856, denoting the year they were cast, were part of many installed by the British rulers to protect the then Bombay, from any sea-ward aggression via the Arabian Sea. These two were unearthed in the Lions Children's Park at Ghatkopar, an eastern suburb a few years ago, among others that had been found in different parts of the country's commercial capital. Following instructions of BMC Commissioner I.S. Chahal and Additional Municipal Commissioner Ashwini Bhide, the two guns were given a meticulous make-over by the BMC's Heritage Conservation Cell. The fully restored magnificent cannons have been installed on befitting pedestals at the Dr K.B. Hedgewar Garden in



Ghatkopar west and the Lions Children's Park in Ghatkopar east, said Parks Superintendent Jitendra Pardeshi. Chief Engineer Vijay Nighot said that after the guns were found several years ago, a special proposal was sent to Heritage Conservation Cell to afford the cannons a makeover for the modern generation. Both cannons are of the British times, with each being 3.10 metres long, and having a 0.64 metre diameter while circumference of their wheels is 1.17 metres. They bear the

words 'NCPC' engraved on them with the year of manufacture, said Nighot. After conducting proper research into their antecedents, the majestic guns were given a facelift and mounted on platforms resembling bastions of forts, to give the people a glimpse of their glorious history. Now, the two historical artefacts have proved to be extremely popular among young and old alike visiting the two parks daily with many posing for selfies or clicking pictures and videos, said Pardeshi.

Mumbai murder victim's sister breaks down on seeing pics of her long hair

Team Absolute | Mumbai

One of the sisters of 32-year-old Saraswati Vaidya, who was allegedly killed and chopped into pieces by her 56-year-old live-in partner Manoj Sane, got emotional after seeing a photograph of Vaidya's long hair that the accused had cut and kept on the kitchen platform in their flat. According to Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar Police, she broke down while recording her statement. During their investigation into Ms Vaidya's death, police found out that she has four sisters and three of them recorded their statements. Vaidya's sisters confronted accused Manoj Sane for the first time after the murder and police said they were all furious and urged the police to make such a strong case that he gets the strictest punishment. One of the sisters, after seeing a photograph of Vaidya's long hair, broke down and recalled she used to love her long hair, police said. During the course of the investigation as police scanned Sane's mobile, they found that the accused used to watch porn on a regular basis and had jotted down some porn sites names on a paper which was also recovered by the



police. Police said that they will soon interrogate Manoj Sane by him making him sit in front of Vaidya's sisters and a cross-examination of his answers will be done. Police officials said that the accused was being questioned for several hours daily, but he kept changing his statements. Police said that after allegedly murdering Vaidya, he had taken pictures of the body and also did many Google searches to find out how to dispose of the body. The accused has made Google searches to gather information about what should be done to avoid the foul smell coming from a dead body and bought five bottles of Nilgiri oil from a shop in his area. On June

4, after the murder, the accused had bought an electric wood cutter (tree cutter) from a local hardware shop, which he used to chop down the body parts. The chain of this saw had come off during use, and after that, he took it to for repair to the same shop from where he had bought it. As Sane had cleaned the cutter completely, no one got any clue of what work he was using the machine. Police said it will send the DNA samples of Vaidya and her close relatives to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) today. As the accused has accepted that he married Ms Vaidya in a temple in Borivali, police are trying to verify the location of the temple and the priest who got them married. Along with this, the police will be looking for any other witnesses of their marriage. It has come to light that the couple had hidden their marriage from their acquaintances due to their age difference. Manoj Sane had been staying with Vaidya in the rental flat in the Akashganga building in Mira Road area over the past three years.

'DEFAMATORY' REMARKS FOR PM: MUMBAI COURT EXTENDS INTERIM RELIEF FOR RAHUL GANDHI

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Bombay High Court on Monday extended till August 2 the interim relief granted to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi from appearance before a court here in a defamation complaint on his alleged remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018. The complainant, who claims to be a BJP worker, had alleged that Gandhi's "commander-in-thief" remark in the context of the Rafale fighter jet deal amounted to defamation. A single bench of Justice SV Kotwal adjourned the hearing on the plea filed by Rahul Gandhi challenging the summons issued to him by the local court in 2021 after the complainant's lawyer sought time. "The interim relief granted earlier to continue till August 2," Justice Kotwal said. Earlier, Rahul Gandhi was directed by the local court to appear before it in November 2021 in a defamation complaint filed by Mahesh Shrishimal. Gandhi then approached the High Court, challenging the summons issued to him. The high court in November 2021 directed the magistrate to



defer hearing on the defamation complaint, which meant the Congress leader would not be required to appear before the magistrate. Since then, hearing on Gandhi's plea has been adjourned from time to time and the interim relief granted to him was also extended. The magistrate initiated criminal proceedings against Gandhi in August 2019. However, the Congress leader in his petition before the high court claimed that he learned about the same only in July 2021. The complainant alleged that Gandhi made defamatory

statements against PM Modi at a rally held in Rajasthan in September 2018. As per the complaint, four days later (after the rally), Rahul Gandhi purportedly commented on a video and posted on his personal Twitter account: "The sad truth about India's commander in thief." The complainant alleged that Gandhi was making "defamatory statements against Modi and by calling him 'Commander in Thief' made a direct allegation of theft against all members of BJP and Indian citizens connected to PM Modi".



PRIYANKA GANDHI SOUNDS POLL BUGLE IN MP WITH FIVE 'TESTED' PROMISES

// Like in 2018, the then Congress President Rahul Gandhi had promised to wave off farmers loans, and the party under the leadership of Kamal Nath had managed to return to power after 15 years gap, Priyanka sounded the poll bugles with offering financial scheme of Rs 1500 per month, LPG cylinder at subsidised rate of Rs 500 along with cheaper electricity.

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Monday kick-started party's poll campaign for Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls with five promises on the line of Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, where it won recently.

Priyanka's rally in Jabalpur also indicated that the Congress will corner the ruling BJP highlighting scams, especially alleged corruption in Mahakal Lok corridor project.

Worth mentioning that the Congress promised to provide Rs 1500 to women (with certain conditions) under its proposed scheme 'Nari Samman Yojana' to counter the BJP's 'Ladli Behna Yojana' launched by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently. Similarly, sub-



sidised cooking gas will counter Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship 'Ujjawala Yojana' launched in May 2016.

Besides these, the Congress also made another major announcement for implementing the old pension

scheme (OPS) to gain support of state government employees and their families in the coming elections. The cheaper electricity is akin to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) announced in its debut election in 2013 and since then it maintained the same in states it contested the elections.

"The Congress government in Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh has restored the OPS. Our government in Karnataka has cleared the five guarantees (the poll promises made by the party there)," Priyanka said while addressing a mammoth poll gathering in Jabalpur on Monday.

Notably, the Congress made the similar five-point promises in

Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka and managed uproot the BJP from both states and formed the government with absolute majority.

In her speech, Priyanka hit out at Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government highlighting issues like atrocities against women and tribals, unemployment, scams broke out in the past 18 years in Madhya Pradesh. Referring to collapse of Saptarishi idols in Ujjain's Mahakal Lok corridor, Priyanka said, "Shivraj government did not spare even the God."

Meanwhile, mocking the BJP's 'double-engine government' poll talk, the General Secretary said, "We have seen a lot of double and triple-engine governments, but people of Himachal and Karnataka have given a befitting reply in the polls."

CM Chouhan meets Ladli Bahnas soon after landing on Banjari helipad in Katni district



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, met his Ladli Bahnas who were waiting for their dear brother as soon as he landed at the helipad in Banjari of Katni district. He placed his hands on the heads of the Ladli Bahnas and blessed them to be happy and enquired about their well-being. The women welcomed Chief Minister Chouhan and showered flowers on him.

The Chief Minister was accorded a warm welcome at the helipad. The sisters were standing here with placards on which was written 'Bhaiyyaji ko dhanyavad'..... to express

their gratitude to him for the Ladli Bahna Yojana. Chief Minister Chouhan also did not disappoint his sisters and asked whether the amount of the scheme had come in everyone's account. He talked to Bahna Mamta of Rakhi Puraini village, Anita of village Kharkhari and Meerabai of Devrakala and inquired about the receipt of Rs.1000 in the bank account. The sisters told the Chief Minister that the money sent by you has come into my account. The Chief Minister placed his hand on the head of Anju Burman, a resident of Pathak Ward of Katni Nagar and said - khush raho Bahna, sab theek hai. On this, Anju said that everything is fine with a brother like you.

Indore Civic Body workers beat 3 for littering on road, Police case filed

Team Absolute | Indore

Three men were severely beaten up allegedly by some municipal workers in Indore, the cleanest city in the country, over a dispute after they were told to pay a fine of Rs 10,000 for throwing garbage on the road, police said on Monday.

The video of the incident, which occurred late Sunday night in the central Kotwali area, has gone viral.

"Three people injured in the incident alleged that the municipal staff demanded Rs 10,000 in fine from them claiming they littered the road and brutally assaulted

them when they protested," Assistant Commissioner of Police V P Sharma told media on Monday.

A case has been registered against four municipal workers and their associates under sections 323 (Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt.), 341 (Punishment for wrongful restraint), 294 (obscene act) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and medical examination of the injured man was conducted, Sharma said.

Based on a cross-complaint lodged by municipal staff, a case has also been registered against the injured

trio for assault and other charges, the ACP said, adding the investigation is underway.

Nikhil Verma, vice president of the Indore unit of Youth Congress, claimed the video clip shows that municipal workers assaulted the three men with sticks and kicked and punched them though they fell unconscious.

"Still, the police have booked the corporation employees on the mild charge of assault," he alleged and threatened to stage a protest if section 307 (attempt to murder) of IPC is not added to the FIR against the concerned civic employees.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME OF 40 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ABROAD

Bhopal : Applications are being invited from the talented students of general/unreserved category in the state for the scholarship scheme 2023-24 for the post graduate and PhD degree abroad. The last date for submission of applications has been fixed as 26 June 2023.

In the scholarship scheme, a provision has been made by the government to send talented students of general and unreserved category abroad for higher education. In this, the state government will bear the fees of the students selected for higher education abroad on the basis of merit whose family's income is not income tax payable.

Family members planted saplings with CM Chouhan on birthday of daughters

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Peepal, Badam (Almond) and Guava in the garden at Shyamla Hills. Along with Chief Minister Chouhan, family members planted saplings on the birthday of daughter Aarna Kulshrestha and daughter Saumya Yadav. CM Chouhan showered affection on the daughters by taking them in his lap and wished them a happy, healthy and successful life. Gajraj Kushwaha also planted saplings on his birthday. with CM Chouhan.

Other persons who planted saplings with Chief Minister Chouhan included Pulkit Kulshrestha, Purujit Kulshrestha,



Gyanendra, Shiva, Pankaj Kulshrestha, Apoorva Kulshrestha, Neeta Kulshrestha, Seema also participated in plantation. Aryan

Kushwaha, Babulal, Aditya Kumar Barange, Kiran Bala Barange and Aishwarya Yadav also planted saplings.

Monsoon's movement slow, will enter MP within 15 days

Bhopal: The movement of monsoon has slowed down after its entry in Kerala. For this reason, its entry in Madhya Pradesh can be done only after 10 to 12 days. Before this, there will be intense heat in the state. Meteorologists have said that the next 2 to 3 days will be hot. Some relief is expected after June 15. However, light rain is also expected in some cities on Monday.



Senior meteorologist HS Pandey told that cyclone 'Biparjoy' and trough line are also passing over South East UP. Due to this, light rain may occur in Satna, Sidhi, Rewa, Singrauli, Betul, Khargone, Barwani, Alirajpur, Jhabua, Burhanpur, Dhar, Dewas and Chhindwara in the next 24 hours. However, the rain activity is not much. The effect of strong heat will continue for the next two to three days. After this the temperature will drop.

Meteorologist Pandey told that right now the monsoon is moving north. Due to slow movement, the wait for monsoon in the state may increase by 10 to 12 days. Accordingly, monsoon will enter MP only after June 20.

MP hijab row: 3 including principal of Ganga Jamna school arrested

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Three persons including the principal of Damoh-based Ganga Jamna Higher Secondary School, where a controversy erupted over Hindu girl students allegedly being forced to wear hijab-like headscarves, have been arrested, the police said on Monday.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Afsa Sheikh (school principal), Anas Atahar (mathematics teacher) and Rustam Ali (security guard).

They were arrested after a raid was conducted, the police said. He further stated the three were arrested on the basis of statements of 6-7 witnesses, mainly of the school students and their family members.

The arrested individuals were later presented at a court which sent them to judicial custody.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra has claimed that the accused involved in the alleged 'religious



conversion' issue in a Damoh-based school are being detained by the police. He also indicated that the state administration is likely to carry out a 'bulldozer operation' against the Damoh-based Ganga Jamuna school where the controversy broke out with a poster of girl student toppers in hijab, which has now turned out to be an alleged 'religious conversion'. A FIR against the school management was lodged a few days back.

Can't compete with Shivraj's 'drama': Kamal Nath

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Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath said he can't compete with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's skills of dancing, acting and making fake promises but he can compete when it comes to speaking truth.

The former Chief Minister made this remark while addressing a poll rally in Jabalpur on Monday.

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh and Madhya Pradesh in-charge J.P. Agrawal were also present.

Kamal Nath said that the BJP government has destroyed the future of youths due to a number of scams.

"In 2018, when I became Chief Minister, I found that the BJP has emptied the entire public money. There were so many challenges



before me, but I had started tackling them one after another, but they (BJP) hatched a conspiracy and toppled our government. I too could have bargained to save my government, but didn't do so because I do not do such politics. They (BJP) have created bad image of Madhya Pradesh because of corruptions, bargains, unemployment, etc," Kamal Nath said.

He further asserted that religion is the subject of thought and not of the advertisement what the BJP is doing. Meanwhile, Kamal Nath reiterated his old statement - 'Mai Hindu hun, lekin Murkh Nahi Hun' (I am a Hindu but not a fool).

Kamal Nath appealed to people of Madhya Pradesh to understand the hidden agenda of the BJP not to fall under its trap.

Parents perform last rites of daughter after interfaith marriage in Jabalpur

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Upset over their daughter marrying a man from different religion, her parents in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur performed last rites and disowned her.

The Jabalpur family performed 'pind-dan' and 'mrityu bhoj' in the name of their alive daughter.

The family also distributed condolence cards to inform relatives and the members of the society about the 'death' of their daughter on April 2'.

Jabalpur-based Brahmin family on Sunday reached Gwarighat of holy river Narmada where they performed the last rites and other post-death rituals.

The family did this soon after a marriage reception party was organised by the woman's in-laws. Already upset with interfaith marriage, the family felt humiliated after seeing the invitation card of the post-marriage reception party,



which mentioned that "Hindu girl has changed her religion and

became Muslim." Upset with the developments,

the woman's family staged a protest at Jabalpur district SP office, which was supported by right wing Dharma Sabha. The family alleged that the marriage was conducted under the conspiracy of 'love jihad'.

However, according to the district administration, the couple got married on January 4. Administration also claimed that both families were informed about the marriage before its registration. However, the woman's mother told the press that her daughter had 'deceived' the family by getting married without their knowledge. Local police also released a statement confirming that the "marriage had occurred with the consent of both families. It also stated that the woman's family had even provided various gifts for the wedding."

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Singer Lana Del Rey quits Instagram

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The 'Summertime Sadness' hitmaker Lana Del Rey has said that she no longer requires to use the social media platform Instagram as her tour dates have been published and her dad Rob Grant's record 'Lost at Sea' - on which she features on two songs, 'Hollywood Bowl' and the title track - has been released. The singer-songwriter announced on her Instagram Story: "Thank you so much for everything. Now that Robas record is out and now you know where I am touring this account is closing. Good luck and love u", reported Female First UK'. Lana previously quit the platform back in 2021 in order to focus on "other jobs" that required "privacy and transparency". As per Female First UK, she explained in a video post at the time: "Hi guys, I just wanted to let you know that tomorrow we are going to be deactivating our social media accounts, my social media accounts. That is simply because I have so many interests, and other jobs I'm doing that require privacy and transparency." The 'Blue Jeans' singer assured fans she will continue to work on her music, poetry and spoken word albums, but is also "going on some different endeavours. I'm still very present and love what I do. I am absolutely here for the music".



'Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol.3' surpasses \$800 million at global box office

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'Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol.3' continues its winning streak at the box office. In just a month, the movie has surpassed the total gross of the first movie, earning \$805 million and is likely to surpass the second one, making it one of the highest grossing films of Marvel Cinematic Universe. MCU's 'Guardians Of The Galaxy' franchise has been loved by fans and critics alike. The movies are full of comedy, great visuals, action, and emotional moments that fans immediately connect to. Director James Gunn's last offering to the MCU 'Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 3' has proven to be his swansong, as he is not going to direct anymore Guardians movies. According to Collider, the film has crossed a major milestone globally, punching through the \$800 million barrier worldwide. Right now, Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 3 has grossed \$805.9 million worldwide. 2014's 'Guardians Of The Galaxy' achieved a gross of approximately \$770 million worldwide when it introduced Marvel Cinematic Universe fans to the

likes of Starlord and Rocket Raccoon. The franchise sequel, 2017's 'Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 2' is still out in front, having grossed \$869 million worldwide. 'Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 3' made a great start to its box office journey, by exceeding global expectations on its opening weekend, with an actual gross of \$282 million, compared to the predicted value of \$264 million. In just its second week of release, the third 'Guardians' film outgrossed 'Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania' globally. Domestically, the film ranks in the top five of second weekend holds for MCU releases. 'Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 3' was also able to deliver a record-breaking opening weekend at the IMAX Global box office with \$25 million. Noted for its darker and more emotional tone, 'Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol.3' has been very well received, particularly due to its focus on the character of Rocket Raccoon and his backstory, as well as other aspects.

BRITNEY IS HEARTBROKEN OVER REPORT CLAIMING FAMILY, EX FEAR SHE'S TAKING METH

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Britney Spears' rambling outbursts on social media have caused concerns amongst her fans, and Kevin Federline, the father of her two sons, admitted that he lives in fear of getting a phone call giving him "devastating news." But, the singer has said that she is heartbroken over a report her family and ex-husband fear she is taking crystal meth, reports Female First UK. Hours after the story broke, Britney said in a long Instagram post: "The fact that people are claiming things that are not true is so sad ... This may not even be them saying such things because it doesn't make any sense to me for them to be saying that. With Preston saying 'she needs to listen to us before it's too late.' Do you remember every visit you came to my home, you went into your room and locked the door ??? She further mentioned: "I never saw you guys. Jayden played the piano and we made music together. But the day I told him I wanted to see you guys more, I never saw you again. It makes me sad because I tried so hard to make things nice for you and it was never good enough. So you guys go behind my back and talk about me a it breaks my heart and the news is so low. I've always felt like the news bullies me. It's sad because everyone sits back as if that's ok to make up lies to that extent ... Why am I told I have to sit back and rise above ??? When they all go so low ??? Hopefully it is just the news being hateful and Kevin nor Preston said any of those things either way I will be fine working out to Throb !!!"



Elliot Page says his autobiography has improved relationship with his mom

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The 'Inception' actor Elliot Page, 36, was brought up as a girl by her teacher mother Martha Philpotts and his graphic designer dad Dennis Page before he came out as gay in 2014 followed by gender transition in December 2020. The actor has now said that his memoir 'Pageboy' has helped clear the air with his family for the "first time" about his journey, reports Female First UK. He told The Guardian: "I'm nervous, but grateful for the opportunity to have written it. "It was really healing getting a lot of stuff out. It's been very beneficial for my relationship with my mom. It has allowed us to talk about things for the first time in a meaningful, sincere way." As per Female First UK, the book tells how Elliot would try to pee standing up at the age of four. He said in the autobiography: "I would press on my vagina, holding it, pinching and squeezing it, hoping I could aim." Elliot went on to self-harm from a young age and stopped eating as he battled with his image. As a youngster he wanted to look like Elliot, the young hero of Steven Spielberg's film 'E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial' and has a tattoo on his biceps that says 'EP phone home'. His book tells how he was abused by men and a woman as a teen and how he had relationships with famous actresses and one "closeted" star he refers to in the book only as 'Ryan'.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



JLo



Ridhi Dogra: 'I crush on all my directors, follow them like sheep'

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Actress Ridhi Dogra, who is receiving a lot of positive response for her recent shows 'Asur 2' and 'Badtameez Dil', has shared that she crushes on all her directors. The actress who has had two releases within a week is garnering praises for both the shows: 'Asur 2' and 'Badtameez Dil' have her portraying two completely different characters.

She said: "I crush on all my directors. I follow them like sheep. Oni was remarkable to work with for both the seasons of 'Asur 2'. I was in love with his mind. The whole show was a beautiful teamwork. Even Gaurav Shukla, our writer, I call him our Desi Tarantino (sic)."

Talking about the journey of 'Asur', she said: "When I was approached for the first season, it was like a show had come my way and I had to decide if I had to do or not. Then I came to know Barun was a part of it, so I asked him. He told me to do it and so it was with his conviction I said Yes. For the second season, I knew I couldn't wait to come back for it".

'Asur 2' is an 8-episode series, currently streaming on Jio Cinema. 'Asur 2' progresses from where season 1 ended.

BARUN SOBTI EXPLAINS HOW THE 'OTT REVOLUTION IS FOR GOOD'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actor Barun Sobti, who is gearing up for his OTT release 'Badtameez Dil', feels all the good work these days is getting released only on OTT.

The actor whose shows: 'Asur 2' and 'Badtameez Dil' released in a span of one week on two different OTT platforms is garnering accolades from everyone for his amazing acting skills. He spoke about the OTT revolution that is helping actors get good work. He said: "I have limited myself to very less work. I like to do less stuff and whatever I like to do is coming on OTT. Actually all the good work is now coming only on OTT. So yes, the OTT revolution is for good." The actor plays the lead role in both the seasons of Asur. Regarding what got him interested in the project, he said: "When season 1 came my way, I went through the script and I had not expected that level of amazing writing which made me immediately say Yes."

He further added: "You know the second seasons of the show are mostly cursed that they don't do as great as the first one. When we were discussing the second season, we were only talking about how to make it a notch higher than the first one. Well, when I read the script of season 2, I was surprised because the writers outdid themselves. So I knew I had to be a part of it." Meanwhile, on the work front, Barun also has two more projects lined up to be released on Netflix this year. He will be seen in the series 'Kohrra' which is an investigative drama surrounding a murdered NRI. He will also be seen in 'Dunali' which will revolve around the concept of treasure hunt.

Anupriya credits 'meticulous director' Oni Sen for success of 'Asur 2'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Anupriya Goenka, who plays Naina Nair in crime thriller series 'Asur' and 'Asur 2', is chuffed with the response to the season 2. The actress credits the director of the show, Oni Sen, for the stellar response that it is garnering.

The actress shared that she was impressed by the director's personality. She said: "For season 1 of the show I went with the gut feeling of believing in the people involved and the overall storyline rather than my particular character. I was enamoured by Oni's personality. He was very interesting." Sharing what made her say yes to the second season, she said: "For the second season, Gaurav Shukla has really outdone himself. He has created so many layers, so much is happening in the show. It is very intense and logical. Above all Oni is a very meticulous director. I can say on behalf of all the actors in the show that we had complete faith in him. We knew that he would give the audience some great work."

'Asur 2', which also stars Arshad Warsi, Barun Sobti, Riddhi Dogra, Amey Wagh, Vishesh Bansal is available to stream on Jio Cinema.

Anurag Basu's sets have 'great food', says Fatima Sana Shaikh

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh has said that she loves working with Director Anurag Basu, and that his sets have great food. The actress will be seen next in 'Metro in Dino' which is directed by Anurag Basu. The last time the actress collaborated with Basu was for the crime-comedy film 'Ludo'. The actress recently shared a picture of herself with Anurag Basu on her Instagram account and captioned "Hey you! Can't wait to go back on your set."

"I am really excited to go on to the sets of 'Metro' this month. I love Dada (Anurag Basu). He is a genius. He has a way of creating magic on screen and I am so lucky that I am again getting to work with him and be a part of his magical world," the actress said. "He brings the best out of his actors and what's even better is that there is always great food on his sets," she added. The actress as a child artist has worked in movies like 'Chachi 420' and 'Bade Dilwala'. She last acted in the film 'Dangal' alongside with Sanya Malhotra and Aamir Khan. Apart from Fatima, the movie will star Aditya Roy Kapoor, Sara Ali Khan, Pankaj Tripathi, Konkana Sen Sharma, Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta. The movie is scheduled to be released on December 8, 2023.



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Aamna Sharif



Team Absolute | Mumbai

The upcoming film 'Tiku Weds Sheru', which stars Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur in lead roles, is taking the direct-to-digital route as it will drop on OTT on June 23.

The film tells the quirky story of love and passion fuelled by the eccentricity of Tiku and Sheru, a couple with contrasting personalities, who stand the test of time in pursuit of their dreams.

The film has been directed by Sai Kabir Srivastva, and follows two eccentric characters who want to make it big in Bollywood. The film presents their journey through worldly chaos and challenges.

Kangana Ranaut, who serves as the creative producer on the film, said in a statement: "Tiku Weds Sheru" is a very special film for me, as it's the first title under Manikarnika Films. This is the first time I took charge as a producer and I absolutely enjoyed the process. It was a challenging-yet-enriching experience for me."

"The film is directed by Sai Kabir Srivastva, and it features the very talented actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur, who is all set to make her debut in films, as a lead actor. I hope the audience will shower love on the film," she added.

Produced by Manikarnika Films, the film is set to drop on Prime Video on June 23.

Nawazuddin's upcoming to have direct-to-OTT release on June 23