



MSMES ARE POWERFUL MEANS OF INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT: CHIEF MINISTER CHOUHAN

► CHIEF MINISTER FELICITATES SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS WITH MSME AWARDS. MOU SIGNED BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENT AND REPUTED COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS. ENTREPRENEURS, INDUSTRIALISTS, STARTUPS, TECHNICAL EXPERTS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TOOK PART IN THE SUMMIT. CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES STATE-LEVEL MSME SUMMIT



ry Atmanirbhar Bharat under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The role of these entrepreneurs is very important in providing employment to the youth, they are a powerful means of creating investment and employment opportunities at the local level. The state government is committed to provide all possible cooperation to help and develop these units working locally on local resources. For this purpose, the theme of the summit being held today has been kept as 'Positive coincidence of economic development - Micro, Small and Medium Industries of Madhya Pradesh'. Chief Minister

Chouhan inaugurated the State Level MSME Summit at Hotel Amer Green Bhopal. Bhopal Mayor Malti Rai was present as a special guest. The office bearers of several industry associations, big industrial houses, new entrepreneurs, senior officers of the central and state governments participated in the summit. Chief Minister Chouhan inaugurated the summit by lighting the lamp. A short film on the role of MSMEs in Madhya Pradesh was screened. Chief Minister Chouhan presented MSME awards to successful entrepreneurs and MoUs were also exchanged between the state

government and reputed companies and institutions of the country. All the districts of the state got connected virtually with the programme. Chief Minister Chouhan said that micro, small and medium enterprises are partners in the prosperity and development of Madhya Pradesh. This summit has been organized to discuss how we can move forward together. Enthusiasm is most important for success. You move forward by taking advantage of Ease of Doing Business with positive thinking. Share the points where there is a need for improvement in government policies with the government. Whatever is best will be implemented. We will work together and take Madhya Pradesh forward. We are all determined to make India a leader in the world under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. Chief Minister Chouhan said that 12 schemes are being implemented in the state to promote self-employment and small industries. Mukhyamantri Seekho Kamao Yojana is also being implemented, in which 700 works have been identified. Entrepreneurs should join this scheme, connect youth, make them skilled and take advantage of the scheme. This scheme is useful for entrepreneurs and youth desirous of employment and is effective for making Madhya Pradesh capable and self-reliant.

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the spirit of creating a strong industrial landscape and employment generation is embedded in every pore of the roadmap which we have prepared for building an Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh for a Atmanirbhar Bharat. The role of big industries is as important as the role of micro, small and medium entrepreneurs in the yagya that is going on to make a 21st century

'Honour Killing'

Couple slain, bodies thrown into crocodile-infested Chambal river

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In what could be a case of 'honour killing', a girl and her boyfriend were allegedly killed by her family and the bodies of the couple thrown into the Chambal river in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh, police said. The victims were allegedly killed by the girl's family around a fortnight ago. Her family members, along with other relatives, allegedly kidnapped the couple, shot them dead, and threw their bodies into the crocodile-infested waters of the river. The matter came to light after the girl's father Rajpal Singh Tomar, during an interrogation, confessed the crime. As per the police, Tomar claimed he, along with other family members, killed his daughter Shivani Tomar and her boyfriend Radheshyam Tomar on 3, and then disposed of their bodies into the river. As per reports, Shivani Tomar, 18, was in a relationship with Radheshyam Tomar, 21. However, this was objected to by the girl's family as both were sharing



the same surname. Despite strong disapproval of their relationship, the young couple continued to meet each other, which made the family furious. As per the police, on June 3, Shivani's family, along with some relatives, allegedly shot dead the young couple. Following the confession of the crime by Shivani's father, the local police swung into action to search the bodies. Morena SP Shailendra Singh Chouhan said on Sunday that a team of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and divers were carrying out search for the bodies in the river, however, it was unsuccessful so far. "We have not found anything yet. Searches are on," Chouhan said. "Nothing can be said unless bodies are found. Our investigations are still underway," he added.

BJP witnesses another jolt in poll-bound MP as veteran leader quits, may join Congress



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Madhya Pradesh's ruling BJP on Sunday suffered another jolt in the poll-bound state as senior politician Dhruv Pratap Singh, who has been associated with the party since its inception, quit, accusing BJP state leadership of sidelining him. Singh, who was with the BJP since 1980, in a video message, alleged that the party has derailed from its real principles.

Since last couple of months, he has been been vocal against Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, state unit President V. D. Sharma and other state leaders. He had contested his first election from Katni Murwara seat, however, he was defeated by the Congress. In 2003, the BJP had fielded him from Vijayraghgarh (Katni district) and he won against Congress candidate Satyendra Pathak. In 2014, Pathak's son Sanjay Pathak, who was also a MLA from

Vijayraghgarh, joined the BJP and since then, Singh has been sidelined. On the other hand, Pathak, who was also a minister in CM Chouhan's previous cabinet, has strengthened his position not only in Katni district but among the top leaders of the BJP as well. Pathak is considered close to the State Home Minister Narottam Mishra and the duo had played a key role against the Kamal Nath-led Congress government, which was toppled due to defection of 22 Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist MLAs in March 2020. Sources told reporter that Singh has been touch with senior state Congress leaders and most likely to join the party in the next couple of days during a visit to Bhopal. However, state BJP leaders were still trying to convince him to remain with the BJP as his shifting into the Congress will impact the party largely.

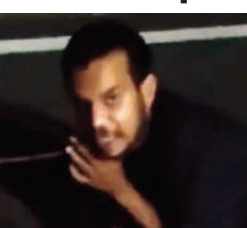
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATE BY PLANTING SAPPLINGS WITH CM CHOUHAN



Bhopal : Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Banyan, Moulshree and Guava in the garden located at Shyamla Hills. Member of Parliament KP Yadav along with his family participated in the plantation. Along with Chief Minister Chouhan, Khushi Patel and 5-year-old Keshvi Jain also celebrated their birthday by planting saplings. Their family members Deepak Patel, Varsha Dhakad, Diya Patel, Rajesh Badpalli, Chaitanya Jain, Pushpendra Jain and Jaini Jain participated in the plantation.

Youth chained, forced to act like dog in Bhopal; 3 held

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The stringent National Security Act (NSA) has been invoked against three Muslim men who allegedly held a man on a leash and were heard on video ordering him to "bark like a dog". The victim, identified as Vijay Ramchandani, has alleged in his police complaint that he was being forced to convert into Islam. Three men -- Sameer, Sajid, and Faizan Lal -- have been arrested based on the complaint. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, calling for exemplary action against the three, has directed that their homes be razed. They can also be held for up to 12 months, and even longer if fresh evidence is provided, under the NSA. In the 48 second video clip, a man held on a leash sits on his haunches, hands folded, as



someone orders him to "become a dog" and apologise. "While beating me up, they asked me to become a Muslim and start eating beef. They said I was a coward and they could have killed me that day," said the FIR or First Information Report filed by Vijay Ramchandani. He said he knew Faizan, Sahil and Samir, who allegedly blocked his way, slapped him and searched his pockets. "Sameer was standing at a distance and was saying kill him, search the pockets thoroughly, you will find something," said Vijay in his complaint. At the same time, three more men -- Bilal, Mufid and

Man crushes father's head with stone for refusing to give Rs 2,000

Team Absolute | Indore
A 25-year-old man allegedly bludgeoned his father to death after the latter refused to give him Rs 2,000 as pocket money in Madhya Pradesh's Indore district, police said on Monday. Babu Choudhary (50), a farmer, was found dead on a field in Depalpur area on the night of June 15, Superintendent of Police (SP) Hitika Vasal said. Based on a probe and evidence collected from the scene of crime,

the police have arrested the victim's son Sohan, she said. The accused is addicted to drugs and used to help his father in their farm, the official said. "Sohan had asked his father for Rs 2,000 as pocket money on the night of June 15, but the latter categorically refused. Angered by this, Sohan picked up a stone from the field and attacked the victim, crushing his head," Vasal said. A detailed investigation is being conducted in the case, she said.

PM Modi to visit Madhya Pradesh on June 27, launch 2 Vande Bharat

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on his visit to Madhya Pradesh on June 27, will launch two Vande Bharat trains -- Bhopal to Indore and Bhopal to Jabalpur -- in the state capital. He will also participate in the BJP's program, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed. Prime Minister Modi will also participate in the Veerangana Rani Durgavati Sacrifice Day program and the conclud-

ing event of Veerangana Rani Durgavati Gaurav Yatra in Shahdol city. Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Veerangana Rani Durgavati Gaurav Yatra on June 22 from Balaghat district. The 'Gaurav Yatra' will start from five zones of the state on June 22, Balaghat to Shahdol, Chhindwara to Shahdol, Kalinjari Fort (UP) to Shahdol, and Dhauni (direct to Shahdol). While Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate it in Balaghat, MP Durga Das

2 Killed, 10 injured after speeding bus overturns in Morena

Team Absolute | Morena
The accident took place at around 9 pm on Sunday near Sikroda bridge between Jaura and Kailaras towns when the bus was going to Sabalgarh from Morena, according to an official. The bus driver lost control over the wheels at a road turn following which the vehicle overturned in a pit, Jaura police station in-charge OP Rawat said. Two passengers died on the spot, he said. More than 10 others were injured and undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kailaras, he said. Two of the seriously injured passen-



gers were shifted to Morena for further treatment, the official said.

The country knows the Congress which does politics of appeasement: Narottam Mishra

► AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GANDHI PEACE PRIZE BEING GIVEN TO GITA PRESS, A ROUND OF POLITICAL BACKLASH HAS BEGUN.



Team Absolute | Bhopal
Responding to the questions raised by the Congress, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra has said that the country has come to know about the appeasement politics of the Congress. The Central Government has decided to award the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021

to Gorakhpur-based Geeta Press. On this, senior Congress leader in charge of media and general secretary Jai Ram Ramesh not only raised the question but even said that it is like awarding Savarkar and Godse. Responding to Jai Ram Ramesh's statement, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister

Mishra said, "Gita Press is the biggest center for publishing our Sanatan literature, Congress may have objection because it publishes only Gita and Ramayana. This is their There can be pain. This is their appeasement. They have not taken any respect in hundred years. Even after this they have objections.

SHIVRAJ GOVERNMENT IS NOW PREPARING TO PLEASE THE EMPLOYEES

► BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MADHYA PRADESH THIS YEAR, THE SHIVRAJ GOVERNMENT OF THE RULING PARTY BJP IS TRYING TO PLEASE EVERY SECTION. GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN MANY DECISIONS FOR HALF THE POPULATION AND FARMERS. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO AIMS TO PLEASE THE WORKING CLASS IN THE COMING DAYS.



Team Absolute | Bhopal
If we consider the number of employees and pensioners in the state, then this number is around 14 lakhs. Of these, 7.5 lakh are regu-

lar employees, 4.5 lakh are pensioners, and 2.25 lakh are contractual employees. The government is work-

ing on a strategy to appease these employees and pensioners. Where there is a preparation to increase the

dearness allowance of regular employees, then the problem of pensioners also has to be resolved. Apart from this, a big gift can also be given to the contractual employees from the government. Discussion on this is going on through the Staff Welfare Committee. If experts are to be believed, the number of families belonging to 14 lakh employees, pensioners and contract employees and the number of voters associated with them reaches around 60 lakhs. Therefore, the government wants to play a big political game by making the employees happy. The Shivraj Singh Chouhan government of the state has earlier succeeded in pleasing a large section of women through Ladli Bahna and also attracted farmers by increasing the Samman Nidhi. Now, in this sequence, if any decision is taken for dearness allowance to employees, other problems of pensioners and contract employees, then it can prove to be an election bet.



MVA TRASHES BJP'S CLAIM THAT 'PAWAR WANTED SUPRIYA SULE-ADITYA THACKERAY TEAM IN 2024'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) rubbished the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's claim that NCP supremo Sharad Pawar wanted a new team of Supriya Sule and Aditya Thackeray CM after the 2024 Assembly elections, here on Monday. State BJP President Chandrashekhar Bawankule revealed that Pawar and the former CM and (then) Shiv Sena President Uddhav Thackeray had arrived at a private understanding sometime ago on the formula - attracting rejection from the Shiv Sena (UBT), Nationalist Congress Party and Congress. "It was decided that Uddhav Thackeray would continue as the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) CM and Ajit Pawar as Dy CM for their full terms. In 2024, the plan was that Supriya Sule would become the CM and Aditya the Deputy CM. To achieve this, the Shiv Sena would deliberately contest less seats to enable the NCP to win 100 seats," claimed Bawankule.



When the Shiv Sena MLAs got wind of this alleged plan, Bawankule said that they apprehended not getting tickets for the next (2024) elections and hence revolted against Thackeray last year (June 2022). NCP's Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar, declining any comments, merely said that Bawankule is the head of the state BJP and he has a right to say anything he wants.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and Chief Spokesperson Sanjay Raut slammed Bawankule saying "he has no knowledge of what is happening around him...and should not be taken seriously." "He is in a 'vanvas' (forest exile). He doesn't know Maharashtra or state politics and says anything..." said Raut. Congress state Chief Spokesperson Atul Londhe asserted that Bawankule was talking nonsense

and he should first worry about his own ticket than speak about the Opposition parties. "It's the biggest stupidity to suggest that any party would 'lessen' its own strength for some so-called master-plan like this... Bawankule has no understanding of state politics and must safeguard his own ticket first," declared Londhe. NCP National General Secretary Jitendra Awhad laughed off the BJP leader's comments, saying "he did even have any idea that a rebellion was building up (in the Shiv Sena) at that time." "What goes on in Sharad Pawar Saheb's mind, nobody is aware, not even his own family... Then what is Bawankule talking about?..." demanded Awhad. On the reasons for the MVA government collapse, Raut pointed out how Bawankule talks one thing, Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis speaks another while Union Home Minister Amit Shah says something else, "so whom do you believe?" He suggested that they (BJP) should first sit together and decide what exactly to speak on these issues and avoid confusion.

Shiv Sena (UBT) wants UN to declare June 20 as 'World Traitors Day'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Shiv Sena (UBT) will petition the global body United Nations Organisation to declare June 20 as the 'World Traitors Day' to commemorate the treachery on the original Shiv Sena by Eknath Shinde (now, Chief Minister) and 40 MLA perpetrated last year. Sena (UBT) MP and Chief Spokesperson Sanjay Raut said that the party will collect signatures of lakhs of people from Maharashtra and send them to the UN with a demand to make the declaration for June 20 as 'World Traitors Day' soon. He said that there are many instances of treason in the world and the people of Maharashtra have also witnessed one in June 2022 which led to the collapse of the Sena(UT)- Nationalist Congress Party-Congress Maha Vikas Aghadi government headed by former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. The Sena (UBT) MP con-



tended that this will focus attention on the traitors worldwide, with the beginning made in Maharashtra - in a potentially controversial statement. "When our party comes to power we shall make a beginning - June 19 shall be

celebrated as 'World Loyalists Day' and June 20 as the 'traitors' day... We shall make a bonfire of all these 'gaddars' (traitors) as it is done for the demon King Ravana," Raut declared. Speaking to media persons, Raut also referred to the latest 'leak' -- his party MLC Dr. Manisha Kayande hopping over to Shinde' Shiv Sena on Sunday evening -- on the eve of Shiv Sena (UBT)'s 57th anniversary celebrations here this day (June 19). "I don't know where she has come from or where she has gone... But the 'garbage' is going out of the party... When the wind blows, all the 'kachra' (rubbish) gets carried out," said an unfazed Raut. He also accused the rival Shiv Sena of claiming to be the original party founded by the late Balasaheb Thackeray when "they don't even remember the date and year of founding of the party".

Court acquits man accused of rape, murder of minor girl

Team Absolute | Thane

A court in Maharashtra's Thane district has acquitted a 26-year-old man accused of raping and murdering a 14-year-old girl in 2018, giving him the benefit of doubt. Special court judge V V Virkar, hearing cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, in the order passed on June 6 said the prosecution has failed to prove the charges against the accused. A copy of the order was made available on Monday. The prosecutor told the court that the girl and the accused resided in Mankoli area of Bhiwandi town. On September 23, 2018, the accused forcibly entered the girl's house when no one else was around. He allegedly raped the girl and then immersed her head in a bucket



full of water and killed her, the prosecution told the court. The defence counsel said the accused was falsely implicated and he had no role in the crime. The judge in her order said from the police testimony, it is very much clear that the accused was caught and arrested for the crime merely on the basis of suspicion. In such circumstances, there appears some substance in the submission on behalf of the accused that though the incident of rape and murder of the girl took place, the real culprit

could not be revealed and, therefore, the accused was caught on suspicion and prosecuted, the judge said. "In view of all the above discussion, it has to be concluded that the evidence brought on record by the prosecution is not sufficient to establish any of the circumstances against the accused," the court said. The failure to establish the defence by the accused cannot exonerate the prosecution from its responsibility to establish the guilt of the accused and as discussed above, in the present case, the prosecution has not discharged its burden, it said. "In view of my findings, since the prosecution failed to establish any of the allegations against the accused, none of the offences charged against the accused can be held to have been proved and the accused is entitled to be acquitted," the judge said.

Shiv Sena slams Sanjay Raut for seeking June 20 as 'World Traitors Day'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The ruling ally Shiv Sena hit back at the rival Shiv Sena (UBT) for seeking to declare June 20 -- when the two factions came into being in 2022 -- as 'World Traitors Day', here on Monday. Stung by the idea, irate Shiv Sena leaders like Uday Samant, Sanjay Shirsat and Ramdas Kadam pounced on Raut and Sena (UBT), calling them as the real 'gaddars' or traitors to the cause of Hindutva and the ideals of the late Balasaheb Thackeray. On Sunday Sena (UBT) President and former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, his son Aditya Thackeray had mentioned this in their speeches, and elaborated by party MP and Chief Spokesperson Sanjay Raut today. Dismissing the proposal, Shirsat said that his party would celebrate June 20 as a 'day of Pride and Self-respect' and flayed Raut for labelling the breakaway faction led by Chief



Minister Eknath Shinde as 'gaddars'. Samant said that the party would soon expose "who is the real 'gaddar' in the state" and who had dumped all ideals in their sheer hunger for power, and how the people of the

state were stabbed in the back. Kadam said Thackeray had broken off from the BJP solely to become the CM and he had committed 'gaddari' (treason) with the masses, and had betrayed the Hindutva plus the

teachings propounded by the late Balasaheb Thackeray. Even CM Shinde took a cocky pot-shot saying, "I heard they (Thackerays) are going to make a demand for some such day..." as his supporters guffawed. The trio also proposed their own versions of June 20 - like 'pride day', 'self-respect day', etc., - to counter the Sena (UBT)'s plans to petition the United Nations (UN) for declaring the day (June 20) as 'World Traitors Day'. It may be recalled that after a group of 40 Sena MLAs in June 2022 walked out, the three-party Maha Vikas Aghadi government headed by former CM Uddhav Thackeray was toppled and Eknath Shinde supported by the Bharatiya Janata Party became the new CM on June 30 last year. Since that political earthquake, the Shinde-led Shiv Sena has been publicly hounded, haunted and humiliated by the Opposition's screams of 'gaddars', '50 Khokhas' (slang for Rs 50 crore) and other such political slogans.

Teen fakes kidnapping, runs away with boyfriend to Kolkata

Team Absolute | Palghar

A 17-year-old girl from Maharashtra's Palghar district allegedly ran away with her boyfriend to Kolkata after faking her own kidnapping story, police said on Monday. The girl, a resident of Virar area in Palghar and working in the housekeeping section of a company, went for work on Friday, but did not return home, Virar police station's senior inspector Kalyan Karpe said. Her family members then launched a search for her. In

the meanwhile, the girl in a WhatsApp voice message to her brother claimed she was "kidnapped", the official said. After receiving a complaint from her family, the police registered a case under Indian Penal Code Section 363 (kidnapping), he said. A police probe team worked on several leads and came to know the girl had taken a flight to Kolkata in West Bengal with her boyfriend, the official said. A police team has gone to Kolkata to trace the duo, the official said.

Decomposed body of woman found at base of Fort in Pune

Pune | Agencies

The decomposed body of a 26-year-old woman was found at the base of the Rajgad Fort in the Pune district of Maharashtra on Sunday, police said. The woman, identified as Darshana Pawar, a resident of Kopergaon in Ahmednagar, had recently secured a good rank in the Maharashtra State Forest Service Exam, held by the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC), they

said. On June 15, her father had registered a missing person's complaint with the Sinhgad Road police station in Pune city after her disappearance, the police said. "She had come to Pune to attend a felicitation programme on June 9. Two days later, she came to her female friend in the Nerhe area and left her house the next day saying that she was going to the Sinhgad fort," a police official said. Her father got worried after her phone was

not reachable. After searching for a couple of days, her father approached the police, the officer from Sinhgad Road police station added. Meanwhile, it was found that a youth who is related to the family of the victim, had also gone missing from the Warje area in the city and it was informed that both of them were together, he said. "Today, her body was found in a decomposed state at the foothills of Rajgad Fort," he said.

According to him, the man who was said to be accompanying her is yet to be traced. "As per the technical inputs, his last location was Chandigarh where 1,000 were withdrawn from his ATM card," he said. He was also pursuing MPSC. A police officer from Velhe police station, under whose jurisdiction the body was found, said that they have recovered the decomposed body and relatives identified her.

Teen arrested for raping 18-year-old woman in Latur

Team Absolute | Latur

An 18-year-old woman was allegedly repeatedly raped by a man in Latur city of Maharashtra, police said on Sunday. Based on the woman's complaint, the police have arrested the accused, a 19-year-old man, they said. The accused committed the crime between April and June this year, the police said citing the complaint. "The woman, who came to Latur for education, stayed at a hostel. The accused, who hails from Solapur, befriended the victim and lured her into keeping a relationship with him. He took her to a lodge and clicked

DID CENTRE IGNORE ITS OWN RED FLAGS ON COVID VACCINE SIDE-EFFECTS?



With the global panic over the Covid-19 pandemic finally waning, the focus is again on preventive and curative measures, mainly the 'life-saver vaccines'.

Quaid Najmi | Mumbai

They provided a cover against the invisible coronavirus and its variants which have already snuffed out nearly 69 lakhs (6.9 million) lives worldwide, including some 5.32 lakhs in India till date, and counting... In mid-January 2021, a saviour called the Covid-19 vaccine was finally developed in India by two companies -- the government-owned Bharat Biotech Ltd (BBL)'s 'Covaxin' and the private Serum Institute of India (SII)'s 'Covishield' -- and approved for "restricted emergency use" to arrest the killer-run of the coronavirus. Barely four months later in mid-May 2021 the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare raised red-flags on

both Covaxin and Covishield that were being jabbed into the unsuspecting millions of countrymen, initially free of cost. In a communication to all states, the MoHFW had spoken about the Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) and an analysis of the AEFI cases by the National AEFI Committee for TTS (Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome --- which implies blood clots in veins). The MoHFW categorically stated that "there is a very miniscule but definitive risk" of Thromboembolic events following Covishield (SII) jabs, but Covaxin (BBL) posed no such potential risk. In a relief of sorts, the MoHFW added that the 'risk' was just "0.61/million doses" compared

with 4/million in the UK or 10/million in Germany. The Centre also prepared two separate advisories -- one detailing diagnosis and treatment of TTS post-vaccine doses for health-care institutions and workers, and another for beneficiaries to encourage them to report any such side-effects and seek treatment. Activists like Pune businessman Praful Sarde said that when all this was known, "why did the government make the entire country a guinea pig to boost the profits of the vaccine-manufacturers". He said that hundreds of cases are being filed in different countries as more and more serious adverse effects of the vaccines are coming to the fore and many deaths of perfectly healthy people are now being attributed to the

immunisation. Nagpur-based Council for Protection of Rights (CPR) chairman, barrister Vinod Tiwari said though the vaccines were permitted for 'emergency use' only, a mass-immunisation program was taken up as people panicked. Incidentally, in March 2023, the ICMR launched a study into the alarming 'sudden heart attacks deaths' of many including youngsters and its possible link with vaccines. Its report is expected shortly. The side-effects of COVAX as listed by the BBL: Injection site pain/swelling/redness/itching, stiffness in the upper arm, weakness in the injection arm, headaches, body-aches, fever, malaise, weakness, rashes, nausea/vomiting, or severe allergic reactions with symptoms like diffi-

culty in breathing, swelling on the face and throat, a fast heart rate, rashes all over the body, dizziness and weakness. The side-effects of COVISHIELD as listed by the SII: Very Common ones like tenderness, pain, warmth, redness, itching, swelling or bruising where the injection is given, generally feeling unwell, fatigue, chills or feeling feverish, headache, feeling sick (nausea), joint pain or muscle ache; Common ones like a lump at the injection site, fever, vomiting, flu-like symptoms such as high temperature, sore throat, runny nose, cough and chills; and uncommon side-effects of feeling dizzy, decreased appetite, abdominal pain, enlarged lymph nodes, excessive sweating, itchy skin or rash.





GAL GADOT

is passionate about is 'an incredible thing'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Gal Gadot is ready to focus on her future after 'Wonder Woman 3' was canceled. The star of 'Heart of Stone' is opening up about what her next projects will look like as she continues to make strides in the industry, reports 'Deadline'.

"To me, starting and developing stories that I'm passionate about is an incredible thing," Gadot told Total Film.

"The fact that I don't have to sit still at home and just wait for the next offer is something that makes me feel empowered. I enjoy doing it, it keeps me alive.

"I'm not only going to do my own projects, I'm going to work as an actress-for-hire still. But the fact that I can go ahead and tell the stories that I'm passionate about -- from ideas that I conceived, or from ideas that I find fascinating from people that want to partner with us -- it's an incredible thing," she added.

As Peter Safran and James Gunn take hold of the DC Universe, they opted to not move forward with a third installment of 'Wonder Woman' under Patty Jenkins' direction.

The future of Gadot's 'Wonder Woman' is not clear yet, but ahead of the news that the film was getting scrapped, Gadot shared a heartfelt message.

"A few years ago it was announced that I was going to play Wonder Woman. I've been so grateful for the opportunity to play such an incredible, iconic character and more than anything I'm grateful for YOU. The fans. Can't wait to share her next chapter with you," the actress posted on Twitter.



HENRY CAVILL IS AT HIS FIERCEST BEST IN NEW 'THE WITCHER' SEASON 3 CLIP

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Henry Cavill goes all out as the monster slayer Geralt of Rivia, in his final outing as the character from the popular fantasy web series, 'The Witcher'. A new short clip of the soon-to-release season 3 of 'The Witcher' was recently dropped on YouTube.

The clip shows a tightly produced, gory fight scene, which starts off with Geralt's ward Cirilla being attacked by

a bunch of bounty hunters which includes the evil mage Rience from the books. After

being attacked Ciri manages to fight off and kill some of the bandits in hand to hand combat, but as the odds start to go against her she is saved by the witch Yennefer of Vengerberg who is both Geralt's lover and eventually Ciri's mother figure in the books. Soon, Geralt also joins the fight and kills several, with his friend Dandelion and his Dwarvish friends coming to his help. Later, the clip shows Geralt brutally slaughtering the rest of Rience's men in an extremely well-choreographed sword fight which is all done in one shot.

Based on Polish author Andrzej Sapkowski's dark fantasy book series of the same name, 'The Witcher' season 3 will follow the second novel in the series 'Time of Contempt'. The official plot synopsis for season

3 reads: "As monarchs, mages and beasts of the Continent compete to capture her, Geralt takes Ciri of Cintra into hiding, determined to protect his newly-reunited family against those who threaten to destroy it."

It further mentions: "Entrusted with Ciri's magical training, Yennefer leads them to the protected fortress of Aretuza, where she hopes to discover more about the girl's untapped powers; instead, they discover they've landed in a battlefield of political corruption, dark magic, and treachery. They must fight back, put everything on the line - or risk losing each other forever." Season 3 of 'The Witcher' is set to premiere on Netflix in two volumes, with Volume 1 coming out on June 29, 2023 and Volume 2 on July 27.

Schwarzenegger hits gym 320 days a year

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Hollywood star Arnold Schwarzenegger considers workouts to be a "survival" mechanism. The 75-year-old actor became an award-winning bodybuilder in the years before he became a Hollywood star and explains that he still tries to work out "almost every day" because he wants to keep his physique for as long as possible, reports aceshowbiz.com.



"I bicycle down, it gives me a nice warm up, it's like a half an hour ride and then I work out for another half an hour or 45 minutes. I try to come (to the gym) every day, but by trying every day I end up doing maybe 320 days a year," he told CNN.

"It never stops. I do a combination, some days I go from one machine to the other but some days it's leg day, then it's the back, then it's shoulders then it's arms and it and it's calves. Just like the old days but with less weight, it's the same kind of draining."

"It doesn't feel the same as it did in the olden days, I have to say because now it's about survival. It's about keeping as long as I can to keep what I have."

The 'Terminator' star, who was born in Austria but moved to the US in 1968, was speaking from Gold's Gym in Venice Beach where he used to train during his heyday and explained that the establishment gave him the chance to train with the best equipment and people which led him to become an "unbeatable" heavy-weight champion.



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Actress Sarita Choudhury was nervous due to how much sex features in the new season of 'And Just Like That'.

The 56-year-old actress - who plays real estate agent Seema Patel in the 'Sex and the City' spin-off - teased that "a lot is happening" in the upcoming episodes and she had a lot of fun because her character is single, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"Let's just say the intimacy coordinator was there every day. (There's so much sex) I'm almost scared. When we were shooting it, I was like 'Oh my God, it's going to be so much fun.' Literally, everyone's up to something. (With Seema being single) a lot can be thrown at me. And Carrie. This year "A lot is happening,"

she told Britain's Grazia magazine. Joining an established cast, Sarita said she felt a lot of pressure not to "f*** up" the show.

She said, "I always thought, I cannot believe I'm in such an iconic show. Like, I can't f*** this up. It really gets to you." While she found Sarah Jessica Parker, Kristin Davis, and Cynthia Nixon to be "like sisters," they were very welcoming to Sarita and a conversation with the Carrie Bradshaw actress helped reassure her nerves.

Sarita said of her friendship with Sarah Jessica, "(We catch up mostly) after work. Like, on a bench outside the studio when it's dusk and no one's really around. One day she said the nicest thing. Something like, 'We love you for your instinct. That's all you need. Just come play.' And it was weird, it kind of released something."

Fans are convinced John Corbett is making a return as Aidan after he was pictured on set but Sarita teased viewers will be in for a surprise.

She said: "The fans won't be able to guess where it's going. But they're gonna love it. On some level. Yeah. On some level."

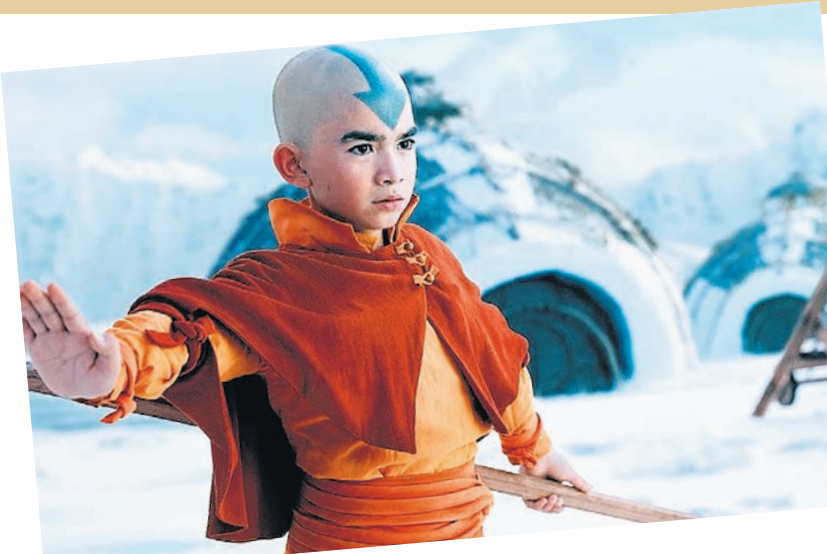
Sarita Choudhury daunted by sex scenes in new season

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Maya Jama

'AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER' FIRST LOOK BRINGS TOGETHER WATER, FIRE, EARTH, AIR



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Fans just got their first look of the upcoming live action adaptation of 'Avatar: The Last Airbender' which shows the four elements of water, fire, earth and air coming together.

The vague 54-second teaser showcases the symbols of the Water Tribe, Earth Kingdom, Fire Nation and Air Nomads, accompanied by music reminiscent of the original series which fans would identify with.

Each of the nations has people referred to as

Benders, these people can telekinetically manipulate and control the respective elements of their nation.

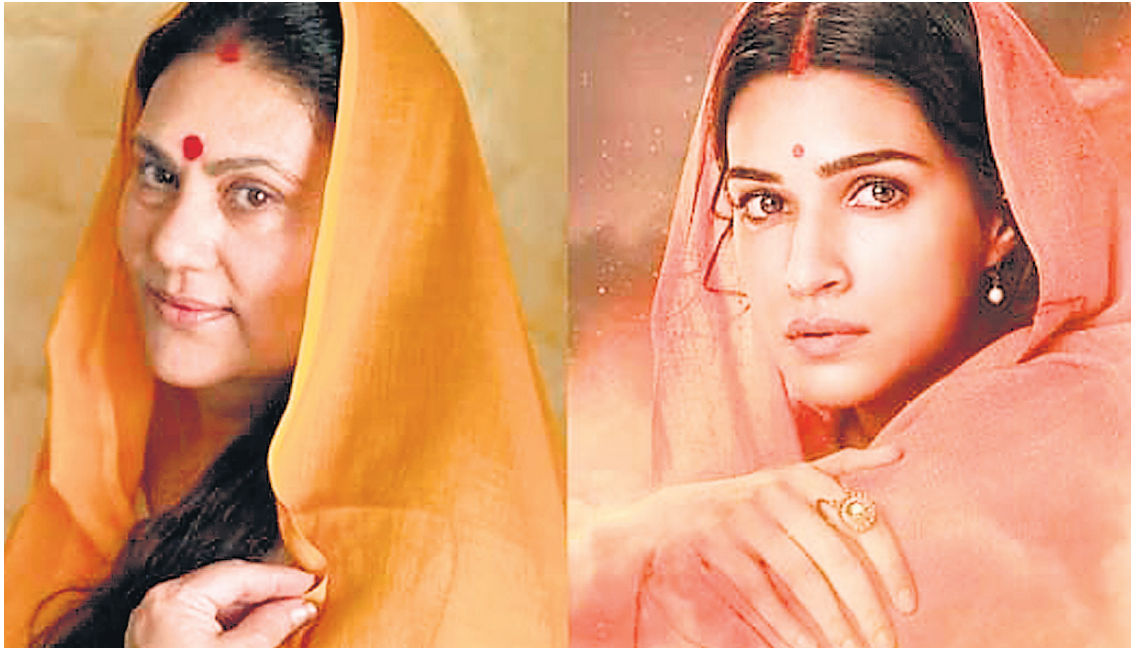
The 'Avatar', however, is the only individual with the ability to bend all four elements.

The series will see Gordon Cormier starring as Aang, Kiawentiio as Katara, Ian Ousley as Sokka and Dallas Liu as Zuko with Daniel Dae Kim joining the cast as Fire Lord Ozai and Paul Sun-Hyung Lee starring as General Iroh.

As per Deadline: Albert Kim ('Sleepy Hollow', 'Nikita') will serve as

showrunner, executive producer, and writer; while Kim, Rideback's Dan Lin ('The Lego Movie', 'Aladdin') with Lindsey Liberatore serving as executive producers, and Michael Goi acting as co-executive producer, while Jabbar Raisani and Jet Wilkinson direct.

The teaser debuted at the Netflix Tudum in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The series is an adaptation of Nickelodeon's much-loved award-winning animated series of the same name. The show will debut in 2024.



Dipika Chikhlia decks up as Maa Sita on 'public demand', netizens call it better than 'Adipurush'

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The mythological drama, Adipurush directed by famous filmmaker, Om Raut is currently receiving a lot of backlash from the audiences. Despite reworking on the film's VFX, Om Raut's film featuring

Prabhas as Lord Ram and Kriti Sanon as Mata Sita has failed to impress viewers. Amidst all the criticism that

Adipurush is receiving, a video was shared by veteran actress Dipika Chikhlia, recreating her famous look as Maa Sita from Ramanand Sagar's. Sharing the video she captioned, "This post is on public demand ... I am grateful for the love I

have always received for the role I played ... Me ... as sitaji ... could not have asked for more."

The video went viral in no time. Fans flocked to the comments section and showered immense love on her.

Helmed by Om Raut, Adipurush is a modern-day adaptation of Valmiki's Ramayan. The film stars Prabhas, Kriti Sanon and Saif Ali Khan in the main roles. Along with them, the film also features Vatsal Seth, Devdutta Nage and Sunny Singh in pivotal roles.

Sony MAX announces the World Television Premiere of the blockbuster rom-com Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar

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With an astounding run at the domestic and international box offices, Luv Ranjan directorial Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is set to premier on television, releasing on India's leading Hindi movie channel, Sony MAX on 25th June at 8 PM. The lead pair of Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor is also joined by Bollywood stalwarts Dimple Kapadia and Boney Kapoor in key roles while Bollywood heart-throbs Kartik Aaryan and Nushratt Bharuccha add a surprise element with an entertaining appearance in the movie.

Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar highlights the relationship between Rohan aka Mickey (played by Ranbir) and Tinny (played by Shraddha). Mickey belongs to a wealthy Delhi family and ingeniously works as a break-up consultant, joined by his friend and business partner Manu (played by Anubhav Singh Bassi). Mickey and Tinny meet each other and fall in love during Manu's Bachelor trip in Spain, but love in modern times is not easy. The movie takes viewers on a journey which is full of fun and entertainment till Rohan's break up service backfires on himself. The story that follows is about how the couple deals with their relationship.

"Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is a rom-com that underlines the anxieties and diverse expectations of a modern couple, while at the same time it caters to family audience too. The movie gives a warm and happy feeling, making audiences laugh along, enjoy the romance,

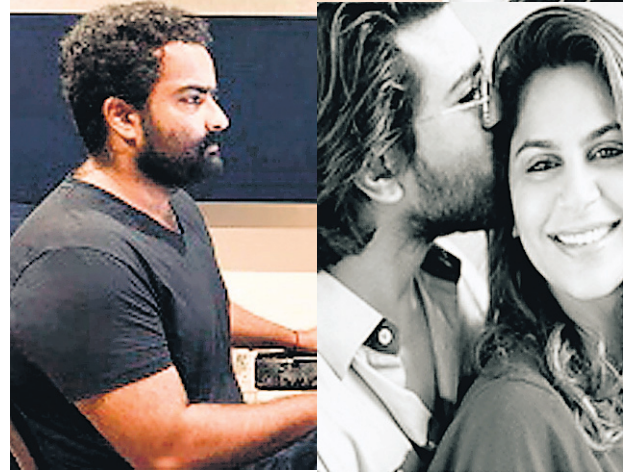


get emotional and maybe even take away some learnings at the end of it. We are glad the movie is set to reach people in every part of the country through its television release on Sony MAX and a large audience will be able to watch the movie and enjoy it with their families."

The chartbuster heartbreak song 'O Bedardeya' along with other songs from the movie evoke various emotions in the

audience. Music Director Pritam, Lyricist Amitabh Bhattacharya and singer Arijit Singh have spread their magic through the music of the film. Packed with a range of emotions, the melody of the movie has something to offer to each situation in a person's life. The songs have the most relatable and unforgettable lyrics for all generations!

'NAATU NAATU' SINGER KAALA BHAIRAVA GIFTS A SPECIAL TUNE TO RAM CHARAN, UPASANA



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Telugu star Ram Charan and his wife Upasana Kamineni, who are all set to welcome their child, received a special gift - a special tune by the Oscar Winning singer Kaala Bhairava, who sang 'Naatu Naatu'. The singer is very close to Ram and Upasana.

Talking about the gift, Upasana said: "It is very heartwarming to see the love our baby is receiving. We are overjoyed at these gestures from all those who love us. Kala Bhairava is a dear friend and it is sweet of him to prepare a special tune that soothes our baby when he comes into this world."

She further mentioned: "Giving our child the comfort it needs through music is a really special thought. I thank him for spreading happiness in the lives of not just ours but so many other children who will get happy listening to this tune." Earlier, the couple received a hand-crafted wooden cradle by women survivors of sex trafficking, the glimpse of which was also shared by Upasana.

acknowledged my addiction and made the decision to quit."

She then spoke about how she was labelled as an "alcoholic" by people and how she tackled that.

Pooja was heard saying that men get the license by the society and hence, freely talk about being "addicted and recovering from alcoholism."

"Women don't openly drink and so they don't openly recover. I used to drink openly so when I thought of recovering from alcoholism I realised that why should I recover in the closet? People used to call me an alcoholic but then I said 'I'm a recovering alcoholic,' she explained.

POOJA BHATT SAYS SHE WAS TAGGED 'ALCOHOLIC'

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It's been just a few days since the controversial reality show 'Bigg Boss OTT 2' commenced and the contestants seem to be warming up to each other and sharing details about their life.

Filmmaker-actress Pooja Bhatt, who is seen as a contestant in the show, spoke about her battle with alcoholism at the age of 44 and then her journey to sobriety.

Pooja was seen talking to co-contestant Cyrus Broacha and said: "I had a drinking problem, and that's why I



Rashmika Mandanna's

Manager Reportedly Cheats Her Of Rs 80 Lakh

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After winning hearts and having a high fan base in South Cinema, Rashmika Mandanna managed to captivate audiences in Hindi cinema as well. After her stint in Goodbye and Mission Majnu, citizens are excited about her upcoming projects.

However, a disheartening news pertaining to the actress has come forward. The actress has been reportedly cheated of Rs 80 lakh by none other than her long-time manager, who has since been fired.

As per a recent report, upon learning about the incident, Rashmika Mandanna immediately fired her manager, who had been with her from the very beginning of her career.

As for Rashmika's upcoming projects, they include 'Animal', which is directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga and also stars Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor and Bobby Deol. The film will hit the theatres on August 11. She also has 'Pushpa: The Rule', the second part in the franchise, in the pipeline. It is directed by Sukumar and features Allu Arjun in the lead.

Hrithik uploads shirtless pic, Saba Azad reacts with fire and heart emojis

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Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan treated his fans to a shirtless picture, where he was seen flaunting his muscular back.

Hrithik took to Instagram, where he posted the picture.

In the image, his back is towards the camera, and is wearing black pants and a cap.

For the caption, he wrote: "Back day."

Apart from the picture, it was the comment by his rumoured girlfriend Saba Azad that caught the eye of many.

She took to the comment section and posted a bicep, fire and heart emojis.

On the work front, Hrithik will be next seen in 'Fighter' with Deepika Padukone and Anil Kapoor. The film is directed by Siddharth Anand. It is all set to hit the theatres on January 25, 2024.

The actor will also be reprising his role in 'War 2', where he will reportedly be pitted against NTR Jr. The film, directed by Ayan Mukerji, is said to also star Kiara Advani.



Esshanya Maheshwari