





## THIRD SAWARI OF LORD MAHAKALESHWAR CAME OUT WITH FANFARE IN UJJAIN

### Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan offered worship to Lord Chandramouleshwara along with his wife and participated in the Sawari

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The third Sawari of Lord Mahakaleshwar was taken out with much fanfare. Before the Sawari left, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with his wife Sadhna Singh worshipped Lord Chandramouleshwar according to the rituals and proceeded the Sawari ahead. The Sawari reached Ramghat via Mahakal Chouraha and Gudri Chouraha, Ramanujkot via Sawari Sabha Mandap.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, wife Sadhna Singh reached Ramghat on foot along with participants in the Sawari Marg. The Chief Minister was also seen engrossed in devotion to Shiva along with other devotees on the way. He played Jhanjh with bhajan mandalis and raised slogans of Jai Mahakal. Chouhan greeted a large number of



people standing on the route to have a darshan of Baba Mahakal's palanquin and the city residents living in the houses along the road. At around

5 o'clock Baba Mahakal's palanquin reached Ramghat where Lord Chandramouleshwar's Abhishek and worship rituals were performed with the water of Maa Kshipra. Chief Minister and his wife also participated in the worship rituals.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with his wife Sadhna Singh, sons Kartikeya Singh and Kunal Singh performed the Abhishek of Lord Mahakal at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain on the third Monday of the month of Shravan, July 24.

The Chief Minister wished everyone's welfare, health and a happy life, along with the welfare of the entire creation, as well as the welfare of living beings.

Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple priest Abhishek Sharma (Bala Guru), priest Subhash Sharma performed the pujan-abhishek with rituals.

## Kharge seeks strict action against man who smeared human waste on Dalit youth

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday demanded strict action against a man who allegedly smeared human waste on a Dalit youth in Madhya Pradesh.

Coming down heavily on the BJP-led state government, Kharge highlighted that it was the "second incident of Dalit atrocity within a month."

For decades, the adivasis and backward class citizens of Madhya Pradesh have been suffering humiliation under BJP's misrule, he added. "BJP's 'Sabka Saath', is confined only to advertisements and has become a showy slogan and PR stunt. BJP is shattering Babasaheb Ambedkar's dream of social justice every day. We demand that strictest action should be taken on this incident in Chhatrapur district,"



Kharge posted a message on his official Twitter handle on Monday.

As per police, the incident took place on Friday at Bikaura village, about 35 km from the Chhatrapur district headquarters.

In his complaint, the victim Dhashrath Ahriwar told the police that the incident took place when he was bathing at a hand pump after cleaning a drainage in the village. Meanwhile, Ramkripal Patel, who belongs to an OBC community, also came at the

same handpump and the victim accidentally touched him. Infuriated over the incident, Patel picked up human faeces lying nearby with a mug and smeared it on Ahriwar's head and face, the victim told the police. Upon reporting the matter, instead of action against the accused, the panchayat slapped him with a fine of Rs 600. Ahriwar then approached the local police on Saturday. "A case has been registered against Ramkripal Patel under sections 294 (punishment for obscene acts or words in public) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act," Sub Divisional Officer of Police Manmohan Singh Baghel told the press. The incident sparked political controversy in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh.

## Small entrepreneurs should include youth in Seekho Kamao Yojana: CM Chouhan

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana launched by the state government is very important from the point of view of upgrading the skills of the youth and making them self-dependent. There are ample opportunities for youth to learn and get employment in small scale industries. Under the scheme, businessmen should come forward and connect youth to their units to help them learn. Chief Minister Chouhan was in a discussion with the representatives of Laghu Udyog Bharti in Mantralaya.



Representatives discussed issues including reserving land for small plots of 5000 square feet or less in industrial areas, construction of multi-storey clusters equipped with 'plug and play' facility to promote self-

employment at the rural level in the districts, availability of grant amount through DBT and difficulties faced in the development of micro and small scale industries and their solutions etc. with Chief Minister Chouhan.

## FOUR CHILDREN DROWN IN A POND IN SEONI

Bhopal: Four children drowned in a pond where they had gone to take a bath in Dhojisarra village in Madhya Pradesh's Shivni district.

The deceased were identified as Rishabh (5), Aarav (6), Ritik (10) and Aush (8). Parents were at their workplace and came to know about the tragic incident after villagers informed them.

A passerby spotted the bodies floating on the water and raised an alarm. Subsequently, the local police were informed.

Police said the bodies were handed over to the families after a post-mortem was conducted late on Sunday.

## Cong's MP plan: Priyanka to focus on cities, Rahul on Dalits, Adivasis

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Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and former party president Rahul Gandhi will lead the election campaign in the poll-bound Madhya Pradesh.

But, the question still remains that who will be the chief ministerial face of the Congress in Madhya Pradesh assembly elections.

Former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath has been holding various campaigns in the state and the state unit has made him the face of the party for elections, however, there is no clear indication from the party high command.

The Assembly elections in the state is slated for November-December.

Priyanka Gandhi kick-started the party's campaign during her visit to Jabalpur in June. She has made two vis-



its to the state so far.

In the rally, the Congress leader has announced various poll promises.

For the upcoming Assembly elections, the party has strategically allocated responsibilities to its leaders.

According to the strategy, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will lead the party's poll campaign in urban areas and Rahul Gandhi will focus on the tribal, dalit and

rural areas. In the state, the tribal and Dalit class has been considered the key to power, because 47 seats are reserved for the tribal class, while 35 seats are reserved for the scheduled caste.

Whichever party wins the seats reserved for these two classes, the government is formed in the state, therefore, the main emphasis of the Congress is on the tribal and Dalit classes. These two classes account for about 37 per cent of the state's population and influence elections.

Political analysts believe that there is going to be a tough competition in the state assembly elections, so both the political parties are working on their strategy. The upcoming Assembly elections are crucial for the Congress, following Scindia's rebellion, which led to the defection of 22 MLAs, including ministers, and the resignation of Chief Minister Kamal Nath in 2020.

## CM CHOUHAN PLANTS BELPATRA, KARANJ AND NEEM SAPLINGS



Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Belpatra, Karanj and Neem in the Smart Garden at Shyamla Hills. Along with CM Chouhan, former Ganj Basoda (Vidisha) municipal corporation president Madhulika Ranjan Agarwal planted a sapling of Belpatra on the first birthday of her grandson Jaksh. CM Chouhan planted saplings and showered affection on the boy Jaksh by taking him in his lap. His family members Rajan Agarwal, Dilip Agarwal, Anil Agarwal, Sushri Surbhi Agarwal also planted saplings.

## RADIO COLLARS OF 6 CHEETAHS REMOVED FOR MEDICAL EXAM IN KUNO NATIONAL PARK

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The radio collars of six cheetahs at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh have been removed for their "health examination" by veterinarians from the KNP and experts from Namibia and South Africa, officials said on Monday.

Notably, five adult cheetahs and three cubs have died at the KNP in Sheopur district since March this year. A total of 11 cheetahs - six male and five female - are currently inside the "boma" (enclosure), an official said. "So far, the radio collars of six cheetahs have been removed by KNP veterinarians and experts from Namibia and South Africa on the ground of health examination," the official said.

The cheetahs whose radio collars have been removed are identified as Gourav, Shourya, Pavan, Pavak, Asha and Dheera, the official said, adding "the condition of all these cheetahs is healthy."

An official release issued on Saturday also said, "For the purpose of health examination by the veterinary team of Kuno along with experts from Namibia and South Africa, radio collars of six cheetahs have been



removed." Madhya Pradesh's chief wildlife warden Aseem Shrivastava did not elaborate on the reasons behind the health examination of the felines. Under the Project Cheetah, a total of 20 radio-collared animals were imported from Namibia and South Africa to the KNP and later four cubs were born to Namibian cheetah 'Jwala'. Out of these 24 felines, eight including three cubs have died.

On July 16, the environment ministry said five out of the 20 adult cheetahs brought from Namibia and South Africa died due to natural causes and media reports attributing the deaths to factors like radio collars were based on "speculation and hearsay without scientific evidence".

The ministry also said several steps have been planned to support the cheetah project, including the establishment of a Cheetah Research Center with facilities for rescue, rehabilitation, capacity building, and interpretation.

On July 20, the Supreme Court said the death of eight cheetahs in the KNP in less than one year doesn't present a "good picture", and asked the Centre to not make it a prestige issue and explore the possibility of shifting the animals to different sanctuaries.

## PRAGATI SETH CROWNED MRS MP BEAUTY PAGEANT



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Mrs. Pragati Seth of Bhopal was chosen as the winner SIT XpressN Mrs. Madhya Pradesh Season 4. Mrs. Trupti Shinde of Bhopal was the first runner up and Mrs. Pratima Tomar from Narmada Puram announced second runner up. SIT XpressN Institute Founder and Owner Yogesh Rai ji while giving information said that for the past 24 years the organization has been conducting courses in Acting, Modelling, Fashion Designing, Event

Management, Direction, Scriptwriting, Film Making, Pageant Training and after training all the participants have excelled in establishing the students in the modelling and acting industry for the last 24 years. Today he is showing the glory of his success in Bollywood and television industry. SIT XpressN Mrs. Madhya Pradesh Beauty Pageant has successfully completed 3 seasons and successfully completed SIT XpressN Mrs. Madhya Pradesh Beauty Pageant Season 4 on 22nd July 2023 at Campion School Auditorium, Bhopal, for

which about 3000 participants from all over Madhya Pradesh auditioned, out of which 15 participants were selected as finalists, after that all finalists were trained from 16th July to 21st July 2023 at SIT XpressN Institute, Bhopal. Madhuri Deokhedkar the director & owner has trained the finalist contestant. Sushila Chokse ji social worker & Ashok Rai ji Director of LNCT Group as

Advertisement for Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited regarding the registration of a company. The notice is dated 25.07.2023 and is for the company SANGITA CHAUHAN. The advertisement provides details about the company's activities and the terms of the registration.

Advertisement for Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited. It includes a demand notice regarding the substitution of notice under the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. It lists several properties mortgaged and provides details about the demand notices, including dates and amounts.



EDITOR'S SPECS

## More OBC leaders to join BJP in UP

Continuing its OBC outreach in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP will on Monday welcome a host of backward caste leaders from the opposition camp. Uttar Pradesh Minister and the state's BJP OBC Morcha president, Narendra Kashyap said that a senior SP and a RLD leader were joining the BJP. Both of them happen to be Saini, the electorally significant community in the state's western region. One of them had even contested the 2022 Assembly elections on an RLD ticket from Muzaffarnagar but lost. Political circles are also abuzz about BJP making a big strike in the opposition camp in Jaunpur, from where it could not win the Lok Sabha seat in 2019. Sources said that a former BSP MLA from a seat in Jaunpur is in constant touch with the saffron leadership. A former woman MLA joined the SP in 2022 and contested the Assembly elections but lost. She is considered as a prominent Kurmi face in eastern Uttar Pradesh. Likewise, another SP leader from Dalit community is also learnt to be in touch with the BJP high command. He has been a SP MLA from an Assembly seat in Jaunpur. Kashyap said that the people's faith in the BJP has grown remarkably under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He said that the various welfare schemes of the BJP were aimed for the welfare of the backward classes and other oppressed sections of the society. A week ago when SP MLA Dara Singh Chauhan had returned to the BJP. Chauhan, who resigned from the state Assembly, is in contention for a cabinet berth in the Yogi government. Likewise, SP's former ally SBSP, led by Om Prakash Rajbhar, too left the Akhilesh camp to return to BJP NDA.

# BJP EYES 50% VOTE SHARE, BIGGER SOCIAL BASE AS IT COURTS SMALL PARTIES



The BJP is in talks with several regional parties which are willing to join the NDA and a positive outcome is likely to emerge in the coming days, a senior party leader has said. The senior BJP leader told correspondent that the talks, right now, are at a very early stage. Besides, some regional parties have themselves approached the BJP high command to join the NDA. About them, the party leadership has sought feedback from the state units and a final call will be taken after discussing it within the party, he added. Another senior leader, who is among the party in-charges for the election campaign, claimed that it wouldn't be surprising if the number of parties in the NDA reaches 50 ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. As many as 25 years have passed since the beginning of a new era of coalition politics in the country under the banner of the NDA. On completion of 25 years of the NDA's

journey, a crucial meeting of the constituent parties was organised at the Ashok Hotel in Delhi on July 18 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 39 constituents of the NDA who attended this meeting, unanimously passed a resolution to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and make him the PM for the third time. The BJP also issued a statement regarding the meeting, claiming that it was attended by 39 NDA constituent parties. Though the meeting was attended by 39 parties, the total number of allies is estimated at around 42 - considering the number of parties supporting the NDA governments in the states. Despite having an alliance with over one and a half times more parties than the Opposition camp, the BJP is still campaigning to add more parties to the NDA in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra

Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. Leaders of all the Opposition parties, including the Congress, are claiming that the BJP called the NDA meeting in the wake of the Opposition unity. However, BJP leaders say that the party has proved its strength by defeating the Akhilesh Yadav-Rahul Gandhi (SP-Congress) and Akhilesh-Mayawati (SP-BSP) alliances in Uttar Pradesh by a "huge margin". The saffron party leaders claim the Opposition alliance is not going to affect the BJP's electoral health as the party had started working on the strategy of getting 50 per cent votes in every election many years ago. The BJP has created a record of getting votes close to or above 50 per cent in several other states, including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. The BJP is trying to add even those parties to the NDA that have the support of even a small number of voters so that these small

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groups of voters can be mobilised and more than 50 per cent votes can be attained in all constituencies so that the Opposition's strategy to field a joint candidate can be challenged. In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP, along with Apna Dal (S), Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party and the Nishad Party, is trying to mend the socio-political equation of the state. If sources are to be believed, the Mahan Dal can also align with the BJP in Uttar Pradesh. In Bihar, by taking along the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party, Hindustani Awam Morcha, Rashtriya Lok Janata Dal (RLJD) and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), the BJP wants to reach the magic figure of 50 per cent votes to demolish the Nitish-Lalu equation of social justice. Similarly, despite support from Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar in Maharashtra, the BJP has joined hands with the Republican Party of India (A), which has a mass base in small parts of the state, and has made its president Ramdas Athawale a minister at the Centre. Besides this, the saffron party has also forged alliances with parties like the Prahar Janshakti Party, Rashtriya Samaj Paksha and Jan Surajya Shakti in Maharashtra. In fact, in the states where the party is strong, it wants to win all the seats in the Lok Sabha elections by securing more than 50 per cent votes with the help of these small parties. On the other hand, in states like Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it wants to increase its mass base by opening its account. The party also wants to win the maximum seats in Assam and Tripura in the Northeast, while with the help of constituents it wants to prevent the Opposition parties from winning elections in other states. This is the reason why the BJP re-inducted leaders like Jitan Ram Manjhi, Upendra Kushwaha and Om Prakash Rajbhar, who left the NDA alliance in the past. It also roped in staunch adversary Ajit Pawar in Maharashtra, kept a party like the AIADMK together despite constant political rhetoric and infighting, and even kept its doors open for the hitherto dysfunctional Akali Dal, TDP, and JD-U.

## international

# PML-N PROPOSES PAK FINANCE MINISTER AS INTERIM PM

Hamza Ameer | Islamabad  
The ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party has the proposed name of Finance Minister Ishaq Dar as the next caretaker Prime Minister with additional powers to the temporary setup during its tenure through the crucial transitional period. According to PML-N sources, it has been proposed that Dar should be appointed as the interim premier after amendments in the electoral law. The proposition by PML-N aims to grant more powers to the caretaker government, in view of taking major economic reforms decisions and to also ensure smooth process of management till the next government takes over after the general elections. In a recent interview, Dar had stated that the critical three-month period of the caretaker government, should not be handed over to a setup that deals with day-to-day affairs. "It is important to not allow the nation's



three-month transition period to be spent solely on day-to-day affairs. Such an approach has led to past inefficiencies. "Significant decisions, especially concerning the country's economy, needed to be made during the caretaker government's term to ensure a smooth and productive transition," he added. However, the decision to select an interim Prime Minister is not of the PML-N

alone as it is a coalition government and needs nods from its political partners as well, especially from the Pakistan People Party (PPP), who does not seem to be impressed by the proposal. Sources in the PPP have denied any consultation with the party by PML-N on Dar's name. The PPP's secretary information and SAPM (Special Assistant to the Prime Minister), Faisal Karim Kundi expressed concerns over the news, stating that a decision taken in this regard without consultation may lead to controversy. PPP's concern on the matter is something that PML-N cannot ignore and will have to convince them if it intends to make electoral amendments and push Dar as the interim Prime Minister. PPP sources also stated that while there has been no consultation in this regard by PML-N yet, the party has also got a proposition and a name for the interim prime minister as well, which would be put forward when the consultation between coalition partners is initiated.

## 31 dead as flash floods sweep parts of Afghanistan

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Kabul: At least 31 people have been killed in devastating flash floods that hit parts of Afghanistan, authorities said. In a press conference from Kabul, Shafiqullah Rahimi, spokesman for Taliban's Ministry of Disaster Management, added on Sunday that 74 people were injured and at least 41 remain reportedly missing, CNN reported. Flash floods caused by heavy seasonal rain in seven of Afghanistan's provinces have partially or completely damaged 606 residential houses, as well as hundreds of acres of agriculture lands, Rahimi said. "Teams of the Ministry along with teams from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Public Welfare, Red Crescent, provinces officials and other officials reached at the scenes of the floods and administered the rescue operations," he added as quoted by CNN report. The Taliban's Ministry of State for Disaster Management also said in a statement on Sunday that since the start of 2023, nearly 100,000 families who have been affected by natural disasters in different provinces have received food and cash aid. Natural disasters over the past four months have killed at least 214, including the latest known flash flood deaths, it added.

## Drone strikes hit 2 buildings in Moscow

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Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin on Monday claimed that two buildings in the Russian capital were hit by drone strikes earlier in the day. In a Telegram post, the Mayor said that there was no serious damage or casualties from the strikes that occurred at around 4 a.m., reports CNN. In a statement, the Russian Defence Ministry claimed that the "two Ukrainian drones" were "suppressed" and "crashed" in Moscow. "On the morning of July 24, an attempt by the Kiev regime to launch a terrorist attack using two unmanned aerial vehicles against facilities on the territory of the city of Moscow was thwarted. "Two Ukrainian UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) were suppressed by electronic warfare means and crashed," the Ministry also said on its Telegram account, adding there were no casualties "as a result of the thwarted terrorist attack of the Kiev regime". According to state-run TASS News Agency, one drone hit a high-rise business centre on Likhacheva Avenue in Moscow, while drone debris was found on Komsomolsky Avenue. Law enforcement agencies and emergency services are currently working on the scene, CNN quoted TASS as saying. Traffic on Komsomolsky Avenue from the centre of Moscow towards the region has been blocked off, TASS reported citing the Department of Transportation and Road Infrastructure Development of Moscow. Monday's strikes came a day after Russian missiles badly damaged a historic Orthodox cathedral in the Ukrainian port city of Odesa, sparking outrage and prompting President Volodymyr Zelensky to vow retaliation.

## 13 CIVILIANS KILLED BY SOLDIER IN CONGO: ARMY

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At least 13 civilians were killed by a soldier of the Congolese Armed Forces in the village of Nyamamba in the eastern province of Ituri, a local military spokesman said. According to Jules Ngongo, Congolese armed forces' spokesman in Ituri province, at least 10 children were among the victims, Xinhua news agency reported. The majority of the victims are family members of the soldier who fired the shots, said the spokesman, adding that a family conflict was the cause of this tragedy. "As the armies, we are shocked and sympathise with the families after the murder of 13 civilians caused by a soldier of the naval force in Tchomia. Whatever the family problem, he should not act in this way. For us, it is a criminal act. He must answer it before military justice," said Ngongo. The military authorities have deployed a commission of inquiry to conduct on-site investigations into this killing.



# Indian student dies after being attacked by Canadian carjackers

Toronto | Agencies  
A 24-year-old Indian student, who worked as a food delivery driver in Canada, died after he was violently attacked during a carjacking incident, police said. Gurvinder Nath from Punjab's Karimpur Chahwala village, was lured by his attackers in the area of Britannia Road and Creditview, Mississauga, on the pretext of placing a food order earlier this month. Upon arrival, Nath, a student of Loyalist College in Toronto, was violently assaulted and robbed of his vehicle, and succumbed to his injuries on July 14 at a trauma centre.



Investigators have reason to believe there are multiple suspects involved and that the food order was placed as a means of luring the driver to the area, the Peel Regional Police said in a

statement. An audio recording of the Pizza Pizza order placed before the attack has also been obtained by the investigators. "It is believed that Nath was an innocent victim although every potential motive is being explored," the police said. Police have identified a suspect vehicle -- a 2012 to 2017 white Hyundai Accent sedan, which has a distinctive flashing blue light at the top of the windshield. In a CCTV footage, a male described as wearing dark clothing is seen exiting the vehicle, the police said, adding that there is no known connection between Nath and his attackers. Phil King of Peel Regional Police's Homicide Bureau said

Nath's vehicle was found abandoned in the area of Old Creditview and Old Derry roads, less than five kilometres from the crime scene. The vehicle has been forensically examined and "several" pieces of evidence have been retrieved, King said. He said that at this moment police are unsure if a weapon was used in the attack. A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise money for Nath's repatriation and help the family with funeral expenses. Shocked community members held a candlelight vigil in Mississauga on Saturday where more than 200 people gathered to mourn Nath's death.





## Amitabh Bachchan says 'KBC' Season 15 preps have begun

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**M**egastar Amitabh Bachchan says the preparation for the 15 season of the popular quiz game show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' (KBC) has begun.

Amitabh took to his blog on Sunday, where he talked about the show.

"KBC preps, have begun and the need to keep at it till the fluency develops and the errors and mistakes do not occur on set.. we are human after all and mistakes do happen but the effort is ever made to avoid them," he wrote.

He then on Monday shared a glimpse from

his Sunday meet with his fans, whom he fondly calls his extended family. The thespian also shared an update for the show.

"The changes that do be heard on the promotional decree now displayed on various platforms, is evident in the game play and by the morrow the ones that do go to KBC shall be in a position to learn of them..and if there be no opportunity to see the broadcast there is the PlayAlong on Sony Liv, which promises I think some better opportunities this season.. more of

which shall be determined when the KBC season 15 for Sony begins the begin.."

'Kaun Banega Crorepati' is the official Hindi adaptation of 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?' franchise. It has been hosted by Big B since its inception, except for during the third season, which was presented by actor Shah Rukh Khan.

On the film front, Amitabh will next be seen in 'Kalki 2898 AD'. It also stars Prabhas, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone and Disha Patani.

### KARTIK TO GET THE RISING GLOBAL SUPERSTAR OF INDIAN CINEMA AWARD AT IFFM

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**B**ollywood actor Kartik Aaryan will be honoured with the Rising Global Superstar of Indian Cinema award at the annual awards Gala night of the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne on August 11.

The award will be presented by the Governor of Victoria, recognising Kartik's remarkable achievements and his significant impact on the world of Indian cinema.

Kartik said: "I am deeply honoured and grateful to the Victorian government and the festival for this prestigious award and humbled to be celebrated at the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne."

"It is a tremendous privilege to receive this recognition for my work in Indian cinema. I have always believed in the power of storytelling and the ability of films to touch hearts and inspire minds. I look forward to celebrating the magic of cinema together," the actor added.

The festival celebrates the diversity and richness of Indian cinema, showcasing the talent and creativity of Indian filmmakers to a global audience.

Moreover, as part of the celebration, the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne will showcase multiple screenings of Kartik's films including his recent success 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' and blockbuster 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', which emerged as the biggest Hindi film of 2022.



### Samantha Ruth Prabhu goes for morning walk in Bali amid break from work

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**A**ctress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who is on break from work, has taken a small trip to Bali with a friend. Samantha took to Instagram, where she shared a slew of pictures from her getaway with her friend Anusha Swamy. She also shared some on her Instagram Stories. On the Instagram stories, Samantha posted photographs and video clips of her view from her room and wrote: "Mornings like these." In the first image, she shared a glimpse of herself in the morning as she stood outdoors and looked at the picturesque location full of greenery. She is seen dressed in a white top and matching shorts paired with a hat with 'Dream On' written on it. Another image shows the actress walking down the staircase and holding the railing. She also shared a selfie, where Samantha and her friend smiled for the camera.

Samantha captioned the pictures: "Mornings like these." Her friend replied: "Best ever." To which, Samantha answered with red heart emojis. Samantha also posted a photo of her breakfast and a clip of Anusha doing a cartwheel as they sat near a water body.



### OTT HAS ENABLED WRITERS TO CRAFT BRAVE, COMPELLING STORIES: MONA SINGH

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**A**ctress Mona Singh, who has been getting good response to her streaming show 'Kafas', feels that the medium of OTT has proved to be beneficial for the writers to craft brave and compelling stories and in the process has also uplifted the entire industry giving mediocrity a run for its money.

The actress recently spoke with IANS about how digital entertainment has changed the rules of the game bringing unheard stories and novel content on the platter for the audience. She told IANS: "OTT has proven to be extremely fulfilling for the writers and in turn the whole industry as today we as actors have good stories and meatier roles to work on. OTT has shown the way forward and has changed our way of content consumption and production." Mona, who comes with a monumental experience in the medium of television and films, started her career with the popular television show 'Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin', a path-breaking show for its time and has starred in films like '3 Idiots' and 'Laal Singh Chaddha'.

Having been a part of the entertainment industry for over two decades, the actress feels that OTT is giving a chance to stories which earlier might not have seen the "light of day". She further mentioned: "Earlier, there were so many stories that couldn't come to the fore because the makers wanted to play it safe keeping in mind the demand-supply curve." But, now we are telling brave stories with unconventional settings. The stories that wouldn't have seen the light of the day on television or on the big screen are now getting materialised and actors too get great opportunities portraying



### Vaani Kapoor has to tap into all her learnings of decade as actor for OTT

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**A**ctress Vaani Kapoor, who is known for films like 'War', 'Befikre', 'Shuddh Desi Romance' and others, is all set to make her debut on OTT with 'Mandala Murders'.

The actress will soon complete a decade in the Hindi film industry and for her web debut she has to tap into her knowledge bank as an actor for the show.

'Mandala Murders' is touted to be a gripping crime thriller series directed by Gopi Puthran. The actress spoke about her excitement on making an OTT debut and working with Puthran, a master of his craft.

She said: "I was looking for something really clutter-breaking for my foray into OTT. I'm thrilled to be working with a mind like Gopi Puthran for 'Mandala Murders', a gritty crime thriller series that has pushed me to work my hardest in genre I've never attempted before." Although the show has challenged the actor in her, she is taking it upon herself to rise above those challenges.

The shoot of the series is still underway.

"I have always been an actor who has never taken any shortcuts when it comes to my craft because I respect the art of film-making and the purity that one needs to have towards acting. 'Mandala Murders' has truly pushed me as an actor to deliver a performance that will hopefully be appreciated and loved. I had to tap into all the learnings that one had so far to deliver the vision that the makers had for my character and the project. I'm neck deep into the shooting of 'Mandala Murders' currently and looking forward for the series to grip people's attention," she added. 'Mandala Murders' is produced by Yash Raj Films and will soon drop on OTT.



### Allu Arjun hits 1 million followers on 'Threads'; first Indian star to reach the number

Team Absolute | New Delhi

**'P**ushpa: The Rise' star Allu Arjun has

amassed one million followers on the recently launched 'Threads' platform, just within a few days, and by doing so becomes the first Indian star to hit the coveted number.

Allu Arjun has always been known for the special relationship he shares with his fans around the world, and as a reflection of that has dominated all social media platforms where he engages with his fans regularly.

His fanbase continues to expand exponentially around the world, owing to his brilliant performance on screen and charismatic personality off it.

On 'Threads', Allu Arjun just has one post, which is a monochrome photo of the actor. His fandom reached new heights with his incredible and unbelievably versatile performance in 'Pushpa: The Rise' and the craze for 'Pushpa: The Rule' which continues to top the most anticipated movies list.

Allu Arjun also has a special following for his life choices and demeanor off screen with his sense of style, his care for the environment and sustainable living, as well as his natural humility at any forum.

Fans around the world are waiting with bated breath for his next appearance on the silver screen as they celebrate his every announcement and collaboration, each of which seems to only get bigger and better each time.



### INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Reah Chakraborty



FIFA Women's World Cup

ITALY BEAT ARGENTINA 1-0 IN GROUP G THRILLER

Auckland (New Zealand) | Agencies

Substitute Cristiana Girelli headed Italy to triumph 1-0 against Argentina in an electric Group G match of the FIFA Women's World Cup...

It looked for a moment as if the game would end scoreless before the veteran substitute came to the rescue for Italy and scored less than four minutes after entering play to wrap up the win.

Girelli became the first player to score in two editions of the FIFA Women's World Cup for Italy. She scored a hat-trick in the 2019 finals against Jamaica.

The game started at an electric pace. Argentina fired the first warning shot, an acrobatic effort from Mariana Llorroquette...

The game ebbed and flowed after the break, neither team able to get



the upper hand, despite plenty of opportunities. Then, less than four minutes after entering the fray, Girelli leapt highest to meet a floated Lisa Boattin cross and headed home

the winner for Italy. Argentina's late push was not enough, and it was Milena Bertolini's side who came away with maximum points.

GERMANY REGISTER COMPREHENSIVE 6-0 WIN OVER MOROCCO

Melbourne: Skipper Alexandra Popp struck twice as Germany made a flying start to their FIFA Women's World Cup campaign with a comprehensive 6-0 win over the newcomers Morocco...

Morocco fell behind as early as the 11th minute when captain Popp put Germany 1-0 up with her perfectly timed header and doubled the lead just before half-time with another header.

Klara Buhl scored in the first minute of the second half. Salt was then applied to Moroccan wounds as Germany tightened their grip...

India vs West Indies, 2nd Test, Day 5

Heavy rain in Trinidad continues to delay action



Port of Spain | Agencies

The start of play on the fifth and final day of the second Test between India and West Indies in Trinidad has been delayed due to rain...

expected to be bowled in the remaining time left in the match, with it completely dependent on light and weather conditions.

In the morning, the start of day five's play was delayed due to heavy rain and overcast conditions...

Indies by an innings and 141 runs in the first Test at Dominica within three days. India will now be aiming for their bowlers to claim the remaining eight wickets...

Brief scores

India 438 & 181/2 decl. lead West Indies 255 & 76-2 in 32 overs...

Al Hilal make world record £259m bid for PSG star Kylian Mbappe

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Al Hilal, the Saudi Arabian club, has reportedly made a staggering offer of 259 million pounds for Paris Saint-Germain's forward Kylian Mbappe...



him out of their squad for the pre-season tour of Japan and South Korea. PSG is eager to prevent losing Mbappe on a free transfer and, as a result, they have decided to put him up

for sale. Their aim is to recoup the approximate £150 million they invested to secure his permanent transfer from Monaco back in 2018.

The current world transfer record is the £222m (£200m) PSG paid to sign Brazilian star Neymar from Barcelona in August 2017.

Real Madrid's Portuguese legend Cristiano Ronaldo is the top star in the Saudi Arabia football league and plays for Al Nassr.

ISSF Shooting

Kamaljeet helps India win two more gold medals as Junior World Championships ends

Team Absolute | New Delhi



Kamaljeet helped India pick up two more gold medals on the final day of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Juniors in Changwon, South Korea...

India thus finished second behind China with a total of 17 medals, including six gold, six silver and five bronze medals.

Kamaljeet shot 544 out of a possible 600 in the individual event to leave Uzbek Veniamin Nikitin, with 542, in second position...

with Ankit Tomar and Sandeep Bishnoi to total 1617 for the team gold. Uzbekistan was second again with 1613, while Korea was third with 1600.

The ISSF bandwagon now shifts focus on the big one for the year, the senior world championships, set to begin in Baku, Azerbaijan, from August 14, 2023.

Novak Djokovic withdraws from Toronto Masters event due to fatigue

Ontario (Canada) | Agencies

23-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from next month's Toronto Masters, Canada's ATP Masters 1000 event, citing fatigue as the reason...

The Serbian has won Canada's ATP Masters 1000 event four times, tallying a 37-7 record. The last time he competed in the tournament was in 2018.

"I've always enjoyed my stays in Canada, but after talking with my team, we think it's the right decision to make. I would like to thank Karl Hale, Tournament Director, for understanding this decision."

The Serbian last competed at Wimbledon, where he fell short in a memorable championship match against Carlos Alcaraz. The 36-year-old is 33-5 in 2023 and has won titles at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Adelaide.



main draw. Eubanks distinguished himself at Wimbledon by reaching the quarter-finals, notably eliminating Stefanos Tsitsipas and Cameron Norrie along the way.

It's not easy to take a five-fer on such a flat wicket, says Mohammed Siraj

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In the ongoing tour of the West Indies, Mohammed Siraj had to step up to be the leader of the Indian fast-bowling attack. On Fay Four, where there was nothing for the bowlers to extract from a slow pitch...



just to keep executing this simple plan. For Day Four, we had a relatively new ball too, so it was swinging. On Day Five, we'll start with an older ball, we'll have to keep simple plans, not give away too many runs and just keep building the pressure."

"First of all, this performance was really good because it's not easy to take a five-fer on such a flat wicket. The pitch wasn't doing much. I wanted to keep it stump. From there if it seams, it's really good."

LEADERS BOTAFOGO RALLY LATE TO EARN DRAW WITH SANTOS

Rio De Janeiro: Brazilian Serie A leaders Botafogo scored twice in the last 10 minutes as they recovered from a two-goal deficit to earn a 2-2 away draw with Santos.

Marcos Leonardo put the hosts ahead with a low finish after running onto a Jean Lucas through ball. The 20-year-old appeared to put the result beyond doubt when he hit the target again after combining with Lucas Lima...

But Tiquinho Soares gave Botafogo a glimmer of hope with an 84th-minute strike and Adryelson equalized by heading home after Marcal's delivery from a corner. The result at the Vila Belmiro stadium leaves Botafogo with 40 points from 16 matches...

In Rio de Janeiro, Athletico Paranaense scored two late goals en route to a 2-0 away win over Vasco da Gama. Christian Cardoso netted in the 71st minute and Vitor Buenos converted an 80th-minute penalty...



Late Solari strike rescues point for River Plate

Buenos Aires | Agencies

Pablo Solari scored in the last minute of stoppage time as champions River Plate salvaged a 3-3 away draw with Rosario Central in Argentina's Primera Division.

Alejo Veliz fired the hosts to a 2-1 lead with goals either side of Salomon Rondon's 50th minute strike at Estadio Gigante de Arroyito. Solari, who set up Rondon's goal, made it 2-2 with a powerful effort into the top right corner, reports Xinhua.

Luciano Ferreyra restored Rosario Central's lead with a cool 85th-minute finish but Solari was irrepressible and he earned his side a point by tapping home from close range after Enzo Diaz's cross.



River, who secured the title earlier this month, now have 58 points from 26 games and are 10 points clear of second-placed Talleres Cordoba. Rosario Central, meanwhile, are seventh in the 28-team standings, 17 points further

back with one match day remaining. In other Primera Division fixtures on Sunday, Defensa y Justicia won 3-0 at home to Sarmiento and Atletico Tucuman prevailed 1-0 at home to Independiente.

Harare Hurricanes skipper Morgan talks of how Zimbabwe cricket will benefit from Zim Afro T10

Harare | Agencies

Harare Hurricanes captain Eoin Morgan is understandably delighted after his team secured its first win in the Zim Afro T10 against the Durban Qalandars and said that sometimes getting off the mark is the hardest thing.

Morgan talked about the challenges a newly assembled franchise has to overcome quickly and how they need to adapt to extract the best performance out of each player.

"It's often the hardest thing to start winning. You get together with a new group of players and a new team in its first year of the tournament so trying to get a win under your belt is extremely

important," the former England captain said after his team's win in a high-scoring clash at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday.

"We have continued to improve since the first game. So, the signs are good. We asked the players to be adaptable every day so that we turn up to play in the tournament with a fluid mindset. The guys have done that and it has resulted in us getting some points on the board at a really important time," Morgan said.

front. So, I like it, because the more focus there is on infrastructure and impetus along with investment, the more rewarding it would be," Morgan was quoted as saying by the franchise in a release on Monday.

"It will benefit you in the long term and you talk about the grass-roots here, giving people the structural facilities and ultimately allowing cricket to be their profession and hopefully, this can set an example and provide a clear pathway for investment," Morgan further added.





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