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# INDIA LANDS ON THE MOON

India's moon lander successfully set its four legs softly and safely on the lunar soil on Wednesday evening as planned, and became the fourth nation in the world to achieve the feat. The lander landed near the South Pole of the moon after travelling about 3.84 lakh km for over 40 days. With the landing, a major portion of the Rs 600 crore Chandrayaan-3 mission has been realised. The remaining portion is the moon rover rolling down from the lander, moving around and doing the programmed experiments.

Chennai | Agencies

The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft comprises a propulsion module (weighing 2,148 kg), a lander (1,723.89 kg) and a rover (26 kg).

According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the moon rover has Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) and Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) for deriving the elemental composition in the vicinity of the landing site.

On its part, the lander too will carry out the tasks assigned to it with its payloads: Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) to measure the thermal conductivity and temperature; Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA) for measuring the seismicity around the landing site; Langmuir Probe (LP) to estimate the plasma density and its variations. A passive Laser Retroreflector Array from NASA is accommodated for lunar laser ranging studies.

The mission life of the lander and the rover is 1 Lunar day or 14 Earth days, ISRO said.

The propulsion module has Spectropolarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) payload to study the spectral and Polarimetric measurements of Earth from the lunar orbit.

The life of the payload carried by the propulsion module post ejection of the lander is between three and six months.

The 19 minutes of suspense and excitement began at 5.45 p.m., as planned earlier, and



ended at 6.05 p.m. with the lander touching down on the lunar soil.

Imaging of the landing site region prior to landing will be done for finding safe and hazard-free zones. During the rough breaking phase the lander's speed will be brought down from 1,680 metres per second to 358 metres per second. The altitude will be brought down 7.4 km above the moon. The next phase was the altitude hold phase where the altitude was brought down to 6.8 km.

Then the safe landing happened with two engines on out of the four.

## IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE FOR INDIANS: CONGRESS

New Delhi: The Congress on Wednesday hailed successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon, saying that it is a matter of great pride for all of Indians as the entire world is looking up to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The remarks came after India's moon lander successfully set its four legs softly and safely on the lunar soil on Wednesday evening as planned, and became the fourth nation in the world to achieve the feat.

In a video statement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "The entire world is looking up to ISRO today, acknowledging its achievements, and for us Indians, it is a matter of special pride."

## HISTORIC MOMENT FOR US: PM MODI

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday congratulated the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and its team for the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon. PM Modi, who watched the landing live from Johannesburg, where he is currently participating in the BRICS summit, said: "I congratulate the ISRO team and scientists from the core of my heart for this accomplishment."

"It's a historic moment for us as Chandrayaan-3 lands on the Moon. I am in South Africa but like all Indians, my heart has sunk in the celebrations of Chandrayaan-3," he added.

## MOON'S SOUTH POLE HAS DEEP CRATERS SHIELDED FROM SUNLIGHT FOR BILLIONS OF YEARS

New Delhi: The Moon's South Pole, according to NASA, is full of "mystery, science and intrigue", a media report said.

There are deep craters which have been shielded from sunlight for billions of years, where temperatures can plummet to astonishing lows of -248-degree C (-414 F), BBC reported.

Notably, India's moon lander part of the Chandrayaan-3 mission successfully set its four legs softly and safely on the lunar surface in the South Pole on Wednesday evening as planned.

Water is one key reason why scientists want to explore the area around the lunar South Pole, BBC reported. Scientists believe frozen water might have accumulated in cold polar regions over millions of years and could provide a unique sample for scientists to analyse and understand the history of water in our solar system.

If the water ice on the Moon turns out to be possible to extract, some hope it could eventually be used by astronauts, reducing the amount of water that would have to be blasted into space on crewed missions, BBC reported. Also, water molecules can be broken into hydrogen and oxygen atoms - which could perhaps one day be used as propellants for rockets.

Meanwhile, BBC reported on India's Chandrayaan-3 mission -- "This is a massive moment for India and it bumps them up the space superpower list."

Landing on the Moon is far from easy - as Russia's attempt this week highlighted - and many missions have failed, including India's first attempt in 2019.

But it was second time lucky, and India now joins three other nations - the US, the former Soviet Union and China - which have successfully touched down on the lunar surface.

And they're now ready to explore an area where no other spacecraft has been before - the lunar South Pole, BBC reported. There's growing scientific interest here. The craters in this region are permanently in shadow and contain frozen water. This would be a crucial resource for future human exploration - NASA's Artemis mission, which is sending astronauts to the Moon, is targeting this region too, the report said.



"Chandrayaan-3 Mission: 'India, I reached my destination and you too!': Chandrayaan-3 has successfully soft-landed on the moon! Congratulations, India."

ISRO

"Congratulations ISRO on your successful Chandrayaan-3 lunar South Pole landing! And congratulations to India on being the 4th country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon. We're glad to be your partner on this mission!"

NASA

"History made! Congratulations to ISRO."

UK Space Agency

"Incredible! Congratulations to ISRO, Chandrayaan\_3, and to all the people of India!!"

European Space Agency

## ISRO ESTABLISHES COMMUNICATION LINK WITH MOON LANDER

Chennai: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has established a communication link with its moon lander that is now on the lunar soil.

India's moon lander part of the Chandrayaan-3 mission safely landed on the lunar surface on Wednesday.

"The communication link is established between the Chandrayaan-3 Lander and MOX-ISTRAC, Bengaluru," ISRO said. The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft comprises a propulsion module (weighing 2,148 kg), a lander (1,723.89 kg) and a rover (26 kg). The primary communication channel will be the Mission

Operations Complex at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru, to Chandrayaan-3 Propulsion Module which in turn would talk to the lander and the rover. Earlier, ISRO had said the moon lander had established communication links with the Chandrayaan-2 mission's orbiter that is circling the moon since 2019. The space agency also said the Mission Operations Complex now has more routes to communicate with the lander. In other words, the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter will be the backup communication channel for ISRO with the lander.



## BSP to go alone in Lok Sabha polls, reiterates Mayawati



Lucknow | Agencies

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) President Mayawati on Wednesday again reiterated that she would go alone in Lok Sabha polls to be held in 2024.

On Wednesday, Mayawati chaired a meeting in Lucknow in view of the Lok Sabha elections. Her nephew Akash Anand was also present in the meeting.

"The party has suffered losses instead of gains while being a part of any alliance. That's why the party will fight the elections alone," she asserted. Mayawati said, "In earlier elections, the party suffered losses instead of gains while being in alliance

with any party, because the vote of BSP got transferred to the other alliance partner. But other parties neither have the right intention nor have the capacity to transfer their votes to BSP. Due to this, the morale of the party workers and leaders get affected. Because of this, our party maintains equal distance from both ruling and opposition alliances." She also condemned BJP's casteist and communal politics. "BJP is not only losing its influence but also its mass base. This process is going to continue further. Due to which, the Lok Sabha elections instead of being one-sided, will prove to be very interesting and will give a new twist to the politics of the country."

## Twenty-six killed as under-construction railway bridge collapses in Mizoram

Aizawl | Agencies

At least 26 workers were killed and two others injured after an under-construction railway bridge collapsed near mountainous Sairang area of Mizoram on Wednesday, officials said.

According to railway and police officials, 22 bodies have been recovered so far.

Rescue operations were on to recover the remaining four bodies from under the collapsed steel structure.

The railway bridge was under construction over the Kurung River connecting Bairabi (near southern Assam) to Sairang, 10 km away from Mizoram capital Aizawl.

The accident site is about 21 km from Aizawl.

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), which is implementing the 51.38 km railway project, has sent several medical and engineering teams to provide medical assistance as well as the recovery process.

NFR General Manager (Construction) Sunil Kumar Jha, along with senior officials, have also rushed to Mizoram from the NFR headquarters Maligaon (Guwahati). Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, many Chief Ministers of the northeast-



ern states and top leaders have expressed their deep anguish over the mishap.

The Prime Minister, who is now in Johannesburg for BRICS Summit, announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from Prime Minister's National Relief

Fund (PMNRF) to the next of kin of each deceased and Rs 50,000 for those injured.

The Railway Minister also announced an ex-gratia compensation of Rs ten lakh for the deceased, Rs two lakh towards grievous and Rs 50,000 for minor injuries.

Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga also deeply saddened over the mishap.

The height of the piers of the under construction bridge, which collapsed on Wednesday, is 104 meter.

Sairang railway station is set to be the last railhead before reaching Mizoram's capital Aizawl.

Scheduled to be completed by December this year, the project would connect mountainous Aizawl with the national railway network.

There are 32 tunnels (12.67 km total length), 16 cut and cover tunnels (2.58 km total length) along the 51.38 km long Bairabi to Sairang stretch of the broad gauge railway line, which traverses through Thingdawl and Tlangnam areas under Kolasib and Aizawl districts respectively.

There are 55 major bridges of which six are tall bridges having a height of more than 70 meter (the tallest being 104 meter), 87 minor bridges, five road overbridges and eight road under-bridges.

## Board exams twice a year, Class 11 & 12 students to study 2 languages: Govt



Team Absolute | New Delhi

Board examinations will be conducted twice a year with students having the option to retain the best score, and Class 11 and 12 students will need to study two languages, of which one must be Indian, Ministry of Education said on Wednesday.

As per new curriculum framework announced by the Ministry of Education, choice of subjects in Class 11 and 12 will not be restricted to streams and students will get flexibility to choose.

Under the guidance of the Kasturirangan Committee, a steering committee has prepared a report on the curriculum framework under the New National Education Policy and submitted it to the government. Confirming this, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said

that the Ministry of Education has handed it over to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for further action. NCERT has established two committees -- the National Oversight Committee and the National Syllabus and Textbook Committee -- for the curriculum. Pradhan said, "We expect both these committees to prepare a syllabus according to the requirements of the 21st century and based on original Indian thinking." The Education Minister said, "we want them to prepare futuristic teaching and learning material for class 3 to 12. The first orientation meeting took place today. "We are confident that new textbooks will fulfil all the requirements, especially when the world is expecting a lot from India, when the PM has shown the dream of Amrit Kaal to the nation."







EDITOR'S SPECS

Dengue virus turns virulent under higher temperature

A team of researchers at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) here has found that dengue, a recurring tropical disease that witnesses an outbreak in the monsoon, becomes more severe and hostile in animal models when its virus (DENV) while being grown in mosquito-derived cells is exposed to higher environmental temperature. The research, which can phenomenally help in predicting and mitigating the severity and virulence of dengue, has assumed critical importance as it seeks to establish the impact of global warming on the disease, with an estimated global disease burden of 390 million cases per year (WHO). The study was recently published in The Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology (FASEB) journal of America. Dr Easwaran Sreekumar, who led the research team, said: "The body temperature of mosquitoes is not constant as in higher animals and it increases or decreases with the environmental temperature... So far it is not known whether the higher temperature growth condition will affect the virulence of the virus. For the first time, our recent study points that there is such a possibility. DENV cultured at a higher temperature in mosquito cells was significantly more virulent than the virus grown at a lower temperature." The study was conducted in a mouse model, where the virulent strain obtained from the higher temperature growth caused enhanced presence of viruses in the blood, hemorrhage, severe tissue changes in vital organs such as heart, liver, and kidney, which are the hallmarks of the disease, and even death. Globally, the incidence of dengue is on the rise over the years, with a corresponding increase in the disease severity and fatality. While in majority of the patients, the disease is mild and self-limiting; in some patients, it causes life-threatening thrombocytopenia (extremely low platelet count in blood) and shock syndrome.

'VATSALYA PEETH': ABODE OF SPIRITUALITY & PEACE

Lalit Garg

The essence of faith in the hope of liberation and salvation from spiritual practice flows here. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the capital Delhi, this is the same corner where SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha, a prodigious and loving figure, got a sound sleep. Her memorial land is now taking shape in the form of Vatsalya Peeth, the foundation stone of which is going to be laid by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on August 27, 2023. A hope resounds between insensitivity and narrow-mindedness; this is the hope of love, compassion and sensibilities. In this hope lies the real music of life, the real meaning of life. Because of who we are, we exist, in this lies the happiness of salvation and liberation. Where one can enlighten the soul, one can become meditative. This is the same soil whose fragrance will be replete with countless affection stories of SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha. For almost seven decades, the centre of spiritual practice, reverberates in every pore of the centre of worship, prayers and the voice of spirituality. Now a new dimension is being added to it in the form of Vatsalya Peeth. Twenty-first century is considered to be the century of women's supremacy. She has written poems of creation in different directions, and has created a new history. She has proved herself with her ability and capability. In the field of spirituality too, SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha took a leap and created ideal definitions of life. Committed to the highest traditions, rites and values of spirituality, this great Vibhuti, Chaitanya Rashmi, Spiritual Guru, Vatsalya Urja, at the age of 19 in Jainism's main Terapanth sect, got initiated into the great work of national saint Anuvrata Anushasta Acharya Shri Tulsi; gained popularity as like Meera fell in love with Krishna, in the same way SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha gave the message of devotion and creation in Tulsi-devotion, led 750 Sadhvis by becoming Vatsalya Pratimurti and became a strong voice of female consciousness. Taking care of a family of seven hundred Sadhvis is a great wonder of the world, this

wonder becomes even greater when there is love and affection in it, that is why the memorial place of SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha is being made a unique spiritual power centre in the form of Vatsalya Peeth, which will be a reality of a dream, an imagination, where multidimensional and supernatural spiritual shades will be proving the meaning of its name. Under the direction of the Acharyas of Terapanth Dharmasangh, Acharya Mahashraman addressed the Sangha General Director and Mahashramani, who lead the huge Sadhvi Sangh of Terapanth, with the great addresses of the ruling mother and extraordinary SadhviPramukh. The place of his memory was named 'Vatsalya Peeth', which is now going to become a unique, wonderful and unique spiritual place. The responsibility of giving shape to this unique spiritual place has been given to Shri Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Sabha, Delhi, whose president Shri Sukhraj Sethia and other officials are engaged in this work. 'Vatsalya Peeth' will be a lighthouse. 'Tamso Ma Jyotirgamaya' - A unique spiritual centre of light that takes us from darkness to light. By reaching here, every person will be able to see the fulfilment of her/his desire. Because the journey of light is the eternal aspiration of man. The purpose of this journey is to find the light. Light is found by those who seek it. Some personalities are sources of light. She is self-illuminated and continuously distributes light to others as well. SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha was one such lighthouse, which had skylights all around. This Vatsalya Peeth has also been given a similar form, which has skylights and open ventilation. SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha's intense self-restraint, devotion to the Lord and self-worship is reflected in her entire life. Her conscience, lit by self-light, was capable of enlightening many. Her thinking, speech, conduct, creation, address, service - all these were such open atmospheres, from which the light was continuously emanating and was benefiting the whole mankind. 'Vatsalya Peeth' will be a nest of pleasant peace, life will get a new direction and a new

destination in the end full of joy and compassion. Because in this the trio of knowledge, philosophy and character of SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha's life will flow. This would be possible because as attractive and magnetic as her outer personality was, her inner personality was a thousand times more pure and pure than that, she was an embodiment of compassion. She was a personality maker; India's spiritual and cultural consciousness was reflected in her thinking. She was a traveler of salvation with a smile. Her ideological sublimity, profundity of knowledge, purity of soul, creativity, incorruptibility and humility set her in a special category. Her truthfulness, character-loyalty, principles-loyalty and spiritual-loyalty were wonderful. With discipline and management skill, she had unveiled new dimensions in Terapanth. She had given the dimension of creation to saintliness and spiritual practice, her saintliness was a resolution to make human life beautiful, for the betterment of people and to build him. This does not break the relationship with the world, but through self-meditation connected with God, life becomes completely synonymous with human upliftment, social welfare, service, kindness and deeds of the right path. In this way, she became the beacon of thought-revolution from person-revolution; the energy of this beacon will give liveliness to this place. 'Vatsalya Peeth' will draw indelible lines of advanced life and spirituality. Because SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha has drawn indelible lines of her work throughout her life, she will be written in golden letters in history. We can call her the creator of literature as well as the founder of religious revolution and social revolution. To compare her great personality with any simile would be to limit her personality. All that can be said about her is that she was unique, wonderful, and inexplicable. One aspect of his many abilities and great personality is the presence of a creator in him. She was an excellent and sensitive writer. You were the first SadhviPramukha of Terapanth Dharmasangh in the field of literature-creation and editing, you had unique art of literature-writing and literature-editing. It

is the result of your alertness and untiring hard work that there is a wide list of literature written and edited by you, which surprises even the great intellectuals and learned scholars. You instinctively surrendered yourself to the path of spiritual practice and knowledge, meditation, study, creation of literature and silence became the basic deeds of this spiritual practice, as if there was no personal expectation anywhere in life. Tulsi literature of one hundred texts and the publication of 20 parts of 'Mera Jeevan Mera Darshan' in the form of Acharya shree Tulsi's autobiography in this episode, expresses her literary form. She has earned fame in the literary world as a successful literateur, speaker and poetess. Such achievements and records will be preserved in 'Vatsalya Peeth'. SadhviPramukha Kanakprabha had a store of knowledge on various subjects; there was power in her speech and writing. Has administrative ability, leadership ability, been a strong power? She was synonymous with industriousness, her receptivity was also amazing. Wherever I saw something new, I immediately adopted it. The quality that brightens up the colorful picture of her personality and work is the vibrant talent. With this talent of her, she had established innumerable island pillars on the path of development. They are such an extraordinary achievement of Jain rule that it is not possible for everyone to reach. She was an example of gentleness, compassion, generosity, purity, tolerance, creativity, devotion, dedication, inspiration and positive thinking. Some used to see the form of a Buddhist nun in her and some of Mother Teresa. Some considered her to be an incarnation of Saraswati, while others saw in her the resemblance between Sri Maa of Arvind Ashram and Sharda Maa of Bailur Math. Some used to find the specialty of Mahadevi Verma in her. The main three steps of his development journey were - determination, talent and effort.

international

NEPAL FACES ONION SHORTAGE AFTER INDIA IMPOSES 40% EXPORT DUTY

Kathmandu | Agencies

Nepal is facing onion shortage after India imposed the 40 per cent export duty on the commodity. Since Tuesday, the Kalimati Fruit and Vegetable Market in Kathmandu wiped onion off its price list after exporters stopped importing onion from India. "We have 80 vendors that sell out onions but in the last two days, they are running out of the onion stock so we have wiped off the price list of onion because it is no more available," said Biny Shrestha, information officer of Kalimati Fruit and Vegetable Market, one of major and biggest vegetable and fruit markets in Kathmandu that provides fresh vegetables and fruits to the people of Kathmandu Valley. And there is a sharp rise in onion prices in Nepal following the imposition of the export duty by the Union government. The



price of onion in the Nepali market has reached around Rs 90 - 100 per kg from Rs 50. As Nepal imports almost all its onion requirements from India, the hefty export duty has created shortages in the domestic market. Traders say that the scarcity

coincides with Nepal's festive season when onion consumption explodes. Imposition of 40 per cent export duty till December 21, comes at a time when the majority of Nepali festivals fall in between. Usually the Kalimati Fruit and Vegetable market in Kathmandu

imported 100 tons of onion on average but with the imposition of the export duty, this number has dipped to 40 tons on Sunday and Monday. From Tuesday, the exporters have stopped importing the onion, said Shrestha. Nepal heavily relies on imported onions from India due to minimal domestic production. The country imported 180,190 tons of onions worth Rs 6.75 billion in the last fiscal year. The Himalayan country is among the top five export destinations of Indian onions. In the April-June 2023 period, India exported onions to 65 countries, of which a maximum quantity of 1.39 lakh tons was shipped to Bangladesh. Besides Bangladesh, Malaysia (1.07 lakh metric tons), the UAE (0.90 lakh metric tons), Sri Lanka (0.80 lakh metric tons), and Nepal (0.39 lakh metric tons) are among the top five places which import onion from India.

Key witness changes testimony in Trump classified docs case after switching lawyer

Washington | Agencies

A key witness against former US President Donald Trump in the Mar-a-Lago documents case, has retracted from his testimony, local media reported. In a new court filing on Tuesday, special counsel Jack Smith's office said, Yuscil Taveras, the director of information technology at Mar-a-Lago, Trump's club in Palm Beach, Florida, retracted from his previous testimony after he switched from a lawyer paid for by Trump's Save America PAC to a public defender, NBC news reported. In March, Taveras, who is described in a Justice Department court filing as "Trump Employee 4", before the grand jury in Columbia had claimed not to recall any contacts or conversations about the security footage at Mar-a-Lago, the court filing added. Taveras provided prosecutors with new information regarding alleged efforts to delete surveil-



lance camera footage taken at the Trumps's Palm Beach, Fla., club and residence, which led to a revised indictment and new charges against Trump, his valet Walt Nauta and a third defendant, Carlos De Oliveira, the court filing said. Taveras new testimony comes after he got to know that he was being investigated on suspicion of

having made false statements in his previous grand jury testimony in Washington, D.C. and faced criminal exposure to prejury, the court filing said. The former president has denied any wrongdoing in the case. A trial has been listed for May 20, 2024, in Miami.

DRONE HITS UNDER-CONSTRUCTION BUILDING IN MOSCOW

Moscow | Agencies

A drone hit an under-construction building in the Moscow City financial district, Mayor Sergey Sobyenin said in the wee hours on Wednesday. No one was hurt in the incident, the Mayor was quoted as saying by BBC. Russian Defence Ministry in a statement said, "Three Ukrainian UAVs were on a mission to conduct a terrorist attack on Moscow. Two drones were destroyed mid-air in Moscow's Mozhaisk and Khimki districts, while the third one crashed into a building in the city's business



district." The damage to the building was minor, TASS news agency quoted emergency services as saying.

Flights were temporarily stopped to and from Moscow's airports, the ministry said. Ukraine has not commented on the drone strike.

Over 1.7 mn Australians sexually harassed in 2021-22: Survey

Canberra | Agencies

More than 1.7 million Australians were sexually harassed in 2021-22, a national survey has found. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on Wednesday published the results of the 2021-22 Personal Safety Survey, revealing an estimated 1.7 million people -- 8.7 per cent of the population -- experienced sexual harassment in the survey period from March 2021 to May 2022. Of those victims, 1.3 million were women and 426,800 men, Xinhua news agency reported. According to the ABS data, men were responsible for 97 per cent of all sexual harassment incidents against women, with inappropriate comments about a person's body or sex life as the most common form of harassment. The PSS survey, the first conducted by the ABS since 2016, found 7



million Australians - more than one-third of the adult population - have experienced physical violence since turning 15. Men were more likely to experience physical violence but only 42 per cent knew the perpetrator, compared to 87 per cent of women. "We found that an estimated 4 million men and 3 million women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15," Will Milne, Head of Crime and Justice statistics at the ABS, said in a media release. Both men and women were three times more likely to experience physical violence by a male perpe-

trator than by a female perpetrator, it said. "In the 12 months after the assault, nearly two-thirds of women and just over a quarter of men experienced anxiety or fear for their personal safety." The survey found that an estimated 2.2 million Australian women have experienced sexual violence -- defined as any incident involving the occurrence, attempt, or threat of sexual assault -- since the age of 15. Women were three times more likely to experience sexual violence by a man they knew than a stranger.

16 people killed in bus-truck collision in Mexico

Mexico City: At least 16 people were killed and 36 others injured when a bus collided with a truck in Mexico's Puebla city, local media reported. Oaxaca Attorney General's Office (FGEO) in a statement said the deceased included eight men, seven women and a girl, Mexico news daily reported. The incident occurred early Tuesday when the bus collided head on with a truck. The injured were rushed to the Tehuacan General Hospital and other medical centres. The Interior Department of Puebla posted on social media that it "remains in constant communication with the Federal Roads and Bridges, as well as ministerial and state authorities in order to support the victims of this regrettable event."



# MAHA: 82 YAVATMAL FARMERS END LIFE IN 83 DAYS, 2023 VIDARBHA TOLL 1,567

Quaid Najmi | Nagpur

As the country looks skywards at the moon-landing this evening, a disturbing development has hit the Vidarbha region of eastern Maharashtra with virtually one farmer committing suicide daily since June 1, in the Yavatmal district, activists said here on Wednesday.

Among the worst-hit in the country by the agrarian crisis, a staggering 82 Yavatmal farmers resorted to the desperate measure between June 1 till date, portending a dismal scenario for the government ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, warned Vidarbha Jan Andolan Samiti President Kishore Tiwari.

"This is not all. From January 1, at least 1,567 peasants' lives, including several women, were snuffed out in the 10 districts of Vidarbha region, which is reeling under a series of natural or man-made problems of various kinds," a grim Tiwari told reporter.

This 8-month figure (1,567) is itself a 'new record' in the past over 25 years after the agrarian crises of Vidarbha



erupted first into the public domain after Tiwari started systematically monitoring what he calls an unending 'farmers genocide'.

The development came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that India had achieved a record agricultural growth in the past 3 years, he pointed out.

"However, if this is the tragedy in just one district and one region of a single state, then the data of other regions/states in the country may have more shocking revelations," Tiwari said.

ises and assures the chain of suicides does not end as 'the backbone of the rural economy has collapsed', along with corruption at local levels, lack of political initiative and an insensitive administration. The government is busy looking at the Moon rather than concentrating on the hell on earth where the tillers are toiling and boiling all their lives without adequate returns," Tiwari said.

Listing the reasons for the latest spurt in farmers' deaths, Tiwari said that the main cash crop, cotton - which is facing very low demand - has brought the economy to a halt, input costs have increased suddenly, public sector banks are providing little or no credits, government's failure to provide sustainable food pulses and oilseeds crop for the region, plus the fallout of the global climate calamity. The VJAS chief said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi must personally intervene in the crisis as it is the election year and the government's promises of making India a USD Five Trillion economy in the near future 'are fast proving to be hollow'.

## MNS activists ransack Amazon office in Nagpur

Team Absolute | Nagpur

A group of people created ruckus at an office of Amazon India in Nagpur district of Maharashtra, police said.

In a viral video, a group of people seen shouting the slogan 'Vande Matram' ransacked an e-commerce office. The incident was reported at the Ganeshpath area on Tuesday afternoon.

They were protesting against the sale of Pakistani flags and a book which allegedly hurts religious sentiments of Hindus on the e-commerce platform.

The protesters are said to be associated with the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS).



Later, a Nagpur-based MNS leader Chandu Lade reportedly wrote to Amazon India Limited, claiming that Pakistani flags were available for sale on its website. He also claimed that the

Amazon website sells a book titled 'Deadly Bhagavat Geeta' which 'denigrates' the Bhagavad Gita and sought its removal from the e-commerce platform.

## Bombay HC seeks police reply on preserving CCTV clips of Ram Navami clashes

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday directed the Mumbai Police to file its affidavit within two weeks on preserving the CCTV footage clips of the Malvani Police Station during the Ram Navami violence that rocked the area in March this year.

A division bench comprising Justice A.S. Gadkari and Justice Sharmila Deshmukh gave the directions in a writ petition filed by a social worker Jameel Merchant seeking that the Malvani Police share the CCTV footage of the police station.

The judges have asked the Deputy Commissioner of Police Ajay Bansal to file his affidavit within a fortnight on saving the CCTV footage of the incidents.

The petitioner's lawyer Burhan Bukhari argued that the police had conspired to frame his client (Merchant) in the incident by including his name in the FIR. Merchant had filed complaints against the Guardian Minister of Mumbai Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Joint Police Commissioner S.N. Choudhary, Additional Commissioner of Police (North Region), the DCP and the Malvani Police with the Lokayukta and the State Human Rights



Commission. Bukhari told the court on Wednesday that on August 9, a division bench of Justice Revati

Mohite-Dere and Justice Gauri Godse had ordered the Mumbai Police to retrieve the CCTV camera recordings of the incidents that happened inside the Malvani Police Station on March 30, 10.30 p.m. to March 31, 10 a.m., within 24 hours or by August 10.

It may be recalled that on the evening of March 30, violence erupted between two communities when a Ram Navami procession was passing through the Malvani Sector 5.

The Malvani Police had rushed to the spot and detained around 400 people and 25 were arrested, including the petitioner Merchant.

Merchant has contended that he was falsely implicated in the case when he was cooperating and actually helping the police control the violent mobs on rampage there that evening. He further claimed that the Malvani Police are suppressing the CCTV footage of that night because it would exonerate him from the case, as some political leaders were present there and pressuring the police to include his name.

However, the Special Public Prosecutor Kaushik Mhatre and Assistant Public Prosecutor (Miss) P.P. Shinde had vehemently refuted Merchant's allegations.

## Congress leaders fly to Mumbai to take stock of INDIA's 3rd meeting

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A team of senior Congress leaders are holding a meeting with the party leaders in Mumbai to discuss the preparations of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance's (INDIA) third meeting scheduled on August 31 and September 1.

From Congress, senior leaders like Gurdeep Singh Sappal, Syed Naseer Hussain arrived in Mumbai to hold a meeting with the party leaders to discuss the preparations of the INDIA alliance's third meeting.

The party sources said that the meeting is to take stock of the preparation for the meeting.

The third meeting of the bloc is being hosted jointly by the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP's Sharad Pawar faction, with support from the Congress -- the three constituents of the Maha



Vikas Aghadi alliance. The MVA constituents had been holding parleys to schedule the meeting. The third meeting is said to be crucial as several committees will be formed for coordination as well

as convener would be decided.

The opposition parties had held two back-to-back meetings within a month -- first on June 23 in Bihar's Patna and second on July 18-19 in Karnataka's Bengaluru -- to bring the like-minded parties together ahead of the crucial 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

During the Bengaluru's meeting, the name of INDIA for the opposition bloc was finalised.

The Bengaluru meeting was attended by leaders of 26 parties, including leaders like Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal and others. West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee, Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal-United leader Nitish Kumar, Jharkhand Chief Minister and JMM leader Hemant Soren, DMK leader and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and several others.

## Man held for decamping with luxury watches worth Rs 26 lakh

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai police have apprehended a 47-year-old man, identified as Suresh Bhai Rathod, who was employed at a watch showroom, for his alleged involvement in a theft case involving luxury watches worth Rs 26 lakh.

The arrest was made on Monday from the suburban area in Gorai, according to an official statement.

The incident unfolded when Rathod was entrusted by his employer to deliver luxury watches valued at Rs 26 lakh to a customer on August 18. But instead of completing the delivery as assigned, the accused vanished along with the expensive timepieces, leaving behind a trail of missing valuables.

Upon receiving a formal complaint from the affected party, the Mumbai Police promptly launched an investigation and registered an FIR against Rathod. The police were able to trace Rathod to a hotel in Gorai, lead-



ing to his arrest. The accused now faces charges under Section 408 of the Indian Penal Code, pertaining to criminal breach of trust, along with other relevant provisions of the law.

The stolen watches, valued at Rs 26 lakh, have been successfully recovered by the police.

## TEEN DIES BY SUICIDE AFTER MOTHER SCOLDS HER FOR IGNORING STUDIES

Nagpur: A 19-year-old college student died allegedly by suicide after being scolded by her mother for spending too much time on her mobile phone, an official said on Wednesday.

Renuka Pramod Kale was a first-year undergraduate student and lived in Zenda Chowk area.

The police official said Renuka had lost her father and was being raised by her mother, Seema, who ran a "daily needs" shop.

Citing the versions of friends and neighbours, the official said Renuka was a bright student. However, she recently appeared to have lost focus on her studies and would spend a lot of time on her mobile phone.

Renuka was busy with her mobile phone on Monday afternoon when Seema reprimanded her for ignoring her studies. Renuka then went to their bedroom and hanged herself, the official said. Seema found her daughter after an hour.

The Gitikhadan police have registered a case of accidental death, the official added.



Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has lodged an FIR against a Mumbai-based firm and its directors for allegedly committing a bank loan fraud of Rs 269.29 crore in the name of Wind Mill Power Project at Rajasthan's Jaisalmer, an official said.

A senior CBI official said that they received a complaint in this connection from the Central Bank of India in 2021 against Varun Industries Ltd (VIL) and its directors Kiran Mehta, Kailash Agarwal and others for defrauding the bank to the tune of Rs 269.29 crore.

The firm approached the bank with a loan request in 2006 and it was declared a non-performing asset in 2012.

According to official information, the company executed loan and security documents for securing the credit facilities availed by it from a consortium of banks through its directors, including creation of charge on its current assets through hypothecation agreement of stock and its book debts and also created registered mortgage over the collateral securities offered by the company

against the bank facilities.

"The company had availed various credit facilities from the Central Bank of India in a consortium led by the Indian Bank for a Wind Mill Power project at Jaisalmer. The company did not remit export payment received from sale of goods received under LC to meet the import leg of merchant transaction. The Merchant Trade LC was issued by the bank on the request of the company. The transactions under this head was dishonestly intended to siphon out the funds from the banking channel," said the FIR.

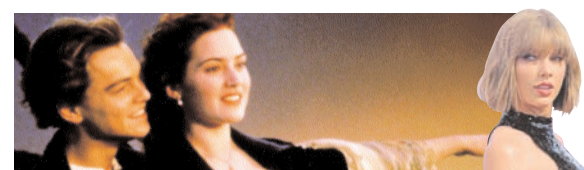
The bank has alleged in the FIR that during this it learned that the accused company borrowed an amount of nearly Rs 30 crore from SE Investment Ltd against pledge of shares and Rs 15 crore from IFICI Venture Capital Fund without taking NOC from a consortium of banks.

Forensic audit was conducted by the bank in 2012 and it was revealed that most of the sales turnover of the company was with AI Rad International Trading and White Impex General Trading LLC. AI Rad International Trading and White Impex General Trading LLC were having a distributor agreement with Varun Industries.

"Outstanding amount from AI Rad International Trading and White Impex General Trading LLC significantly increased year-on-year between 2009 and 2012 from Rs 165.69 crore (33.17crore +132.52 crore) to Rs 2233.37 crore and payments received from these buyers were Rs 78.61 crore (32.41 crore + 46.20 crore) only during the same period i.e. during 2009-2012. These facts clearly show that these entities have been used as a conduit to siphon the funds out of banking channel with dishonest intention of not repaying the funds," said the forensic audit report.

The report also added that though Varun Industries Ltd raised bills for supplies made to UAE-based companies mentioned above but actually the consignment were sent to Hong Kong and 17 UAE-based companies.

The CBI said that as per the bank's complaint the accused company had discounted export bills, (obtained advance) against export bills sent for collection to its associate companies, namely AI Rad International Trading LLC, UAE, and White Impex General Trading LLC, UAE, and did not honour the bills and later on wrote-off the same in its books.



Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Charlize Theron is known for her method acting as well as her more naturalised behavioural acting, even undergoing great body transformations. The acclaimed star as such has won unanimous praise and is a big name in Hollywood, though she has recently become a strong critic of the industry, calling them out on their double standards regarding female actors, particularly for body transformations.

According to Variety, the actress said in an interview with Allure: "I will never, ever do a movie again and say, 'Yeah, I'll gain 40 pounds.' I will never do it again because you can't take it off. When I was 27, I did 'Monster.' I lost 30 pounds, like, overnight. I missed three meals and I was back to my normal weight."

It took Theron over one year to get back to her pre-production weight once 'Tully' was complete. At one point, she even reached out to a doctor to determine why she could not seem to shed the pounds, which does in fact have a lethal effect on many actors when they undergo massive body transformations.

The 'Hancock' actress in her interview with Allure, added "I've always found it so funny when I've gained weight for movies and then had to go onto a red carpet. I call (my stylist, Leslie Fremar) and say, 'I'm doing this movie about postpar-

**Charlize Theron calls out Hollywood's double standards about actresses' body transformations**

depression and I've gained like 40 pounds.' And she's like, 'Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh! How am I gonna dress you?' It's not something that you can just figure out last minute... She's put a lot of blazers over open backs for me."

It's not just losing weight that became harder for Theron as she got older. Now 48, she said it "bums her out" that when she hurts herself on the set of an action movie, "I take way longer to heal than I did in my 20s." "More than my face, I wish I had my 25-year-old body that I can just throw against the wall and not even hurt tomorrow," said Theron, who in the past decade has starred in action movies including 'Mad Max: Fury Road' and 'Atomic Blonde'. "Now, if I don't work out for three days and I go back to the gym, I can't walk. I can't sit down on the toilet."

**WONDERING IF THERE IS ANY END TO CANCEL CULTURE: JENNIFER ANISTON**

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Jennifer Aniston after being caught in the whole controversy regarding Jamie Foxx's allegedly anti-Semitic social media post has now come out to call out cancel culture as an obnoxious trend, wondering if there is any end to it all.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the 54-year old actress said: "I'm so over cancel culture. I probably just got canceled by saying that. I just don't understand what it means... Is there no redemption? I don't know. I don't put everybody in the Harvey Weinstein basket."

"He's not a guy, you're like, 'God, I can't wait to hang out with Harvey,'" she said. "Never. You were actually like, 'Oh, God, OK, suck it up.' I remember actually, he came to visit me on a movie to pitch me a movie. And I do remember consciously having a person stay in my trailer."

For the unversed, Harvey Weinstein is a Hollywood producer who has produced several films such as 'Malena', 'Shakespeare in Love', 'Gangs of New York' and executive producer in films such as 'Pulp Fiction' and 'The Lord Of The Rings' films. However, he is also a registered sex offender, with charges of molesting and even raping somewhere over 90 women and has been sentenced to 16 years in prison. Cancel culture is the practice or tendency of engaging in mass canceling as a way of expressing disapproval and exerting social pressure. The trend has become very big and has been frequently criticised by many celebrities ranging from Chris Rock, Lizzo, Cate Blanchette, Elon Musk and more.



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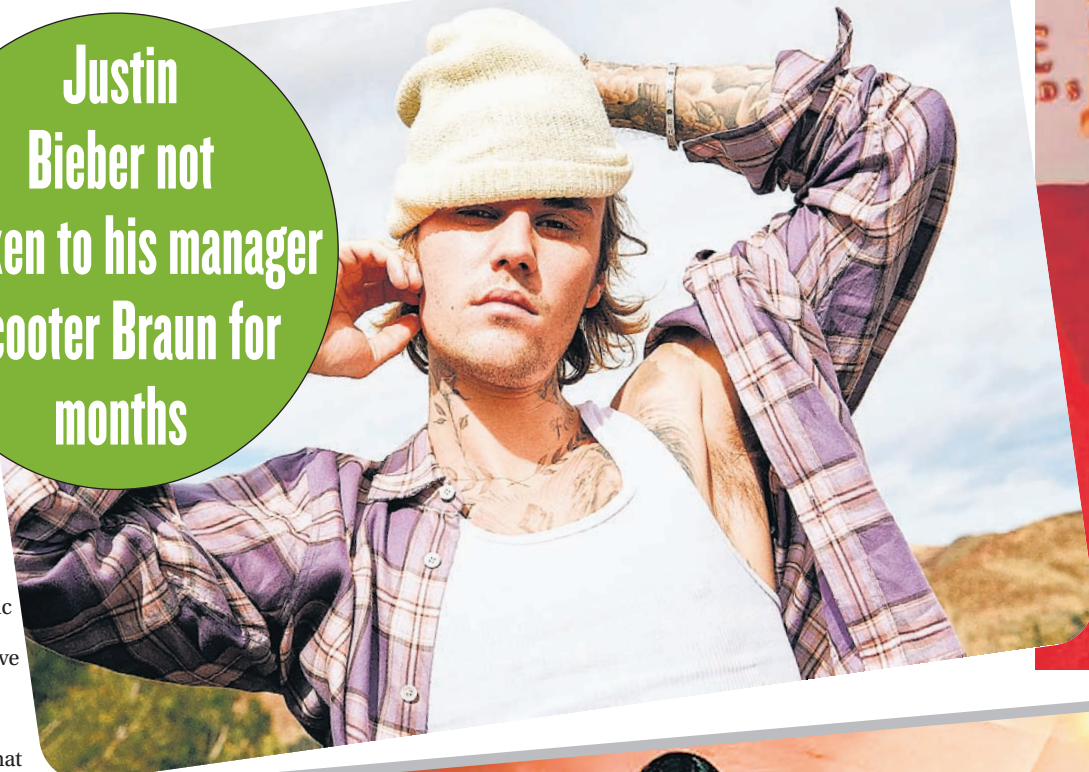
Justin Bieber's association with his collaborator and manager Scooter Braun has hit an 'all time low' amidst their ongoing controversy, with the pop star revealing that while he is still managed by Braun, he is no longer on speaking terms with him.

According to People, "Justin's been working on his new record for the last six months. Scooter and SB Projects have not set up one session or done one thing for this new record." Braun has been the longtime manager of Justin and has also managed Ariana Grande for more than a decade, though as things have fallen at their lowest.

On August 22, People confirmed that Ariana Grande had also parted ways with Braun after 10 years of working together. "They are friendly but she's outgrown him and is excited to go in a different direction. Yes there are negotiations happening because of contracts. But this is her choice. It's time for something new."

Some of the other long time collaborators of Scooter Braun who terminated their contracts with the popular pop star manager include Taylor Swift, J Balvin and Demi Lovato, all of whom terminated their ties with Scooter after a long time association. A source of People, close to the music industry provided some insight regarding the situation, and maintained that "all of Scooter Braun's clients are under contract and negotiations have been going on for several months as Scooter steps into his larger role as HYBE America CEO." The source further noted: "People are spreading rumors based on what they know, but they are off. Scooter's team at SB Projects are still handling both Justin and Ariana as they work through what this new structure looks like."

**Justin Bieber not spoken to his manager Scooter Braun for months**



**Beyonce has a special dress code wish for her b'day wish**

Los Angeles | Agencies

Grammy award-winner Beyonce Knowles has a specific request for fans who are planning to attend her Renaissance Tour.

Taking to her Instagram account, the 'Single Ladies' hit-maker asks her fans to come to her Renaissance tour concerts in their best shimmering attire to celebrate her birthday together, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"Virgo season is upon us," the R&B singer, who will turn 42 on September 4, began her post on Tuesday, August 22.

"This tour has been such a joy and as we approach the last month, my birthday wish is to celebrate with you wearing your most fabulous silver fashions to the shows 8.23 - 9.22!" She went on to say, "We'll surround ourselves in a shimmering human disco ball each night. Everyone is mirroring each other's joy. Virgo season together in the house of chrome." Fans apparently had mixed responses to the new dress code.



Feeling excited, one fan said:

"Lawd let me go stock up cause there's not gonna be a piece of foil left when this is over..."

Another fan thought that Bey is preparing something, saying, "Beyonce NEVER posts on her story.. I think y'all should listen. She prolly recording it for sumthing."

Echoing the sentiment, one suspected that "this gone be the Netflix recordings."

Some others, meanwhile, weren't too happy that Queen Bey made the announcement at short notice. "Girl I can't find no silver outfit by tomorrow," a fan said. "Beyonce the concert is tomorrow I'm not gone be able to find nothing silver that fast!!!" someone else added. Someone, meanwhile, gave up the idea of coming in silver, saying, "Listen girl I already bought the outfit I wanted to wear so sorry won't be participating in that lol. Where was the memo earlier? Tuhhh." Another comment read, "She ought to provide that people probably already ordered their outfits for it if they anything like me waab."



Los Angeles | Agencies

Filmmaker Zack Snyder has been keeping relatively secretive about the developments regarding his work on his sci-fi film 'Rebel Moon'. With a trailer of the movie released, it tells the story in two parts: the first titled 'A Child of Fire', which showcases the vastness of space using 'Blade Runner'-esque dystopia, intense action and dramatic sequences.

The movie is a passion project of the former DCEU director and looks like he is tonally shifting gears, going all out with his older 'Zack Snyder's Justice League' style for this film, except with a slightly brighter colour palette.

The trailer is layered with the visuals of a dystopian, dark futuristic nightmare as it mixes 'Star Wars' with 'Blade Runner'. A space opera of epic proportions, we have it all here, a prophesied one to end a cataclysmic war, spaceships raining lasers down on a hapless village with a bloody carnage, talking robots, a spider creature, an awesome fighter wielding glowing red laser swords, a flying pegasus-like animal and lots of slow-motion.

**'Rebel Moon: Part I' is a sci-fi space opera merging 'Star Wars' with 'Blade Runner'**

The official synopsis of the movie states: "When a peaceful colony on the edge of a galaxy finds itself threatened by the armies of a tyrannical ruling force, Kora (Boutella), a mysterious stranger living among the villagers, becomes their best hope for survival."

"Tasked with finding trained fighters who will unite with her in making an impossible stand against the Mother World, Kora assembles a small band of warriors - outsiders, insurgents, peasants and orphans of war from different worlds who share a common need for redemption and revenge."

**ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY**



Chloe Meadows





# AS CHANDRAYAAN-3 CREATES HISTORY, FILM FRATERNITY CELEBRATES THE MOMENT

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India created history on Wednesday after its Chandrayaan-3 successfully soft-landed on the Moon's surface at 6.04 p.m. - a feat matched only by erstwhile Soviet Republic, the US and China.

As the historic event opened up new possibilities for mankind, the film folks celebrated India's mark on the lunar canvas as they congratulated the scientists and the brains behind Chandrayaan-3 on their success.

Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn wrote on social media, "Proud, amazed, excited, honoured to be living this moment of history. Bharat Mata ki Jai #Chandrayaan".

Another Bollywood icon Akshay Kumar wrote, "A billion hearts saying THANK YOU ISRO. You've made us so proud. Lucky to be watching India make history. India is on the moon, we are over the moon. #Chandrayaan3."

Star actress Shradha Kapoor took to Instagram as she shared a clip of the control room of ISRO. She wrote on the video, "Waah, what a moment."

Vijay Deverakonda, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming film 'Kushi', also wrote on Instagram, "Those smiles :) That joy & pride across the country.. Kushi!!!"

Vijay's 'Kushi' co-star Samantha Ruth Prabhu also took to social media to express her joy as she wrote, "Yet again, we land on the Moon! Jai Hind. Congratulations @isro.in #Chandrayaan3."

Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan took to X (formerly Twitter) and wrote, "My heart swells with pride a little more today, as I witness my people soar high and give their very best. Congratulations & all my respect to @isro & the geniuses behind #Chandrayaan3's lunar



exploration mission. #IndiaOnTheMoon."

Bollywood's action hero Tiger Shroff wrote, "Mission accomplished...history made. Jai Hind Congratulations @isro.in @isroindiaofficial."

Actress Rashmika Mandana, who swayed the nation as Srivalli in 'Pushpa: The Rise', celebrated the moment.

She wrote in her Instagram Story, "A proud moment for all of us as #Chandrayaan3 lands on the moon today... Respect and salute to each and everyone who worked on and supported this mission."

Actress Taapsee Pannu wrote in her Instagram Story, "@isro.in and @chandrayan\_3 Congratulations @isro.in We did it #Chandrayaan3."



## Aditi Rao Hydari

### 'OTT reinforces the importance of content'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Aditi Rao Hydari, who is known for her work in 'Delhi 6', 'Jubilee', 'Bhoomi', 'Taj: Divided By Blood', and several others, feels that the medium of OTT reinforces the importance of content and gives a lot of creative liberty to artists.

Aditi won hearts for her performance as Anarkali in the period drama 'Taj: Divided By Blood'. The actress recently visited the Middle East and interacted with her fans in Qatar, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi, at exclusive meet and greets.

Sharing her experience of playing the iconic character, Aditi said: "The one thing I really enjoy about the OTT medium is that it offers more artistic creativity for writers, actors, and directors. It reinforces the importance of content, and that is why I decided to work on Taj: Divided By Blood." The star, who has been compared to the legendary actor Madhubala for

her role as Anarkali, also mentioned that she knew "those are big shoes to fill" while signing up for it.

Riding the wave of her success in Taj, the actress delighted consumers at ZEE5 Global's first Qatar fan meet and greet at LuLu Hypermarket in Barwa City. In her maiden visit to Qatar, the actress enthralled the audience by singing the popular Malayalam song 'Vathikkalu Vellaripravu' and interacted with the crowd through activities like quizzes and dance performances.

The star currently has an exciting library of titles on ZEE5 Global that includes movies like romance drama, 'Daas Dev', Malayalam thriller 'Psycho', and the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer tragedy romance 'Rockstar'.

## Vaani Kapoor takes a break to celebrate birthday in Dubai

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Actress Vaani Kapoor, who will be seen in 'Mandala Murders' and 'Sarvagunn Sampanna', has decided to treat herself to a well-deserved break as she is celebrating her 35th birthday in Dubai.

She is accompanied by her closest gal friends Akansha, Anushka Ranjan, and Raashi Khanna. A source shared: "While Vaani usually prefers low-key celebrations, this birthday calls for something extraordinary. She and her friends are gearing up for a thrilling time in Dubai, complete with luxury shopping, gourmet dining, and lounging at luxurious hotels." The itinerary also includes dune buggy racing, desert safaris, etc.

Following her rejuvenating birthday hiatus, Vaani will return to the sets with renewed vigour, ready to dive back into her projects with a fresh perspective.

'Mandala Murders' is produced by Yash Raj Films and will soon drop on OTT.

'Sarvagunn Sampanna' will supposedly be set in the 90s with Vaani essaying the role of a porn star lookalike. The film is touted to be a laughter-filled ride with a unique storyline set in the 90s.

It is a mix of comedy and social commentary, offering a fresh perspective on contemporary issues with a touch of nostalgia.



## Sunny Deol gets teary-eyed while thanking fans as 'Gadar 2' grosses Rs 400 cr

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Bollywood star Sunny Deol got emotional while thanking his fans for the roaring response to his latest film 'Gadar 2', which has now entered the Rs 400 crore club.

Sunny took to Instagram, where he shared a video sitting inside a chartered plane.

In the video, Sunny, who played the role of Tara Singh in the film said: "First and foremost thank you all that you liked the film so much. I never imagined you guys would like Gadar 2 so much.. We have crossed 400 crores because of you all and we will go ahead."

He credited the film's success to his fans.

Sunny added: "This all happened because of you all. You liked the film, Tara Singh and Sakeena. Thank you."

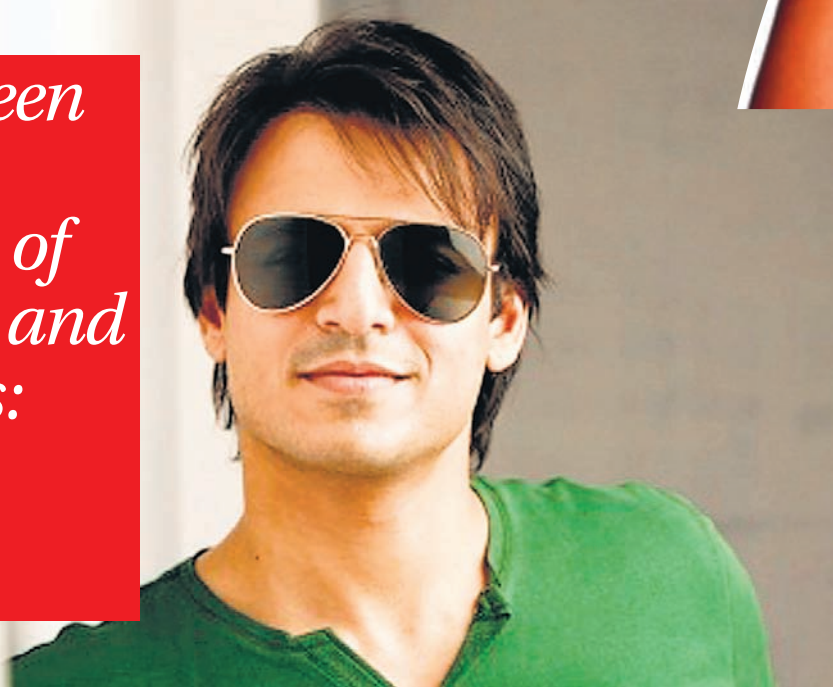
'Gadar 2' is set in 1971, and Tara Singh returns to Lahore, Pakistan in the midst of an anti-India campaign to bring back his son Charanjeet. The film is currently riding high on success and has broken records at the box-office. Directed by Anil Sharma, it released on August 11. The film also stars Utkarsh Sharma and Ameesha Patel.

Since being released, 'Gadar 2' has surpassed the collections of 'Dangal'-starring Aamir Khan on the second Monday.

Trade Analyst Taran Adarsh on Twitter shared that the film is all set to challenge 'Baahubali 2' and 'Pathaan'.



Have seen great heights of success and failures: Vivek Oberoi



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actor Vivek Oberoi has talked about his struggles, his values and his views on what it means to succeed and fail in Bollywood.

Vivek, who made his debut in 2002 with Ram Gopal Varma's 'Company', became an instant hit with his powerful performances in films such as 'Saathiya', 'Yuva', 'Shootout at Lokhandwala', 'Omkaara' and 'Rakht Charitra' among many others.

However, he tasted failure with duds such as 'Prince', 'Dum', 'Kyun! Hogaya Na', 'Naksha' and 'Home Delivery: Aapko... Ghar Tak' among many others.

Recently, in an interview with Dubai-based podcast AB Talks, Vivek revealed that he had never really taken money from his father and actor Suresh Oberoi, and for his 'launch' into the industry he was determined to make his own way in. A snippet of the interview has been shared on Instagram.

"He had fixed up a producer and there was a script waiting and everything. And I said no, I just want your

prayer and your blessings. You made it on your own talent without borrowing anything, and if I have it in me, I'd like to make my own way in," the 46-year-old actor said.

He went on to speak about success and failure in a cut throat industry like Bollywood.

Vivek said: "When it comes to Bollywood, and not just Bollywood because I think you can apply it to anything, I have seen great heights of success and failures, and something my father told me was, your acting never fails, the attempt does not succeed."

"It does not succeed, then move on. The day you really fail as an actor is the day you stop moving on. You can't live so much on your own success because it will make you complacent," added the actor.

Speaking about being brought up by his actor-father Suresh Oberoi, who is also a recipient of the 1987 National Film Award, Vivek said that his parents raised him with the values of "never really getting out of line".

"As such we were very shielded from the glitz and glamour of Bollywood and lived a normal

grounded life," said the actor.

He added: "You know, you start getting out of line and that feeling of entitlement starts creeping up, my mother who was kind of short so we jokingly called her Hitler, she would whack us and never allow us to get out of line and treat people badly."

Right before starting the interview, Vivek performed a prayer.

On asking about the same, the actor replied: "In India there is this beautiful goddess Saraswati, who is the embodiment of everything related to art, culture, creativity, knowledge. She is the one who blesses us, you'll even find her on the Indonesian currencies."

"You will find her in all the universities of Indonesia and it is a Muslim country, so it is a concept that goes beyond religion."

"So whenever I am doing anything, whether I am acting, or doing an interview, or a podcast like yours, or even a photoshoot, it is just a habit. Even when I go on a stage for an award show or a function, I will touch the stage out of respect and put it to my forehead. So similar thing with the camera, you know 'I am here because of you'."

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Karishma Sharma