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DROPS OF RELIEF & TROUBLE

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday said that active monsoon conditions are likely to continue over north Peninsular, central and adjoining east India during the next 3-4 days while heavy to very heavy rainfall activity likely over west Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat during next three days.

► Madhya Pradesh is likely to witness this weather from Thursday to Saturday, Vidarbha on Thursday and Friday. Isolated instances of very heavy rainfall are anticipated in west Madhya Pradesh on Thursday and in east Madhya Pradesh on Friday.

► Marathwada can expect this weather on Thursday and Friday, Konkan and Goa from till September 11, and Madhya Maharashtra from Thursday to Saturday. The Gujarat region is also likely to experience these conditions till Saturday, with isolated instances of very heavy rainfall expected in Konkan and Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, and the Gujarat Region on Thursday and Friday.



light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning.

"This weather is expected to prevail over Odisha and Jharkhand on Thursday and Friday, with isolated instances of heavy rainfall in Odisha on Thursday. Additionally, Bihar is expected to experience these conditions on Friday, while Gangetic West Bengal will see them on Thursday. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands

are also likely to experience such weather during September 10 to 11," said the IMD.

In South India, a similar pattern of light to moderate rainfall is anticipated, with fairly widespread to widespread coverage.

"Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Telangana, and North Interior Karnataka will likely witness these conditions on Thursday, while Coastal Karnataka can expect them

during Friday to September 10," the weather forecast agency predicted.

South Interior Karnataka is also forecasted to experience light to moderate rainfall on Friday, Saturday, and September 10, with the ghat areas of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe encountering these conditions from Thursday to September 11.

Moving to Central India, the region is expected to experience light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall and thunderstorms, accompanied by lightning.

In Western India, light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, thunderstorms, and lightning are expected.

In the northeastern part of the country, the forecast calls for light to moderate scattered to fairly widespread rainfall and thunderstorms.

"Isolated instances of heavy rainfall are expected in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura till September 11, with Arunachal Pradesh likely to see these conditions on Sunday," said the IMD.

Finally, in Northwest India, light to moderate isolated to scattered rainfall and thunderstorms are forecasted, with isolated instances of heavy rainfall likely in Uttar Pradesh and East Rajasthan on Thursday and Friday.

MP Chief Minister makes several announcements for journalist's welfare

► SENIOR JOURNALISTS WOULD BE PAID 20,000 RUPEES EACH MONTH IN HONORARIA. THE CUTTING-EDGE STATE MEDIA CENTER WILL BE BUILT IN BHOPAL. JOURNALIST FROM SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES WILL RECEIVE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING THROUGH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.



Team Absolute | Bhopal

The senior journalists will receive a monthly honorarium of Rs. 20,000 now instead of Rs. 10,000. A state-of-the-art State Media Centre will be constructed at Bhopal. The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made these announcements addressing a journalists' convention at his official Residence here today. Chouhan commended the hard work of media represen-

tatives saying that journalists work day and night amidst many challenges and present fact-based news to readers. He said that he respects the media persons. They act as a bridge between the government and people.

The Chief Minister Chouhan made several announcements for the journalistic fraternity. This includes medical assistance, monthly honorarium, insurance, housing facilities, and educational support, among others. In addition, the Public

Relations Department will arrange digital technology training for journalists from small towns and villages. The Chief Minister said that a State Media Centre equipped with modern facilities will be constructed on the land in Malviya Nagar locality Bhopal, which is lying unused. It will include facilities such as an auditorium, library, canteen, and general rooms. The center will also provide modern amenities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land has been allocated for journalists' colonies at two locations in Bhopal. Steps will be taken to provide land for journalists' societies in other cities also after following due procedures, making it easier for journalists to build their houses. The premium amount for insurance was increased by 27 percent by the insurance company. Journalists need not pay the increased amount. The state government will pay this. Journalists will continue to pay premiums as they did in the previous year.

Journalists aged 65 and above will have their insurance premiums paid by the state government. Premiums for the life partners (husband/wife) of journalists will also be paid by the state government. The deadline for the insurance scheme will be extended from September 16 to September 25. In case of illness, financial assistance for journalists will be increased from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 40,000. In the case of a serious illness, it will be Rs. 1 lakh.

Senior and elderly journalists will receive a monthly honorarium of Rs. 20,000 now instead of Rs. 10,000. In case of demise of a journalist receiving the honorarium, the family will receive an amount of Rs. 8 lakhs. Journalists who have received the honorarium will receive a maximum housing loan interest subsidy amount of Rs. 30 lakhs, increased from Rs. 25 lakhs. Siblings of journalists getting monthly honorarium will receive a 5 percent interest subsidy on their bank loans for education of their wards for a period of 5 years, provided by the state government. Journalists in small towns and villages in Madhya Pradesh will get digital technology training in Bhopal. The Public Relations Department will make necessary arrangements in collaboration with Makhn Lal Chaturvedi National Journalism and Communication University, Bhopal. A committee of senior journalists will be formed for drafting Journalist Protection Bill. The state government will act on suggestions of the committee.

Team Absolute | New Delhi

In the eastern region of the country, the weather forecast for the coming days indicates a pattern of

DGCA grants Air India conditional approval to use simulator



Team Absolute | New Delhi

India's aviation watchdog, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has granted conditional renewed approval to Air India's simulator facilities in Mumbai and Hyderabad. This decision enables the airline to resume pilot training, which had been halted after the regulator suspended its approval due to an audit that revealed non-compliance with regulatory standards. "Conditional approval has been granted for a 30-day

period following the rectification of the deficiencies. An internal audit will be conducted within this 30-day window, and the results of the review will be subsequently shared with us," said a DGCA official. Air India manages two separate simulators for pilot training. The facility in Mumbai is dedicated to training Boeing pilots, while the one in Hyderabad is primarily used for Airbus pilot training. Last week, the DGCA had suspended simulators at Air India's Hyderabad and Mumbai facilities.

PM Modi unveils 12-point plan to strengthen ASEAN-India cooperation

Jakarta | Agencies

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit here and unveiled the 12-point plan for strengthening cooperation between New Delhi and the regional bloc.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said the Prime Minister attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit (EAS) on Thursday morning on his day-long visit to the Indonesian capital. At the ASEAN-India Summit, Modi held extensive discussions with partners of the regional bloc on further strengthening of ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and charting its future course, the Ministry.

"The Prime Minister reaffirmed ASEAN centrality in the Indo-Pacific and highlighted the synergies



between India's Indo-Pacific Ocean's Initiative (IPOI) and ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). He also emphasized the need to complete the review of ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA) in a time bound manner," it added.

Modi also presented the 12-point proposal for strengthening India-ASEAN cooperation covering connectivity; digital transformation; trade and economic engagement; addressing contemporary challenges; people-to-people contacts; and deepening strategic engagement.

The Indian side announced that establishing multi-modal connectivity and economic corridor that links Southeast Asia-India-West Asia-Europe and also offered to share India's Digital Public Infrastructure Stack with ASEAN partners.

It also announced ASEAN-India fund for Digital Future focusing on cooperation in digital transformation and financial connectivity and announced renewal of support to Economic and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to act as knowledge partner for enhancing our engagement.

Maratha stir still on, leaders want changes in GR

Jalna (Maharashtra) | Agencies

Hours after the Maharashtra government's GR on issuing 'Kunbi Caste' certificates to Marathas from the Marathwada region - who possess revenue or education documents from the Nizam-era, the protesters on Thursday decided to continue their agitation.

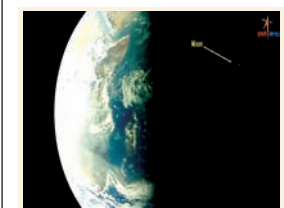
Maratha leader Manoj Jarange-Patil, on an indefinite hunger strike for the past 10 days, has suggested certain changes in the Government Resolution, published this afternoon.

As per the new GR, Kunbi caste certificates to the

Marathas - who were recognised as Kunbis (OBC) Marathas earlier, will entitle them to quota benefits under the OBC category.

"The government is committed on giving reservations to the Maratha community. While doing that, we will not do injustice to any other community," Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said in Mumbai. However, some political leaders in the state are reportedly against the move, even as it raises hopes of ending the pro-quota stir continuing from August 29.

The Marathas comprise nearly 33 per cent of the total 12 crore population of Maharashtra.



ADITYA-L1 SPACECRAFT TAKES A SELFIE: ISRO

Chennai: Indian space agency on Thursday said the Aditya-L1 spacecraft has taken a selfie and the images of the Earth and the Moon.

According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Aditya-L1, that is destined for Sun-Earth Lagrange point (L1), has taken a selfie and also the pictures of the Earth and the Moon.

ISRO has uploaded the images on the social media platform X. The Aditya-L1, India's space based solar observatory was orbited in low earth orbit (LEO) on September 2 by an Indian rocket called Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -XL (PSLV-XL) variant. The spacecraft's orbit has been raised by ISRO twice since then.

As the spacecraft travels towards Lagrange Point (L1), it will exit the earth's gravitational Sphere of Influence (SOI). After the exit from SOI, the cruise phase will start and subsequently the spacecraft will be injected into a large halo orbit around the L1 -- the point where the gravitational pull of two large bodies -- Sun and Earth -- will be equal and hence the spacecraft will not gravitate towards any one of the planet. The total travel time from launch to L1 would take about four months for Aditya-L1 and the distance will be about 1.5 million km from the Earth.

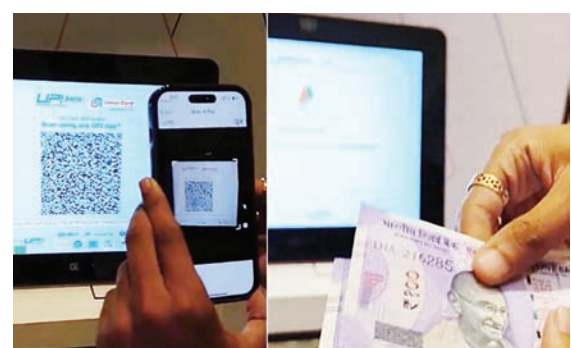
Game Changer

Video shows man withdrawing cash from an ATM using UPI

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), used for immediate money transfers through mobile devices, has become the fastest-growing payment mode in the country. On Tuesday, a revolutionary UPI ATM that offers cardless cash withdrawals was showcased for the first time at the ongoing Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai. Dubbed 'India's first UPI ATM', the new feature eliminates the need to carry physical ATM cards and is hailed by internet users as a "game changer."

On Thursday, Union Minister Piyush Goyal post-



ed a video on X, that showed Ravisutanjani, a FinTech influencer, demonstrating how to withdraw cash from an ATM using UPI. In the video, Ravisutanjani, who originally posted the video, first clicks on the UPI cardless

cash option displayed on the screen and is prompted to enter the desired withdrawal amount. Once the amount is entered, a QR code appears on the ATM screen. He then scans the QR code using the BHIM app and enters his UPI PIN.

He collects the cash shortly after. Sharing the video, Mr Goyal wrote, "UPI ATM: The future of fintech is here! The unique ATM has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India and powered by NCR Corporation.

Notably, the UPI ATM will act as just a regular ATM, and charges may be applied beyond the allowed free usage limit. The new UPI ATM is currently supported on the BHIM UPI app, but it will soon be live on other apps like Google Pay, PhonePe, and Paytm.

The technology is not publicly deployed yet but is being rolled out in phases.

Manipur rights panel takes up suo-moto case against 'forced shifting' of Kuki families from Imphal

Imphal | Agencies

The Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) has taken up a suo-moto case against the recent "forced shifting" of Kuki families from Imphal, reportedly by the state authorities, and issued a notice to the state government on this count.

Sources in the Commission said on Thursday that MHRC Chairperson Justice Utpalendu Bikas Saha and member K.K. Singh have directed to register a suo-moto case on the basis of a recent media report.

The MHRC has served notice to the Chief Secretary, Commissioner (Home), Director General of Police and Superintendent of Police



of Imphal East district, directing them to submit a status report regarding the account detailed in the media report.

"The respondents shall submit the status report on or before October 3. The Commissioner (Home), government of Manipur, shall direct the DGP to protect the homes of the Kuki families, who have been reportedly

forcibly shifted from the Imphal valley, till they resettle in Imphal either by their own or by the government of Manipur," the MHRC order said. The media report said that in a swift post-midnight operation, "the Manipur government recently evacuated the last remaining Kuki families living in the heart of Imphal, who had displayed unwavering courage in the face of relentless threats and looming communal violence to defiantly cling on to their homes in the New Lambulane locality for the past four months."

Incidentally, earlier this week, Manipur BJP legislator Rajkumar Imo Singh had criticised Congress leader P. Chidambaram, saying the latter has failed to understand the core issues of the state.



MAMATA ANNOUNCES BIG SALARY HIKE FOR BENGAL MINISTERS, MLAS

Kolkata | Agencies

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday announced a big hike in the salaries of cabinet ministers, ministers of state and legislators with the monthly salary being raised by Rs 40,000 a month for each of these three categories.

Following this hike, the legislators will now be entitled to a monthly salary of Rs 50,000 a month, as against the existing amount of Rs 10,000. The monthly salaries of the ministers of the state have been increased from Rs 10,900 to Rs 50,900. In case of cabinet ministers, the amount has been increased from Rs 11,000 to Rs 51,000.

The other additional perks and allowances that cabinet ministers, ministers of state and legislators are entitled to in addition to monthly salaries will remain the same.

This will ideally mean that with the actual monthly pay-



ment received by the legislators including the salaries, allowances and perks will now increase to Rs 1.21 lakh from the current rate of Rs 81,000 a month, explained an officer of the state government.

Similarly, the actual monthly payment received by ministers from now onwards will be increased from Rs 1.10 lakh a month to around Rs 1.50 lakh per month. Announcing the enhanced pay at the state Assembly on Thursday after, the chief minister said that the decision to hike the

salaries had been taken in view of the fact that the salaries of the legislators in West Bengal had been much lower compared to their counterparts in other Indian states.

However, political observers feel that these enhanced salaries for the minister and MLAs are bound to agitate further the state government employees, who have been long demanding enhanced dearness allowances to be made at par with Central government employees and the arrears accrued on it.

BJP SAYS 'WON'T ACCEPT'

Kolkata: The legislative team of the BJP in West Bengal Assembly on Thursday vehemently opposed the announcement by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to hike in the salaries of all ministers and MLAs by a whopping Rs 40,000 a month.

After the hike, the monthly payment received by the legislators, including salary, allowances and perks, will now increase to Rs 1.21 lakh from the current Rs 81,000. Similarly, the monthly payment received by ministers, including salary, allowances and perks, will go up from the current Rs 1.10 lakh to Rs 1.50 lakh. "We are against receiving this enhanced salary. Our legislative team has met Governor C.V. Ananda Bose and requested him not to give assent to the proposal for salary hike for ministers and MLAs that was passed on the floor of the House on Thursday," leader of opposition Suvendu Adhikari said after coming out of the Raj Bhavan. "We have been demanding 'equal pay for equal work' for the contractual state government employees. But that demand has constantly been ignored by the state government. We have also been demanding enhanced dearness allowance for the state government employees at par with their counterparts in the Central government. But the state government has repeatedly approached different courts to avoid that."

"So we are against this enhanced pay for ministers and MLAs. Rather, we want that money to be utilised for the welfare of the people of the state," Adhikari said.

This is not the first time that the Trinamool Congress-led regime has increased the financial perks for the ministers and MLAs.

'INDIA bloc engulfed by deep-rooted Hinduphobia', BJP slams A. Raja for Sanatan Dharma remarks

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The BJP on Thursday launched a scathing attack against the Opposition over DMK leader A. Raja's alleged derogatory remarks against Sanatan Dharma, saying it shows the 'true character' of the Congress-led INDIA bloc.

Last Saturday, Tamil Nadu minister and DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin had triggered a controversy by saying: "Sanatan Dharma has to be eradicated just like malaria, dengue and Corona."

Going one step further, Raja said on Thursday that Sanatan Dharma should be compared to diseases carrying social stigma such as HIV and leprosy. He even said that his party colleague Udhayanidhi Stalin's comments on Sanatan Dharma were "soft".

"Changing name does not conceal one's intent and character. Outrageous and vitriolic comments about Sanatan Dharma, this time by DMK leader A. Raja, reflect the mental bankruptcy and deep-rooted Hinduphobia that engulfs the INDIA bloc,"



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

He added, "The country is watching how the Congress and its friends are consciously maligning the soul, spirit and roots of 'Bharat'. Let these hate-mongers be reminded that Sanatan is eternal."

Echoing similar sentiments, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, said, "UPA/INDIA are bringing out their 'top' talent in their strat-

egy of abuse/hate speech directed against Hindu faith."

"First it was dynast Udhayanidhi Stalin, followed by assorted Rahul (Gandhi) flunkies and now epic icon of UPA corruption and out on bail 2G scam architect, as latest UPA/INDIA leader in this deliberate campaign which is violative of Article 25 and hate speech judgements of SC (Supreme Court). And not a peep from other so-called Constitution defenders UPA/INDIA members to condemn/apologise for this," Chandrasekhar wrote on X.

Rs 20 crore on cages for Lions, Wolves but zoo doesn't have these animals

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Byculla Zoo in Mumbai spent Rs 8.25 crore on an enclosure for lions, Rs 7.15 crore on one for wolves and Rs 3.82 crore on a third for otters. The catch - there are no lions, wolves or otters.

The zoo has spent nearly Rs 20 crore on empty cage, according to a Right To Information query filed by The Young Whistleblowers Foundation, which slammed the zoo's "extravagant spending on enclosures for animals that are not yet part of the zoo".

"This kind of expenditure defies logic and fiscal pru-

dence. It would have been a judicious move to construct these enclosures once the animals were confirmed for procurement. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's decision to invest heavily in enclosures without a clear plan for acquiring the animals is clearly an inappropriate use of public funds," the group said. Activists have questioned the zoo over lavish amounts spent on as yet empty enclosures.

However, a BMC official told a news website it made more sense to construct enclosures now as prices may increase. The official claimed the zoo would have to "spend

almost double the cost" because of the high price of stainless steel, concrete and other materials.

The enclosures - described as a "one-time cost" - were built after required approval from the authorities, including the union animal husbandry ministry, the official said.

A second official told another news website "the process for getting new animals takes time" and that the enclosures had been built in anticipation of the new arrivals. According to this official, a deal to exchange zebras for lions from a zoo in Germany has been stuck for years.

CHANDRABABU NAIDU WILL BE ARRESTED, SAY ANDHRA MINISTERS

Vijayawada | Agencies

Andhra Pradesh ministers and leaders of ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) on Thursday predicted that Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will be arrested in Rs 118 crore kickbacks case.

They said Naidu perhaps realised that he may be arrested and hence made a statement on Wednesday that he may be taken into custody in a day or two. They also alleged that the TDP leader is enacting a drama to gain public sympathy.

YSRCP parliamentary party leader V. Vijayasai Reddy said the TDP chief was trying to gain public sympathy. He said in the past Chandrababu Naidu had cried publicly saying his wife was humiliated.

Naidu had predicted on Wednesday that the state government would arrest him in a day or two by foisting false cases against him.

His remark came a day after the AP Police's CID decided to launch a probe against him in view of the I-T notice served on him over Rs 118 crore, which, the Central agency alleged, was part of the kickbacks received by him from infrastructure com-



panies. Tourism Minister R K. Raja said that Naidu will definitely go to jail. She also said that people will celebrate his arrest and that this will give peace to the late N.T. Rama Rao.

She remarked if Naidu and his son Nara Lokesh are jailed, this will be good for people. She demanded that the Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) should question Naidu.

"Whenever he is caught red-handed, he enacts dramas to gain sympathy," Raja said.

She alleged that Naidu came running to the state after he was caught in note for vote case in Hyderabad and that he will not get any sympathy from his drama. "He did not get any sympathy when there was a bomb attack on him at Alipiri. People are so angry with him." She claimed that before 2019 elections he had played similar drama by challenging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to arrest him. Water Resources Minister Ambati Rambabu also said that Naidu is trying to get public sympathy, alleging that he was scared as he was caught red-handed. Rambabu said that all are equal before law and the law will take its own course, adding that Naidu will be arrested if there is a need to arrest him. YSRCP MP Nandigam Suresh said Naidu should be arrested and questioned. "Terming that Amaravati as capital was 'self-finance' for him", he claimed that Naidu and Lokesh earned thousands of crores in the name of the capital.

JJP TO CONTEST 30 SEATS IN RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY POLLS

Jaipur | Agencies

The Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) announced on Thursday that it will contest 30 seats across 18 districts in the Assembly elections in Rajasthan scheduled later this year.

The announcement was made by Dushyant Chautala, the Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana and founder of JJP, during his visit to Jaipur on Thursday.

Addressing a Kisan-Naujawan Sabha organised by JJP's Jaipur unit at Dastur Mahal, Chautala said that the party workers have become active in Rajasthan where membership drives are being carried out continuously.

"If people of Rajasthan support us, 75 per cent reservation in jobs will be given to youth of the state in the private sector, just like in Haryana. Women will get 50 per cent share in Panchayat Raj institutions. Also, an easy system will be implemented for better crop purchase and payment process, good mandi system, proper compensation for crop damage to the farmers etc.," Chautala said.



The JJP leader also said that the situation has turned from bad to worse in Rajasthan under the rule of the Congress government.

"Corruption has smashed all records in every department. Rajasthan has also become number one in the country in terms of atrocities and violence against women. Even the ministers and MLAs of the Congress are leveling allegations of corruption against their own government. "In such a situation, by becom-

ing the voice of the distressed people of Rajasthan, JJP will not only contest 30 seats in the upcoming Assembly elections, it will also hold the key for any party to enter the state Assembly," Chautala said.

He also said that JJP will organise a big rally in Sikar on September 25 to mark the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister of India late Chaudhary Devi Lal, in which a large number of party workers from each will participate.

TRIBAL WOMAN GANG RAPED BY 6 IN BIHAR'S MUNGER, FIVE ARRESTED

Patna: A tribal woman in Bihar's Munger district was kidnapped and gang raped by 6 persons, police said on Friday.

The accused kidnapped the woman from Maoist-affected Haveli Kharagpur village and took her to an isolated place and sexually assaulted her.

Following the incident, the victim reached the local police station at Haveli Kharagpur and lodged the complaint against six persons.

Following her complaints, local police swiftly took action and managed to arrest 5 of the accused. Another accused is on the run. As per the complaint, the 25 year old victim claimed that she was on the way to a nearby place when six persons started molesting her. When she objected the act, the accused took her to a deserted place and gang raped her. After committing the crime, all accused fled from the spot.

One Hundred Fifty robots from Kerala startup to Britain

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

Sastra Robotics, a startup incubating under Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), has inked an agreement with a top UK IT firm to supply 150 robots.

The robots using Artificial Intelligence (AI) perform quality testing tasks that human beings cannot do.

Equipped with advanced robotic arms, the robots function like human hands and fingers. They are primarily used to figure out mobile, space, defence, banking, and sophisticated equipment defects.

Aronin Ponnappan, co-founder and CEO Sastra Robotics, said the robots developed by our nascent firm have added another feather to projects like 'Made in Kerala' and 'Make in



India'. "Also, for a Kerala startup to get such a big contract can be scripted as the first-ever in the robotics sector. It has allowed showcasing our technological prowess in the field of robotics in Britain," said Ponnappan.

The robots, wholly designed and developed in Kerala, will reduce human

intervention in discovering hardware and software failures in electronic smart devices with touch screens, besides predicting the reasons for those failures by deploying AI technology. KSUM is the nodal agency of the Kerala government for entrepreneurship development and incubation activities in the state.

MAN ARRESTED WITH 2.465 KG OF SMUGGLED GOLD IN BHUBANESWAR

New Delhi: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has arrested a man and recovered 2.465 kg of foreign-marked smuggled gold in the form of biscuits and bars during raids in Bhubaneswar, an official said on Thursday.

The official stated that the raids were conducted based on specific intelligence at multiple premises in Bhubaneswar.

"Investigations revealed that the gold was illegally smuggled into the country. Accordingly, it has been seized, and one person arrested under the provisions of the Customs Act," said the official.

The accused was presented before a local court which remanded him to fourteen days of judicial custody after the official stated that he wasn't required for further interrogation. Further investigation into the matter is on.

Lalit Sharma | Jaipur

The High Court has completed the hearing and reserved its decision on the appeals filed to take back possession of the old Assembly Town Hall and Home Guard Office premises in Jaipur city.

The court of Justice Narendra Singh completed the hearing on the appeals filed by former royal family member Padmini Devi and others and reserved the decision.

The appeals filed stated that the town hall and the accountant's office in the Jaleb Chowk premises were treated as private property in the Covenant and were licensed to the government for their use. According to this, as long as the government will use this property. Till then she will maintain it, but now the



purpose for which these properties were given to the govern-

ment. The government is not using them for that purpose. In

such a situation, these properties should be returned.

ROYAL FAMILY DEMANDED BACK THE OLD ASSEMBLY BUILDING

High court completed the hearing in the case and reserved the decision

The government is building an international level museum. The former royal family said that now after the Town Hall is used for the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, the state government wants to set up an international level museum here. Similarly, the property given to Accountant's Office is now being used for Home Guard Office. But now it is not needed. The properties, having served the purpose for which they were given, should now be given back to the erstwhile royal family. In this case TI-claim was presented in the ADJ court, but the subordinate court rejected the application for temporary injunction. The government said that these properties have been found in the covenant, while the government told the court that it has been written in the covenant

to hand over the above mentioned properties to the state government. The e. In such a situation, the government is free to make any use of the above premises. After hearing the arguments of both sides, the court reserved its decision on the appeals.

नाम परिवर्तन

में घास्सो बी (GHASSO BEE) सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करती है कि मेरे पासपोर्ट में त्रुटिद्वारा मेरे नाम को सरनेम में BEE की जगह VI अंकित हो गया है जबकि मेरा सही सरनेम BEE है। अतः मुझे बलिष्ठ में मुझे घास्सो बी (GHASSO BEE) के नाम से जाना एवं पहचाना जाये। जिसमें किसी को आपत्ति हो तो 7 दिवस में आपत्ति दर्ज करें। पता : ग्राम मलनिया तह. लटेशी जिला विदिशा (म.प्र.)



MAHA ISSUES QUOTA ORDERS FOR KUNBI MARATHAS, APPEALS TO JARANGE-PATIL TO CALL OFF HUNGER-STRIKE



Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a significant step forward, the Maharashtra government on Thursday issued orders for those with Kunbi Caste (OBC) documentary proof from the 'Nizam era' to be given Kunbi caste certificates.

This would imply that Marathas with Kunbi Caste proofs shall be eligible for OBC reservations, fulfilling one of the demands of Manoj Jarange-Patil who is on a hunger strike for the past 10 days in Jalna.

Simultaneously, the state government issued a written appeal to Jarange-Patil that since the administration has published the orders, he

should immediately call off his hunger strike. The response of Jarange-Patil to the GR is still not known and it is likely to be clear later in the day.

The Marathwada region which was earlier part of the erstwhile Hyderabad kingdom became part of Maharashtra. The region falls under the Aurangabad division of Maharashtra bordering the states of Karnataka and Telangana.

Shinde said a five-member panel headed by judge Sandeep Shinde (retired) will determine the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), including legal and administrative framework, for giving caste certificates to members of the Maratha community

referred to as Kunbis in the Nizam-era documents.

The panel will submit its report in a month. Additional Chief Secretary (revenue), Principal Secretary (law and justice), and collectors of concerned districts (in Marathwada) will be members of this committee. The divisional commissioner, Aurangabad, will be the member secretary of the panel.

Eknath Shinde further said that a committee of five people consisting of a retired judge has been formed to that effect. "This committee will investigate everything. It will work to give reservations to these people," he said. Maratha protester Manoj

Jarange has been on hunger strike in Jalna district. Jarange has been demanding for Marathas in Marathwada to be recognised as Kunbis. "Manoj Jarange Patil has been fighting for the Maratha reservation for many years. Devendra Fadnavis had given it during his tenure, then the matter went to the Supreme Court, we will try our best to work on the Maratha reservation. Whatever process has to be done, we will do it," Shinde added.

The chief minister's announcement came after protests by members of the Maratha community across the state. He reiterated that the state government is committed to giving the reservation to Marathas.

"The erstwhile Devendra Fadnavis government had worked sincerely to give reservation to the Maratha community. The decision was challenged in the Bombay High Court but it upheld the government's decision. However, the quota was struck down by the Supreme Court," Shinde added. Without naming the previous Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, Shinde said the Maratha reservation was struck down when those people criticising us now were in power. Earlier on Monday, the Maharashtra government tendered an apology for the lathi charge during a protest over the Maratha reservation in Jalna and appealed for peace.

A clash had broken out between police and protesters in Jalna demanding reservation for the Marathas on Friday. Police resorted to lathi-charge to disperse the protesters.

Dahi Handi celebrations in Mumbai with joy, enthusiasm



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Dahi Handi celebrations started in Mumbai this morning with much joy and enthusiasm as thousands of participants and spectators gathered to mark the occasion.

Dahi Handi is part of the Krishna Janmashtami festival, celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna. During the festival, 'Govindas' or Dahi Handi participants form multi-tiered human pyramids to break 'dahi handis' (earthen pots filled with curd) suspended in the air.

Dahi handis decorated with flowers have been hoisted many feet above the ground at several housing societies, roads, junctions and public grounds across the city. Dressed in colourful attires, Govindas have been visiting these places in trucks, tempos, buses and two-wheelers.

Popular Bollywood songs about the festival are blaring from speakers at every nook and corner of the city, with the festive spirit partic-

ularly high in Marathi-dominated pockets like Parel, Lalbaug, Worli, Dadar, Bhandup, Mulund, Goregaon and Andheri.

In recent years, some Dahi Handi events backed by politicians in Mumbai and neighbouring cities have become famous due to hefty prize money, the presence of celebrities and entertainment programmes organised there. These Dahi Handis attract huge crowds and a steady flow of Govindas.

Police officials said they have heightened the security agreements in the city to avoid any law and order issues during the celebrations. According to a release by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), it has kept 125 beds ready at civic hospitals for the treatment of the Govindas if they get injured after falling while making human pyramids. The civic body has deputed health officers and staff in three shifts for treatment of the Govinda at the civic hospitals. Besides, these hospitals have been directed to keep injections, medicines and surgery materials ready, the release said.

Boy dies after javelin thrown by student pierces his head at Mumbai School

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A 15-year-old boy died after a javelin thrown by another student during a practice session pierced his head at a school in Maharashtra's Raigad district, the police said on Thursday.

Hujefa Daware had bent down to tie his shoelace and didn't realise the pointed object was moving towards him, an official said.

The freak incident took place at INT English School at Purar, Goregaon, in the Manganj taluka of the district on Wednesday afternoon when students were practising javelin throwing at the school's ground, he said.

Daware was also a part of the javelin team that was preparing for a taluka level meet, the official said.

As the practice session was underway, a fellow student hurled a javelin, the official said. However, Daware apparently failed to notice that the long stick with a pointed end was flying in his direction. The teen was hit in the head when he bent down to tie his shoelace,



the official said. Daware collapsed on the spot after the javelin pierced his head. The profusely bleeding student died before he could be taken to the hospital, the official said.

The Goregaon police in the district have registered a case of accidental death for now and are examining if there was any negligence on the part of the student who threw the javelin, he said. The police have also sought the footage of the CCTV cameras installed in the school and the ones covering the playground. A probe into the matter is going on, he added.

MAN GIVES TOUR OF HIS TINY 1 BHK FLAT IN SOUTH MUMBAI, INTERNET REACTS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Needless to say, housing in Mumbai is extremely expensive, and finding a decent place to rent or buy can be a real headache. Mumbai tops among the most expensive cities in India for accommodation rentals, with prices going through the roof. That's why people are forced to live in tiny apartments, which hardly have any space.

Recently, an Instagram user shared a house tour video of a 1 BHK flat in Mumbai, that has left users both amused and concerned. Notably, the video pokes fun at the house tour videos made by real estate agents.

Sumit Palve shared the video on Instagram and wrote, "Aajao boss Dikha Dunga! South Bombay hai boss compromise to Karna Padega Boss (Come Boss, I will show you. Boss, you will have to compromise because



it's South Bombay."

In the video, Palve takes us on a tour of his extremely tiny and cramped apartment and highlights the various adjustments that he has made to make every square inch count. He repeatedly says that the buyer needs to "compromise" even



for a Rs 2.5 crore apartment because the property is in South Mumbai.

The video has triggered a barrage of responses from users. While some were amused, others said that they felt suffocated watching the video and highlighted the housing crisis in Mumbai. Some who lived in bigger

houses in other cities said that the video made them aware of their privilege. One user wrote, "I was suffocating till he reached the terrace."

Another commented, "Imagine the life of people who actually manages to live here." A third said, "Worst thing is, the washroom in kitchen." A fourth added, "Jokes apart, this really made me realise how privileged I am."

A fifth said, "Delhi houses feel heavenly after watching this." Yet another added, "Another person wrote, 'My home is at least 10x of this space, and we all siblings grew up thinking we have a small house.'"

Mumbai is a major economic center in India and attracts a large number of people for work and business, leading to a high demand for housing. This leads to increased competition for rental properties and, as a result, higher rental prices.

FIRST ALL-WOMEN PUNE TEAM SCALES 'CHALLENGING' MT SUDARSHAN

Team Absolute | Pune

An all-women team from Giripremi, Pune, conquered the challenging 6,529m Mt. Sudarshan peak in the Garhwal Himalayas in Uttarakhand on Wednesday.

The all-women team's 'P Cube-Mt. Sudarshan Expedition 2023' was flagged off from Pune last month, and it submitted the peak at 12.45 p.m. on Wednesday where it unfurled the Tricolour and the Maharashtra flag.

Mt Sudarshan is located in the Gangotri region and is among the extremely challenging peaks, notorious for continuous rockfalls, avalanches and unpredictable weather conditions, complicated by the recent climate-related changes that plague the region. The expedition leader, Smita Kariwadekar, was accompanied by her teammates Purva Shinde,



Padmaja Dhanvi, Sneha Gude and Sneha Talwatkar during the gruelling ascent. Veteran mountaineer and the mentor for the expedition, Umesh Zirpe, told IANS from Gangotri that the ascent of Mt Sudarshan is not

only a physical and mental challenge, but also involves dealing deftly with the treacherous terrain, steep climbs, deadly crevasses and ever-changing weather that makes it a difficult ordeal.

"For many years, no one has attempted this route... We had taken a year to plan this and all the hard work and dedication of the all-women team has fructified today, with the successful conquest of Mt Sudarshan, after a rigorous 13-14 hours of continuous climbing," Zirpe said. Among those who contributed to the success included Akhil Katkar, Col. Anshuman Bhadoria, Maj. Deval Vajpayee, while Lale Thajil Poon, Munindar, Rana, and Gyalbo Sherpa also submitted along with the women's team. Others like Saurabh Kumar, Ankul, PCube Enterprises, Parimal and Pramod Chaudhari Foundation also helped in different ways. The founder of Giripremi, Ushaprabha Page, proudly said that Wednesday's major achievement proved that "women can match men in mountaineering skills and excel in various fields".

Old woman loses Rs 2 lakh in online fraud

Team Absolute | Mumbai

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An 81-year-old woman lost nearly rupees two lakh in an online fraud incident as she was lured into redeeming the reward points offered in the name of a prominent bank. The senior citizen lodged a complaint with the Cuffe Parade police station on Tuesday evening.

According to the Mumbai Police, the victim stays at the Naval Officers' Residential Area (NOFRA) at Colaba with her daughter and son-in-law, who is a vice admiral-rank officer in the navy.

"In her complaint, the woman said she



received a message on her mobile phone on September 3 evening, in which she was asked to immediately redeem reward points worth Rs 5,899, saying it was the last day to do so. A link was provided in the message, which she was directed to open," the police official said.

Court rejects Nilima Chavan's anticipatory bail in Shiv Sena (UBT) leader suicide probe

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The sessions court on Wednesday denied anticipatory bail to Nilima Chavan, who is accused of mentally harassing Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sudhir More.

The Kurla GRP is in the process of issuing LOC (Look Out Circular) against Nilima Chavan as they fear that she would go abroad.

"Since the day FIR had been registered against her, she has kept her phone off. We even went to her residence but she was not there. A notice under CrPc 41 had been issued against her but she didn't respond, then she applied for anticipatory bail. The court rejected it and now we are under the process of issuing a LOC against her," said a GRP official posted in Kurla.

The GRP had claimed that they have enough evidence to arrest her, such as phone recordings of Chavan and More. "We have enough evidence to arrest her, full attempts have been made to apprehend her. After the court rejected her bail plea now we fear that she might go to the USA," said a GRP official. On August 31, Shiv Sena (UBT) faction



leader Sudhir More was found dead on the railway tracks near Ghatkopar. Based on his son's statement, the GRP had registered a FIR against Nilima Chavan under IPC section 306 (abetment to suicide) on September 1.

More's son in his statement to police alleged that Chavan had been calling More persistently despite him not liking it. According to the police, Samar More, son of Sudhir More, had said that in the month of June his father had undergone a spine surgery, after which Sudhir told Samar to call Chavan and convey his message that doesn't wish to talk with Chavan, however she allegedly kept calling More.

MUMBAI MAN BREATHES EASY WITH NEW LUNGS AFTER 12-HR TRANSPLANT OPERATION

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A 57-year-old man suffering from a rare and debilitating 'interstitial lung disease', now breathes easy after undergoing a crucial lung transplant surgery at Global Hospital, an official said here on Wednesday.

A multidisciplinary group led by Dr. Samir Garde, Dr. Chandrashekhar Kulkarni, Dr. Vishal Pingle, Dr. Prashant Borade, Dr. Shruti Tapiawala and Dr. Khushboo Dharmani transplanted the lungs on the patient in a marathon 12-hour long operation.

Unable to walk even a few steps earlier without oxygen support and with breathing difficulties, post-surgery, Vijay Y. Soman, a resident of Andheri can now walk 600 metres without oxygen support easily, said the team.

Interstitial Lung Disease leads to scarring of lung tissues causing the organ to fibrose and become stiff, and the only treatment is a lung



transplant. After visiting multiple doctors Soman was finally referred to Global Hospitals, Parel, and following tests, was advised home-based oxygen therapy to relieve his symptoms. In May he needed oxygen support

but due to lung fibrosis, the patient developed pulmonary hypertension, or the blood pressure of the lungs increased, which could affect the right side of the heart which could even fail. At this stage, a patient gets breath-

less with the slightest exertions plus there is desaturation as the oxygen levels drop.

The medicos said that the incidence of lung fibrosis has shot up by 15 percent in the past five years and the cause behind it could be indoor and outdoor pollution.

Soman was well-motivated, undergoing physiotherapy and adhering to nutritional advice and after registration in May, he was lucky to get a pair of donor lungs for the transplant.

After the surgery, he recovered well and now can complete 600-metres walk without halt or oxygen support, though he will need to be extra-cautious as "lungs are directly exposed to the atmosphere".

"Since 2021, my breathing troubles and inability to walk had greatly impacted my work. I am thankful to the doctors who promptly addressed my condition. Despite apprehensions from my family, I was resolute in going for a transplant to improve the quality of my life," said Soman.



EDITOR'S SPECS

52% Indian families have had 1 member face unknown side effects from meds

A whopping 52 per cent Indian families have had at least one member face unknown side effects from medicine, according to a report. The report by online community platform LocalCircles, based on a survey of over 22,000 people from 341 districts, revealed that 18 per cent families surveyed had one or more members who experienced unknown side effects of medicines thrice or more in the last 5 years. Stressed on patients' right to know about any side effects of taking a particular medicine, about 85 per cent of Indians said they want it to be mandatory for drug manufacturers to display main side effects on the packaging or via a leaflet. This comes as the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), on Tuesday, advised patients and healthcare professionals to stop using Abbott's Digene gel, a popular antacid, due to safety concerns. The regulatory body said the impugned product manufactured at the Goa facility may be unsafe and its use may result in adverse reaction. In response drugmaker Abbott initiated a voluntary recall of the product. Meanwhile, Abbott in a statement said, "Abbott in India has voluntarily recalled Digene gel antacid medicine manufactured at our Goa site, due to isolated customer complaints on taste and odour. There have been no reports of patient health concerns." "Other forms of Digene, such as tablets and stick packs are not impacted and Digene gel manufactured at our other production site is not affected and continues to be available in sufficient quantities to meet current demand," it said. In the last 12 months, a series of drugs have been identified or recalled due to side effects. In July, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) flagged 51 batches of medicine for being "not of standard quality" including widely used medicines like Rosuvastatin manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories, drug combination Tamsulosin Hydrochloride and Dustasteride tablets manufactured by Cipla.

Nurturing India's Future

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH 2023 AND THE POWER OF EVERYDAY CHOICES

Dr Vandna garg

As a dietitian, I've had the privilege of witnessing the transformative impact of nutrition on individual lives and the collective strength of our nation. In this article, I want to highlight the immense importance of National Nutrition Month 2023 and its profound message: "Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat." This theme emphasises on the fact that -nourished nation is a more educated, empowered, and sustainable one. This year the major focus is on- 1. Exclusive Breastfeeding and Complementary Feeding- One of the fundamental aspects of nutrition is the gift of exclusive breastfeeding for infants. It's not just about providing essential nutrients; it's about giving our children a head start in life. Complementary feeding, introduced at the right time, ensures a smooth transition to solid foods, setting the stage for a lifetime of healthy eating habits. As a society we need to work on it as they're



building blocks for a brighter future. Swasth Balak Spardha (SBS) I've witnessed the positive impact of the Swasth Balak Spardha first-hand. It's a celebration of health and vitality among our youth. By fostering a sense of healthy competition, SBS encourages families to make nutritious choices while having fun. It's about more than winning; it's about winning at life by choosing health. Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi harmo-

nously combines nutrition and education. Imagine the potential when well-fed children engage in learning! Their attendance and academic performance soar, opening doors to a brighter, more prosperous India. Improving Nutrition through Mission LIFE- Mission LIFE exemplifies how a focus on nutrition can be synonymous with sustainability. By improving the health of our citizens, we contribute to a healthier environment. Sustainable practices,

from farm to fork, are vital for a greener, healthier tomorrow. Meri Mati Mera Desh (MMMD)- Meri Mati Mera Desh honors our roots and traditions. It's a reminder that the path to good health often starts with embracing local and seasonal foods. These choices not only nourish us but also support local farmers and reduce our carbon footprint. It's a win-win for everyone involved. The nutrient density and bioavailability of nutrients in local and seasonal food helps to prevent triple burden of malnourishment. Tribal Focused Nutrition Sensitization- In my work, I've seen the incredible strides made in addressing the unique nutritional needs of tribal communities. Every effort counts, and every healthy choice we make collectively contributes to a more inclusive and thriving India. Education and awareness programs can play an important role in improving the nutritional health of the indigenous communities. Test, Treat, Talk Anaemia- Anaemia is a silent challenge, but it

doesn't have to be. More than 50% Indian women suffers from it, compromising the quality of life. Testing, treating, and talking about anaemia is a crucial step towards healthier lives. It's a reminder that every small choice we make, from our daily diet to seeking medical advice, matters. As a dietitian, I implore each one of us to recognize the power we hold in our daily choices. National Nutrition Month 2023 is not just a month-long celebration; it's a reminder that nutrition is a daily commitment to ourselves, our families, and our nation. Let's spread awareness about the significance of nutrition, advocate for sustainable practices, celebrate our diverse diets, and choose local and seasonal foods whenever possible. By doing so, we nurture not only our own well-being but also the prosperity of our beloved India. Remember, every bite counts, every meal matters, and every day is an opportunity to make a better choice for ourselves and for the nation we aspire to be.

HOME TO SUN OBSERVATORY, UDAIPUR BEHIND 1 OF 7 ADITYA L-1 PAYLOADS

Archana Sharma

Udaipur, counted among the top travel and wedding destinations in the world, which also witnessed many celebrities tie the knot, is now ready to script a success story in space segment as well. The scientists from Udaipur are extending their significant contribution to the solar mission Aditya L-1. They have contributed in the development of one of the seven payloads fitted in Aditya L-1. One of the team members, Dr. Anil Bhardwaj says that the name of this payload is Aditya Solar Wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX). With the launch of Aditya L-1 after 127 days, scientists of Udaipur Solar Observatory will be able to study every activity of the Sun for 24 hours. Now only 10

hours are available for research. The information that Aditya L-1 will send on the activities happening on the Sun, will be studied with a super computer. Udaipur Observatory is equipped with four world hi-tech telescopes namely MAST, SPAR, CAL-LISTO, and GONG. Scientists understand the reasons for the changes in the Sun's magnetic field, explosions and the effect on space weather from the data and pictures collected from them. Scientists of Udaipur Solar Observatory -- Prof. Shibu K. Mathew, Ramit Bhattacharya, Bhuvan Joshi and Kushagra Upadhyay -- state that the Sun appears bright like a ball of fire, but solar flares, mass ejections are also visible when viewed with special telescopes of high resolution. For the study of these activities of the

Sun, the team of scientists of this observatory has been doing research for the last five decades. This observatory is one of the world's top institutions studying the mysteries of the Sun. In fact, scientists will keep an eye on the movements of the Sun from the Fatehsagar lake. Professor Bhuvan Joshi of Udaipur Solar Observatory said that when Aditya L-1 reaches its point, scientists from Udaipur will study its data. It needs to be informed here that the Udaipur Solar Observatory is operated under the Ahmedabad Physical Research Laboratory. This observatory will script a success story with Aditya L-1 Solar Mission.

Bhardwaj, meanwhile, said that explosions keep happening on the Sun. In every explosion, million mega tons of energy is released like a nuclear device, which is capable of causing devastation in a 200 mega meter area on the surface of the Sun. Due to the strong magnetic field in many places on the Sun, structures like dark spots are formed, which are called sunspots. These are studied by multi-wavelength observation with the help of MAST telescope. This observatory has been studying astronomy and astrophysics, solar physics, space and atmospheric sciences among others.

international

UN CHIEF WARNS 'CLIMATE BREAKDOWN HAS BEGUN'

United Nations | Agencies

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has warned that "climate breakdown has begun". The UN chief released a strongly worded statement on a record summer of global warming in the Northern Hemisphere, according to the European Union's climate service Copernicus and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). Xinhua news agency reported. "The dog days of summer are not just barking, they are biting," the Secretary-General said on Wednesday, adding that "our planet has just endured a season of simmering -- the hottest summer on record. Climate breakdown has begun". The top UN official said that "scientists have long warned what our fossil fuel addiction will unleash".



"Our climate is imploding faster than

we can cope with extreme weather events hitting every corner of the planet." "Surging temperatures demand a surge in action," said the Secretary-General. Guterres called on leaders to "turn up the heat now for climate solutions". "We can still avoid the worst of climate chaos -- and we don't have a moment to lose," he added. Earth has sweltered through its hottest Northern Hemisphere summer ever measured, with a record warm August capping a season of brutal and deadly temperatures, according to the WMO. Last month was not only the hottest August scientists ever recorded by far with modern equipment, it was also the second-hottest month measured, behind only July 2023, WMO and Copernicus announced on Wednesday.

PM Modi announces to establish Indian Embassy in Timor-Leste

Jakarta | Agencies

Jakarta: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was a day-long visit to Indonesia, on Thursday announced the establishment of an Embassy in Dili, Timor-Leste, saying that it was a reflection of the importance India attaches to the ASEAN and its relations with the Southeast Asian nation. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said: "At the ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta on 7 September 2023, the Prime Minister announced a decision to establish an Indian Embassy in Dili, Timor-Leste." "The decision is a reflection of the importance India attaches to ASEAN, and its relations with Timor-Leste," it said. The Ministry said that the decision was warmly welcomed by Timor-Leste and ASEAN Members. Timor-Leste joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2022 as an Observer, before becoming its full member. On Thursday morning, Modi addressed the ASEAN-India summit in Jakarta, during which he said that the regional bloc is the centre point of India's Act East Policy.

US city declares Sep 3 as 'Sanatana Dharma Day'

Washington | Agencies

A city in the US state of Kentucky has officially declared September 3 as 'Sanatana Dharma Day' even as a row has erupted in India with a minister from Tamil Nadu calling for its eradication. Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg recently attended a reconsecration ceremony at the Hindu Temple of Kentucky, where the official proclamation on September 3 was read by his deputy, Barbara Sexton Smith. "I was honored to attend the Mahakumbhahishkekam ceremony at the Hindu Temple. The rituals performed to renew and restore the temple hold great cultural importance. Our office has officially declared September 3rd as 'Sanatana Dharma Day'," Mayor Greenberg wrote on X (formerly Twitter) on Wednesday. The event was attended by several spiritual leaders and dignitaries including Chidanand

Saraswati, president of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Bhagawati Saraswati along with Lieutenant governor Jacqueline Coleman, deputy chief of staff Keisha Dorsey, among others. "The re-consecration -- or Mahakumbh Abhishekam -- of the Hindu Temple of Kentucky was made more powerful and significant by Louisville Mayor's proclamation of 3 September 2023 as Sanatana Dharma Day! A wonderful new chapter in the glorious saga of Indian culture!" Swami Chidanand Saraswati wrote on X. Congratulating Louisville and responding to the Sanatana Dharma row in India, US-based Hindu American Foundation wrote on X: "Excellent timing offering an apt response! Congratulations #Louisville! Previously, July 20 was declared as 'Encyclopedia of Hinduism' day in Kentucky by former Louisville mayor Greg Fisher.

STORM HITS US STATE, THOUSANDS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY



Washington | Agencies

A storm battered parts of the US state of Arkansas with heavy rain and hail, causing damage to homes and businesses and leaving thousands of residents without power, local media reported. Arkansas Storm Team Chief Meteorologist Carmen Rose said the storm on Wednesday appeared to be a microburst, composed of powerful downbursts from thunderstorms in tightly compacted areas that are usually less than 2.5 miles

wide, reports Xinhua news agency. Experts said the high heat and humidity of Arkansas's capital city, Little Rock, had fuelled the storm. As of 9 p.m. on Wednesday night, around 18,000 customers were without power according to the power outage tracking site PowerOutage.us. Most power outages were in Pulaski County, with 13,062 customers affected, followed by Drew County, with 3,624 outages, according to a report from the NBC-affiliated KARK-TV based in Little Rock.

US announces new \$1bn military assistance to Ukraine

Washington | Agencies

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has announced \$1 billion in Washington's support for Ukraine, which will include depleted uranium munitions for the first time, the media reported. According to CNN, the munitions -- which are mildly radioactive because they are made from dense metal, a byproduct from fuel production for nuclear power plants -- can be fired from the US-made Abrams tanks that are expected to arrive in Ukraine later this year. The package also includes air defence system components, Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems for HIMARS, munitions, ammunition, and communications systems, the State Department said, adding that these weapons will come from Pentagon stocks. In terms of long-term military support, the new package commits \$100 million in military support, through the foreign military financing program, the Department said. More than \$200 million from the new package will also go towards support for transparency and reform; bolstering efforts on anti-corruption; rule of law; and the justice sector. "The US will also use the funding for transparency-related efforts to direct funding towards Ukraine's capacity to both investigate



and prosecute war crimes; invest in reconstruction efforts; and strengthen the country's financial management practices," CNN quoted the Department as saying. Meanwhile, the humanitarian assistance portion of the package totaling \$206 million will go towards critical support including food, water, and shelter to those in Ukraine

and those forced to flee to neighboring countries. There will also be more than \$90 million in humanitarian assistance specifically for demining, the Department said. Addressing a news conference with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba in Kiev on Wednesday, Blinken said: "In the ongoing counteroffensive, progress has accelerated in the past few weeks. This new assistance will help sustain it and build further momentum." Later in the day, the Secretary of State also met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy "to convey the US' unwavering commitment to Ukraine and its people". With the President, "I discussed longer-term sustainable security arrangements, which will provide ongoing security assistance and modern military equipment across land, air, sea and cyberspace, as well as training and intelligence share", CNN quoted Blinken as saying. "The State Department is leading these discussions, which will continue in the months ahead," he added. On his part, Zelenskyy said that he was "grateful to the American people, both parties of the US Congress, and personally to President Joe Biden for their unwavering support". "Ukrainian forces are advancing on the battlefield and we discussed steps to ensure their further successes."



WORK IS BEING DONE FOR ENVIRONMENT IN THE STATE AT INDIVIDUAL, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEVEL: CM

Indore ranks first in the National Clean Air Survey - 2023, Bhopal ranks 5th, Jabalpur ranks 13th, Gwalior ranks 41st

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Indore has secured the top position in the country in the National Clean Air Survey - 2023 and received the first prize of Rs. 1.5 crore for being the best city with a population of over ten lakh people. Bhopal ranks 5th, Jabalpur ranks 13th, and Gwalior ranks 41st. Sagar ranks 10th among cities with a population of 3 to 10 lakhs, and Dewas ranks 6th among cities with a population of less than 3 lakhs.

The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav presented these awards at the National Clean Air Day 2023 National Program. This is the first occasion when the National Program of International Clean Air Day has been organized in a state.

Cities received awards ranging from 1.25 lakh to 12.5 lakhs

In the category of cities with a population of over 10 lakhs, Agra received the second prize of 1 crore rupees, Thane (Maharashtra) received the third prize of 50 lakhs, Amaravati received the first prize of 75 lakhs among cities with a population of three lakhs to ten lakhs, Muradabad received the second prize of 50 lakhs, Guntur received the third prize of 25 lakhs, and in the category of cities with less than three lakh population, Parwanoo of Himachal Pradesh received the first prize of 37.5 lakhs, Kalamb of Maharashtra received the second prize of 25 lakhs, and Angul of Odisha received the third prize of 12.5 lakhs.

The book "Sarasangrah," focusing on the best efforts of cities to reduce air pollution, was launched at the National Clean Air



Program. A short film on success stories and mission life was screened.

The Chief Minister Chouhan and Union Minister Yadav inaugurated the National Program and also unveiled an exhibition focused on initiatives such as Deep Prajwalit Karan, National Program, Gau-Kasht, Waste Management, Carbon Capture, Pollution Control Measures, Plastic Waste Management, Clean Air Project, Selfie Kiosks, Pollution Control in the Cement Industry, etc.

CM Chouhan for respecting Nature

The Chief Minister Chouhan addressing the function said that love for the nature and the environment is deeply rooted in Indian values. Indian culture cautions that nature should not

be exploited but conserved. We should use natural resources and replenish them at the same time. The spirit of goodwill towards all living beings and the welfare of the world are the values inherent in India's thinking process. The concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" reflects this idea. This is an Indian value, and as part of Mission Life. The Prime Minister Modi has given this mantra to the entire world. CM Chouhan said that three and a half years ago, he took a pledge to plant a saplings every day. Today people are joining this initiative. It has become a campaign.

CM Chouhan Greets Awardee Cities
The Chief Minister Chouhan congratulated the cities receiving awards at the National

Program. He said that the efforts made to keep the air clean are aimed at ensuring the safety of future generations. All states will continue to work towards the welfare of humanity while competing for environmental conservation. It is essential to adopt an environment-friendly lifestyle. Due to the adverse effects of environmental degradation, even rainfall is irregular. We need to understand these signs and contribute to improving the situation.

Govt. committed to ensuring clean air

The Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change and Labor and Employment, Bhupendra Yadav said that the Prime Minister Modi reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring clean air. He announced his vision to improve air quality in more than 100 cities through a comprehensive approach. Following this, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change launched the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) as a national strategy, reorienting activities to reduce air pollution at the city and regional levels. As many as 131 cities have been identified. Coordination, cooperation, partnership, and continuous efforts of all stakeholders are helping achieve the objectives of the National Clean Air Program.

Yadav highlighted the notification of solid waste, plastic waste, e-waste, biomedical waste, battery waste, construction and demolition waste, hazardous waste management rules that cover waste management.

Those present were Environment Minister Hardeep Singh Dang, Principal Secretary Gulshan Bamra along with officials of the Government of India and those of various municipal corporations.

CM Chouhan dedicates Sagar Multi Specialty Hospital



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan dedicated the newly constructed 300-bed Sagar Multi Specialty Hospital on Hoshangabad Road in Bhopal. This private sector hospital will have all types of patient care facilities and specialist services under one roof. CM Chouhan dedicated the hospital by offering prayers in the newly constructed temple in the hospital premises, planting saplings, unveiling the plaque and cutting the ribbon. CM Chouhan also inspected the hospital.

Referring to the famous saying "The first happiness is a healthy body", Chief Minister Chouhan said that 'Shariramadyam Khalu Dharma Sadhanam' that is the body is the medium of all religions. We should always strive to keep our body healthy, but many times in this world, ill health surrounds us. In such times, hospitals and clinics are the only support. Doctors are the

only means of recovery from illness. Because of the role they play, doctors are considered next to God. Doctors are the soul of the hospital, only when the doctors work properly then the hospital will be able to run successfully. It is expected from the doctor colleagues that they should make the patients healthy by providing them the best treatment, this is the relevance of their life.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that he prays to God that no one should have to come to the hospital and if anyone comes, he should go home completely healthy. This hospital is equipped with modern facilities, there is better management of environment and lighting. CM Chouhan also greeted on Krishna Janmashtami. Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang, Founder of Sagar Group Sudhir Agarwal, Chief Operating Officer of Sagar Multi Specialty Hospital Dr. Mohit Agarwal, Director Dr. Aditya Agarwal were specially present in the programme.

'G20 Chairmanship Is A Matter Of Pride For India,' Says Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar

Team Absolute | Gwalior

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, speaking about India hosting the G20 summit, expressed pride in India's leadership in the prestigious international forum.

He said "The chairmanship of the G20 being with India is a matter of pride for every Indian, and we are all pleased that under the leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's influence on the global stage is growing day by day."

As the G20 summit is currently underway with around 48-49 meetings held across more than 50 locations in the country, the gathering of national leaders for the G20 summit is seen as a significant opportunity for India.

Tomar extended a warm welcome to all national leaders participating in the summit. 'One to end Sanatan Dharma, not born yet' Tomar also reacted to Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin's son and DMK leader Udhayanidhi



Stalin's remarks on Sanatan Dharma and said that someone who can end the Dharma has not been born on Earth yet. "Opposing the eternal and infinite Sanatan Dharma is baseless. People with such thoughts are misguided, and no one has been able to end it on Earth so far," Tomar said.

Indore-based Lawyer Creates Book On Constitution, Symbols Of 193 Nations Using 57 Kg Copper Plates Through Crowdfunding

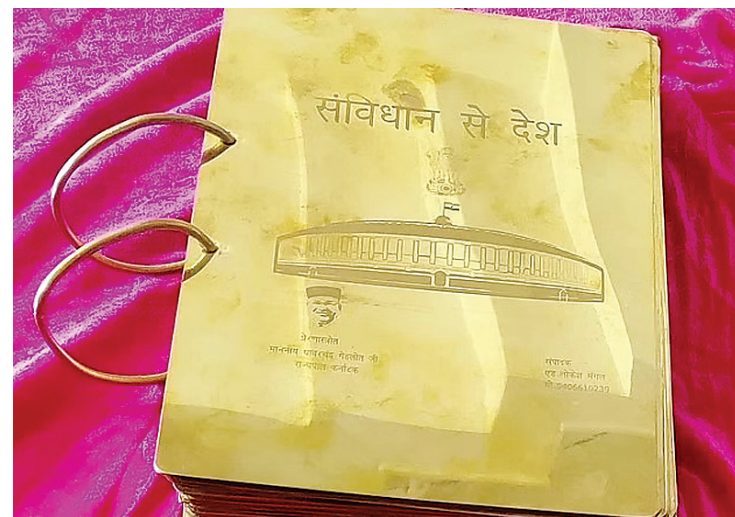
Team Absolute | Indore

A lawyer in Indore in Madhya Pradesh has created a book weighing 57 kilograms that has been made using copper plates, also called 'tamrapatras' in ancient times, in a crowdfunding effort that saw 42,000 persons donate Re 1 each.

The book, titled 'Savidhan se Desh', has 6,000 symbols of 193 nations and is the fruit of six years of toil, lawyer Lokesh Mangal said on Thursday.

"This book contains 57 kilograms of copper plates and was inspired by Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot (a former Union minister and several time Lok Sabha MP from Shajapur in MP)," he said.

"It has been made after 42,000 persons from 200 cities across India donated Re 1. The foundation of this



book has been laid on the liberal sentiments of India encompassed in Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (world is one family) and Sarva Bhavantu

Sukhinaa (may all be happy)," Mangal, who is also the editor of the book, said.

He said those who donated for the book know about the constitution of so many countries and their national symbols, adding that the book is coming at a time when India holds the presidency of G20.

"The book weighs 57 kilograms, with just the cover weighing 10 kilograms. It takes two persons to move the book, which is 14 inches wide and 48 inches long. It contains 6,000 items, comprising constitutional excerpts, national symbols and institutions of 193 nations," Mangal explained.

These symbols have been engraved on copper plates by two artists with laser technology and the effort took 217 hours, he added.

'INDIA Alliance To Take Country On The Path Of Destruction': Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia

Team Absolute | Gwalior

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Thursday took a jibe at the INDIA alliance and said that it would take the country on the path of destruction.

"Sanatan Dharma should be destroyed" "The manner in which the INDIA Alliance is commenting on Sanatan Dharma is inappropriate and highly condemnable. They say that Sanatan Dharma should be destroyed. This is the real face of the INDIA alliance, which I want to put before the people of Madhya Pradesh and the country, this group of 28 parties is to take the country on the path of destruction, to destroy Sanatan Dharma, to spread corruption, to broaden the appeasement," Scindia said.

Whole year has been the year of the Indian presidency of G20

Meanwhile, talking about preparation for the upcoming G-20 summit which is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on September 9-10, the union minister said that the preparations for the G-20 summit were not limited only to September 9 and



10. This whole year has been the year of the Indian presidency of G20.

"The preparations for the G-20 summit were not limited only to September 9 and 10, this whole year has been the year of the Indian presidency of G20. The Prime Minister himself took interest in each and every programme. Earlier, International programs were held only in New Delhi, Mumbai and two-three cities in India, this time programs have

been organised in 52 cities, of which we are very proud," he said.

The G20 program was organised last week in Gwalior "Gwalior is also included in those 52 cities. The G20 program was organised last week in Gwalior itself and now it has reached the final stage where the Presidents and Prime Ministers of the world would be present in India for the last three days of meetings," he said.

The union minister also said that Presidents and Prime Ministers across the globe coming to India today. India is hosting the G20 Leader's Summit in the national capital at the newly inaugurated Bharat Mandapam on September 9-10. This is the first time that the G20 Summit is taking place under India's presidency. The event will be attended by many global leaders and delegates. Extensive preparations and arrangements have been made for the summit, with the intention of showcasing both India's soft power as well as modern face.

The 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi will be a culmination of all the G20 processes and meetings held throughout the year among ministers, senior officials, and civil societies.

Political End Of Those Who Oppose Sanatan Dharma Is Certain, Says CM Chouhan

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The political end of those who oppose Sanatan Dharma is certain, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said here on the occasion of Janmashtami on Thursday.

His comment comes against the backdrop of DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin, also the son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, seeking the eradication of Sanatan Dharma. The southern state's minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, while speaking at a gathering of the Tamil Nadu Progressive Writers and Artists Association recently,



had equated the ideology of Sanatan Dharma with dengue, malaria and coronavirus.

Reciting 'yada yada hi dharmasya' shloka from the

Mahabharata, Chouhan said, "Those opposing Sanatan Dharma their political end is certain. There is no beginning or end of Sanatan Dharma."

IN THIS 102-YEAR-OLD TEMPLE KRISHNA-RADHA WEAR JEWELS WORTH RS 125 CRORE

Team Absolute | Gwalior

Lord Krishna and Goddess Radha's idols were adorned with jewels worth crores of rupees in the historic Gopal Temple of Gwalior district on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami on Thursday. These ornaments were brought from the district treasury to the temple premises in Phoolbagh area amidst tight security. Lord Kanha was adorned with precious ornaments in the presence of police administration and municipal officials. After this, the doors of the temple were thrown open to the devotees. During the whole process, the entire temple complex was under tight security and dozens of CCTV cameras have also been installed nearby.

102 year old temple

This year too, Janmashtami festival is being celebrated with great joy in the Gopal temple located in Phoolbagh, Gwalior and Lord Shri Krishna and Radhaji present in the Gopal temple

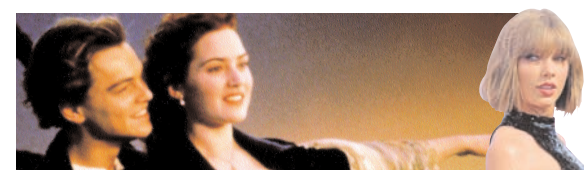


were adorned with antique jewelry worth more than Rs 125 crore. The jewelry is studded with diamonds, rubies and emeralds. The jewelry was brought to the temple under tight security in the locker of the Central Bank of India and after adornment, the doors of the temple were opened for the devotees to have darshan. It is noteworthy that every year on the festival of Janmashtami, at the more than 100 years old Gopal temple of the Scindia princely state of Gwalior, the idols of Radha Rani and Lord Krishna are decorated with

precious jewelry worth more than Rs 125 crores. The security arrangements in the temple were tightened a day before and the decoration work of the temple was started. While the entire temple has been taken under the surveillance of CCTV cameras, the security arrangements of the temple were tightened only after late night and more than 250 police personnel were deployed. Gopal Temple was established by Scindia family The Gopal Temple was established by the Scindia family about 102 years ago. This precious gem studded jewelry is also the gift of the Scindia family. Gopal Mandir was established in 1921 by Madhavrao Scindia I, the then ruler of the princely state of Gwalior. He had made silver utensils for worshipping God and gold jewelry studded with gems to wear.

These include a seven-strand necklace of Radha-Krishna studded with 55 emeralds, a gold fish studded with diamonds and beads, a gold nose ring, chains and silver puja utensils.

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Leonardo DiCaprio, model Vittoria Ceretti caught packing on PDA in Ibiza nightclub

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio has seemingly moved on from his on-and-off relationship with supermodel Gigi Hadid by dating another model Vittoria Ceretti as the two were spotted during a night out.

The pair were seen packing on the PDA at an Ibiza nightclub during one of their recent outings. In photos circulating online, the pair were caught passionately locking lips. They were gazing lovingly into each other's eyes before kissing in the early hours of the morning, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The 48-year-old Oscar-winning actor and the 25-year-old model were also seen dancing up against the wall inside the Spanish venue, where they partied until 4:30 a.m. The grainy pictures were reportedly taken some time last month.

Leonardo sported his usual black baseball cap and matching T-shirt for the EDM-themed party, while Vittoria went on full party mode in a sparkly one-shoulder top. She had her dark hair tied in a ponytail.

It's unclear when Leonardo and Vittoria met for the first time, but they were previously seen together in France in late May, around the same time his film 'Killers of the Flower Moon' was premiering at the Cannes Film Festival.

The duo were also spotted on an ice cream date on August 22 in California. They seemed to be in good spirits as they were pictured grabbing a sweet treat in the upscale enclave of Santa Barbara.

The 'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood' star was seen taking an iced latte for the road, while the catwalk beauty opted for a cone.



Nicole Kidman-starrer, 'Expats' to get its penultimate episode aired on Toronto Film Fest

Los Angeles | Agencies

The upcoming American drama series, 'Expats', has released its first look images for the series. The six-part limited series starring Nicole Kidman, based on the book series of the same name by Janice Y. K. Lee, will have the premiere of its penultimate episode aired at the Toronto Film Festival, on September 8.

The Nicole Kidman-starrer will explore the blurred lines of victimhood and culpability, centering on the lives of three women; namely Margaret (Nicole Kidman), Hilary (Sarayu Blue) and Mercy (Ji-young Yoo), whose lives intersect after a sudden family tragedy.

The show takes place in Hong Kong, in 2014, and interrogates privilege and explores what happens when the line between victimhood and culpability becomes blurred.

Other actors to star in the series include, Brian Tee and Jack Houston, who play Margaret's husband Clarke and Hilary's husband David, respectively.

The show is directed by Lulu Wang, who also serves as its creative head and writer. Wang also brought the novel author, Janice Y. K. Lee to co-write episodes along with herself, to ensure maximum authenticity, while still being able to take creative licence.

In addition, apart from playing a crucial role in the series as one of its primary leads, Nicole Kidman is also set to executive produce the show, making her a big part of the creative process.

Alongside Kidman and Wang, other executive producers include; Per Saari, Alice Bell, Theresa Park and Stan Wlodkowski.

'Expats' will premiere on Prime Video on September 8, 2024 after the feature of its penultimate episode in Toronto Film Festival.



'GEN V' TRAILER OFFERS PEEK INTO NEW GENERATION OF SUPES

Los Angeles | Agencies

After a long wait, 'Gen V' has finally launched its trailer, and as a spin-off of the popular dark comedy, satirical superhero show 'The Boys', 'Gen V' aims to further explore a new generation of Supes, while exploring the universe of 'The Boys', in greater detail.

Set in the diabolical world of 'The Boys' where every Supe has some dark secret behind them, 'Gen V' takes the road from Vought Corporation and the league of The Seven, to Godolkin University, a prestigious superhero-only college where students train to be the next generation of heroes-preferably with lucrative endorsements.

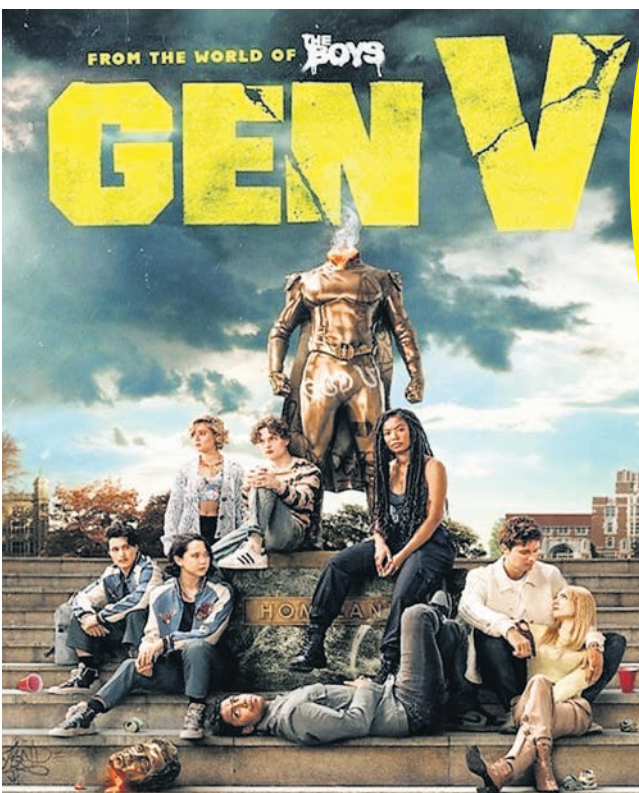
The trailer features just as much gore, violence, head smashing, swearing and superhero satire as it was in 'The Boys', though we see a different breed of superheroes who are just discovering themselves. There is a good hint of nostalgia with clear references to its predecessor, though 'Gen V' trailer is still very much its own thing.

'The Boys' has already showcased what happens when superheroes go bad, or are just completely indifferent to the suffering of others, be it Homelander, Soldier Boy, A-Train, though not all are the same, as many still strive to do good, such as Starlight, Queen Maeve, Lamplighter.

Going beyond the typical college life, full of introspection and internal chaos, these kids who are now becoming the new Supes, will now be facing the most explosive situations.

As the students vie for popularity and good grades, it's clear that the stakes are much higher when super powers are involved. When the group of young Supes discover that something bigger and sinister is going on at school, they will have to showcase their strength and intelligence.

Michele Fazekas and Tara Butters serve as showrunners, while they also serve as executive producers alongside Eric Kripke, Seth Rogen, Evan Goldberg, James Weaver, Neal H. Moritz, Ori Marmur, Pavun Shetty and Ken Levin.



Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer Joe Jonas and actress Sophie Turner were "living separate lives for months" before the musician filed for divorce. The Jonas Brothers star pulled the plug on the couple's four-year marriage on Tuesday, September 5, when he submitted a petition in Miami, Florida to end their union stating the relationship is "irretrievably broken" and now a new report suggests the pair have been apart for the whole summer with Joe taking their two daughters on tour with him while Sophie was working in the UK, reports aceshowbiz.com.

A source told PEOPLE: "(They spent) the whole summer apart... They were not separated but they've been living separate lives for months... As a family, they were based in Florida. The kids were with him the last few months, traveling with him with family while he's been on tour. Sophie's been working in the U.K."

The insider went on to say the pair "haven't gotten along in a while, but they're hoping to resolve this all amicably." They added: "As far as custody goes, this literally all just happened, so they're figuring it out in real time. They did have a prenup."

The 'Sucker' hitmaker has requested "shared parental responsibility" with the 37-year-old actress and called for a "parenting plan [to] be established" for daughter Willa, three, and their 14-month-old little girl, who was listed only by her initials DJ in the documents, which he wanted to allow for "frequent and continuing contact with both parties."



JOE JONAS, SOPHIE TURNER LIVED SEPARATELY FOR MONTHS BEFORE HIS DIVORCE FILING

When Miley Cyrus went back to work after her house burned down

Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer Miley Cyrus was filming the series 'Black Mirror' when her house burned down. She was in South Africa, shooting scenes when her \$2.525 million Malibu home burned down in the 2018 Woolsey fire.

The singer for was shooting for her role as Ashley O in the 'Rachel, Jack and Ashley Too' episode of the Netflix anthology sci-fi horror series, reports aceshowbiz.com.

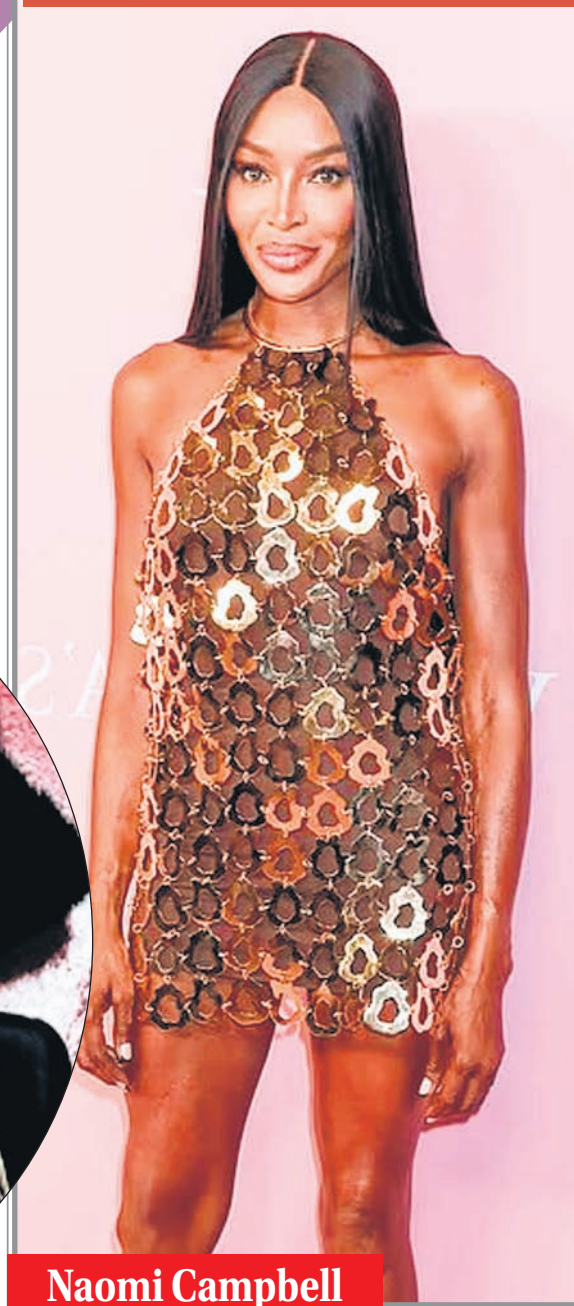
Speaking on her new TikTok series 'Used to Be Young', she said: "I was in South Africa, but it was taking place in Malibu. So it was just a real trip. Like probably two or three years later after this happened, I didn't understand, but I would have this anxiety attack with the vision attached that I would be strapped down to a gurney."

"So I would have these dreams anytime I would go to perform and I thought that was just an anxious vision that made no sense, but actually as my house was burning down I was strapped to a gurney with my hands locked in handcuffs strapped to a bed."

The day after her home was destroyed in the blaze, she was on set filming her pop star character's 'On a Roll' fictional music video. She added: "The show must go on."



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Naomi Campbell



US Open 2023

ROHAN BOPANNA-MATTHEW EBDEN ENTER MEN'S DOUBLES SEMIFINALS

New York | Agencies

Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden advanced to the men's doubles semi-finals of the US Open 2023 tennis tournament, here.

The Indo-Australian pair, seeded sixth in the competition, beat the American duo of Jackson Withrow and Nathaniel Lammons 7-6 (12-10), 6-1 in a quarterfinal match that lasted one hour and 30 minutes at the Flushing Meadows.

"Even though it was a little cloudy, the conditions here drain you," Rohan Bopanna was quoted as saying by olympics.com. "The first set was very crucial for us." Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden will face



the French pair of Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert for a place in the final.

"We have a tough match coming up, Herbert and Mahut have won all the Grand Slams in the doubles," Bopanna pointed out. "They are very, very experienced and are playing some great tennis. But the way we are playing, we know we have a fantastic shot."

The 43-year-old Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden made their second consecutive Grand Slam semi-finals. The Indo-Australian pair had reached the last four of the men's doubles at Wimbledon in July. Earlier, Rohan Bopanna and his Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi crashed out in the pre-quarterfinals of the mixed doubles on Monday.

ALCARAZ STORMS PAST ZVEREV, TO FACE MEDVEDEV IN SEMIS

New York: Top seed Carlos Alcaraz lived up to his top billing as the defending champion dismantled No. 12 seed Alexander Zverev 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to reach the US Open semifinals, at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Both men unleashed a flurry of impressive baseline winners throughout much of the opening set. But with Zverev serving at 3-4, the German blinked first with three consecutive unforced errors to gift a break point to his opponent. Alcaraz made good on the opportunity with a smash winner and then comfortably held to love to take the early advantage, reports usopen.

His gauntlet to the quarterfinals began to catch up with him in the second set as it became clear that defeating Alcaraz would require more marathon magic from the 2020 US Open finalist.

Derby: | Agencies

Captain Chamari Athapaththu led the way yet again as Sri Lanka's women's team created history by recording their first-ever series triumph over England in any format.

The historic 2-1 series triumph came courtesy of a dominant seven-wicket victory over Heather Knight's side in the third T20I and it was no surprise to see Athapaththu dominate proceedings, reports ICC.

Athapaththu picked up three valuable wickets to help skittle England for just 116 and then contributed an excellent 44 from just 28 deliveries to ensure Sri Lanka chased down the winning target with three overs to spare.

It was no surprise that Athapaththu was adjudged Player of the Match and Player of the Series for her superb all-round performance.



ances, with the Sri Lanka captain totalling 114 runs and five wickets over the

three matches. While Athapaththu is sure to win the majority of the

plaudits for her fine all-round efforts, she received plenty of support from her teammates during the series decider as Sri Lanka bowled out England cheaply to gain the upper hand.

Inoshi Priyadharshani (1/15) picked up the big wicket of Danni Wyatt from the first ball of the match and Udeshika Prabodhani (2/16) and Kavisha Dilhari (2/16) chipped in with a pair of scalps each as the hosts were dismissed from the final delivery of the penultimate over. Athapaththu blazed away early in reply to keep the ascendancy going the visitors way, with Harshitha Samarawickrama (26*) offsetting the loss of the Sri Lanka captain in the seventh over to help guide the visitors home with ease. The two teams will now commence a three-game ODI series, with the first match commencing at Chester-le-Street on Saturday.

Akash Kumar enters finals of 21st Mustafa Hajrulahovic Memorial tournament

Team Absolute | New Delhi

World Championships bronze medalist Akash Kumar (57kg) defeated Wasim Abusal of Palestine to reach the finals on day one at the 21st Mustafa Hajrulahovic Memorial Tournament in Sarajevo, Bosnia.

Akash started the bout aggressively and looked in control from the first round itself. Wasim tried counter attacking in the second round but with no success as Akash's attacking punches were relentless and he did not give the opponent any chance of a comeback throughout the bout. Akash secured a unanimous 5-0 win. Akash will now play his final bout on Saturday in an attempt to secure the gold medal.



Manish Kaushik (63.5kg) and Manju Rani (50kg) will be in action on Friday for their semifinals bout.

Squad:

Elite Men: Barun Singh Shagolshe (51kg), Akash Kumar (57kg), Manish Kaushik (63.5kg), Nikhil Premnath Dubey (71kg), Naveen Kumar (92kg), Satish Kumar (92+kg)
Elite Women: Manju Rani (50kg), Jyoti (54kg), Vinakshi (57kg), Shashi Chopra (60kg), Jigyasa Rajput (75kg)

CHEN YUFEI, YAMAGUCHI POWER INTO LAST 16 AT BADMINTON CHINA OPEN

Changzhou | Agencies

Olympic champion Chen Yufei of China and world No. 2 Akane Yamaguchi of Japan both stormed into the second round of the women's singles at the badminton China Open here.

Chen, the 3rd seed at the tournament, beat Zhang Beiben of the United States 21-18, 21-5, reports Xinhua. "I was patient and determined on the court, so I got some key points and sealed the victory," Chen noted.

The Hangzhou native has been selected as a torchbearer for the 19th Asian Games to be held in her hometown. "I heard about it this morning, and I feel very honored, grateful and excited. I have a new torch to collect now!" Chen said with a smile.

Second-seeded Yamaguchi eliminated Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardani 21-12, 21-18 to reach the last 16.

In the men's singles, world No. 2



Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of

Indonesia suffered an early exit at the

hands of Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama 21-11, 18-21, 21-17, while another Japanese contender Kodai Narokoa, seeded fourth, secured a 26-24, 12-21, 21-11 win against Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia.

China's top men's singles player Shi Yuqi also booked a last-16 berth by sweeping Magnus Johannesen of Denmark 21-8, 21-11.

"I will try to find my shortcomings through the competition and prepare for the Asian Games," said Shi.

His compatriot Li Shifeng fought 75 minutes to overcome Chou Tien-chen of Chinese Taipei 21-14, 18-21, 21-18, and will take on his teammate Lu Guangzu, who beat Ng Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong, China 21-17, 21-15. In the mixed doubles, China's Feng Yanzhe and Huang Dongping defeated Hee Yong Kai Terry and Tan Wei Han Jessica of Indonesia in straight sets.

He Jiting/Zhou Haodong and Liu Shengshu/Tan Ning, both of China, also progressed through in the men's and women's doubles respectively.

Asia Cup: There's a difference in overall atmosphere when India play Pakistan: Harbhajan

Team Absolute | New Delhi

It's no secret that the India-Pakistan cricket rivalry brings the two nations to a standstill, with the winning side getting all the praise and the losing team receiving brickbats.

Similar scenes will be repeated when India face Pakistan in the Super Four match of the Asia Cup at Colombo on Sunday. Harbhajan Singh, the former India off-spinner, admitted that there's a difference in the atmosphere when playing against Pakistan, as compared to other teams.

"India-Pakistan is not just a game, it's much more than that. Emotions are so high that one can't really speak much before the game as there's a lot of tension in the mind. I could feel that if you play against other teams and then against Pakistan, then there's a difference in the overall atmosphere."

"Indian cricketers are under immense pressure (from the fans) especially when they play against Pakistan. If the result goes the other way, a lot of things then spiral in the mind due to thinking about it like people will say this and that," said Harbhajan in a virtual press conference organised by Star Sports.



Shoaib Akhtar, who has been involved in many India-Pakistan duels, pointed out how Indian skipper Rohit Sharma was bogged down by the pressure, especially from social media trolling and how the right-handed batter has been left spooked by left-arm pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, who castled him in the Asia Cup league match at Pallekele. "The pressure mounted on players by social

media is so high. For instance, one can see that this is not the same Rohit Sharma. This one, who is playing, is resembling a body double. Shaheen has conquered his subconscious mindset."

"I have never seen him change his stance before, but what was happening there? He changed his stance and got bowled by Shaheen. This is what pressure of the India-Pakistan match does to players; it is there on players from both sides." Harbhajan chimed in to request fans that they shouldn't be over-critical of either team if one of them ends up on the losing side. "I remember 2003 (ODI World Cup) when we lost to Australia (in the final), slogans were raised here (back home)."

"During the 2011 World Cup semifinal (which India won), if you lose, you would need security outside your home as anyone could throw a stone or do something untoward. My request to those people is these are players but any team can win on a day. India would like to win, but this is a ground where any team can win on any given day."

Akhtar claimed that when India and Pakistan face in the Men's ODI World Cup next month in Ahmedabad, the pressure will be more on Rohit & Co.

Messi fit and willing for World Cup qualifiers: Argentina manager Scaloni

Buenos Aires | Agencies

Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni has said that Lionel Messi will play as many minutes as possible in the opening two rounds of South America's 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifying tournament.

The 36-year-old has had a heavy schedule of matches for new club Inter Miami but is expected to start for the Albiceleste against Ecuador in Buenos Aires on Thursday, reports Xinhua. "I spoke with him for a while yesterday and he made himself available," Scaloni told a news conference on Wednesday.

"In principle, he will play as much as he can. For us, just the fact that he is on the pitch is important. There's no reason to save him if he doesn't have any injury concerns."

Since joining Inter Miami on a free transfer in July, Messi has scored 11 goals in as many matches while providing five assists.

In that time, the Herons have been undefeated and secured their first trophy - the Leagues Cup - with a penalty shootout victory over Nashville last month.

"He has found a place where they love him and I always say that he is happy when he's on a football pitch," Scaloni said. "Regardless of



the country or the city where he is, he needs to play football and feel happy." Argentina will also meet Bolivia in a qualifier in La Paz next Tuesday. The matches will be the Albiceleste's first competitive outings since securing their third World Cup trophy with a penalty shootout victory over France in Qatar last December.

Former No.1 Naomi Osaka announces return to professional tennis in 2024

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Two-time US Open champion Naomi Osaka said she is planning to return to professional tennis at the start of the next season in Australia.

The 25-year-old Japanese has not played since the Toray Pan Pacific Open in September 2022. She stepped away from the game in January and gave birth to her daughter, Shai, in July.

The former No.1, who was at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center to participate in the US Open's forum on mental health with swimming legend Michael Phelps, hopes to kick off her comeback at 2024 Australian Open and plans to play a more WTA Tour schedule as she eases back into the game. "It's definitely way more tournaments than I used to play," Osaka said in an interview with ESPN. "So I think some people will be happy with that."

"I think it's because I realised that I don't know how the beginning of the year is going to go for me. I don't know the level of play and I think I have to ease into it. So at the very least, I'll set myself up for a very good end of



the year."

After the forum, Osaka headed to Arthur Ashe Stadium to take in the men's quarterfinal between Daniil Medvedev and Andrey Rublev. The four-time major champion admitted she is champing at the bit to get back into competition.

"It'd be cool if (my daughter) was proud of me. I also want her to be old enough to see me playing on the court and think, 'Wow that's my Mom!'"

Asian Games: First batch of Indian athletes leaves for Hangzhou

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Indian rowing, boxing and sailing teams, that would be part of the upcoming contingent for the Asian Games, left for Hangzhou, becoming part of the first batch of Indian contingent to leave for China.

The rowing team left late on Wednesday night while the boxers and sailors departed a day earlier.

The rowing team comprises 43 members (20 men and 13 women) including Asian Games medallists as part of the 10-member coaching staff, showing how medal-winning former rowers are contributing back to their sport.

With 13 women rowers as part of the squad, this is the largest number of women rowers travelling to the Asian Games.



It is important to note that this is the first time that the Women's 8s

event has been included in the Asian Games, and India is fielding a team

for the event.

As yet another first, they would be training in a government-funded -- to the tune of Rs 1 crore -- International Training Camp in Hangzhou for a week before heading to Asian Games village on September 16, allowing them to acclimatise well before their competition begins.

The contingent was given a rousing send-off by the officials of Sports Authority of India (SAI) Mumbai ahead of their departure for China.

On Tuesday, the Indian sailors and the first batch of boxers also left for China, to train ahead of the multi-sport event.

While Indian boxers are training in Wuyishan City, Indian sailors are training in Ningbo Xiangshan Sailing Centre, which is also where the Asian Games Sailing competitions will be held.



South India gives rousing welcome to SRK

FANS SAY 'ATLEE IS AN ACE FILM MAKER IN ALL LANGUAGES'

Team Absolute | Chennai

Bollywood super star Shah Rukh Khan's much anticipated movie 'Jawan', directed by ace Tamil director Atlee was received by South Indian fans to a rousing welcome. In Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai and other cities of south India, the movie opened to full house. Shah Rukh Khan playing the dual role of a police officer and a thief in a 2 hour 49 minute movie has thrilled the masses. The fans of Thalapathy Vijay, the Tamil superstar has also given a rousing reception to the

SRK movie as the director, Atlee has made three back to back hits with Vijay in 'Theri', 'Merchel' and 'Bigel'. In several theaters across Tamil Nadu fans welcomed the opening of the movie by pouring milk over the cut-out of Shah Rukh Khan. Nikhil .R.S, an Engineer who opted to watch the Hindi version of the movie from Thiruvananthapuram's Aries theatre said that the movie would be a super duper hit in South. He, however, added that the "script could have been more tightened especially the scenes involving Vijay Sethupathi" who plays the principal villain in the movie. Another south Indian actor

Nayanthara is playing a crucial role of lady lead in the live and was impressive. Deepika Padukone playing an extended cameo role has a huge screen presence in the movie. Priyamani, Yogi Babu and other actors have also played extremely well in the movie. Muruganandan. M. R, a business man from Alwarpet in Chennai said: "The movie is a big hit and I watched it in the first show itself. The movie is extremely good and Atlee proved himself that he is an ace film maker in all languages."



Jyotika praises Kangana for 'Chandramukhi 2', calls her 'one of the most talented actresses of Indian cinema'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

South superstar Jyotika has praised Kangana Ranaut for her appearance in 'Chandramukhi 2' and tagged her as "one of the most talented actresses of Indian cinema," adding that she is a huge fan of her work.

Kangana reprises a role that was played by Jyotika in the original film. Previously Kangana had expressed her admiration for Jyotika's performance in 'Chandramukhi', stating that she watches Jyotika's iconic portrayal almost daily to prepare for her role.

In a heartwarming response, Jyotika conveyed her immense pride and excitement at seeing Kangana take on the role of Chandramukhi. She praised Kangana's appearance and revealed herself as a huge fan of Kangana's work.

"Feel extremely proud to see one of the most talented actresses of Indian cinema play the role of #Chandramukhi, @KanganaTeam you look ravishing and I'm a huge fan of your work and I'm waiting to see this one specially for you," she posted.

'Chandramukhi 2' is an upcoming Tamil-language comedy horror film written and directed by P. Vasu. It is a sequel to Chandramukhi (2005).

The film stars Kangana Ranaut in the titular role along with Raghava Lawrence, Mahima Nambiar, Lakshmi Menon, Vadivelu (reprising his role), Srushthi Dange, Raadhika Sarathkumar, Y. G. Mahendran, Ravi Mariya and others playing supporting roles.

AI MIGHT REPLACE ME SOMEDAY AND I WILL BE JOBLESS: BIG B

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Amid the massive usage of AI across the globe, megastar Amitabh Bachchan said he is scared to get replaced in the future because of it, citing that it has already started happening in the films.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the ability of machines to perform tasks that are typically associated with human intelligence, such as learning and problem-solving.

In the 18th episode of the quiz-based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' season 15, host Amitabh Bachchan welcomed Chirag Agarwal from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, to the hot seat. He is a second year B.Tech student.



For the Rs 2,000 question, Chirag was asked: Which of these terms is also commonly used for writing a computer programme? The options given were: Coding, Hiving, Streaming, and Clicking. The contestant gave the right answer -- cod-

ing. The 'Zanjeer' fame actor said: "Code is a word used in computer programming. It gives the computer step-by-step instructions on what to do. You must've observed that AI has spread to the world. Are you learning about AI in college?"

The contestant replied: "Sir, a lot of our courses are related to AI. We even study AI. And I have a question for you related to AI. Sir, when AI was created everyone used to wonder if it will usurp labour jobs first. But now we see that AI is usurping more of creative jobs. For example, writing."

Chirag then went on to ask the thespian: "I'm sitting in front of you now, I consider myself very lucky. I am watching you live today in flesh and blood. But someday in the

future, you could get late for a shoot, and they can send a virtual hologram of you and we can interact with it. I'd like your comment on it."

To this, Big B replied in a jokingly manner: "Let me tell you something, you're talking to a hologram right now."

The 80-year-old actor further said: "I'm not so smart to comprehend all this. But yes, I've heard of many such examples. And it scares me. One day, they might replace me. It's already happening in films. They make me sit in a room and there are 40-45 cameras taking shots at once. It shutters all around, and then they ask me to turn around, clockwise and anti-clockwise. Ask me to make different kind of expressions. They

ask us to change our facial expressions. When I ask them why, they say it's required and they never tell me why."

"Later, I find out that using AI, they'll put it anywhere. Even if I haven't shot for it, it seems like I have. But I'm worried. They might replace me someday and I will be jobless. Do save me if it happens in the future. We hardly find jobs in my field, and we are happy when we get something to do," he added.

AYUSHMANN: 'I ALWAYS WANTED TO MAKE PUNJAB PROUD OF MY WORK'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana said that since he is a Punjabi, it matters to him a lot that the state of Punjab is proud of his body of work.

Ayushmann said: "Being a Punjabi, I have always wanted to make Punjab proud of my work, and I'm indebted to the people of Punjab for the love that they have always showered on me."

He added: "From my first film, Punjab has cheered me on, supported me through thick and thin and ensured that it always had my back no matter what. I have only got unconditional love from them."

The 38-year-old actor says he is proud to represent Punjabi culture through his movies and songs.

Ayushmann said: "Whatever I'm today is because of their blessings, their support, and their feedback. I consider myself lucky to be a Punjabi and to have represented its culture and traditions through my craft."

"I love incorporating Punjabi in my songs! I'm thrilled whenever I play a Punjabi in my films, too, like Vicky Donor, Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui, etc."

He added: "I started getting love from Punjab ever since my debut film. I can't wait to make Punjabis across the world prouder with the work that I will do in the years to come."



Abujhmad Malkhamb group performs on song 'First Class' in 'IGT 10'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

In the upcoming episode of 'India's Got Talent' season 10, Abujhmad Malkhamb group will amaze the audience with their performance to the foot-tapping Bollywood number 'First Class' from the film 'Kalank'. The stage is set to sizzle with an array of spellbinding performances by the Top 13 contestants who will honour the monumental contribution of the Indian Railways. Known for their innovative and breathtaking acts, Abujhmad will meticulously craft a performance that not only showcases exceptional dance skills but also celebrates the rich cultural tapestry of India's railway system.

Renowned director and choreographer Farah Khan will join the judges' panel alongside Badshah and Kirron Kher, as a guest judge.

Impressed by



the act, Badshah said: "Everything is first class, Abujhmad. I couldn't even imagine that something like this could happen in a train compartment. We have travelled by train, and it used to be so crowded that we couldn't even move. But it's incredible to imagine what can happen in a train compartment. You always set new limits."

Farah said: "I have also been on a train and shot an entire song but what you have done today is incredible. From where you have come and to give such an excellent performance, I can imagine the difficulties you must have faced back then during your rehearsals. Superb!"

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Malvika Mohan