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# MANIPUR BURNING SAGA CONTINUES

The Manipur government has handed over the murder case of two young students to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), while the security forces have also initiated a search operation to nab the perpetrators, officials said here on Tuesday. An official from the Chief Minister's Secretariat said that it has come to the notice of the state government that photos of the victims, identified as Phijam Hemjit (20) and Hijam Linthoingambi (17), who have been missing since July, have surfaced on social media. The official said that the state police, in collaboration with the central security agencies, are actively investigating the case to determine the circumstances surrounding their disappearance and to identify the perpetrators.

Imphal | Agencies

At least 34 students, including girls, were injured after hundreds of students took to the streets in Imphal on Tuesday to protest against the killing of two young students by unidentified armed assailants. The police said that 34 students were injured after the agitating students clashed with the security forces, who prevented them from marching towards Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's bungalow. The security forces used tear gas shells and smoke bombs to disperse the agitating students. The injured students have admitted to various hospitals for treatment. Hundreds of students from various schools gathered on the streets on Tuesday after photographs of the bodies of two missing students went viral on social media. Seven-teen-year-old girl student Hijam Linthoingambi and 20-year-old Phijam Hemjit had gone missing on July 6 during the height of ethnic violence in Manipur. Their families suspected that they had been killed



by armed assailants. An official from the Chief Minister's Secretariat said that the Manipur government has handed over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), while the security forces have also initiated a search operation to nab the perpetrators.

The official said that the state police, in collaboration with the central security agencies, are investigating the case to determine the circumstances surrounding their disappearance and to identify the perpetrators. "In response to this distressing situation, the government assures the public that a swift and decisive action will be taken against all those involved in the kidnapping and killing of Phijam Hemjit and Hijam Linthoingambi. The government is committed to ensure justice for the victims and will impose severe punishment on any perpetrator found responsible for this heinous crime," an official statement said. It added that the state government encourages the public to exercise restraint and to let the authorities handle the investigation. According to Inspector General of Manipur Police (Operations), I.K. Muivava, at least 175

people have been killed, 1,108 injured and 32 remain unaccounted for since the ethnic violence erupted in the state on May 3.

**INTERNET BAN REIMPOSED FOR 5 DAYS**

Imphal: Four days after the lifting of internet ban in strife-torn Manipur, the state government on Tuesday once again suspended internet services for five days till October 1 following the massive students' agitation on Tuesday. Joint Secretary (Home) Mayengbam Veto Singh said in a notification that in view of the prevailing law and order situation in Manipur, the state government views very seriously with utmost sensitivity the reported spread of disinformation, rumours and other types of violent activities through various social media platform such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. on electronic equipment like tablet, computer, mobile phone etc, along with sending of bulk SMS facilitating mobilisation of mobs of agitators and demonstrators, which may cause loss of life and/or damage to public/private property or aggravates the law and order situation in the state. "The state government has decided to suspend/curb mobile internet data services, internet/data services through VPN in the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Manipur for five days with immediate effect till 7.45 p.m. of October 1," it said. The notification said that any person found guilty of violating the order will be liable for legal action.



**Delhi jewellery shop heist: Burglars flee with ornaments worth over Rs 20 cr**

Team Absolute | New Delhi There was dust all around in a jewellery shop in south Delhi when it was opened on Tuesday - with the shocked owners finding a hole in the wall of the strongroom and jewellery worth around Rs 20-25 crore stolen. Owner Sanjay Jain of Umrav Jewellers in Bhogal of the Jangpura area said that the shop remains closed on every Monday and he suspected that thieves had managed to make their way from the terrace. Police suspect that the incident occurred between Sunday night and Monday early morning. A well-thought-out scheme unfolded during this extensive heist, involving the deliberate disconnection of CCTV cameras

and the creation of an entry point into the heavily fortified strongroom (locker). "It is suspected that the burglars gained access through the building's terrace, descending from the top floor to reach the ground floor where the strongroom was securely positioned. "Subsequently, they drilled a hole through the strongroom's wall, granting them access to the precious ornaments stored within. In addition to these stolen items, the culprits also made away with the jewellery that was on display within the showroom," said a police official. Meanwhile, the police teams are diligently reviewing any available CCTV footage recorded prior to the thieves' interference with the cameras to aid in their investigation.

**Maha Congress: PM's 'urban Naxals' jibe at Oppn came out of 'despair'**

Team Absolute | Mumbai The Maharashtra Congress on Tuesday termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comments targeting the party of being in cahoots with 'urban Naxals' as 'childish, ridiculous, unbecoming of his position, and arising out of despair'. In a strong rejoinder, state Congress President Nana Patole claimed that earlier the PM had labelled Dalits as 'Naxals' and farmers protesting outside Delhi as 'terrorists' and 'Khalistani separatists'. "The PM has left no stone unturned to attack the

Congress... If the 800 million farmers of the country who voted for Modi are Naxals, is he also one of them? The PM should think and exercise restraint before making such comments," Patole said. Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar also slammed Modi's comments and said he should not have uttered them. Patole urged Modi to take care while making 'impulsive' and 'irresponsible' statements since he is 'the PM representing the 1.4 billion people of India and not a spokesperson for the BJP or the RSS'.

**GOVT SHUTS SCHOOLS TILL SEP 29**

Imphal: After the massive students' agitation on Tuesday in protest against the killing of two young students by unidentified assailants, the Manipur government has closed all schools in the state till September 29, officials said. A notification issued by the state Education Department said that in view of the prevailing law and order situation, all government, aided and private schools across the state will remain closed till September 29. The police said the students were injured after they clashed with the security forces, who prevented them from marching towards Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's bungalow. The security forces used tear gas shells and smoke bombs to disperse the agitating students. The injured students have been admitted to various hospitals for treatment.

**Byju's to cut 4,000-5,000 jobs in business restructuring exercise**

Team Absolute | New Delhi Edtech major Byju's is going to lay off 4,000-5,000 employees in a "business restructuring exercise" in the coming weeks, the media reported on Tuesday. According to TechCrunch, Byju's will go through the restructuring exercise "to pare down costs amid a broad restructuring of its business following a delayed IPO and pressure from lenders". The restructuring



exercise is being undertaken under the leadership of new CEO Arjun Mohan, according to the report. "We are in the final stages of a business restructuring exercise to simplify operating structures, reduce the cost base and better cash flow management,"

a company spokesperson said in a statement. "Byju's new India CEO, Arjun Mohan, will be completing this process in the next few weeks and will steer a revamped and sustainable operation ahead," the spokesperson added. The edtech major last week elevated Mohan as the CEO of its India operations, as it mulls to sell some of its subsidiaries to repay its outstanding \$1.2 billion Term Loan B (TLB) amid "difficult business restructuring".

**BAJWA CLAIMS 32 AAP MLAS IN TOUCH WITH CONGRESS IN PUNJAB**

Chandigarh: In a sign of rift in INDIA bloc, Punjab's Leader of Opposition and Congress legislator Partap Singh Bajwa has made a claim that 32 AAP MLAs are in touch with them. In response, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday slammed Bajwa, by saying, "I know Congress thwarted your ambition to become Chief Minister." Bajwa claimed that the Congress has 18 seats in Punjab and with the support of the 32 AAP MLAs his party could overthrow the ruling government. Chief Minister Mann responded to Bajwa's claims with a post on X (formerly Twitter) by referring to Bajwa as a "BJP-affiliated leader". Mann asked him to "talk to the high command". "Partap Bajwa (BJP), you are talking about breaking the elected government of the people of Punjab. I know Congress killed your desire to become Chief Minister. I am a representative of three crore people of Punjab and not a trident of a chair. If you dare, talk to the high command," Mann reacted.

**'BJP's decision to field heavyweights in MP is last bet of false hope'**

Team Absolute | Bhopal A day after the BJP released its second list of 39 candidates and fielded seven sitting MPs, including three union ministers, for upcoming assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Congress took swipe saying the ruling party said that BJP has played its last bet of false hope. Former chief minister Digvijaya Singh and the state unit chief Kamal Nath launched attack on BJP saying the ruling side is facing internal rift. Digvijaya Singh, who on Tuesday participated in



Congress' ongoing Jan Akrosh Yatra in Orcha, told media persons, "BJP's move to field three union ministers and some MPs in the upcoming assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh points that the ruling party is worried about its prospects." Singh said that the people of

the state have decided to dislodge the BJP government which was formed by purchasing (MLAs). "People are very angry and they will vote for forming a majority Congress government in Madhya Pradesh this time," he said. "The BJP is feeling scared about (its chances) in the upcoming elections," he said when asked about the ruling party giving tickets to three union ministers and four other MPs. Meanwhile, Kamal Nath said that the saffron party has accepted defeat in MP and played its "last bet of false hope".

# India on path to achieve emission targets well before 2030: IFC report

▶ The report titled "Blended Finance for Climate Investments in India", which was released on Tuesday, noted that India is the only G20 nation which is in line with 2 degrees warming compared to its fair share contribution to climate action. ▶ The IFC report also said that at the end of April 2021, India had taken its commitments to green finance one step further when the RBI became the member of Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). ▶ This, it said, will go a long way in strengthening the financial sector's response to climate change and developing a much stronger and more coherent, coordinated and credible policy framework to support green investment.

Team Absolute | New Delhi India has significantly developed its climate actions, enabling it towards a path, which will help achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) well before 2030, a report by International Finance Corporation (IFC) has said. NDCs are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of its long-term goals. They embody efforts by each country to reduce their national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The report said that the RBI included the small renewable energy sector under its priority sector lending scheme in 2015 itself. "Since the first issuance of green bonds that year, India has developed the

second largest green bonds market among emerging economies with cumulative issuances worth more than \$10 billion by private companies and public sector entities," it noted. At the Paris "One Planet Summit" in December 2017, eight central banks and supervisors had established the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). The network's purpose is to help strengthening the global response required to meet the goals of the Paris agreement and to enhance the role of the financial system to manage risks and to mobilise capital for green and low-carbon investments in the broader context of environmentally sustainable development. Meanwhile, talking about the most recent measures, the IFC report stated that the Indian government had

proposed to issue sovereign green bonds in 2022-23 for mobilising finance for green infrastructure projects. As on February 2023, 50 per cent of the total target of about \$2 billion of green financing has been raised in the first tranche, it stated. The report also highlighted the Panchamrit commitments announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to meet India's COP26 ambitions. It pointed out that as of February 2023, renewable energy sources contributed to 41 per cent of India's total installed capacity and the country stands fourth globally in terms of total renewable energy installed capacity. India is committed to meet 50 per cent of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030, the IFC report said.

**Over 90,000 US visas for Indian students, third year in a row**

Team Absolute | New Delhi For the third year in a row, Indian students have got the maximum US visas -- over 90,000 this summer, the US Embassy in India said on Tuesday. The US Embassy in India in a post on X, formerly Twitter said, "The U.S. Mission in India is pleased to announce that we issued a record number - over 90,000 - of student visas this summer in June, July, and August." "This summer almost one in four student visas worldwide was issued right here in India. Congratulations and best wishes to all the students who have chosen the United



States to make their higher education goals a reality. That's a wrap. With teamwork and innovation, we ensured that all qualified applicants reached their programs on time," the US Embassy said. According to officials, last year, over 82,000 US visas were issued for the Indian students.





## IN 'PARTING SPEECH STYLE', CM SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN THANKS BUREAUCRATS FOR CO-OPERATION, RECALLS 4TH TERM OATH

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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who on Tuesday chaired a cabinet meeting which approved various proposals, including a fifth pay commission for the state police, set off speculation with his remarks on the occasion, which sounded like a parting speech. In his remarks, he recalled the day he took the oath of the fourth term. Chouhan thanked bureaucrats, especially Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains for their co-operation and efforts in implementing various public schemes.

"I remember that I took oath as Chief Minister on March 24, 2020 when the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic was at its peak. Perhaps that was the first time a single man cabinet meeting was held at that time, but we managed to control the situation with the help of officials." During the meeting, he gave a brief introduction of public schemes introduced and the development works taken place under his leadership. Emphasising on 'Ladli Behna Yojana' - a cash scheme for women, which he launched three months back, Chouhan said: "The idea of the scheme came into my mind on



February 28 and the scheme was launched on March 5. On March 20 forms were released and we could release the first installment on June 10. It shows the efforts of the officials." Beside these, he said that his government successfully organised a mega event - 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' (Tribal Pride Day - organised on November 15, 2021). "The concept of CM Rise School

itself is an historic step which paves the way for growth of Madhya Pradesh. We successfully brought out the state from the BIMARU tag." Soon after, buzz started in the state political circles that his speech during the cabinet meeting was very much like a "parting speech". This came amid speculations that the BJP's central leadership has taken full control over Madhya Pradesh

election and the longest-serving CM has been sidelined. The opposition Congress also took a swipe at the BJP, especially after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Monday visit to Bhopal, where in his speech, he neither mentioned Chouhan's name nor his schemes. A few hours later, the BJP announced its decision to field three Union Ministers - Narendra Singh Tomar, Prahlad Patel, and Fagga Singh Kulaste - as candidates in the coming Assembly elections, as well as national General Secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya. With this, the BJP kept the door open for various Chief Minister problems if it retains power. The BJP's move to field some of its biggest names in a state poll also seems to underline it is working towards strengthening seats in which it believes it is weak and susceptible to opposition attacks. So far the BJP has named 79 candidates but there are 151 seats still up for grabs. The Congress led by Kamal Nath had won the 2018 elections, however, 22 of its MLAs, loyal to Jyotiraditya Scindia, had shifted into the BJP and Kamal Nath's government was toppled in March 2020. Subsequently, Chouhan had then taken oath as CM fourth time on March 24.

## Rahul Gandhi to address 1st public rally in poll-bound MP on Sep 30

► FORMER AICC PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS MP RAHUL GANDHI WILL BE ADDRESSING THE FIRST PUBLIC RALLY IN POLL-BOUND MADHYA PRADESH ON SEPTEMBER 30.



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Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) informed that Rahul Gandhi will be addressing a poll rally in Kalapipal constituency in Shajapur district. MPCC general secretary Rajiv Singh said, "Rahul Gandhi will be addressing his first poll rally in Madhya Pradesh in Kalapipal. In 2018, people of Madhya Pradesh had given full support to him and the Congress had formed the government

after 15 years." Rajiv Singh further said Rahul Gandhi will be addressing some more public rallies in MP, and dates and places will be decided after the poll dates are announced. The Congress bagged two out of three assembly seats in Shajapur district, including Kalapipal in 2018. Importantly, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi is unofficially leading the party's campaign in Madhya Pradesh and she has sounded the poll bugles from Jabalpur in July. Priyanka Gandhi has so far addressed three public rallies in MP. While, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge has so far addressed one public rally in Sagar.

## Congress sets narrative within four walls and by four people: Scindia

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday hit out at the Congress here, saying that the grand-old party plans its strategies within four walls. The minister took a swipe at the Congress alleging that a bunch of leaders decide the narratives, while the BJP plans its strategies observing the sentiments of the people on ground. "Congress makes its narrative inside four walls with their four people on their four questions. Narrative is not formed behind closed doors, narrative is not formed among few people," Scindia said without the talking name of any Congress leader. He made this remark a day



after the BJP released the second list of 39 candidates for the Assembly election. BJP has fielded three Union Ministers and national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya. Four out of 39 candidates in the second list are considered Scindia loyalists -- Imarti Devi (Dabra),

Raghu Singh Kasana (Morena), Hirendra Singh Bunti (Raghogarh) and Srikanth Pathak (Mairhar). Scindia started his political career from Congress as Lok Sabha MP from Guna in 2001 after his father and former Union Minister Madhav Rao Scindia died. He lost the last Lok Sabha election from Guna in 2019, which upset him a lot and he shifted to the BJP in March 2020. Scindia, who was in the race for chief minister's post after the Congress formed the government in Madhya Pradesh after a gap of 15 years, however, joined the BJP along with 22 of his loyalist MLAs and the Kamal Nath government was toppled within 15 months.

## In 18 years BJP brought MP to the brink of ruin, fear of Cong haunts it: Surjewala

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Bhopal

A day after the BJP released its second list of 39 candidates for Madhya Pradesh, the Congress took a swipe at it, saying that in 18 years it has brought the state to the brink of ruin and the people as well as the central leadership of the saffron party know this and is the reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi distanced himself from the works of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. It also said that it was clear how the fear of Congress was haunting the BJP. In a post on X in Hindi, Congress Madhya Pradesh in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala said, "The truth of BJP's second list in Madhya Pradesh - will go down and will also take you along. In 18 years, the BJP govern-

ment has brought Madhya Pradesh to the brink of ruin. The people of the state as well as the central leadership of BJP know this. That is why 15 days ago Amit Shah and yesterday Modi ji distanced themselves from the name and work of Shivraj ji." "On the other hand, (Jyotiraditya) Scindia ji was also disappointed with his Lok Sabha defeat and the continuous defeat of local bodies in his area. Both the leaders just thought and made up their mind to eliminate all their rivals. Shivraj and Maharaj (Scindia) told the central leadership that the rudder of the sinking boat of power in Madhya Pradesh now needs Narendra Tomar, Prahlad Patel, Fagga Singh Kulaste, Kailash Vijayvargiya and Rakesh Singh," Surjewala said. "But in reality, the intention of Shivraj and Maharaj is

that 'we will go down and take you along', this is clear. Kailash Vijayvargiya also said in an interview that the central leadership surprised us by giving us the ticket. After the announcement of these tickets, Maharaj and Shivraj are saying, "There will be no bamboo and no flute". That means, our power is going away, but along with us, the political existence of these leaders will also end," he said. "It is clear how the fear of Congress haunts the BJP. See the fear of the personality of (Congress president Mallikarjun) Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Kamal Nath ji, see the anger of the brave people of Madhya Pradesh. A Chief Minister, three Union Ministers including seven MPs, a National General Secretary, but still power will not be saved. Raise your hand, First Madhya Pradesh,



then the whole country. Congress is coming," he added. His remarks came after the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had sprung a surprise by fielding three Union ministers along with four other sitting MPs, including Narendra Singh Tomar, for the upcoming Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh.

## BJP denies ticket to Sidhi MLA whose supporter urinated on tribal man's face



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The BJP has fielded two-time sitting MP Riti Pathak from the Sidhi Assembly constituency, replacing veteran leader four-time sitting MLA Kedarnath Shukla.

Shukla has probably paid the price for a shameful incident that took place in Sidhi a couple of months back, which sparked a nation-wide outrage after a video of one of his supporters, Pravesh Shukla, urinating on a tribal man named Dashmat

Rawat's face went viral on social media. The incident had not just given the opposition Congress fodder to corner the BJP on the issue of atrocities against tribals, it had also forced Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to go into a damage control mode in

view of the upcoming Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh. By replacing Shukla by Pathak in Sidhi, the BJP seems to have tried to bring down the resentment among the tribal people in the region that grew strong after the pee-gate incident. CM Chouhan had then called Dashmat Rawat to his residence in Bhopal and even washed his feet. Chouhan had also apologised to him for the inhuman act of the BJP worker. The house of Praveesh Shukla, who has been booked under National Security Act (NSA), was demolished in full public view soon after the shocking video surfaced on social media. Interestingly, another twist unfolded on Monday after former BJP district president of Sidhi -- Rajesh Mishra -- resigned from the party's membership. Highly-placed sources told reporter that Mishra had played a crucial role in making the pee-gate video viral on social media.

## CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan plants Peepal, Gulmohar and Samia Cassia saplings



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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Peepal, Gulmohar and Samia Cassia in the garden located at Shyamla Hills. Govindpura MLA Krishna Gaur planted

saplings on his birthday. Along with CM Chouhan, State Vice President of All India Rajak Mahasangh, Kamal Rajak and Sarvshri Ashok Rajak, Deepak Rajak, Dr. Gopal Singh Rajak and Brijesh Malviya planted saplings. Child Divyansh Soni

planted saplings on his birthday along with his family members Ashok Soni and Lakshya Soni. Along with Chief Minister Chouhan, Rishi Yadav, DP Singh Kirar, Ram Lakhon Gurjar and Brijendra Singh Parmar also participated in the plantation.

## Enhanced facilities for Pregnant women at AIIMS, Bhopal

Team Absolute | Bhopal

In connection with Extended Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (E-PMSMA) for High Risk Pregnancy a programme was organized in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at AIIMS Bhopal. A dedicated on-site counter for Phlebotomy services (blood sample collection) for pregnant women in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology OPD area, and the facility for special seating arrangement for pregnant women was inaugurated by Executive Director, Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh. The new on-site counter for blood sampling of pregnant women for various laboratory tests in the OPD area of the Obstetrics & Gynaecology will facilitate



easy accessibility and availability of the services. With an increase in the footfall in Antenatal clinic and increasing deliveries, the enhanced and special seating arrangement made in the Obstetrics & Gynaecology OPD area will also increase the comfort of the pregnant women during their waiting time at the Antenatal Clinic at AIIMS Bhopal.

## Various schemes for hoiastic welfare of media representatives

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The monthly honorarium 'Samman Nidhi' given to senior and elderly journalists of Madhya Pradesh will be increased from Rs 10 thousand to Rs 20 thousand. On the death of a journalist who has received Samman Nidhi, his wife/husband will be given a lump sum amount of Rs 8 lakh. The provision of financial assistance for common diseases for their dependents, will be increased from Rs 20 thousand to Rs 40 thousand and for serious diseases from Rs 50 thousand to Rs 1 lakh. The condition regarding income tax has also been removed. The Cabinet under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Mantralaya today approved the implementation of the announcements made by the Chief Minister in this regard. It may be noted that keeping in mind the overall



welfare and interests of journalists and media representatives working in print media, electronic media, social and digital media, which act as the fourth pillar of democracy, Chief Minister Chouhan had made several announcements during the "Patrikar Samagam" on September 7, 2023. The Cabinet approved the new scheme 'Housing Loan and Education Loan Interest Subsidy Scheme 2023 for Accredited Journalists' by revising the interest subsidy scheme on housing loan to accredited journalists in Madhya Pradesh, which was earlier implemented in Madhya Pradesh. In the new scheme,

the maximum loan amount limit has been increased from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 30 lakh. Apart from this, it has also been decided that the state government will bear 5 percent interest subsidy for 5 years on the interest payable on the loan taken from the bank for the education of sons/daughters of journalists recognized under the scheme. The Cabinet also decided that under the "Health and Accident Group Insurance Scheme for Madhya Pradesh Communication Representatives", the premium amount will be taken from journalists this year also as per the weighted premium rate for the year 2022-23. The amount of premium increased by the insurance company will be paid by the state government. According to the new provision in this scheme, the state government will bear the entire insurance premium of journalists above 65 years of age and their spouses.

## CM bestows contract letter to the 10,000th beneficiary of Seekho-Kamao Yojana

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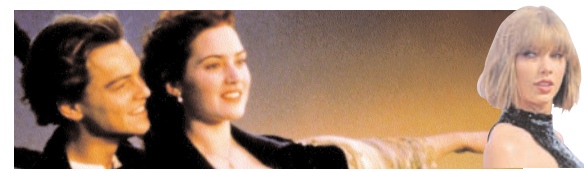
Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan presented contract letters to the 10,000th beneficiary of Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana, Ajita Rathore and 10,001st beneficiary Sushri Akanksha Chauhan before the Cabinet meeting and wished them all the best for their bright future. The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Chouhan started with the rendition of Vande-Mataram. Ajita Rathore, a beneficiary of Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana is a MCA from LNCT University, Bhopal, and has got an opportunity to join Extra Net Technology Pvt. Ltd. as a software developer in Bhopal under the scheme.



So far, more than 9 lakh youth have registered on the portal of the scheme under the Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana, which shows the inclination of the youth towards learning. Under the scheme, establishments are generating contracts daily and youth are enthusiastically going to get industry-oriented training in the establishments.







# Sam Levinson says he tried several times to help Angus Cloud get sober

Los Angeles | Agencies

Filmmaker Sam Levinson, who created the show 'Euphoria' starring Angus Cloud and Zendaya, has said that he tried several times to get the late Angus get clean and sober.

Cloud, who died back in July, was revealed to have accidentally overdosed on from a lethal mix of methamphetamine, fentanyl, cocaine and benzodiazepines.

The 25-year-old actor had already been suffering from addiction problems and this was only worsened by his father's passing which sent Angus Cloud heavily into depression, making him rely more on anti-depressants.

In a new interview, the creator of the drama series opened up about Cloud's struggles with addiction during production and his own struggles to help the actor get clean and sober. Those efforts included multiple interventions and rehab stints.

Levinson, who had said that he began to see that something was off with the actor, told 'People' magazine, "I looked him in the eye and I knew that he wasn't doing well," Levinson said.

"At the same time I've been in these situations before where you're trying to get someone clean. And I just said to him, 'I love working with you and we've got this amazing season planned and stuff, but I need you to be sober because I got to be able to rely on you.'" The actor entered a 30 day in-patient rehab which was followed by three months of outpatient treatment. HBO footed the rehab bill. He came back to the show and went to rehab again when they were five episodes into the season.



# Britney Spears performs dangerous dance with butcher knives

Los Angeles | Agencies

Pop star Britney Spears has long displayed her fascination with knives, because apart from her many Instagram reels, she has even used them live to make things theatrical. Recently, the pop star took to social media and performed a dangerous dance with two butcher knives.

The 42-year old was holding the razor-sharp big blades with the caption, "I started playing in the kitchen with knives today" while she rubbed and even clapped the blades together while dancing, TMZ reported.

The whole thing was extremely dangerous and can even be labeled a dance of death because as evident in the video, Spears clearly isn't trained to hold or play with knives. Wielding knives requires special training, something which she does not have.

But that did not stop her from juggling those knives around and dancing fiercely, even stumbling and actually almost ramming them in her.

Spears, after her 13-year-conservatorship period was over, had suffered from a lot of stress, anxiety, fatigue and depression, causing her caregivers to keep certain objects away from her one of which was knives due to her back then 'suicidal tendencies'.

TMZ sources have also said that Britney saw knives as a form of protection, due to fears that she would be re-institutionalised. Spears keeps knives all around her house in every corner, including in her bedroom and bathroom, with one source noting that she "was paranoid someone was going to get her, and she needed the knives as protection."

Now, as the singer is divorcing her husband Sam Asghari as well as distancing herself from her family, the new video is alarming.

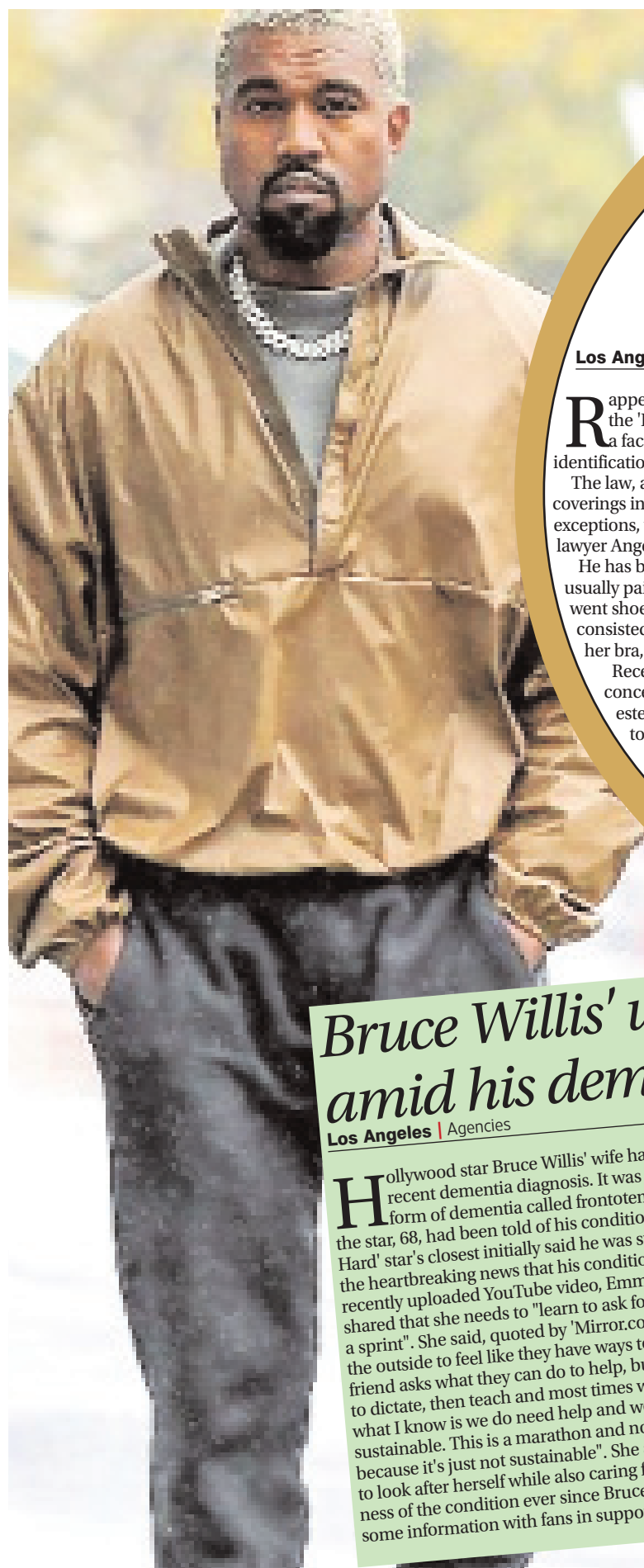


Kate Moss loves 'moonbathing' to absorb lunar energy

Los Angeles | Agencies

Model Kate Moss has revealed that part of her new lifestyle involves "moonbathing," in which she lies under the night sky to absorb lunar energy. Kate said she has also experimented with waking at 4 A.M., and grows her own vegetables after moving out of London to west Oxfordshire, where she added her day starts with transcendental meditation, reports aceshowbiz.com. She told the Sunday Times about using crystals throughout her day and how she "charges" them before us, "I put all my crystals on a tray and put them outside in a garden, just cleaning the crystal, charging the crystals." She also confessed she still smokes "occasionally."

The former hard-living supermodel, who will celebrate her 50th birthday in January, joked she refuses to acknowledge her age and has held onto the vice despite I've heard that when you stop, you can really tell (by your skin). But I haven't recently reinventing herself as a wellness guru. She said, "I still smoke occasionally. I've heard that when you stop, you can really tell (by your skin). But I haven't stopped... yet." Kate recently launched her new Cosmo wellness brand and said she also goes wild swimming in her new home - "in a secret place, in the middle of lots of fields" where only villagers are allowed. She said about being in "denial" about her upcoming 50th birthday on January 16, "I'm not turning 50. No. I'm not thinking about it. I do not feel 50." Kate also said "no comment" when asked whether she has undergone any "tweakments" such as filler or Botox to prevent the appearance of aging. She, however, hinted she hadn't had any work done, she said, "Au naturel. Next." Kate said she now cuts off any partying she does indulge in at midnight on nights out - but admitted she sometimes still gets "Fomo."



# Kanye West violates Italian anti-terror laws with his fashion choice

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Rapper Kanye West may be facing legal trouble due to his fashion choice. According to the 'Daily Mail', West designer broke Italian anti-terror and public order laws for wearing a face mask in public. The laws prohibit wearing items that "hampers an individual's identification" and are punishable by a fine of up to 2000 Euros, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The law, article 533, was introduced in 1977 to combat domestic terrorism, and restricts face coverings in public unless for religious reasons with prior authorization. "Obviously there are exceptions, wearing a scarf or balaclava over your face during the winter would be tolerated," lawyer Angelo Russo told the news outlet.

He has been opting to wear face covering throughout his European getaway with Bianca. He usually paired his black face mask with an all-black top and pants as well as black socks as he went shoeless. His wife, meanwhile, has been making headlines for her sultry outfit which consisted of a sheer bodysuit. As if that wasn't enough, the Australian architect ditched her bra, allowing her nipples to be visible for everyone.

Recently, it was said that Bianca is distancing herself from her friends despite their concerns. "A few of her friends were finally able to reach her, but she wasn't interested in talking, nor was she interested in anyone's concerns for her," a source told the Daily Mail on Tuesday, September 19. "She's shut everyone out."

The insider also claimed that the 28-year-old "told one of her former friends to 'f\*k off' when they tried to ask if she was OK."

The insider continued, "She is saying that her friends are just jealous of her stardom."

The source went on to say that Bianca is enjoying the world's attention to her.

# Bruce Willis' wife 'needs help' amid his dementia diagnosis

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Hollywood star Bruce Willis' wife has admitted that she "needs help" amid the actor's recent dementia diagnosis. It was revealed last year that Bruce had been diagnosed with a form of dementia called frontotemporal dementia (known as FTD). His family confirmed the star, 68, had been told of his condition in the spring of 2022, reports 'Mirror.co.uk'. The 'Die Hard' star's closest initially said he was suffering from language disorder aphasia before they had the heartbreaking news that his condition had progressed to frontotemporal dementia. In her recently uploaded YouTube video, Emma told her subscribers about her journey with Bruce and shared that she needs to "learn to ask for help" before explaining that "this is a marathon and not a sprint". She said, quoted by 'Mirror.co.uk', "I would like for people looking at this journey from the outside to feel like they have ways to effectively step in. Usually, what tends to happen is the friend asks what they can do to help, but that just puts another added task on a caregiver to have to dictate, then teach and most times we just don't have the bandwidth for it". She added, "But what I know is we do need help and we do need to learn to ask for it because if we don't it is not sustainable. This is a marathon and not a sprint. You do need to call in the help and the support because it's just not sustainable". She also admitted she sometimes feels guilty when taking time to look after herself while also caring for the star. The 45-year-old model has been raising awareness of the condition ever since Bruce was diagnosed and she's now taken to Instagram to share some information with fans in support of World FTD Awareness Week.



# ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Kate Beckinsale





## Waheeda Rehman to be feted with Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award



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Veteran actress and dancer Waheeda Rehman, who is known for films like 'Guide', 'Pyaasa', 'Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam', 'Delhi-6', 'Kaagaz Ke Phool' and several others, is being honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award for her immense contribution to Indian cinema. The actress has played countless memorable characters on the celluloid and is known to be the pillar of Indian cinema with a career spanning almost

seven decades. Anurag Thakur, the Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, made the announcement on Tuesday as he took to his X (formerly called Twitter).

He shared a long note announcing the honour for the veteran actress as he listed her achievements.

Starting with Telugu and Tamil films in 1955 before switching over to Hindi cinema the following year, she did the usual roles expected of Hindi film actresses but also went on to play a prostitute, a gangster's moll, a nautanki actress, a woman who walks out of a marriage without regrets, et al - but with such innate grace that she has always been a byword for refined sensibility. Born in fairly comfortable circumstances - her father was a Deputy Commissioner - on February 3, 1939 in what was Chingalpet town of the Madras Presidency, Waheeda Rehman was the youngest of four sisters. As a child, she learnt Bharat Natyam in school, and wanted to be a doctor, but following her father's untimely demise in 1951 and the state of the family finances, she was constrained to look at a screen career. She did just 90-odd films, with the most recent appearance being in 'Skater Girl' (2021), but her oeuvre reads like a honour roll of Hindi cinema - 'Pyaasa' (1957), 'Solva Saal' (1958), 'Kaagaz Ke Phool' (1959), 'Chaudhvin Ka Chand' (1960), 'Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam', 'Mujhe Jeene Do', 'Bees Saal Baad' (all 1962), 'Guide', (1965), 'Teesri Kasam' (1966), 'Khamoshi' (1969), 'Reshma aur Shera' (1971), 'Kabhi Kabhie' (1976), 'Trishul' (1978), 'Namkeen' (1982), 'Namak Halal' (1982), 'Chandni' (1989) and 'Lamhe' (1991), to say the least. She also has to her credit Satyajit Ray's 'Abhijan' (1962). In her roles, she not only became one of the few to act with the 'Big Three' of Indian films - Dilip Kumar, Raj Kapoor, Dev Anand (as well as his younger brother Vijay 'Goldie' Anand), but also with Guru Dutt, Rajendra Kumar, Sunil Dutt, Manoj Kumar, Dharmendra, Rajesh Khanna, and Amitabh Bachchan - with whom within the course of a decade, she played his romantic partner and then his mother! Songs like 'Kahin pe nigahen kahin pe nishana', 'Hai apna dil to awara', 'Ham aapki ankhon mein', 'Aaj phir jeena ke tamanna hai', 'Kahin deep jale kahin dil', 'Paan khayen saiyen hamara', 'Rangeela re', among others, are testament to her rhythm and emoting capabilities.

## Palak Purswani opens up on her debut intimate scene in series

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Known for her stint in 'Big Boss OTT' season 2, actress and model Palak Purswani, who recently appeared in 'Fuh Se Fantasy Season 2', has shared unique insights into the show, revealing how the intimate scenes posed a challenge for her.

'Fuh Se Fantasy 2' adeptly explores the complexities of modern relationships, illuminating the difficulties that come with them. It seamlessly weaves in the appeal of irresistible fantasies with the elevated expectations that frequently accompany matters of the heart. Talking about the same, Palak said: "The intimate scene towards the end posed quite a challenge for me. However, our director, Shradha, really worked her magic. She created such a comfortable atmosphere that it honestly made the performance feel effortless."

"What's remarkable is that it was all about women power - our director, the DOP, our entire crew, all females. This unique environment put me at ease, even though it was my very first time, after an eight-year career journey, doing an intimate scene," she shared.

Palak added: "I'm truly grateful to my co-actors and our director for their continuous support and for ensuring that I never felt awkward." Following the success of its first season, which took audiences on romantic and fantasy escapades, the latest installment of the show features a star-studded cast including Milind Soman, Divya Agarwal, Arijit Taneja, Nyrra M Banerjee, Smaran Sahu, Poulomi Das, Anuj Sachdeva, Sahil and Kanika Mann. This season unfolds in an anthology format, each episode presenting a separate story that delves into the myriad facets of love, passion, and fulfilment.



## I always had a funny bone in me: Aishwarya Sharma

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Actress Aishwarya Sharma's versatility and hidden talents have been revealed on 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' season 13, and she has now opened up on her art of mimicry.

Aishwarya, who used to mimic her good friend Archana Gautam, raised the bar by mimicking not just Archana, but even the host Rohit Shetty, and previous contestant Divyanka Tripathi in the latest episode.

A whirlpool of talent the actor also is a trained dancer and singer as well. Aishwarya's mimicry has always been praised and appreciated.

The host Rohit Shetty has been frequently ask-

ing Aishwarya to show her other side of talent.

Talking about the same, Aishwarya said: "I have always had a funny bone in me.

I love doing comedy and I love doing mimicry. The good part is that I don't force myself, it comes naturally to me."

The latest episode of Aishwarya mimicking Divyanka has been applauded by netizens on social media.

Meanwhile, the Moroccan model Soundoc Moufakir, has got eliminated recently from the stunt based reality show.

The competition in 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 13' is getting intense with every episode as the khiladis are outperforming themselves.



## Vidyut Jammwal, Nora Fatehi flaunt their 'Crakk' side in Baku

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Actors Vidyut Jammwal and Nora Fatehi are currently shooting in Baku for their upcoming film 'Crakk - Jeetega Toh Jiyega' and they surely are having a whale of a time, going by their social media posts.

Vidyut took to Instagram, where he shared a boomerang, in which he is seen hilariously photo-bombing Nora.

In the clip, Nora is seen pouting at the camera while the action star is seen walking behind her and then smiling as he looks into the camera lens.

"The man at the back with watchful eyes is Rockstar Nora's

Bodyguard / Armour "Michel Naidu," he captioned the clip.

Nora, an avid user of social media, took to Instagram, where she posted the same boomerang and tagged herself and Vidyut as "Crakk."

"No one can tell us we ain't Crakk @mevidyutjammwal," she captioned the clip.

'Crakk - Jeetega Toh Jiyega' is an adrenaline rushing extreme sports film, directed by Aditya Dutt, is based on two brothers who are set to perform daring stunts mixed with extreme sports to win.

It is written by Sarim Momin and Rehan Khan. It also stars Arjun Rampal.



## SRK-starrer 'Jawan' creates a tizzy as it rakes in Rs 1000 cr worldwide

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Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's latest release 'Jawan' has finally crossed the Rs 1,000-crore benchmark worldwide in just 19 days of its release.

The film, on September 25, surpassed SRK's another 2023 blockbuster 'Pathaan' at the box-office collection in India.

On September 25, Red Chillies Production took to Instagram, where they uploaded a clip featuring Shah Rukh Khan in his film's dual avatar.

It had "Rs 1004.92 cr worldwide GBOC," written on it. For the caption, it read: "History in the making ft. Jawan! Have you watched it yet? Go book your tickets now! Watch #Jawan in cinemas - in Hindi, Tamil & Telugu."

Trade analyst Taran Adarsh on Tuesday took to Twitter, where he mentioned that 'Jawan' is all set to surpass the collections of 'Gadar 2' and 'Pathaan'.

Adarsh wrote: "#Jawan is all set to surpass #Gadar2 and #Pathaan in the coming days... (Week 3) Fri 7.10 cr, Sat 11.50 cr, Sun 13.90 cr, Mon 4.90 cr. Total: Rs 510.84 cr. #Hindi. #India biz. #Boxoffice #Jawan [#Tamil + #Telugu; Week 3] Fri 51 lacs, Sat 75 lacs, Sun 1.05 cr, Mon 55 lacs. Total: Rs 57.81 cr. #Boxoffice"

'Jawan', an action thriller, also features Sanya Malhotra, Nayanthara, Vijay Sethupathi and Deepika Padukone.

Directed by Atlee, 'Jawan', tells the story of a father and his son with a spotlight on social and political issues. The film also has Sanjay Dutt in a cameo appearance.



## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Seerat Kapoor