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'To be choked till death,' netizens slam Kejriwal over rising...



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Heidi Klum talks about the 'commotion' with preparing her...



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Afghanistan beat Netherlands; move to 5th in table...



Supreme Court not happy on denial of promotion to women armed forces officers

'ARBITRARY'

The above observation was made by a bench headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud and comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra as it heard a plea filed by women officers alleging denial of promotion owing to gender discrimination.



TENDER UNCONDITIONAL APOLOGY TO RS CHAIRPERSON: SC TO RAGHAV CHADHA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday asked suspended Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghav Chadha to meet Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar and tender an unconditional apology for his alleged misconduct in the House.

Officers at par with their male counterparts. Earlier, the Supreme Court had warned the Army that it will hold it guilty of contempt for not granting permanent commission (PC) to women officers...

'We are becoming over-suspicious': SC on PIL seeking EVM-VVPAT tally

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday, while hearing a petition filed by the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) seeking a direction to cross-verify the vote count in Electronic Voting Machine (EVMs) with votes 'recorded as cast'...

BAMS DOCTORS ARE EQUIVALENT TO MBBS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has dismissed a batch of review petitions filed against its decision holding that AYUSH doctors possessing BAMS degrees are not entitled to equal pay as doctors holding MBBS degrees.



AQI in Delhi remains 'severe'; some stations record marginal recovery

Team Absolute | New Delhi 'satisfactory' levels, at 8 p.m. The station at Delhi Technical University (DTU) recorded PM 10 at 277 ('poor'), while PM 2.5 was at 144 ('moderate') and CO at 83, while NO2 dipped to 53.

India's forex reserves rise by \$2.6 billion

Team Absolute | Mumbai ended October 20. The increase comes as a welcome relief as RBI uses the country's forex reserves to stabilise the rupee when it turns volatile.

Oct 7 attack 100% Palestinian: Hassan Nasrallah

Tel Aviv | Agencies Sayed Hassan Nasrallah, General Secretary of the Iran-backed Hezbollah, on Friday said that the Hamas brothers planned and conducted the October 7 attack on Israel alone.



secret. He said that the 'Al Aqsa Flood Operation' has exposed the weakness of Israeli intelligence. 'The October 7 attack has shook the ground,' Hassan Nasrallah. The Hezbollah leader mocked the Israeli intelligence and military, saying that they could not rescue hostages even after one month.

Mastermind behind dissemination of morphed Hindu goddess' images arrested

Team Absolute | New Delhi Delhi Police have apprehended the mastermind responsible for distributing morphed and offensive images of Hindu deities using impersonated email accounts, an officer said on Friday.



ly found that the sender of the offensive content identified as Rahul Kumar was presenting himself as such, sharing his

bank account details to receive payments from those interested in purchasing offensive material. 'Rahul Kumar, the suspect, was traced to Darbhanga, Bihar, and extensively examined. However, his involvement in the present case was ruled out, and it became evident that someone had been using his name and personal information to tarnish his reputation and falsely implicate him by circulating offensive images in his name,' said the Deputy Commissioner of Police (IFSO) Hemant Kumar.

Andhra Pradesh to take up caste-based census

Amaravati | Agencies The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to take up a comprehensive caste-based census in the state. The decision was taken on Friday at a meeting of the state Cabinet, presided over by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.



of the caste-based survey. The Cabinet took several key decisions. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office, it appreciated the Jagananna Aarogya Suraksha as 11,700 camps have been conducted so far in which 6.4 crore medical tests were carried out.

Bastar smells peace for first time in 40 years

Inhabitants of Bastar region spanning 40,000 sq km, which is made up of seven districts, claimed that Leftist rebel-sponsored violence has dipped significantly, creating a perfect ambience for peaceful polling in the picturesque terrain which has a track record of poll-related violence.

Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh) | Agencies

Tribal people dominate Bastar region, which has 12 Assembly seats that will go to the polls on November 7. The ruling Congress had won 11 seats in the last polls in 2018 while the BJP managed victory only in Dantewada. However, the Congress blanked out the saffron party in Bastar with a resounding win in the bypoll, which was necessitated after BJP MLA Bhima Mandavi was killed by Maoists in the run up to the Lok Sabha polls in 2019.



sided heavily and Bastar is all set for relatively peaceful polling after four decades," claimed 55-year-old Lakhan Kunjam, who hails from the Darbha block at Jheeram valley in Bastar district. The heavily forested Jheeram valley is the notorious site where Maoists had sprayed bullets on a convoy of top Congress leaders on May 30, 2013. The site now has an open-air poorly pillared

walled memorial in which 27 framed photos of martyred persons have been attached as a mark of respect, including those of former Union minister V.C. Shukla, then state Congress chief Nandkumar Patel, and former minister and anti-Maoist crusader Mahendra Karma, nicknamed as 'Bastar Tiger' for his fearless political campaign against armed Leftist outfits. Political analysts say that Bastar is heading for a split verdict in the Assembly polls rather than blindly favouring the Congress, just like in 2018. The BJP has been running a high-voltage door-to-door campaign in the interiors as there are enough signs that roughly 40,000 para-military troopers stationed at sensitive pockets all over Bastar have managed to cease rampant violence with the active support of peace-loving tribals.

Govt may hike limit for 'affordable homes' classification to Rs 75 lakh

Team Absolute | New Delhi Government is considering a proposal to raise the price limit for classifying homes in the 'affordable housing' segment for cities like Delhi and Mumbai to Rs 75 lakh from the Rs 45 lakh cap that is in place at present.

concerned about high land prices in metropolitan cities like Delhi and Mumbai, which make the current price range for affordable houses of less than Rs 45 lakh inadequate. 'We have requested the Finance Ministry to consider raising this threshold to at least Rs 75 lakh,' Kapila said while speaking at the 12th Real Estate Conference and Excellence Awards programme, organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India in Delhi.

Classification under the affordable housing segment entitles buyers to avail of various government incentives and easier availability of loans. Highlighting the huge growth potential of India's real estate sector, Kapila said its size is likely to expand to around \$1 trillion by the end of 2030 and the sector's contribution to the country's GDP would be around 13 percent by 2026.





Maha stretch of Mumbai-Ahmedabad 'killer highway' to be concretised: Gadkari

Team Absolute | Palghar

Minister for Roads Nitin Gadkari said that a 121-km long stretch of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad National Highway...



tised and widened at a cost of Rs 600 crore and work will begin next month.

The work will include three underpasses and 10 foot over bridges which would considerably ease traffic woes in the Vasai-Virar region...

MVA slams Eknath Shinde for inviting 'shady' Elvish Yadav to Ganeshotsav pooja

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Maharashtra's opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi on Friday slammed the presence of a 'dubious drug addict' who was allegedly invited to the official residence of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde...



perform a pooja there. Demanding to know whether the CM's official residence 'Varsha' has become a 'tourist hotspot' for junkies...

spokesperson Clyde Crasto wondered if the CM was so busy in self-publicity and self-promotion that a person with such antecedents managed to gain access inside 'Varsha'...

Mumbai air pollution: BMC tells builders, contractors to follow dust mitigation norms

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has served notices to over 100 contractors and real estate firms involved in private and government projects across Mumbai asking them to comply with the dust mitigation norms...



While the civic administration has not issued stop-work notices to construction firms at this point, Dighavkar clarified that the letters serve to ensure that builders and contractors implement basic preventive measures against air pollution...

rious Goregaon Mulund Link Road (GMLR) project in the western suburbs, instructing them to follow air pollution mitigation guidelines.

Bombay HC denies RTI request for structural audit information

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The public information officer of the Bombay High Court has rejected a Right to Information (RTI) application pertaining to the structural audits of the court's heritage building in south Mumbai...



than reconstruction. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation claimed that the reservoir was beyond repair and needed to be reconstructed.

Blast-fire in Maha pharma factory, five injured & 10 trapped

Team Absolute | Raigad (Maharashtra)

At least five persons were injured and another 10 trapped in a massive fire after an explosion in a pharmaceutical factory at Mahad MIDC here on Friday...



At least four fire engines and police teams along with local volunteers rushed to the spot to battle the blaze and at least five injured victims were brought out.

to be on duty on Friday, though the police and company officials in Navi Mumbai declined to comment on the tragedy.

Spice & pickles king Atul Bedekar dies at 56 in Mumbai

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Atul V. Bedekar, the spice and pickles king, and Director of the V.P. Bedekar & Sons group, passed away following a prolonged illness early on Friday...



products worldwide. The Bedekar group and traditions of spices, pickles, papads, ready-mixes, etc. was started by the late V.P. Bedekar in a modest way as a grocery shop in Girgaum in 1910.

This led to an expansion of the Bedekar shops at Thakurdwar, Parel, Dadar and Fort and the clientele expanded in leaps in bounds.

Man wanted to buy gold at cheaper rate, duped of Rs 1 crore

Team Absolute | Thane

Two persons allegedly cheated a Navi Mumbai resident of Rs 1.05 crore by promising to sell him gold coins at a cheaper rate, police said on Friday.

CONMAN POSING AS CBI OFFICIAL NABBED ACCEPTING BRIBE IN NAGPUR

Team Absolute | Nagpur

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a conman posing as a 'CBI official' while accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh from a railwayman...



Engineer here. Qureshi claimed that there were some complaints pending against the rail officer with the CBI and said that he could 'take care' of them in return for a bribe of Rs 20

lakh. Following the complaint, the CBI set a trap and caught the accused Qureshi red-handed while demanding the advance payment of Rs 1 lakh from the railway.

CM Eknath Shinde has given instructions to withdraw cases against pro-quota agitators: Uday Samant

Team Absolute | Mumbai

After Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange ended his indefinite fast for Maratha quota, Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Samant on Friday said that the Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government is committed to providing reservation to the Maratha community.



The Maharashtra Industries Minister further said that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Ministers are monitoring these developments.



EDITOR'S SPECS

**NEW IMMIGRANTS LEAVING CANADA IN GROWING NUMBERS**

Even as Canada plans to admit 500,000 new immigrants each year from 2025, a new study has revealed that more and more newcomers were leaving the country. The joint study, titled 'The Leaky Bucket' by the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) and the Conference Board of Canada, said the growing numbers of immigrants are leaving Canada because of housing affordability, poor job market and burdened healthcare system. As per the report data, the trend among newcomers to leave Canada increased suddenly in 2017 and 2019. With new immigrants adding almost 1.3 percent to Canada's population each year, Daniel Bernhardt, CEO of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship which commissioned the study, said: "After giving Canada a try, growing numbers of immigrants are saying 'no thanks', and are moving on. That's not just a problem for immigrants. That's a problem for everyone. "As Canada relies more and more on immigrants to fill acute shortages in key sectors like housing and healthcare, our ability to retain them is becoming a matter of vital national interest. "Simply put, if Canada cannot deliver for newcomers and help them become Canadian in their passports and in their hearts, we may soon be discussing our prosperity in the past tense." Stefan Fournier, Executive Director at The Conference Board of Canada which did the study, said: "Our research in this area shows that immigration leads to economic growth, improves the worker-to-retiree ratio and eases labour shortages that add to inflation. But as our research shows, attracting immigrants is only one part of the equation, we also need to retain them once they're here in Canada." The study has recommended that federal, provincial and local governments put in place programmes that help new immigrants settle in Canada, invest in housing and healthcare and support employers to recruit, hire, and retain immigrant workers.

**Consumer forum, insurance scheme not of much help to farmers in fake agrochemicals crisis**

Sanavver Shafi

Farmers in Madhya Pradesh have been losing their crops, hard work and money to fake and substandard agrochemicals every season. But they do not manage to get compensation even if they have a bill regarding the purchase. "To complain in the consumer forum, we will need a proper bill. But the dealers selling agrochemicals give us a piece of paper with only the amount written on it. Even if we lodge a complaint, our chances of winning are negligible as the bill is not in the prescribed format (without the address of the dealer, seal or date of purchase)," said Manoj Meena, whose 18-acre soybean cultivation at Rampura Balachon in Berasia tehsil of Bhopal district was ruined after use of insecticide that turned out to be spurious.

However, not many have managed to get relief through the consumer forum. Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh national president Shivkumar Sharma said over 200 farmers of Harda district lost soybean crop on a total of 5,000 acres after using chemicals bought from local retailer Harsh Agro in the kharif season of 2018. Of them, 30 came together to file a case against the local seller and agrochemical company Vision Organics in the District Consumer Forum. On May 9, 2019, the forum ordered Vision Organics to give compensation ranging from Rs 80,000 to 1.65 lakh, depending on the area of damage. The government has authorised Reliance General Insurance to provide crop insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Bhopal district. Meena had also insured his kharif crop by paying Rs 7,260 to the company. However, he claimed that the insurance firm had complex rules, which prevented farmers like him from claiming compensation. When asked about substandard agrochemicals-induced crop damage, Akash Parashar, Bhopal district officer of Reliance General Insurance, told 101Reporters that insurance claims can be made in such cases. "However, as per the rules, they can be compensated only if 80 to 90 per cent of the farmers in a halka (an area comprising two to three villages) suffer crop loss. Furthermore, the crop damage survey reports of the tehsildar and that of the company should match. Only then will the claims of farmers be approved," he informed, while reminding that the farmers have to deposit only 2 per cent of the fixed premium rate in the kharif season, and that the remaining amount is jointly given by the Central and state governments. Meanwhile, farmers claimed that the Central and state governments always assure them that the insurance company will compensate for the loss of individual farmers as well. But



the reality is that it does not happen on the ground. The chances of claims getting rejected are very high, unless the locality or district is affected by the issue. Taking this point forward, Munnalal Rajput of Rampura Balachon said the matter applied to all claim pleas. "If a farmer's crop is damaged in drought or flood or due to other reasons, then the insurance company says he cannot claim his compensation if not a majority of the farmers in that area suffered losses in that disaster. Even if the entire district was affected, the farmers cannot claim insurance until the administration declares drought." When this is the condition even in the case of well-defined disasters such as drought, the farmers affected by spurious agrochemicals have least scope of relief, until and unless the government conducted a survey of the damage caused by counterfeit inputs and declared the district as affected. "While insuring the crop, farmers are given cover notes or slips. All the rules and regulations are explained to farmers before we take the insurance amount from them. If their crops get damaged due to a disaster or other reasons, then a notification will be issued by the district Collector. Only after that can they avail of the benefit. Farmers have to inform the district administration and insurance company within 72 hours for the loss assessment process. For this, toll free numbers have been issued by both the company and the government," he claimed.

Spotlight on awareness campaigns

Awareness programmes to educate farmers on spurious agricultural inputs are inadequate or are only on paper. Bharatiya Kisan Union's Berasia tehsil president Devendra Singh Dangai said names of branded companies such as Bayer, Syngenta, Nagarjuna Fertilisers and Chemicals, Coromandel International Limited and Indian Potash Limited are used by fake manufacturers. "A factory inspection in Jabalpur on August 6

revealed that even cement, salt and marble ash were used to make spurious fertilisers," he added. BL Bilaiya, Joint director (in-charge), agricultural department, told 101Reporters that the department has been raising awareness among farmers through phone calls, messages, mobile apps and camps. "This kharif season, 124 camps have been organised in villages." Citing the camp organised recently in Berasia tehsil, PS Goyal, Senior Agricultural Extension Officer, told 101Reporters that farmers were taught how to identify the agrochemicals available in the market. "They were also informed about the Government of India's toll free number 18001801551 to identify real and fake agrochemicals through call or message." However, Shivkumar Sharma alleged that farmers get non-standard goods from both government warehouses and vendors selling registered agricultural chemicals from different districts across the state. "In the rabi season (November 2022 to April 2023), about 80 tonnes of NPK fertilisers that reached the government warehouses in Raisen district have been distributed to the farmers by the time the sample report that it was non-standard came. Farmers had to bear the brunt due to the sluggish attitude of officials. They do not take enough samples on time. Even if they do, the sample reports come very late. Many times, traders collude with the lab officials to get a favourable report," Sharma detailed. Deputy Secretary Tarun Bhatnagar acknowledged that farmers still complained that fertilisers and pesticides were not giving the intended results, even after getting a clean chit in the investigation report. To deal with this situation, an investigation committee was formed in February last year and case studies from different districts were done, which laid bare the businessman-lab operator nexus. The investigations were held in all 10

divisions of Madhya Pradesh. "As a remedial measure, a new faceless method has been introduced, in which samples are sent to labs for testing using QR codes. We signed a memorandum of understanding with the postal department to make this possible. Neither the lab operator will know from which place the sample came nor the businessman will know to which lab the sample went," Bhatnagar explained.

Proactive measures required

Replying to a starred question from Gohad (Bhind) MLA Mevaram Jatav in the state Assembly on March 24 last year, Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development Minister Kamal Patel said that 35,116 fertiliser samples were taken for testing from marketing cooperative unions and primary agricultural credit societies in the preceding five years. Of them, 3,123 were found to be non-standard. He informed the Assembly that there is a provision to return the money that farmers spent on spurious agrochemicals through the Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation (MP Markfed), provided the farmers submitted their claims. However, due to non-submission of claims as prescribed by the Non-standard Fertiliser Fund, the amounts were not returned. The MP Markfed has deposited this money with the fund as per the rules. Patel said 10 FIRs have been registered in connection with the non-standard samples, while five cases have been filed in the court. Show cause notices have been issued in the remaining cases, and the sale of the remaining non-standard stock has been banned in accordance with the Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985, he informed. Raising doubts over the awareness camps, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh's provincial president Kailash Singh Thakur alleged that their implementation was not effective. "You can guess from the minister's answer in the Assembly, what the status of awareness programmes is. If they were being held properly, the number of farmers filing for compensation would definitely have increased, but that is not happening. It simply means that either the camps are being conducted on paper or the correct information is not being conveyed to the farmers through these camps," he said. As a result, fake agrochemicals units take advantage of the illiteracy and lack of awareness of farmers to continue with their nefarious activities.

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international

**IDF EXCHANGES FIRE AT WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMP**

Tel Aviv | Agencies

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on Friday exchanged fire at the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank, where it says that several Hamas militants were hiding. In a statement, the military said that it hit several militant targets and also killed many of them. The IDF added that heavy firing is currently underway in the area. The army also said that there were no IDF casualties as of now. According to the UN Relief Works Agency



(UNRWA), the Jenin refugee camp borders the Jenin municipality and is the northernmost camp in the West Bank.

There are about 23,628 Palestine Refugees registered in the camp as of 2022, it added. Friday's development comes after the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza -- the largest in the Hamas-controlled enclave -- came under two back-to-back Israeli attacks on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Israeli military confirmed that both the attacks were due to airstrikes in which Hamas militants were killed and facilities destroyed.

**Without American support Israel will be silenced within days: Khamenei**

Tehran | Agencies

In a social media post in the Hebrew language, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Friday said the Jewish nation "without American support, will be silenced within days". In his post on X, Khamenei said the "Zionist entity (Israel) is lying to you, and it is also lying when it expressed concern about its prisoners with the Palestinians". The prisoners were in reference to the Israeli hostages being held by the Hamas militant group in Gaza. According to Israeli authorities, 242 people are currently held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. Khamenei went on to allege that Israel is "helpless and confused now". "And without American support (Israel) will be silenced within days," the supreme leader added. Escalation on the Lebanese-Israeli border



began when Hezbollah fired multiple rockets on October 8 toward Israeli military sites in support of the Hamas's surprise attack on the Jewish nation on October 7. In response, the Israeli forces fired heavy artillery on southeastern Lebanon on the same day.

**Bahrain suspends economic ties with Israel, envoy returns home**

Manama | Agencies

The government in Bahrain announced that it has suspended economic ties with Israel in wake of the ongoing war in Gaza, adding that the country's envoy to the Jewish nation has also returned home. Israel and Bahrain had normalised their ties in 2020 under the so-called us-brokered "Abraham Accords", reports Xinhua news agency. In a statement late Thursday, the Arab nation's Council of Representatives said that the decisions confirmed Bahrain's support of the Palestinian cause and the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. However, Israel insisted that no such decision was made and that ties between the two countries remain "stable". "We would like to clarify that no notification or decision has been received from the gov-



ernment of Bahrain or the government of Israel to return the countries' ambassadors," the Israeli Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "Relations between Israel and Bahrain are stable," it added. On Tuesday, Bolivia severed its diplomatic relations with Israel, citing the Palestinian death toll in Gaza due to Israeli strikes, while Jordan, Chile, and Colombia recalled their ambassadors. Israeli Foreign Ministry Spokesman Lior Haiat denounced Bolivia's decision as "a surrender to terrorism" and accused the South American country of "aligning itself with Hamas".

**Blast targeting police patrol in Pakistan kills five**

Islamabad | Agencies

At least five people were killed and 21 others injured in a blast that targeted a police patrol in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said. The incident took place in Dera Ismail Khan city, Dawn news reported. According to the police, a patrol van was targeted with an improvised explosive device planted on a motorcycle in Ponda Bazar area. Following the incident, a heavy contingent of police along with rescue teams reached the area and shifted the wounded to a nearby hospital, Xinhua news agency reported. Security forces cordoned off the place and kicked off a search operation in surrounding areas. No group or individual claimed responsibility for the blast. Friday's incident comes just days after a policeman was killed after unidentified gunman opened fire at a police camp in Dera Ismail Khan. The same day, two soldiers were killed in an IED blast in South Waziristan district, also in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In recent months, Pakistan has witnessed an



increase in terrorist attacks, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces, Dawn news reported. Last month, the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) said the number of militant attacks in August was the highest tally for monthly strikes in almost nine years. There were 99 attacks across the country, the highest number in a single month since November 2014, the PICSS had said.

**UNGA votes overwhelmingly against US embargo on Cuba**

United Nations | Agencies

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has voted by a large margin against the US' economic and trade embargo against Cuba, first imposed in 1960. Titled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba", the resolution put forward each year against the embargo garnered support from 187 states, with only Washington and Israel casting against and Ukraine abstaining, reports Xinhua news agency. Debate on the resolution began Wednesday and extended into Thursday. The General Assembly reiterated its call for all states to refrain from promulgating and applying such restrictive laws and measures in line with their obligations under the UN Charter and international law. The more than 60-year blockade violates the rights of all Cubans, said Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, noting that



80 per cent of the population in his country has never known life without the crippling US blockade. He added that it is "an act of economic warfare, in times of peace", creating a situation of ungovernability and an attempt to destroy the constitutional order. Aurelie Flore Koumba Pambo, representative of Gabon to the UN, voiced her country's concern over the continuing embargo. "The scale of its impact is more and more harmful to the Cuban people," she said during the debate, noting that the economic blockade is "clearly a hostile act to region and continental cohesion." She called it an "obstacle to the social and economic development of Cuba." Peruvian UN Ambassador Luis Ugarelli said his country "shares the view of practically the entire international community" that the embargo is against the principles of the UN Charter and international human rights law, noting Peru would support the resolution, as it has done for more than 30 years.

**59 injured in five bus pile-up on S.Korea expressway**

Seoul | Agencies

At least 59 people were injured on Friday from a pile-up involving five buses on an expressway in South Korea. The rear-end collisions among the three commuter buses, one intercity bus and one chartered bus took place on the southbound lane near the Suwon interchange at 7.23 a.m., Yonhap News Agency quoted the police as saying. No death was reported, but a driver of the chartered bus was seriously wounded and taken a hospital. A total of 58 passengers were treated for minor injuries to their necks and backs. There were 91 people on board the buses, including the drivers. The buses were believed to have failed to slow down in the congested section.





## ASSEMBLY POLLS: REBELS CONTINUE TO TROUBLE BJP, CONGRESS CANDIDATES

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The Congress and BJP's efforts to convince some of their rebels to bow out of the contest at the last minute were a success, but, many have remained in the poll fray as the deadline for withdrawal of nomination has ended. The deadline ended on Thursday and not all rebels from both parties backed out.

Many of the rebels have stayed put as independent candidates after they were denied tickets from their respective political parties -- the Congress and the ruling BJP. This has made the contest more interesting. Importantly, in some of these seats, the rebels are from close families.

The Congress leadership managed to convince around one-and-a-half dozen of its workers to withdraw their nomination and give a sense of relief for the party's candidates, however, the problem could not be resolved in nearly a dozen of Assembly seats.

For instance, rebel Congress candidate Antar Singh Darbar did not withdraw his nomination from the Dr Ambedkar Nagar-Mhow Assembly constituency and announced instead that he was leaving the party.

Darbar, a two-time Congress MLA, filed papers as an independent on October 29 after the party denied him



ticket. The Congress instead fielded Ramkishore Shukla. Shukla had left Congress and joined the BJP but he was cajoled back to the party fold by state Congress chief Kamal Nath last month.

Senior leaders from BJP and Congress -- including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, State Congress President Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh have held a number of meetings with their respective upset leaders to pacify them and bring them back into the parties.

However, the two parties continue to face the rebel challenge in nearly 30 seats each. At least five BJP and six Congress' influential leaders are still in the poll fray as independents or on smaller parties' tickets and looking to hamper the chances of the BJP and Congress candidates.

BJP rebel Harshvardhan Singh Chouhan, son of former MP and State BJP chief Nandkumar Singh Chouhan, is contesting from Burhanpur seat of Burhanpur district. Harshvardhan, upset

over the party ticket going to former state Minister Archana Chitnis, also resigned from the party's primary membership on Thursday.

BJP rebel and former Tikamgarh MLA K.K. Shrivastav is still in the contest from the seat and is expected to dent the prospects of party candidate and sitting MLA Rakesh Giri.

In Bhopal Uttar (north) seat, two Congress rebels -- Amir Aqeel, who is the brother of sitting MLA Arif Aqeel, and former Bhopal district Youth Congress president Nasir Islam -- are contesting as independents and look to hurt the party's chances in its bastion, which it has held since 1993.

Arif Aqeel, who has been the MLA since 1998, is not contesting this time and the Congress has fielded his son Atif Aqeel from the constituency. Amir Aqeel, who had been active in politics with his brother, and Nasir Islam, said to be close to Digvijaya Singh, quit the party to contest the polls. The BJP has fielded former city Mayor Alok Sharma from the seat. The Congress rebels and independent candidates -- former MLA Shekhar Choudhary, who is contesting from Narsingpur district's Goteगाon seat, and former MLA Om Prakash Raghuvanshi, who is in the fray from Narmadapuram's Seoni-Malwa seat -- also did not take back their names on the last day.

## SP candidate Renu Yadav withdraws nomination from Bijawar seat

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Samajwadi Party (SP) in Madhya Pradesh received a jolt after its candidate from the Bijawar Assembly seat, Rekha Yadav withdrew her nomination from the fray.

Bijawar was one of the two seats the SP had won in the 2018 Assembly elections.

Yadav withdrew from the poll race on Thursday.

The Akhilesh Yadav-led SP had earlier fielded Manoj Yadav from the seat, but later had replaced him with former BJP MLA Renu Yadav.

With Yadav taking back her nomination at the last minute, she has given an edge to the Congress candidate. SP's Rajesh Shukla had won Bijawar seat in 2018 by a margin of 36,474 votes. Shukla was among those who had supported the Kamal Nath-led Congress government, which however, toppled in March 2020.

During the presidential election, Shukla joined the saffron party and this time he is contesting the Assembly election on a BJP ticket.

The Congress has fielded Charan Singh Yadav from Bijawar, which is considered a Yadav dominated seat in Chhatarpur district.



## Akil's family feud increases Congress's troubles in Bhopal North Assembly

Team Absolute | Bhopal

After withdrawal of nominations, 96 candidates are left in the fray for seven assembly seats in Bhopal district. Meanwhile, Congress has done damage control in Huzur assembly constituency of Bhopal. Congress has succeeded in convincing former MLA Jitendra Daga who was showing rebellious attitude here. But the rebels have increased the problems of Congress in Bhopal North Assembly seat, which is considered an impregnable fort of Congress. Here, uncles Aamir Akil and Nasir Islam have created hurdles in the victory of Congress by contesting as independent candidates against current Congress MLA Arif Akil's son Atif Akil. It means to say that the discord in Congress has to



some extent made the path of victory for BJP candidate Alok Sharma easier. According to the information, two former councilors Abdul Shafiq and Mohammad Saud withdrew their

nominations in support of Aamir. Both the former councilors have talked about campaigning for Aamir. With this he claimed that now the main contest in Bhopal North

Assembly will be between Aamir Akil and BJP. Congress will remain at number three. However, AAP's candidate on this seat, Mohammad Saud, has also emerged as a big challenge for the Congress due to his being an effective face of Muslims. Political scientists say that Mohammed Saud has become a bigger problem than the challenge Congress candidate Atif Akil faces from Congress's rebel uncles Aamir Akil and Nasir Islam.

Congress state secretary Paksha Khama, who contested as an independent candidate from Bhopal's Govindpura seat, not only withdrew his nomination but also joined the BJP. Khama was angry at not getting ticket from Congress. On this seat, Congress has made Ravindra Sahu its candidate against BJP's sitting MLA and candidate Krishna Gaur.

## PATWARI JOBS SOLD FOR RS 15 LAKH EACH IN MADHYA PRADESH: CONGRESS

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Senior Congress leader and MP Congress in-charge Randeep Surjewala made serious allegations and said that during the BJP government, the job of Patwari was sold in the state for Rs 15 lakh each. The FIR of paper leak in Patawari scam was hidden. The FIR contained detailed information about the Patwari recruitment scam. But from 4 April 2023 to 25 April 2023, the Patwari recruitment scam continued openly. When the scam was exposed on 4th April then why was the examina-

tion conducted till 25th April? Surjewala said in a press conference at the state Congress headquarters in Bhopal on Friday that the Patwari scam happened under the patronage of Shivraj government. These scams will be investigated after the Congress government comes to power. BJP government sells jobs by setting up a market. He said that if the government is formed, a law will be made regarding recruitment like Rajasthan. Surjewala said on CM Shivraj's statement of Jai, Veeru and Shyam Jhenu

that this is Gabbar Gang. Who is Kalia and who is Samba? If I speak too much now, I will feel bad. He said that the people of Madhya Pradesh will end Gabbar Gang. On the action of ED and Income Tax in Madhya Pradesh after Chhattisgarh, Surjewala said that ED and Income Tax officials have been camping in Madhya Pradesh for two days. ED and Income Tax officials are putting pressure on the people by staying in Madhya Pradesh. Fearing defeat, BJP wants to influence the elections in MP with the help of ED and Income Tax.

## AIIMS Bhopal leads transition towards Integrative Medicine

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AIIMS Bhopal is playing a pivotal role in the recent transformation of the institute's approach to healthcare. A workshop on Integrative Medicine was organized at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Executive Director, Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh nominated Dr. Danish Javed, Senior Medical Officer of Department of AYUSH, to attend this transformative workshop on Integrative Medicine at NIMHANS, Bengaluru.

The workshop brought together



medical professionals, researchers, and experts from various disciplines to explore the synergy between tradition-

al and modern medical practices. After careful deliberation, it was collectively decided to initiate the Academic department of Integrative Medicine at AIIMS Bhopal. This strategic move is aimed at promoting integrative research, enhancing healthcare services, and expanding academic courses in the field of medical science.

Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh expressed his enthusiasm for this shift, stating, "Integrative Medicine holds the promise of offering more comprehensive and patient-centric healthcare services. This approach will significantly benefit our patients and students alike, bridging the gap between traditional and modern healthcare."

## Congress expelled 39 leaders who contested elections against the party

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In Madhya Pradesh, the leaders contesting as independents and from other parties in opposition to the authorized candidates of Congress in the Assembly elections 2023 have been expelled from the membership of Congress for 6 years. According to Rajeev Singh, Vice President Organization in-charge of State Congress, 1. Sheopur Durgesh Nandini Independent 2. Sumawali Kuldeep Singh Sikarwar BSP 3. Pohri Pradyuman Verma BSP 4. Guna Hariom Khatik Independent 5. Jatara R.R. Bansal (Vanshkar) SP 6. Niwari. Rajneesh Pateria Independent 7. Khargapur. Ajay Singh Yadav Independent, 8. Khargapur. Pyare Lal

Soni AAP, 9. Maharajpur. Ajay Daulat Tiwari SP, 10. Chandla. Pushpendra Ahirwar SP, 11. Chhatarpur. Dilmani Singh BSP, 12. Malhara Dr. Karan Singh Lodhi Independent, 13. Removed. Amol Choudhary SP, 14. Removed. Bhagandas Choudhary BSP, 15. Powai. Rajni Yadav SP, 16. Nagod. Yadendra Singh, former MLA BSP, 17. Semaria. Diwakar Dwivedi Independent, 18. Devtalab. Seema Jaiveer Singh SP, 19. Pushprajgarh. Narmada Singh Independent, 20. Mudwara. Santosh Shukla Independent, 21. Bargi. Jaikant Singh VBP, 22. Sehora Dr. Sanjeev Varkade Independent, 23. Dindori. Rudesh Paraste Independent, 24. Balaghat. Ajay Vishal Bisen Independent, 24. Goteगाon. Shekhar Chaudhary Independent, 25. Amla.

Sadaram Jhambade Independent, 26. Shamshabad. Rajkumar Keval Independent, 27. Bhopal North. Aamir Akil Independent, 28. Bhopal North. Nasir Islam Independent, 29. Susner. Jeetu (Jeetendra) Patidar Independent, 30. Kalapeepal. Chaturbhuj Tomar Independent, 31. Pansemlal. Ramesh Chauhan Independent, 32. Jobat. Surpal Ajnar Independent, 33. Dharampuri. Rajubai Chauhan Independent, 34. Dhar. Kuldeep Singh Bundela Independent, 35. Mhow Antarsingh Darbar Independent, 36. Badnagar Rajendra Singh Solanki Independent, 37. Alot Premchand Guddu, former MP Independent, 38. Mallhargarh Shyamal Jokhand Independent, 39. Bahoriband Shankar Mahato SP are included.



## NSS Volunteers of Sant Hirdaram Girls College Spread Warmth and Distributed articles in Aayam Inclusion School

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In a heartwarming display of compassion and generosity, the NSS volunteers of Sant Hirdaram Girls College, under the inspiring guidance of Shradhhey Siddh Bhauji, President of SHKES, embarked on a noble mission to make a difference in the lives of others. He always encouraged and motivated the students about the importance of donation and the Joy of Giving. With the core belief of "Not Me, but You," the volunteers

distributed Dates, Blankets, and Books at Aayam Inclusion School in Rati Bad, Bhopal. Under the able guidance of NSS Program Officers, Prof. Vibha Khare, Dr. Meena Barse, and Prof. Deepika Saxena, the volunteers executed the program with enthusiasm and dedication. Their interaction with the especially abled students of Aayam Inclusion School was marked by empathy and understanding, fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance. The event not only brought smiles to the faces of the specially-abled students but

also provided them with essential items to enhance their quality of life. The volunteers, deeply moved by the experience, showcased various cultural programs, spreading joy and creating a memorable atmosphere of unity and harmony.

The NSS volunteers of Sant Hirdaram Girls College not only distributed necessities but also imbibed valuable life lessons. Through this initiative, they learned the art of empathy and recognized their responsibility in contributing to a more inclusive society.

## Kamal Nath-Digvijay want to establish their sons and not Congress

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan on Friday made a major attack on the alliance of opposition parties with Congress. He said that India has disintegrated even before the alliance was formed. Nitish Kumar has also said that Congress does not care about other parties. Even before this, if you see, Congress has worried about Congress and Congress too is worried about families. From Sonia Gandhi to Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh, everyone is busy in establishing their sons and daughters.

CM Shivraj said in the press conference in Satna on Friday that Sonia Gandhi is busy in establishing only her son and daughter. Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh are following this tradition. They are busy establishing their sons. His sons even declare the tickets. First the son will declare the Chhindwara ticket and later Congress will declare it. He said that behind the scenes the Indi alliance has already disintegrated, Congress is also disintegrating and now we have to give a clarification that we are together.



Congress leaders are talking about the pairing of Jai-Veeru. Now this pair is not Jai Veeru's pair, there was a film Mere Apne in which the pair of Shyam and Chhenu used to fight for the possession of their respective localities. This scattered Congress can never do any good to the state. CM Shivraj alleged that Kamal Nath's government had committed the sin of closing the schemes for the poor. He said that this is the same Congress which used to call Lord Ram imaginary used to give affidavit in the court. Tell me in which room Lord Ram was born used to ask. During this, Shivraj claimed that his government has spent

more money on the development of Rewa and Satna than Bhopal-Indore. At the same time, Vindhya gave everything to Congress but Congress gave nothing to Vindhya. Be it the rule of Digvijay Singh or the Congress governments before that. If anyone has committed the sin of always lagging behind in terms of development, it is the Congress party.

Kamal Nath tell us what he did for Vindhya during his tenure of 1.25 years? How many times did you visit Vindhya, what did you give to Vindhya? We are ready to give account of the development that has taken place in Vindhya under the BJP government.



# Jennifer Lopez

**SAYS BEING WITH BEN AFFLECK MAKES HER FEEL 'MORE BEAUTIFUL' THAN EVER**

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Singer-songwriter Jennifer Lopez has revealed that her actor husband Ben Affleck wants her to understand her worth and know her value. "I feel even more relaxed and comfortable, which makes me feel even more beautiful than I have ever felt with someone else," she told 'Vogue'. The 'Marry Me' star went on to say that she has come to a stage in life where she loves every part of herself "unapologetically", reports 'People' magazine.

Lopez's happy comments about her beau come after the stylish pair attended their friend Pia Miller's birthday celebrations in Los Angeles late last month.

They arrived arm-in-arm and sported big grins at the party. As per 'People', the couple also enjoyed a night out together at a Los Angeles Club on October 17.

Lopez wore a white 70's teddy bear-style coat and wide-leg

jeans, while Affleck was dressed in an all-black suit in the evening.

The stars also celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary back in August.

"One year ago today", JLo wrote as she shared photos from the pair's second wedding ceremony in Georgia on Instagram.

Their Georgia ceremony followed the pair officially tying the knot in Las Vegas in July 2022. "Dear Ben, Sitting here alone, Looking at my ring ring, Feeling overwhelmed," she added in her caption, quoting the lyrics of her song 'Dear Ben Part II' from her upcoming album 'This Is Me...Now'.

Lopez shares twins Emmie Maribel and Maximilian "Max" David, with her ex-husband Marc Anthony, while Affleck shares Violet, Seraphina and Samuel, with his ex-wife Jennifer Garner.

The couple were previously engaged in 2002 but called off their planned ceremony the following year. They reconciled in 2021.

Lopez, who tied the knot with Affleck in 2022



**HEIDI KLUM TALKS ABOUT THE 'COMMOTION' WITH PREPARING HER HALLOWEEN COSTUME**

Los Angeles | Agencies

Supermodel Heidi Klum revealed there was "a lot of commotion" with preparing her peacock costume for Halloween 2023. After showing off the epic look, she explained the situation behind the scenes.

Speaking to Page Six, the 50-year-old TV personality said while making a reference to several Cirque Du Soleil stars, "There's many people, there were 10 artists in there, getting painted with me at the same time. So there's a lot of moving parts and people needing this and that. You know, (hair) spray, and so it's a lot of commotion with so many people doing this, you know?" "It took about six hours to do this,"

the German supermodel added about the preparation.

During the chat, she told the outlet that she was "not really anxious" despite the long transformation process.

She continued, "I try to not get any glue in my eyes."

Klum further discussed inspiration for her costume, reports aceshowbiz.com. "I thought it would be fun to do a costume with a bunch of people and so I came up with the idea of a peacock and to do this with 10 people and all make an amazing formation and then fan out. We figured out how the positioning would be and who gets what kind of leotard and how is it painted on so that from the front it will look like a peacock."

**Charlize Theron reveals how Taylor Swift helped her become a 'hero' to her kids**

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Charlize Theron became a "hero" to her daughter when she bought her a rare Taylor Swift T-shirt.

The actress has adoptive children Jackson, 11, and seven-year-old August, and revealed that her eldest was thinking she is "uncool" but was able to go up in her estimations by tracking down a one-of-a-kind T-shirt featuring country superstar Taylor.

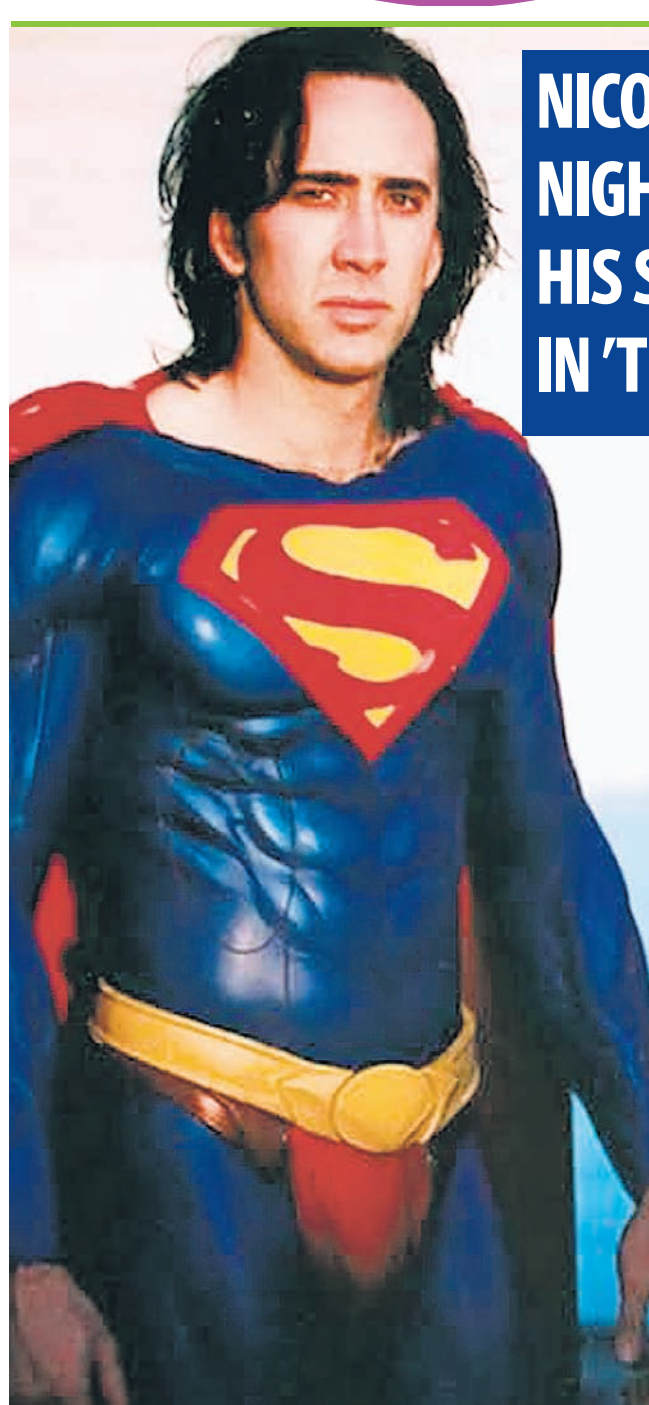
She told US TV show 'Extra': "My oldest is now getting into that teenage phase of 'Mom's not cool anymore,' so when I have little moments like that where I buy her the Taylor Swift T-shirt that nobody can get, that's when I'm like a hero."

"Mom, you got me that shirt that nobody can get?" "Yes, I did. Don't forget that. It's always nice when your kids are happy, right?"

The Academy Award-winning star also added that when it comes to her children, she wants to keep them "safe and informed" about what is going on in the world amid the horrors of the Israel-Hamas conflict but is restricting how much she tells them because she feels as if kids see "too much" these days and wants them to be able to enjoy life, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She said: "I want them to find joy and happiness every single day and go and have healthy lives and be good people."

"I'm keeping them safe and informed, but also not bombarding them with imagery and context that they are not ready for. Feel like our kids are seeing too much, you know? It's now become more important to, like, try and eliminate some of it because it's not helping. It's not helping all of us, but I think we are more capable of dealing with it."



**NICOLAS CAGE CALLS AI A NIGHTMARE, DISMISSES HIS SUPERMAN CAMEO IN 'THE FLASH'**

Los Angeles | Agencies

Acclaimed actor Nicolas Cage has slammed the use of AI in filmmaking, calling it a "nightmare" while referring to his cameo as Superman in 'The Flash'. Though initially glad he got to play Superman at least for once, Cage has since then dismissed his cameo appearance.

Speaking to Yahoo Entertainment, the 'Face Off' actor said: "AI is a nightmare to me. It's inhumane. You can't get more inhumane than artificial intelligence ... I would be very unhappy if people were taking my art ... and appropriating it," as per The Hollywood Reporter.

Cage had finally got to play Superman after his 1998 project with director Tim Burton titled 'Superman Lives'. The cameo showcased Cage as the Man of Steel firing lasers at various enemies, while being de-aged with CGI.

However, given the bad visuals of 'The Flash', Nicolas Cage was not that happy with his appearance. While he had praised the opportunity of getting to essay the role, he also said that the cameo was something very different from what he had shot.

"When I went to the picture, it was me fighting a giant spider," Cage said. "I did not do that. That was not what I did. I don't think it was created by AI. I know Tim (Burton) is upset about AI, as I am. It was CGI, OK, so that they could de-age me, and I'm fighting a spider. I didn't do any of that, so I don't know what happened there."

That the 59-year-old actor was actually on set is a bit unexpected as many watching the film just assumed the entire performance was created by CG. Cage said what was actually filmed, and what he was told the scene would be, was something more solemn.

**Robert Pattinson's girlfriend Suki Waterhouse flashes apparent baby bump on hike**

Los Angeles | Agencies

'Twilight' star Robert Pattinson's girlfriend Suki Waterhouse has sparked pregnancy rumours after she was spotted with an apparent baby bump during a day out with her longtime boyfriend.

The 31-year-old singer-songwriter flashed her possible pregnancy bump while she was photographed on a hike with 'The Batman' star in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

In pictures obtained by Daily Mail, she wrapped up in a black zip-up sweater teamed with tiny gray sweat shorts, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The star finished off the look with a pair of black on runners and a beige baseball cap. Her highlighted locks were worn down under the headwear as she appeared to go makeup-free.

The actor, meanwhile, matched Suki's simple and comfortable style in a gray pullover hoodie, black striped short and black On sneakers. He seemingly attempted to go incognito by pulling his hood up over a baseball cap and wearing black Oakley sunglasses.

The 37-year-old actor was seemingly in good spirits as he flashed a smile during the outing. The pair were also seen sharing a laugh together. After the hike, they stopped by a popular L.A. bookstore.

Neither Suki nor Robert's team has reacted to the pregnancy speculation.



Kimberley Garner





## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, YES; MY PERSONAL LIFE, NO: MOUNI ROY ON REALITY SHOW

Team Absolute | Mumbai

**M**ouni Roy, who will be seen hosting the 'Temptation Island India', had revealed that she will use her personal experiences while advising the couples on the show but her personal life will never be discussed there.

The famous reality show from American 'Temptation Island' is finally coming to India with its first season. Temptation Island India will be hosted by Karan Kundrra and Mouni Roy. The show, to be premiered on November 3 will be available to stream every day at 8 p.m. on Jio Cinema.

In a candid conversation, Mouni Roy opened up about the show, how difficult it is for her to give advice to the couples and much more.

The show is all about discussing the personal life of the couples. When asked if she would use her personal life too, she said, "I will use only my personal experiences while advising the couples. My personal life will not be used. There is a reason it is my personal life. I feel your life experiences help you a lot while advising people."

Talking about the show, she said, "I am very excited for the show. In the US, many seasons have already happened but this is the first time in India. Audience will get to see something new and different. It is a show where there will be a lot of drama and human emotions. I am waiting to see the audience's reaction for the show."



## TARA SUTARIA SHOT RUNNING SCENE WITH AN INJURED LEG

Team Absolute | New Delhi

**A**ctress Tara Sutaria, who is gearing up for her upcoming film 'Apurva', shot for a running scene in the film with a twisted leg after an on-set injury. The incident of the injury and its nature was revealed by the director Nikhil Nagesh Bhat. The film depicts a dramatically raw and fierce transformation of Tara, who also recently took to social media to share images of bruises and injuries she got while filming.

Commenting on the same director Nikhil Nagesh Bhat shared, "I can define Tara and Apurva in one word that is 'fighter.' She is a simple girl but she possesses tremendous strength, as I witnessed during the film's shooting. She faced numerous injuries on set, even once twisting her leg". 'Apurva' is the story of an ordinary girl who faces extraordinary circumstances and will do anything to survive and live. The film is set in one of the most dangerous places in India - Chambal valley.

He further mentioned, "I thought we might not shoot that day, but half an hour later, she returned for a running scene, showcasing what I would call sheer determination. This strength is a shared attribute of both the character Apurva and Tara in real life." Presented by Star Studios, 'Apurva' is a Cine1 Studios and Star Studios Production, and has been produced by Murad Khetani and Star Studios.

The film will drop on November 15 on Disney+ Hotstar.



Team Absolute | Mumbai

**S**ushmita Sen has revealed that the web series 'Aarya' which is now streaming with its third season, is still not her best work. She has a lot more to come and offer to the audience.

Sushmita Sen is one actress who got a wonderful opportunity to showcase her acting skills on the OTT platform with her show 'Aarya'. The team has had two wonderful seasons and now they are back with its third season which was released on November 3 on Disney+Hotstar. The actress spoke about the show coming with its third season, what impact it has had on her filmography and much more.

Talking about what impact has Aarya had on her filmography she said, "Everything. I had an institution like Ram Madhvani teaching me not over 40 days of one film but 60-60-60 days of three seasons and more to come. As an actor I have grown. But if you say this is my best work, I would say no. I have a lot to come. It has revived the thirst of an artist in me. I got to work with such great actors with whom you can not work without proper preparation. I had many hit songs, hit films but never had 'Aarya' in my life. It has added a lot to my filmography."

Talking about the third season of the show, she said, "We have received so much love for the first two seasons. This is the reason why we have come up with season 3. We have told a story with great honesty. We are very excited for the third season."

Talking about the change OTT has brought into our lives, she said, "I am a big fan of OTT. It has given me time to flesh out characters that I would otherwise have to show quickly. It has made us reach the houses of the people where they can watch us anytime and anywhere. Not only the country, we can showcase our work globally."

## YRF to release Salman starrer on 11th Nov in overseas territories

Team Absolute | Mumbai

**Y**RF is set to release its next offering, the YRF Spy Universe film, Tiger 3, on Nov 11 in overseas territories owing to exhibitors' demands based on outstanding advance sales and no Pre-Diwali effect in these markets. All international territories, starting with the Middle East and all western markets, will release Tiger 3 timed to 9 pm IST on November 11. ASIA Pacific & Australia and New Zealand markets will open on 12th November.

The film will be released in NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, UAE, GCC, UK, EUROPE and AFRICA



Mehak Ghai