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MASSIVE DATA BREACH REVEALS 26BN RECORDS FROM LINKEDIN, SNAP, X, MORE: REPORT

Cybersecurity researchers have warned that a database containing over 26 billion leaked data records has been discovered, which include users' data from LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), Snapchat, Weibo, Tencent, and other major platforms.

▶ AS PER THE REPORT, TENCENT QQ, A CHINESE INSTANT MESSAGING APP, HAS THE MOST RECORDS -- 1.4 BILLION.

▶ THERE ARE, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF RECORDS ON WEIBO (504 MILLION), MYSPACE (360 MILLION), TWITTER (281 MILLION), DEEZER (258 MILLION), LINKEDIN (251 MILLION), ADULTFRIENDFINDER (220 MILLION), ADOBE (153 MILLION), CANVA (143 MILLION), VK (101 MILLION), DAILY MOTION (86 MILLION), DROPBOX (69 MILLION), TELEGRAM (41 MILLION), AND MANY MORE.

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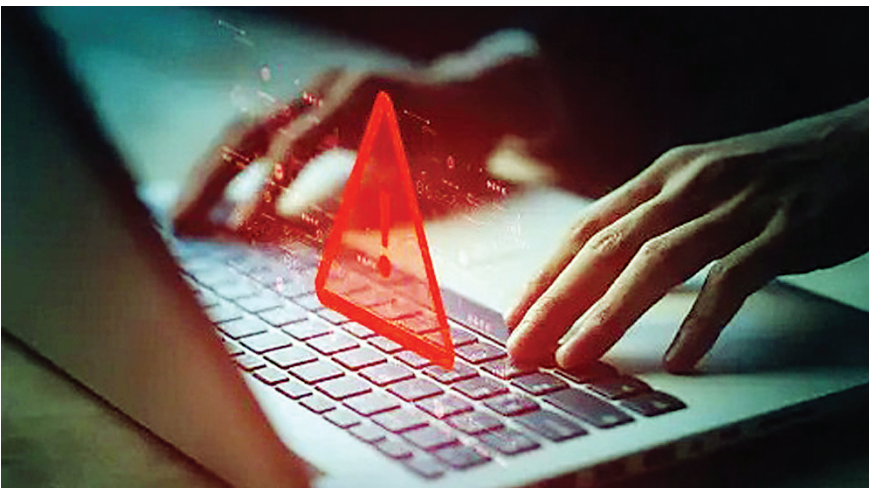
The researchers referred to this massive data leak as the 'Mother of All Breaches' (MOAB), saying it was the biggest data leak found to date.

This data leak, which contains 12-terabytes (TB) of information, was discovered by security researchers from Security Discovery and Cybernews.

The researchers claimed that while the majority of the data in the stolen dataset comes from previous data breaches, it most likely contains previously unpublished new material as well.

The leaked data includes more than just login credentials. Much of the leaked data is 'sensitive', making it 'valuable for malicious actors', according to the report.

There are 3,800 files in the MOAB that hold 26 billion records total, with each folder representing a different data breach.



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"The dataset is extremely dangerous as

threat actors could leverage the aggregated data for a wide range of attacks, including identity theft, sophisticated phishing schemes, targeted cyberattacks, and unauthorised access to personal and sensitive accounts," the researchers said.

"We are working to fully investigate these claims and we have seen no evidence that LinkedIn's systems were breached," LinkedIn said in a statement. In addition, the leak includes records of various government organisations in the US, Brazil, Germany, Philippines, Turkey, and other countries.

"If users use the same passwords for their Netflix account as they do for their Gmail account, attackers can use this to pivot towards other, more sensitive accounts. Apart from that, users whose data has been included in supermassive MOAB may become victims of spear-phishing attacks or receive high levels of spam emails," the researchers stated.

Differences surfaces in INDIA bloc as

TMC, APP SNUBS CONGRESS



Kolkata | Agencies

Making the intention clear again for Trinamool Congress to contest alone in West Bengal in the Lok Sabha polls this year, party supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that she has made up her mind on these lines since Congress leadership rejected all her proposal in the grand opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc.

Speaking to the media persons before attending an administrative review meeting at Burdwan, the Chief Minister also launched a scathing attack against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for allegedly not informing her about his schedule of Nyay Yatra

in West Bengal. "For the sake of alliance, I could have been informed about the schedule of Nyay Yatra in West Bengal. But I was informed nothing," the chief minister said.

She said that she gave a proposal to Congress to contest from 300 seats while leaving the rest for the other regional parties. "Now we the regional parties will take further decisions only after the Lok Sabha polls are over. The regional parties will remain

united," she said.

Recent hints regarding going alone in West Bengal was given by the Chief Minister at an administration review meeting of the party on January 19 at an organizational meeting of Trinamool Congress when she said that her party is ready to field candidates from all the 42 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state if not taken seriously in the opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc.

NO ALLIANCE WITH CONGRESS IN PUNJAB: MANN

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) would go alone in the next Lok Sabha elections and would contest on all 13 seats in the state with no alliance with the Congress. Predicting a clean sweep, Mann said, "It's going to be 13-0 in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. AAP is poised to secure victory in all 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab and would emerge as the hero in the country."

He was categorically clear in saying that there would be no alliance with the Congress in the state. On being asked about the party's alliance with the Congress for the Chandigarh mayoral poll, Mann, without mincing words, told the media here, "The party would also contest alone on the lone seat Chandigarh."



MAMATA BANERJEE SUSTAINS INJURY AFTER HER VEHICLE BRAKES SUDDENLY

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on Wednesday afternoon suffered a minor injury on her forehead when the driver of the car she was travelling in slammed the brakes suddenly. The incident took place while Mamata Banerjee was returning to Kolkata after an administrative review meeting at Burdwan.

Sources aware of the development said when the driver slammed the brakes of the car suddenly the Chief Minister's head hit the back of the drivers' seat. However, the injury was minor and the Chief Minister returned to Kolkata by the same vehicle. Meanwhile, Mamata Banerjee did not rule out "sabotage". The Chief Minister suffered a minor injury on her forehead in the incident.



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The Chief Justice of India (CJI), DY Chandrachud, on Wednesday expressed surprise over the Centre's stand that it does not accept the 1981 amendment inserted by the Parliament to confer minority status on the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

Presiding over a seven-judge Constitution Bench hearing a clutch of pleas concerning the minority status of the AMU, the CJI stressed that the "Parliament is an eternal and indestructible body under the Indian Union."

"How can you not accept an amendment by the Parliament?" the CJI asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, the second-highest law officer of the Centre.

"Parliament is an eternal and indestructible body under the Indian Union - irrespective of which government represents the cause of the Union of India. I cannot hear the government of India saying that it does not stand with the amendment made by Parliament. You will have to stand by this (1981) amendment," the CJI observed.

The law officer said that he was answering "constitutional questions" before a seven-judge Constitution Bench.

Further he said, "As a law officer, it is my right as well as my duty to say that the view taken by the Allahabad High Court declaring the amendment in question as unconstitutional is correct."

To this, CJI Chandrachud said, "This will be radical because a law officer would be then telling us that he

does not abide by what the Parliament has done. You ought to stand by what the Parliament has done."

Mehta submitted that he was supporting the 2006 view taken by the High Court. "How can you say that I do not accept the validity of an amendment?" the CJI asked him.

Responding to the query, Mehta said, "It is not my stand. There is an affidavit filed by the government."

Myanmar Army flies back remaining 92 soldiers from Mizoram

Aizawl | Agencies

Myanmar Army authorities on Wednesday took back their remaining 92 soldiers, a day after Myanmarese Air Force aircraft, which came to Mizoram to evacuate them, skidded off the tabletop runway of the Lengpui airport here, injuring eight of the 14 crew members.

Officials said that an ATR aircraft of Myanmar Air Force, in two sorties, evacuated the



92 Myanmar soldiers and 14 crew members of Tuesday's plane. "All necessary formalities including collection of biometric details of the Myanmar military personnel have been conducted. Necessary medical support was also given to the soldiers

and the eight injured crew members," an official said. The 276 Myanmar Army personnel took refuge in Mizoram's Lawngtlai district on January 17 after their camps were captured by the Arakan Army militants. The Myanmar soldiers, with their arms and ammunition, reached Bandukbanga village, situated on the Mizoram-Myanmar-Bangladesh border trjunction, in Lawngtlai and were taken to Assam Rifles' Parva camp in the district.

Guwahati | Agencies

say after the Guwahati Police registered a case against him and other Congress leaders for allegedly provoking a mob, Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday challenged the BJP-led Assam government to file "as many cases as they can" against him. Gandhi claimed that despite this, he would not be scared.

The Congress leader attacked Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at his first public address on the seventh day of Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in the Barpeta district. He called Sarma the "most corrupt



CM" of the nation and brought up a number of accusations pertaining to land and betel nut business. "I have no idea where Himanta

Biswa Sarma got the notion that he could scare me by registering police complaints. As many cases as you can, file them. I am not intimidated by you; file 25 cases more. I am not intimidated by BJP-RSS," Gandhi said. Guwahati Police on Tuesday filed a suo-moto complaint against Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders for wanton acts of violence in the state capital.

"He (Sarma) takes your land while he is speaking to you. He corners the supari business while you're chewing betel nuts. He has also taken land in Kaziranga National Park," Rahul Gandhi claimed.

"We will form an SIT, the SIT shall investigate the case and we shall arrest him after the Lok Sabha elections are over. If we take action now, they will call it as political move. We have proof. Yesterday a major incident could have happened in Guwahati, the way he provoked people."

Himanta Biswa Sarma, CM, Assam

MAHA ATS NABS MAN WITH LINKS TO GLOBAL TERROR OUTFIT ISIS

Nashik: The Maharashtra Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) swooped down on a person allegedly having links with the banned global terrorist organization ISIS, officials said here on Wednesday. The Maharashtra ATS said that the arrested accused was in continuous touch with the ISIS, showed signs of radicalisation in recent years and provided funds to the foreign terror outfit.

The ATS said that during the raids, it recovered electronic devices like mobile phones, laptops, pen-drives and some incriminating documents from the premises of the accused. They added that several of his associates were also under the radar and were being probed in other states across the country. The accused was produced before a Special Court which has remanded him to police custody till January 31, and further investigations are underway, said the ATS.

CM, ministers, MLAs, MPs jointly assure Manipur body to take up issues with Centre

Imphal | Agencies

In a latest development in Manipur, 37 MLAs belonging to the majority Meitei community, including Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and two Parliament members including Union MoS Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, reportedly assured the 'Arambai Tenggol', a powerful radical Meitei organisation in the state, to take "appropriate action" to resolve their demands, which include abrogation of Suspension of Operation (SoO) with the Kuki militant outfits.

Amid the deployment of huge contingent of state and central paramilitary forces, the leaders of the 'Arambai Tenggol' met the Chief Minister, ministers, MLAs and MPs



belonging to majority Meitei community during a crucial meeting at the famous Kangla Fort in Imphal City on Wednesday. A source close to the Chief Minister said late on Wednesday night that N. Biren Singh did not physically attend the Kangla Fort meeting but he signed the resolution paper. After the decisive meeting, 'Arambai Tenggol' leaders said that the Chief Minister, ministers, MLAs and MPs have assured them that

they would take up their demands with the Central government and to act on these demands within 15 days. The demands include abrogation of the SoO signed between the Central and state governments and 23 Kuki militant outfits in 2008, implementation of National Register of Citizens (NRC), replacement of Assam Rifles and removal of illegal Kuki immigrants from the Scheduled Tribes list. "If the Centre does not resolve our demands, the ministers, legislators along with the other organisations would launch a massive movement to protect Manipur's territorial integrity and the lives and properties of the people," a leader of the 'Arambai Tenggol' told a gathering after the Kangla Fort meeting.

Monkey visits Ram temple, people say it is Hanuman

Ayodhya | Agencies

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra trust has claimed that a monkey allegedly entered the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, where the idol of Ram Lalla resides, on the day the temple was thrown open to the public.

In a post on X, the trust said that around 5:50 p.m. on Tuesday, a monkey entered the temple through the southern gate and made its way to the vestibule. It then approached the Utsav idol, an older idol of Ram Lalla



that used to be housed in a tent before the new temple was built. Security personnel stationed nearby, concerned about the idol's safety, rushed towards the monkey.

However, the monkey calmly retreated and moved towards the northern gate, which was closed. It then exited through the eastern gate, passing through the crowd of devotees without causing any harm.



SAINTS HAVE IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION IN PRESERVING SANATAN CULTURE - CM DR. MOHAN YADAV

Visits Dutt Akhada and Shri Hanumanth Ashram to seek blessings

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav visited Dutt Akhada on Kshipra bank in Ujjain and sought blessings of Sundarpuri Maharaj Ji. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav also visited Hanumant Ashram and offered prayers at Hazari Hanuman Temple and Gau Mata. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav wished for the happiness and prosperity of the people of the state.

Talking to media representatives, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that Ujjaini is a city of gods, saints and mahatmas. Humanitarian services have been taken up by the community of seers and saints in Ujjain. The contribution of saints in safeguarding Sanatan culture is valuable. With the blessings of Sant Samaj, the state government will establish new parameters of public development.



Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has extended congratulations on the

selection of Dewas Civil Line Police Station by the Home Ministry of the

Government of India among the 10 best police stations across the country. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said in a message released on social media that this achievement is a matter of pride for all the people of Madhya Pradesh including Dewas.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the selection of Madhya Pradesh police station in the entire country is a good example of good governance and better law and order. Congratulations to all the police officers and employees of the police station dedicated to public service and their duties. Director General of Police Sudhir Saxena honoured Dewas Superintendent of Police Sampat Upadhyay and Police Station Incharge Ajay Channa at the Police Headquarters by presenting them a certificate and memento on behalf of the Union Home Ministry.

Opposition leader demands Shivraj Singh Chouhan's bungalow

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The residence of former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is known as 'Mama's house'. Now the leader of opposition in the assembly Umang Singhar is keeping an eye on this uncle's house. He has written a letter to the Chief Minister requesting him to allot this residence. Actually, Shivraj Singh Chauhan held the post of Chief Minister of the state for 18 years and now he is a B.Sc. in 74 Bangla area. Live in 8-9. B 8-9 were two bungalows which have been combined into one bungalow. The former Chief Minister has named this residence 'Mama's house'. Senior Congress MLA and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly



Umang Singhar has written a letter to Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav requesting him to allot B-9 house. In a letter written to the Chief Minister, he has said that government residence number B-9 has been allotted to Jamuna Devi, the first woman Deputy Chief Minister from the tribal community of Madhya Pradesh, for years as the Leader of Opposition. Apart from being a leader of the tribal

community, she was also my aunt and since childhood, I have seen her engaged day and night in the service of the proletariat of the state. I am also emotionally attached to this government house. Umang Singhar has requested the Chief Minister that being the leader of the opposition, he should be allotted the said government residence.

Stray dogs become enemies of life in Bhopal

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The terror of these two stray dogs is at its peak in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh. More than 50 dog bite cases are being reported every day. Even two children lost their lives in a fortnight.

Stray dogs have become a source of trouble in the capital. In the Mishra area here, a 4-year-old child was bitten by a dog about 15 days ago. He was treated at Hamidia Hospital and then died due to sudden deterioration in his health. Earlier, a 6-month-old innocent boy was mauled by dogs near Minal Residency.

Every day, more than 50 people are coming to all the hospitals of the capital for treatment after dog bites. In the last fortnight, incidents of dog bites have increased and have even put the lives of children at risk.



It is being claimed by the Municipal Corporation that the campaign is going on from catching stray dogs to sterilizing them. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Frank Noble says that sterilization and vaccination of dogs is the only solution. Besides, the capacity in the

dog center is also being increased. Whenever a complaint is received, the dogs are sent to the centre. Even though the Municipal Corporation is claiming to stop these incidents, in reality the increasing incidents of biting by stray dogs every day raises questions.

Digvijaya continues to raise questions about EVMs, says Cong agrees with him

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Veteran Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh continued to press his demand to stop the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) to ensure transparency in elections.

During a press conference at his residence in Bhopal, the former Chief Minister on Wednesday claimed that the Election Commission of India (ECI) wasn't taking decisions independently, but on the directions of the ruling BJP. Singh alleged that the 'BJP forming governments was not because of voters' votes but because of 'machine votes'.

Singh said the Congress had sought information through RTI related to the software and hardware of EVMs, but the ECI passed the question to the companies instead of providing an answer.

A demonstration was also conducted by a technical expert, Atul Patel, who claimed that the EVMs and VVPAT can be manipulated. In the demo, 10 votes were cast for three symbols: Banana, Apple, and Watermelon.

Four votes were given to Banana, five to Apple, and one to Watermelon. However, when the VVPAT slips were counted, Apple received eight votes, Banana received three votes, and one vote went to



Watermelon. He claimed that votes can be manipulated.

"The future of 140 crore people in our country cannot be entrusted to those hands that are using power for their own benefit. I will continue to oppose the present voting system," Singh added.

Singh claimed that any machine with a chip can be hacked and said that he has been opposing voting through EVMs since 2003. He mentioned that it took a long time to convince the Congress party about the manipulation being done through the EVMs, but now the party has agreed with his point that manipulation can occur through EVMs.

After the Congress suffered a massive defeat against the BJP in the state assembly election held in November last year, Digvijaya had blamed the EVMs for the results. The BJP had won 163 of the total 230 assembly seats while the Congress was reduced to 66 against its tally of 114 in 2018.

After the assembly election result, when the Congress high command, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi reviewed the party's loss in Madhya Pradesh, Digvijaya Singh raised the issue of the EVMs. Sources aware of the matter told reporter that Singh wanted Rahul Gandhi to raise his voice against EVMs, however, the latter had then said that "it's a separate issue".

Now, with the Lok Sabha elections getting closer, the Congress has started raising its voice over the accountability of the EVMs. Digvijaya Singh held a demonstration just a day before Sam Pitroda, who was also an advisor to former PM Manmohan Singh, is set to organize a two-day conference for discussing the EVM issue and the VVPAT system.

Daughter thrown into Chambal river

Team Absolute | Mandsaur

In Mandsaur district of Madhya Pradesh, the dispute between husband and wife increased so much that the husband threw his four-year-old innocent daughter into Chambal.

The operation to search for the girl is going on. The police have taken the accused into custody.

Police said that Raghunandan Meena, living in Kotri Tank of Bhanpura police station area, had a dispute with his wife Sohan Bai on Monday. The wife threatened to leave him.

Angered by his wife's threat, Raghunandan took four-year-old daughter Chetna with him and threw her in the Chambal river.

It is reported that the police started the search operation on Tuesday evening but it was



stopped after it got dark. The search for the girl continues. The police have taken the accused into

custody. The accused has mentioned about mutual dispute during interrogation.

RAJ BHAVAN TO OPEN FOR GENERAL PUBLIC FROM JANUARY 25 TO 27

Bhopal: Following instructions of Governor Mangubhai Patel, Raj Bhavan is being opened for the general public from January 25 on the occasion of Republic Day.

Citizens can visit the Raj Bhavan from 25 January to 27 January 2024 from 2 pm to 7 pm On Republic Day, January 26, public can visit the Raj Bhavan from 11 am to 2 pm.

A photo exhibition based on Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra by Central Communication Bureau, Bhopal, Hamara Sankalp Vikasit Bharat and Madhya Pradesh Freedom Fighters is being organized at Raj Bhavan. Cultural programmes and puppet shows will also be performed and 3-D selfie booths showing country's achievements will be installed. Quiz programmes will also be organized for the visitors.

Voters will be administered oath at 64 thousand places in state

Team Absolute | Bhopal

In Madhya Pradesh, 14th National Voter's Day will be celebrated on Thursday 25th January at all 64 thousand 523 polling centers of the state. On this occasion, oath will be administered to the voters.

Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said that a state level program will be organized at Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center in Bhopal under the chief hospitality of Governor Mangubhai Patel. It will start from 11 am.

Rajan said that on the 14th National Voters' Day, programs will be held in all 55 districts of the state. Along with this, voter oath will be administered to the students studying in all the educational institutions of the state and the officers and employees working in government offices. Chief Electoral Officer Rajan said that the message of the Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of



India will be broadcast in the programme. The Chief Guest will distribute EPIC cards and release coffee table books to young voters and voter oath will be administered on National Voters' Day.

BHOPAL GAS AFFECTED CANCER PATIENTS WILL NOW GET FREE TREATMENT IN AIIMS

Bhopal: On the initiative of Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Dr. Kunwar Vijay Shah, cancer patients from families affected by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy will now get the facility of free testing and treatment at AIIMS Bhopal. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the concerned parties in this regard.

Through this MoU, free testing and appropriate treatment for possible or established cancer will be provided to gas victims and their children at AIIMS Bhopal. Director, Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation, Rakesh Kumar Srivastava said that for this, a separate 'Medical Social Welfare Officer' has been deployed in the Cancer Department by AIIMS Bhopal. To get free testing and treatment, the applicant will have to prepare a 'referral form' for cancer testing or treatment from the doctors of any hospital/clinic/dispensary under the Gas Relief Department and submit it to AIIMS Bhopal, where they will be given complete testing and appropriate treatment. Free facility will be provided. He told that such tests or treatments which are not free in AIIMS Bhopal or are not even covered under Ayushman Yojana. Their payment will be made by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation Department. For this, effective arrangements will be made at a separate registration counter in AIIMS Bhopal for registration of cancer patients and their children for treatment. It is noteworthy that Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Dr. Shah had told the departmental officials a few days ago that all the gas victims and their children will be provided free facilities for testing and treatment of possible or established cancer at AIIMS Bhopal. Let it be done. On the instructions of Minister Dr. Shah, an MOU has been signed between the Director, Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation Department and the Executive Director (ED) and CEO AIIMS Bhopal on 20 January 2024.

Will MP Govt follow NMC's recommendation to scrap 'seat-leaving bond' policy?

Praveen Dwivedi | Bhopal

The National Medical Commission's (NMC) recent recommendation to states and Union Territories to scrap the 'seat-leaving bond' policy in medical colleges is a ray of hope for medical students pursuing their MBBS or PG degrees in Madhya Pradesh.

The concept of seat leaving bond, a common practice for medical students especially PG students, was started to secure commitment, discourage abrupt resignations, and address the issue of seat blocking and wastage of medical seats.

Notably, the Madhya Pradesh Government has fixed a bond amount of Rs. 30 lakh for students who wish to leave their course midway. This policy is prevalent in both government-run and private medical colleges.

Medical students including junior doctors in Madhya Pradesh have been demanding scrapping of the decades-old 'seat-leaving bond' for several years as it has affected the lives of medical students in Madhya Pradesh.

For instance, in January last year, a 24-year-old doctor Akanksha Maheshwari, who was pursuing her PG in paediatrics, and wanted to quit mid-session committed suicide at her hostel room in Bhopal's Gandhi Medical College (GMC) as she was unable to pay the



bond amount of Rs 30 lakh.

In her suicide note on WhatsApp, Dr. Maheshwari wrote to her father, "Sorry Papa, If I had money, I could have left the seat."

Before that unfortunate incident, correspondent had learnt that one male doctor, who was also pursuing post-graduation in the paediatrics stream, left the seat after paying

the Rs 30 lakh bond to the state government. Following the death of Dr. Maheshwari, a junior doctor association of Madhya Pradesh had staged a protest to press for their demand for scrapping the bond policy.

Following the three-day-long sit-in by doctors and medical professors across the state, the then Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP Government had promised to review the policy. The NMC made this recommendation during a recent meeting to the States and UTs to do away with the bond policy considering numerous complaints relating to alarming levels of stress, anxiety and depression faced by medical students across various institutions. Dr. Akash Soni, a junior doctor, who is pursuing his PG in Gandhi Medical College (GMC), said, "It's a much-needed step by the NMC. Let's see how the state government responds to it. Health is completely a state issue and the state government is free to decide on its own. We hope the MP Government takes the right step."

The MP Government, however, is yet to make any announcement in this regard. Talking to IANS, Dr. Soni added, "In April 2023, we submitted our recommendation to the state government saying that students should be given ample time to decide after first counseling. Now, let's see what the state government decides."

Located a few kilometres from the border with Burkina Faso, Bawku has recently been enmeshed in armed unrest due to a protracted chieftaincy dispute and other criminal activities.



NCP(SP) flexes muscles as MLA Rohit R. Pawar goes for date with ED

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SP) put up a huge show of strength as its prominent MLA Rohit R. Pawar honoured the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons for a probe into an alleged money-laundering case here on Wednesday. Rohit R. Pawar touched the feet of his granduncle and NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar, Working President and MP Supriya Sule, and shook hands with other senior leaders just before stepping into the ED office in south Mumbai.

A huge number of party activists from his constituency Karjat-Jamkhed (Ahmednagar), Pune and Mumbai gathered near the ED office where tight security was deployed to prevent any untoward incidents.

Supriya Sule joined the workers in clapping, cheering and boosting Rohit R. Pawar's morale as he entered the ED office -- with no certainty of his fate -- as was experienced by many in the recent past.

"This is a struggle for 'satya' and ultimately truth will triumph," said Sule.

Senior NCP (SP) leader Anil Deshmukh flayed the ED and the government for deliberately hounding all Opposition parties and their leaders.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aditya Thackeray said that there is no rule of law in the country and those who speak against the government are trapped in false cases, typical of an authoritarian regime.



"Are we in India or some place like Pakistan... We appeal to the judicial system to uphold the rule of the law," urged Thackeray Jr.

MP Sanjay Raut slammed the central probe agency saying "ED has become a branch of the Bharatiya Janata Party" which is targeting the Opposition leaders in Maharashtra and other Opposition-ruled states in the country.

Sule referred to a report stating that around 95 per cent of all the 'I.C.E.' cases (IT-CBI-ED) are filed against the Opposition in the country and said this portends danger to democracy.

Prior to keeping his date with ED, Rohit R. Pawar appeared unruffled and calm, bid goodbyes to his family members at a five-star hotel in Nariman Point, paid respects at the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, a plaque on the Constitution and bowed before the Maharashtra Legislature.

Later he reached the NCP office, which is just across the road from the ED, advised his excited

and aggressive supporters to maintain cool, and promised to cooperate fully with the ED probe.

Supriya Sule gave him a file folder that had pictures of all great leaders and reformers of Maharashtra, and also presented him a book on the late S.B. Chavan, as he left for the ED office.

The CEO of Baramati Agro Ltd., Rohit R. Pawar faces a Mumbai Police FIR of August 2019 on purported money-laundering charges arising from the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB) scam, and the ED's allegations of illegal 'diversion of funds' to a company that bid to buy an ailing sugar cooperative factory.

However, he has consistently denied all the charges and claimed there was no wrongdoings in the matters alleged by the police and ED, which had raided the company recently.

The Opposition Maha Vikas Allies (MVA) Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders have termed the ongoing action as 'political vendetta and witch-hunt' of the rivals by the government through misuse of central investigation agencies by the BJP.

The NCP (SP) has also alleged that Rohit R. Pawar is being targeted as he did not succumb to political pressures to support his uncle, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's breakaway NCP faction after the split in July 2023.

However, the NCP (AP) state President Sunil Tatkare and others have rubbished the charges saying the agency may have found something incriminating in its probe, but he (Rohit R. Pawar) had nothing to fear if he has not committed any wrongs.

95% cases filed by central probe agencies are against opposition leaders: Supriya Sule

NCP leader Supriya Sule's reaction came after her party leader Rohit Pawar appeared before the

Team Absolute | Mumbai

NCP leader Supriya Sule on Wednesday claimed that as per the government data presented in Parliament, 95 per cent of the cases filed by the central probe agencies are against leaders of opposition parties.

She accused the government of misusing the probe agencies and asserted that truth shall ultimately prevail.

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MP was speaking to reporters outside her party office in south Mumbai after accompanying MLA Rohit Pawar till the entrance of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office located nearby.

Pawar appeared before the agency for questioning in connection with a money laundering probe



into the alleged Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank scam this morning.

"Satyamev Jayate (truth shall prevail). This is a period of struggle for us. There will be challenges in future, but we will overcome them. We will struggle, but continue to tread on the path of truth. This fight is for the pride of Maharashtra," Sule said.

"We will continue to walk on the path of truth.

As per the data presented in Parliament by the government, 95 per cent of the cases filed by the central probe agencies are against the opposition leaders," the Baramati MP said.

So it was not surprising that Rohit Pawar was summoned for questioning by the ED. He recently took out a state-wide 'Sangharsh Yatra' to highlight the plight of farmers and youth, and it was getting a huge response, she said.

"It is said that the summons to him could be political vendetta," the NCP working president added.

When asked if the party workers gathered outside the NCP office as a show of strength, she said, "It is not a show of strength, but love and affection for him (Rohit Pawar)." Sule said the prevailing situation was a struggle for them.

"Challenges will come and we will overcome them by being firm and committed to truth," she added.

Will not attend MVA seat-share talks without formal invite: VBA

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) on Wednesday led by Prakash Ambedkar has said that it will not go as an 'uninvited guest' to the seat-sharing talks of the Opposition alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) scheduled to be held here on Thursday.

VBA Spokesperson Siddharth Mokale said that his party has "not yet received a formal invite" for the discussions among the MVA allies, Congress-Shiv Sena (UBT)-Nationalist Congress Party (SP).

"We have not received any letter or invitation so far... we will not go there until we get an official invite signed by the leaders of all the three (MVA) parties," Mokale told the mediapersons.

The statement came hours after Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut told the media on Wednesday morning that the VBA has been invited to join the



MVA's seat-sharing talks for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Mumbai on Thursday.

A Congress leader said that the VBA is an ally of Shiv Sena (UBT) and the latter must have invited them for talks, to which the grand old party had no objections.

Frowning at the goings-on, Mokale said that though the VBA-Shiv Sena (UBT) are allies, "Raut

should not exploit the situation".

Mokale made it clear that the VBA is keen to be a part of the MVA as well as the national opposition INDIA bloc but so far it has been kept out of both.

Ambedkar recently wrote to the Congress on the issue which has not responded yet, prompting the VBA to warn that it would contest all the 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra.

"Raut must explain why the Congress is avoiding direct talks with the VBA. Has the Congress given its Power of Attorney to Raut to negotiate with us on behalf of MVA-INDIA groups," asked an irked Mokale.

He reiterated the VBA's stance that in order to defeat the Bharatiya Janata Party and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "it was imperative for all the Opposition parties to unite" for the 2024 Parliament polls but the Congress seems to be 'killing time with new excuses each time'.

Case against hotel chef for molesting woman colleague

Team Absolute | Thane

Police have registered a case against a 36-year-old chef working at a hotel in Maharashtra's Navi Mumbai township on charges of molesting and stalking a woman colleague, an official said.

The 26-year-old victim joined the hotel located in the Turbhe area as a pasty supervisor four months back.

The accused, who worked as a junior chef at the hotel, tried to get close to

her, claiming he was having a dispute with his wife, and allegedly touched the victim inappropriately, the official said on Tuesday quoting her complaint.

The victim approached the local unit of a political party and later filed a complaint with police.

Based on the complaint, the Turbhe police on Tuesday registered a case against the accused under Indian Penal Code sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354D (stalking) and 506 (criminal intimidation), the official said. A probe was on into the case.



6 dead in Bus-Tractor-Car collision in Ahmednagar

Team Absolute | Ahmednagar

Six people have been killed after a bus collided with a car and a tractor in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district in the early hours today, police said.

The accident took place around 2:30 am at Kalyan road of the district when a state transport bus collided with an Eco car and a tractor.

A tractor carrying sugarcane had toppled and another tractor was brought to offload the sugarcane from it.

The driver of a car also halted and was helping the people in the off-loading work, an official from Parner police station said.

"As the tractor took a turn on the road, a state transport bus approaching there collided with the tractor and the car.

Six people, including some labourers, died on the spot," the official said. After receiving information about the incident, a police team reached the spot and helped the victims reach hospital.

The identities of those who died are being ascertained, said police, adding that further probe into the incident is going on. The cause of the accident is not known yet.

6 women drown in river in Gadchiroli, 1 rescued, probe ordered



Team Absolute | Gadchiroli (Maharashtra)

In a major tragedy, six women farm labourers were missing and feared drowned and one was rescued when a boat in which they were sailing suddenly capsized in the Wainganga River in Chamorshi on the Gadchiroli-Chandrapur district border in Maharashtra on Tuesday, officials said.

The incident occurred around 11 a.m. when the seven women from Ganapur village of Gadchiroli took their routine boat ride to the chilli farms on the opposite shore falling in Chandrapur dis-

trict. According to the District Disaster Management Officer Nilesh Teltumbade, the boat suddenly overturned throwing the women and boatman into the waters, running more than 8 feet deep in some sections.

"The boatman managed to rescue one of the victims, and brought her ashore safely. After an intensive search downstream, we have recovered two bodies so far. The remaining four bodies are still untraced and we will resume the search tomorrow at dawn," Teltumbade told reporter.

Soon after the incident local village youths who could swim and dive rushed

to the rescue operations and later the Chamorshi Police's expert divers also joined the efforts till dusk, even as a pall of gloom fell over the small village. Teltumbade said that many of the Ganapur villagers take the boat both ways to go to work in the agriculture farms on the opposite bank of the river and return home in the evening as a daily routine. The identity of the women victims is awaited and a district official said that the tragedy will be probed to ascertain the causes, tentatively believed to be strong underwater currents that may have sent the boat out of control and capsized it.

Mira Bhayander Police issue order to maintain communal harmony after clashes

Team Absolute | Mumbai

After the stone-pelting incident in Mumbai's Mira Road, Mira Bhayander Vasai Virar police issued an order on Wednesday asking all group administrators to take note that no forwards, jokes or videos related to clashes should be forwarded on social media to maintain communal harmony.

The police are directed to take action against group administrators if this order is violated.

A case was registered at Naya Nagar Police Station regarding the incident that took place on January 21 in the Nayanagar Police Station area of Mira-Bhainder, Vasai-Virar Police Commissionerate area, said the police.

A day after a clash was reported from Mumbai's Mira Road, bulldozers razed illegal structures and encroachments in the Naya Nagar area of Mira Road on Tuesday.

"An investigation is going on in the matter and the accused are being arrested based on evidence. The atmosphere is calm in the area and some people are



broadcasting different videos about the incident through various media. Due to this, misunderstandings are spreading in the society. However, no offensive text, video, photo, status, etc., which may hurt the religious sentiments of people of any caste religion regarding the incident, which may create law and order problems and disturb social peace, such as offensive information, post, on WhatsApp," the police further said. "Illegal structures and encroachments were razed by bulldozers in the Naya Nagar area of Mira Road where Ram Mandir Pratishtha celebrations

were stone-pelted. After instructions from the Maharashtra government, action is being taken by the Municipal Corporation with the help of the police," the Maharashtra government said.

Meanwhile, three persons were arrested in Mumbai and an FIR was filed against unknown individuals after at least four cases of outraging religious sentiments were filed in the city.

All four incidents were reported on January 22, the same day when the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Lalla was performed in Ayodhya's Ram Temple.

Mumbai's ex-Mayor Kishori Pednekar set to appear before ED on Thursday

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A senior Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and former Mayor of Mumbai has been summoned on Thursday by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for a probe into the alleged money-laundering scam arising out of the purchase of body-bags by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the relevant time, Pednekar, 61, was the high-profile Mayor of Mumbai, a trained nurse, who led the war against Covid-19 from the front, while the Chief Minister was Uddhav Thackeray, heading the Maha Vikas Aghadi regime till it was ousted in June 2022.

Following a complaint by BJP ex-MP Kirit Somaiya, the Mumbai Police had booked Pednekar and two other BMC officials of the Central Purchase Department for their involvement into the alleged scam, and the ED later entered to probe the money laundering part of the fraud.

The ED has contended that there was massive inflation in the rates of body-bags to carry dead Covid-19 victims, while the company supplied it for around Rs 2,000 apiece to its distributors, it was giving the same bags to the BMC for around Rs 6,800 per piece.

The ED -- which launched investigation in the money-laundering case in September 2023 -- had summoned and grilled her for over six hours in November, amid contentions that the contract for purchase of the body bags was allegedly given at Pednekar's behest.



A staunch Thackeray family loyalist and a grassroots Shiv Sainik, Pednekar proved her mettle as a good administrator during the Covid-19 pandemic, with Dharavi proving to be a major success for the BMC earning global accolades.

A four-time BMC Corporator from Worli, she was visible in streets, slums, skyscrapers and bylanes of Mumbai, also boarded local trains and inspected railway stations, to reassure the people during those harrowing days.

On several occasions, Pednekar donned her nurse' uniform and went around public and private hospitals to boost the confidence and morale of health care workers as well as nursing students.



DWAYNE JOHNSON CONFIRMS RETURN TO WWE, TO TAKE 'FULL OWNERSHIP' OF 'THE ROCK' MONIKER

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star and wrestling icon Dwayne Johnson has officially joined the board of directors for TKO, which was formed by parent company Endeavor as part of the UFC and WWE merger in September, 2023. Johnson will now bring "decades of experience in live entertainment and sports to the board."

"My grandfather, High Chief Peter Maivia, and my dad, Rocky 'Soulman' Johnson, would've never thought this day would come. Which is why I'm very humbled to have a seat at the table that has decades of history and family legacy for me. A table that my family helped to build,"

he said in a statement. The deal also sees the star take "full ownership" of The Rock moniker, reports [aceshowbiz.com](#). He continued: "Being on the TKO Board of Directors, and taking full ownership of my name, 'The Rock', is not only unprecedented, but incredibly inspiring as my crazy life is coming full circle."

"At my core, I'm a builder who builds for and serves the people, and Ari is building something truly game changing."

"I'm very motivated to help continue to globally expand our TKO, WWE, and UFC businesses as the worldwide leaders in sports and entertainment - while proudly representing so many phenomenal athletes and performers who show up

every day putting in the hard work with their own two hands to make their dreams come true and deliver for our audiences. I've been there, I'm still there and this is for them."

Vince McMahon, who serves as executive chairman of the board at TKO, is "proud" to have 'The Rock' involved.

He added, "Very few people on the planet understand the convergence of sports, entertainment, media, and business like Rock. We are proud to have him join the TKO board to help take our company to new heights."

The move comes amid rumours that 'The Rock' is preparing to return to the ring in the coming months to face his cousin and current world champion, Roman Reigns, in a dream match.



Mark Ruffalo hid brain tumour diagnosis from wife until treatment

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Mark Ruffalo's wife believed he was joking when he told her he had a brain tumour. The actor told the news of his potentially fatal condition to his partner Sunrise 'Sunny' Coigney a few days after she gave birth to their first child in 2001.

"When I told Sunny about it, at first she thought I was joking, and then she just burst into tears and said, 'I always knew you were gonna die young,'" he told the 'Smartless' podcast, reports [aceshowbiz.com](#).

Ruffalo discovered he had a tumour 23 years ago when actress Sunrise, 51, was around nine-and-a-half months pregnant with her and actor's son Keen, who is now 22 and arrived in June 2001.

Ruffalo added he made the decision to wait until after the boy's birth to break the

news of his condition. He said, "I was just like, 'I can't,' she's already like, 'Oh God, him again, does everything gotta be about him?' And so I just couldn't."

Ruffalo also said a week after his baby arrived he had to meet a neurologist and figure out a plan for his treatment, so he told Sunrise the night before his appointment.

He found out he was suffering a benign vestibular schwannoma in 2001 after he had an "intense" dream that he had a brain tumour.

Ruffalo said, "I woke up probably around 3 am, and I just had this crazy dream, and it wasn't like any other dream I ever had."

"It was just like, you have a brain tumour, and it wasn't even a voice it was just pure knowledge - you have a brain tumour, and you have to deal

with it immediately."

Ruffalo had no symptoms except for an ear infection before the tumour was diagnosed when he went to the doctor for a CT scan.

He added, "The nurse calls the doctor up, I could hear them talking in the other room. She comes in, she's kinda like a zombie and she says, 'You have a mass behind your left ear the size of a golf ball, and we don't know what it is. We can't tell until it's biopsied.'"

Even though the tumour was benign, Ruffalo had a surgery to remove the mass that left him deaf in his left ear.

He said, "(I am) completely deaf in one ear, and when I woke up, the left side of my face was totally paralysed. I couldn't even close my eye. I was talking out the side of my mouth."

Chris Young falls over table as he gets shoved by TABC agent prior to arrest



Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer-songwriter Chris Young stumbled backward and fell over a table after being shoved by a Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) agent at a bar in Nashville.

A video shows the country singer, 38, at the DawgHouse Saloon shortly before his arrest, reports 'People' magazine.

He is seen reaching out to the TABC agent, who reacts by shoving the musician, causing him to lose his footing and fall backward over a table and chairs.

As per 'People', the 'Raised on Country' singer then stands, puts his hands up and backs away. Shortly after, Young was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, assaulting an officer and resisting arrest following the altercation.

An arrest affidavit, accessed by 'People' says the country star initially conversed with the TABC agents at the bar, where officers verified his ID and then worked with the bar staff to check the establishment's ABC cards, at which point Chris Young began filming the moment.

The agents then moved on to neighbouring bar DawgHouse Saloon, with the singer and multiple friends allegedly following and speaking with its staff. As the TABC agents looked to exit the location, Chris reached out and, according to the affidavit, "struck" one of them on the shoulder.

Unaware of Young's identity, the agent pushed the singer away, and another bar patron intervened, reads the affidavit. The 'Drinkin' Me Lonely' singer then allegedly "began yelling and screaming", refusing to follow the directions of an agent speaking to him. Footage of his arrest shows the singer calmly requesting clarification.

Margot Robbie collaborates on 'Barbie' fashion book

Los Angeles | Agencies



In a project with her stylist, Hollywood star Margot Robbie has collaborated on an upcoming 'Barbie' fashion book. The 33-year-old, who played the blonde doll in Greta Gerwig's smash 'Barbie' film, worked with her stylist Andrew Mukamal on the project, which has been announced on Instagram. Mukamal said he had collaborated with the star actress on a fashion book chronicling the 'Barbie' movie's press tour and its style moments, reports [femalefirst.co.uk](#).

'Barbie: The World Tour' is set to hit bookshelves on March 8. It is two days before the Oscars, which snubbed Robbie by not giving her a best actress nod in the 2024 Oscars nominees, which were announced Tuesday (January 23), for her titular role in 'Barbie'. The book's cover shows the actress dressed in a pink tweed Chanel skirt suit and a sequined top and lying flat in a doll-like pose while she's surrounded by pink Chanel bags and other accessories.

Mukamal, who was behind

John Stamos, wife Caitlin McHugh recreate 'Barbie', slams Margot Robbie, Greta Gerwig Oscar snub

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actor John Stamos has shared his support for the 'Barbie' movie following director Greta Gerwig and star Margot Robbie's Oscar snubs.

"This one goes out to Greta Gerwig and Margot Robbie who crafted a film that was both a critical success and a cultural phenomenon, delving into feminist themes through the lens of Barbie and challenging patriarchal norms," the 'Full House' actor captioned an Instagram video upload, reports 'People' magazine.

"This movie not only resonated



deeply, but also grossed OVER a billion dollars," continued Stamos. "Yet, in a twist of irony, both women were snubbed by the Academy. Everyone go re-watch 'Barbie' tonight'."

As per 'People', in the video, Stamos and his wife, Caitlin McHugh, recreated a scene from the 2023 blockbuster. Caitlin, 37, portrayed Robbie's Barbie, while Stamos took on the role of Ryan Gosling's Ken.

The video pulls dialogue from the scene when Barbie asks Ken to make himself scarce during their journey to the real world. In Stamos and McHugh's recreation, The Vampire Diaries actress tends to their garden as Stamos relaxes on the sidelines and tries to occupy himself.

all of Margot's looks as she promoted director Greta's doll blockbuster, said the book was "an idea I had in my living room when I started dreaming about Margot's wardrobe for the 'Barbie' press tour in March 2023". He added he "never could have imagined" the book would take flight "just a few months later", and hailed it as a "once in a lifetime project."

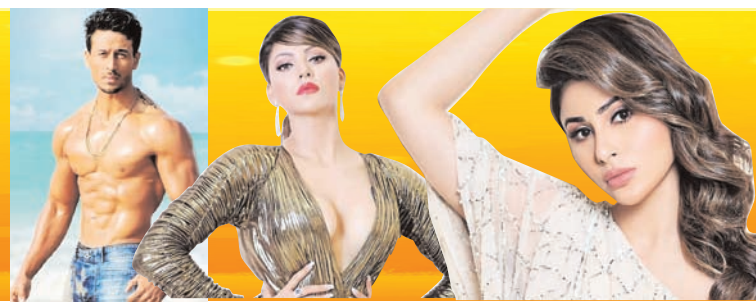
Mukamal and Robbie worked together to chronicle her living doll outfits, with the book's publisher noting that since the 'Barbie' press tour was cut short due to the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike, the duo made sure to include looks fans never got to see.

The images in 'Barbie: World Tour' were shot by legendary fashion photographer Craig McDean.

It will also feature handwritten contributions from the designers behind the looks as well as looks at



Gigi Hadid



Anil Kapoor opens up on 'big fight' in past 45 years of working in cinema

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming action film 'Fighter', is a fighter for all seasons, rather for all decades in the past 45 years of him being in the business of cinema.

The actor recently interacted with the media ahead of the release of the film, and shared what all it takes to be a successful actor despite facing stiff competition.

The actor said, "After spending more than 45 years in this business", as his director Siddharth Anand prompted, "Hindi, in Hindi".

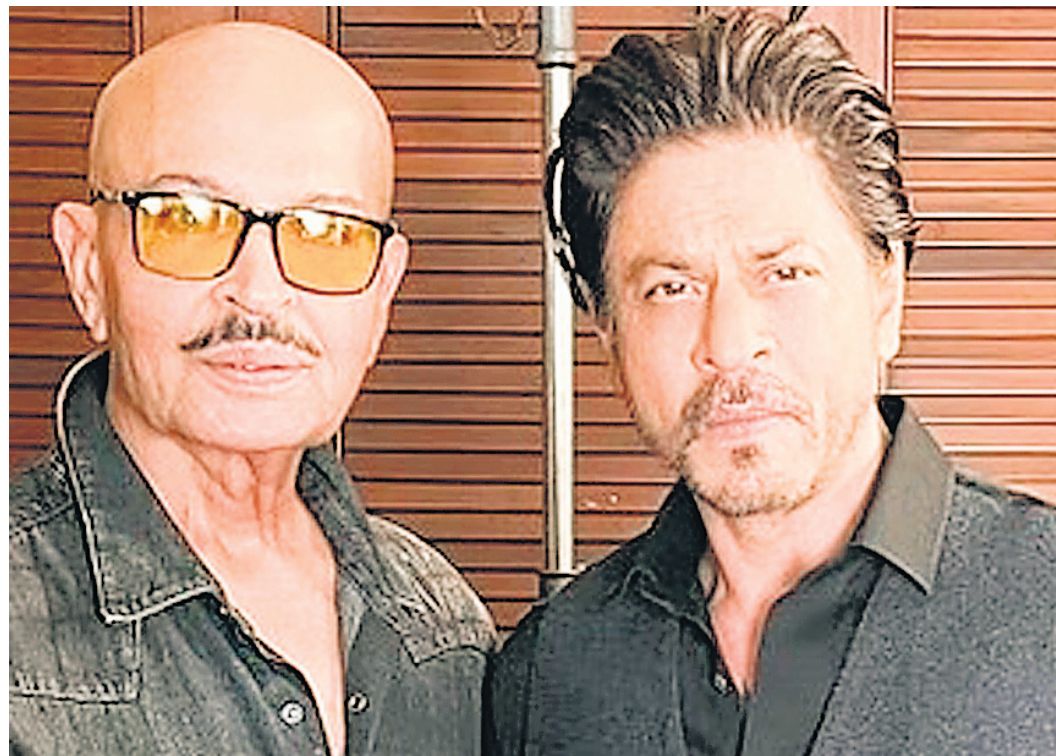
The senior actor continued, "To be relevant, to sit here with Sid, Deepika, Hrithik, and to work with them, bada mushkil hota hai. I have to work harder every year."

He further mentioned, "I have to constantly change the gears so that the youngsters in the audience, the actors, the technicians, the press (consider my

work good). I'm excited and I'm enjoying working, and they are also enjoying working with me, speaking with me, asking me questions, and the audience is excited to see me on screen. To do that again and again for more than four decades is a big fight."

Anil

made his debut in 1971 with 'Tu Payal Mein Geet' in which he played the younger version of the late actor Shashi Kapoor. The film was however unreleased. He then graced the silver screen with 'Hamare Tumhare' in which he played a supporting role.



SRK shoots for Rakesh Roshan's family docu 'The Roshans'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan, who has had a great run at the box-office with his films like 'Pathaan' and 'Jawan', has shot for the documentary 'The Roshans'. Director Rakesh Roshan took to his Instagram recently and shared pictures of him with SRK.

The director wrote in the caption, "Thank you Shahrukh for your love, warmth & contribution to 'The Roshans'."

The documentary will reportedly chronicle the journey of the Roshan family in the industry from the year 1948, when Roshan came to

SRK has done films like the iconic 'Karan Arjun' and 'Koila' with Rakesh. The two locked horns at the box-office when 'Raees' and 'Kaabil' clashed back in 2017.

Fans reacted to the pictures as they took to the comments section and wrote, "Wish Kaabil & Raees hadn't clashed".

Another user wrote, "Krish and Ra.one together?"

Rakesh Roshan comes from a family of artists. His father Roshan Lal Nagrath (fondly known as Roshan) was a music director. Since the Roshans have an impressive legacy of nearly seven decades in the industry, they decided to tell the world about it by creating a documentary on it.

Meanwhile, Hrithik Roshan, the son of Rakesh, is gearing up for his upcoming film 'Fighter' which also stars Deepika Padukone and Anil Kapoor.

The film has been directed by Siddharth Anand, who has delivered a hat-trick of blockbusters including 'Pathaan', 'War' and 'Bang Bang!'

Bombay for work and ended up being the assistant of music composer Khawaja Khurshid Anwar.



SARA ALI KHAN VISITS GRISHNESHWAR JYOTIRLINGA TEMPLE, PERFORMS RUDRABHISHEK

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Sara Ali Khan sought blessings as she visited the Grishneshwar Maha Jyotirlinga temple in Maharashtra, and performed the auspicious rudrabhishek of Lord Shiva.

Grishneshwar Jyotirlinga in Verul village of Sambhajinagar district, Maharashtra, is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva.

Sara took to Instagram and shared some divine glimpses from her recent visit to the temple. In the photos, we can see the 'Kedarnath' fame actress wearing a floral yellow coloured suit with a matching shawl.

She can be seen performing the rudrabhishek, and attended the shringar and aarti.

The photos were captioned as: "Jai Bholenath".

Fans took to the comment section and wrote: "Sara earned our respect". One user said: "pure".

On the professional front, Sara was last seen in romantic comedy film 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', alongside Vicky Kaushal.

She also had a special appearance in the song "Heart Throb" from the movie 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani', starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt in the lead.



'Bigg Boss 17': Ankita, Munawar, Mannara, Abhishek & Arun are the finalists

Team Absolute | New Delhi

With Vicky Jain's elimination, the 17th season of 'Bigg Boss' has finally got its top five contestants Ankita Lokhande, Munawar Faruqui, Mannara Chopra, Abhishek Kumar and Arun Mahshetty.

The season's final eviction took place on Tuesday night with Vicky Jain being shown the exit door. The housemates were asked to come to the activity area, where the fate of each housemate was kept.

The contestants were called one by one to a tree, where bird houses were kept hanging within which the names of the fate were kept in a piece of paper which had "finalist" written.

When Vicky opened his scroll, it read: "Evicted".

The grand finale of the show hosted by Salman Khan is all set to take place on January 28.



Mehak Ghai

Deepika shares her experience of shooting the film at Tezpur airbase: Lived in quarters, played badminton

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who is awaiting the release of her upcoming film 'Fighter', shared her experience of shooting the film at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam.

"I remember we shot our first schedule in Assam for 15-20 days. That was a live active airbase. It was a great decision on Sid's (Siddharth Anand) part to start the film on that note. It gave us the tone and the pitch to carry the story forward. The real aircrafts, fighters and their families were there. We were eating in the same place as the officers and we were living in their quarters," she said.

She further mentioned, "We played badminton with them. It was all so surreal, we could literally hear a sukhoi aircraft taking off every five minutes. There's not much information beyond this that we can share given the protocols of the forces. Some fighters were also assigned to work with us. They gave us extremely valuable inputs in terms of the costumes, flying the aircraft, the body language, how to salute and flying a chopper. Not just as actors but also as human beings we all learned so much."

