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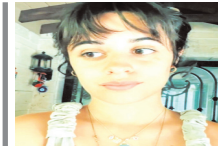
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EDGE IS GETTING SHARPER

Chandigarh | Agencies

After discussing the situation at the interstate borders between Punjab and Haryana where thousands of farmers have been camping for over a week, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella organisation of the farmers' organisations, on Thursday announced a series of protests, including a 'mahapanchayat' in Delhi on March 14. It demanded registration of a murder case against Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Home Minister Anil Vij over the death of a man during the farmers' agitation a day earlier and a compensation of Rs 1 crore for the deceased. Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait told the media after the coordination committee meeting of the SKM said on Friday a 'black day' for non-implementation of

their demands, comprising the law guaranteeing the minimum support price (MSP) of crops, would be observed across the country.

"We demand registration of a murder case under Section 320 (of the IPC) against the Haryana CM and the Home Minister and the death of a protestor would be judicially probed," he said. Accompanying farmer leaders from across the country, Tikait said on February 26 a tractor march would be carried out across the country on one side of national highways.



"One side of all the highways will be allowed for the commuters to use. We will ply tractors only on the one side."

On March 14, a 'mahapanchayat' would be held in Delhi for the next course of action.

Farmers leaders on Wednesday put the 'Delhi Chalo' march on hold for two days after a protest was killed and about 12 police personnel injured in clashes at Khanauri border, one of the two protest sites on the Punjab-Haryana border.

CBI SEARCHES PREMISES OF EX-J&K GOV SATYA PAL MALIK

Srinagar: The CBI on Thursday carried out searches at 30 locations, including that of former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik, in connection with the alleged corruption in allotment Kiru hydroelectric power project. Sources said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) started searches in the morning when 100 sleuths of the agency swooped down on 30 locations at different places, including the premises of the former J&K governor in New Delhi.

The case relates to alleged corruption in awarding civil works of the Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) worth Rs 2,200 crore. Malik is furiously vocal against Modi govt on farmer's issues.

Manipur HC cancels order for examining inclusion of Meitei community in Scheduled Tribes list

Imphal | Agencies

The Manipur High Court has modified its March 2023 order in part, whereby a contentious direction was issued to the state government for considering the inclusion of Meiteis in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) list, observing that a paragraph of that order was in conflict with the Supreme Court's constitution bench observation, court sources said on Thursday.

The single judge bench of Justice Golmei Gaiphulshillu was hearing a review petition filed against para 17 (iii) of the decision dated March 27, 2023 rendered by the then acting Chief Justice M.V. Muralidharan in a petition by a Meitei organisation. "...the direction given at Para No. 17 (iii) needs to be deleted and is ordered accordingly for deletion of the Para No. 17 (iii) of the judgment and order dated 27.03.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No. 229 of 2023," the order of Wednesday said.

The contentious paragraph no 17 (iii) of last year's High Court verdict instructed the state to expedite consideration of Meitei community inclusion in the ST list. Then acting Chief Justice M.V. Muralidharan, who was subsequently transferred to the Calcutta High Court, in his March 27, 2023 order



directed the state government to send a recommendation to the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry to consider the ST status for the Meitei community. The directive is believed to be a catalyst for ethnic conflict between the non-tribal Meitei community and tribal Kuki-Zo community claiming over 200 lives and injuring 1,500 and displacing over 70,000 people of both communities.

Erstwhile princely state Manipur merged with the Indian Union in 1949. Justice Gaiphulshillu's order said: "The Meitei (Meitei) of Manipur has lost the identity of the tribe while merging with the Union of India on September 21, 1949 and earlier Manipur was a simple classless tribal society. However, at the time of merging, 29 communities of Manipur have been included in the Scheduled Tribe list of Indian Union and thereafter, as per the order of May 26, 2003 of the Gauhati High Court's Imphal bench, Chongthu, Khoibu, and Mate have been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes. Accordingly, now there are 34 numbers of tribal communities of Manipur included in the list of Scheduled Tribes of the Indian Constitution, but the Meitei (Meitei) tribe was left out."

After the outbreak of ethnic violence on May 3 last year (post the March 27 High Court order), several petitions, including challenges to the high court directive, were filed to the Supreme Court.

X CLAIMS CENTRE ORDERS TO WITHHOLD ACCOUNTS

New Delhi: The Centre has issued orders requiring microblogging site X to act against some accounts and posts, the Elon Musk-led organisation has said, stressing that it disagrees with these actions and that the posts should not be withheld on grounds of freedom of expression. Allegedly, these accounts are related to current farmers protest. The global government affairs team of X, formerly Twitter, said they are unable to publish the Centre's executive orders due to legal restrictions, but "believe that making them public is

essential for transparency". The Centre is yet to respond to the allegations that were made in a post on X past midnight. "The Indian government has issued executive orders requiring X to act on specific accounts and posts, subject to potential penalties including significant fines and imprisonment," the post read. "In compliance with the orders, we will withhold these accounts and posts in India alone; however, we disagree with these actions and maintain that freedom of expression should extend to these posts," it added.

"Consistent with our position, a writ appeal challenging the Indian government's blocking orders remains pending.

We have also provided the impacted users with notice of these actions in accordance with our policies. Due to legal restrictions, we are unable to publish the executive orders, but we believe that making them public is essential for transparency. This lack of disclosure can lead to a lack of accountability and arbitrary decision-making," the post stated.

Russian skier killed, 4 others rescued in Gulmarg avalanche accident

Srinagar | Agencies

A Russian skier was killed while 4 others, including a local guide, were rescued after an avalanche hit a group of skiers in Jammu and Kashmir's Gulmarg ski resort on Thursday, officials said.

Officials said that a group, comprising 4 Russians and a local guide, had gone for skiing to Afarwat heights in Gulmarg ski resort when an avalanche hit them.

"One male Russian skier was killed while 4 others including 3 Russians, including a woman, and a local ski guide were rescued," an official said. Gulmarg and other higher reaches of Kashmir



have received bountiful snowfall during the last 4 days. This has brightened up the prospect of skiing and other winter sports at Gulmarg ski

resort. The 4th Khelo India national snow sports event was inaugurated at Gulmarg by J&K Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday.

PM MODI IS MOST POPULAR LEADER IN THE WORLD: SURVEY

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again emerged as the most popular leader in the world, leaving behind many of his contemporaries in the Western countries. State heads of world's most powerful economies like United States, United Kingdom, Germany and others are ranked much below in the charts, in terms of domestic and global appeal.

PM Modi's approval ratings, as per Morning Consult survey, stands at a whopping 78%, which roughly means that he commands approval and support of the same percentage of population. Notably, PM Modi has consistently topped the Morning Consult charts in both NDA 1.0 and NDA 2.0. As per survey findings, PM



Modi is the only leader to have approval ratings above 70% mark while all others, barring four leaders, have got the approval of below 50%.

Mexico President Andres Obrador is the closest second leader in the charts with 65% approval ratings while Argentina President Javier Milei has got 63% ratings.

Poland's Donald Tusk is ranked fourth in the charts with rating of 50% while Switzerland President Viola Amherd bagged a rating of 51%. US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, seen as the most powerful leaders are placed either in mid or bottom of table. While Biden has managed to command 37% ratings, Sunak and Olaf have got barely little above 20% approval ratings.

FRESH TENSION IN SANDESHKHALI: PROPERTY OF SHAHJAHAN'S BROTHER BURNT BY MOB

Kolkata | Agencies

Fresh tension erupted in Sandeshkhali in West Bengal on Thursday afternoon as angry villagers burnt down a property owned by Sheikh Sirajuddin, the younger brother of the absconding Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan.

The angry villagers also reportedly recaptured a local playground at Sandeshkhali which was allegedly occupied forcefully by the absconding leader and his associates.

The property of Sheikh Sirajuddin that was reportedly set ablaze by the agitated villagers was a warehouse in the midst of a pisciculture farm owned by him. The villagers alleged that the farm where the warehouse was situated was set up on land belonging to them and that it had been illegally occupied by the Trinamool leader and his kin. They alleged that



Sirajuddin occupied the farmland after ruining its fertility by flooding it with saline water. Sandeshkhali is known for an abundance of pisciculture farms, mostly owned by Shahjahan and his associates and the local people alleged that majority of such farms were set up illegally.

Some of the villagers even alleged that close associates of Sirajuddin before leaving the place had threatened the local people with dire consequences. The fresh tension at Sandeshkhali erupted just hours after the Acting Director General of Police, Rajeev Kumar, returned to Kolkata after reviewing the security arrangements in the district.

Before leaving for Kolkata on Thursday morning he said that he has issued an appeal to the people not to take the law into their own hands. However, he remained noncommittal about ensuring Shahjahan's arrest.

Centre issues stern warning against surrogate ads seen as harming consumers

Mumbai | Agencies

The Department of Consumer Affairs in collaboration with the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) conducted a stakeholder consultation to collectively address the malaise of surrogate advertisements that promote products in restricted categories, such as alcohol.

Such ads undermine consumer rights and pose a potential danger to public



health. Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs, Rohit Kumar Singh, said that surrogate advertisements that promote products in restricted categories undermine consumer rights and can have serious implications. There is a pressing need to restrict the proliferation of

surrogate ads across industries. If respective prohibited industries fail to adhere to this guideline and comply with existing laws, more stringent actions will be implemented. "We are committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders as we navigate through this evolving issue. The Department of Consumer Affairs reaffirmed its stance with utmost clarity that any continued involvement in surrogate advertising will not be condoned."

Nifty touches fresh record high on strong global cues

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a volatile session, Nifty ended in the green on Thursday, touching a fresh record high helped by positive global cues, said Deepak Jasani, Head Retail Research at HDFC Securities.

At close on Thursday, Nifty was up 162.40 points, or 0.74 per cent, at 22,217.45, while Sensex climbed 535.15 points or 0.74 per cent to reach 73,158.24. Cash market volumes on the NSE were a bit lower than the previous session, but still closed at Rs 1.02 lakh crore. The Midcap index rose more than

the Nifty even as advance decline ratio improved to 1.22:1. Banks, Reliance, ABB, and new age stocks were part of the active stocks traded, Jasani said.

The global stocks rallied on Thursday, with Japan's benchmark hitting a record high while Europe's on track to do the same, after Nvidia's blowout sales forecast reinforced investor conviction in the boom in generative AI use.

India's imports of crude and petroleum products rose 5.6 per cent year-on-year to 25.4 million tonnes in January, compared to 24 MT in the year-ago period.

IIT JODHPUR'S 1ST 'MAKE IN INDIA' BREATH SENSOR TO DETECT ALCOHOL, ASTHMA

The device, based on metal oxides and nano silicon operating at room temperature, is primarily aimed to detect alcohol content in the breath in drunk and driving cases.

However, with some changes in sensing layers and the use of an array of sensors (for Electronic Nose or Artificial Nose), and data analytics, it can also be very useful for characterisation of diseases, such as asthma, COPD, diabetic ketoacidosis, sleep apnoea, and cardiac arrest, where the person's breath volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are monitored.

Jodhpur | Agencies

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur on Thursday announced the development of the first 'Make in India' human breath sensor to measure alcohol and other respiratory diseases like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

VOCs are a diverse group of organic chemicals that can evaporate into the air and are commonly found in various products and environments. The current breath analysers



are either bulky or require a long preparation time and a heater. This adds up to the power consumption of the device and a long waiting time. The new sensor operates at room temperature and is like a plug-and-play.

"Continued research and development in these directions could lead to the practical implementation of the breath diagnostics in various fields, ranging from healthcare and wellness to wearable technology and IoT applications," said

Dr Saakshi Dhanekar, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Jodhpur, in a statement. "The output of the sensors can be connected to Raspberry Pi and the data can be sent to a doctor or phone," she added. The technology behind this device is an electronic nose with room-temperature operable heterostructure (metal oxide with nano silicon). The sensors react with the alcohol in the sample and depict a change in resistance. This change is proportional to the concentration of alcohol in the sample.



CONTINUE DEFECTION IN MADHYA PRADESH CONGRESS INCREASES PARTY'S WORRIES

Team Absolute | Bhopal

In Madhya Pradesh, the ongoing discussions regarding the joining of former Chief Minister Kamal Nath and his son Nakul Nath in BJP may have come to an end, but even then the continuing party changes have increased the worries of the Congress.

Talks of a major party change on 25th February are again in full swing.

In fact, before the Lok Sabha elections in the state, many Congress leaders are joining BJP. Apart from Jabalpur Mayor Jagat Singh Annu and former Advocate General Shashank Shekhar, a large number of Congress leaders and workers, including former Media Department Chairman Ajay Singh Yadav, have joined the BJP. Almost every day there are reports of



some Congress officials and workers joining BJP. Discussions about former Chief Minister Kamal Nath and his son Chhindwara MP Nakul Nath join-

ing BJP were also in full swing, but that has come to an end. Senior BJP leaders are likely to visit the state in the coming days. Union Home

Minister Amit Shah is coming on 25 February. It is being said that during this time, big leaders of Congress may join BJP.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is even saying that some people want to join the BJP family, but have not joined yet. We believe that in the course of time they will join our family. It is a different matter that the state unit of Congress is trying to portray itself as unconcerned with this defection and state in-charge Bhanwar Jitendra Singh has even said that those who want to go, should go.

Political analysts say that many leaders in the Congress are feeling neglected and there is a lack of mutual coordination, along with this, those leaders do not see much possibility for the Congress in the upcoming elections, hence, He is moving towards BJP.

Doors shut for Kamal Nath, BJP doesn't need him: Vijayvargiya

Team Absolute | Jabalpur

Madhya Pradesh minister Kailash Vijayvargiya has asserted that BJP does not need Kamal Nath and its doors are closed for him, amid suspense over the next political move of the senior Congress leader.

The former BJP general secretary was reacting to queries over speculation that Kamal Nath might join his party. "I had said there is no need of Kamal Nath in our party and that's why its doors were closed for him," he told reporters on Wednesday.

Speculations are rife ever since former MP chief minister Nath and his MP son Nakul Nath reached New Delhi last week. However,



Nath confidant Sajjan Singh Verma had denied reports that the 77-year-old veteran Congress leader would join BJP. Amid the suspense over Kamal Nath's next political move, several local leaders of the party from his stronghold of MP's Chhindwara district

joined the BJP on Wednesday. To a question about Digvijaya Singh's comments concerning extradition of fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi, Vijayvargiya said the senior Congress leader and others like him were frustrated.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav presented with special tricolour made in Assam

Wives of deceased soldiers prepare tricolour flags in 'Sadbhavna Programme'

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav was presented a special handmade tricolour made in Tinsukia, Assam today at Samatva Bhawan in the Chief Minister's residence. Brave women of military families prepare this tricolour at the Laipuli Stitching Center operated under the Goodwill Programme of the Indian Army in Assam. In this, machines are not used and the tricolour is completely handcrafted. Nikhil Dave and Prakar Dave of Lit Chowk Foundation, Indore met Chief Minister Dr. Yadav and presented this special tricolour. The tricolour flags manufactured at the Center are presented to distinguished persons by the Lit Chowk



Foundation with the aim of inculcating among the citizens a sense of respect for the brave soldiers and military officers who sacrificed their lives for the nation, who sacrificed their lives for the nation. The income earned from making tricolour flags is also

spent for the welfare of military families. Programmes are organized by Lit Chowk Foundation of Indore to commemorate the contribution of soldiers to the nation and to make the young generation aware of the bravery of the martyrs.

Digvijay Singh detained by police in Delhi for protesting against EVM

Team Absolute | Delhi/Bhopal

Digvijay Singh reached Delhi on Thursday to protest against EVM. The police took him into custody because he did not have permission. The protest was scheduled at Jantar Mantar, but the police did not give permission.

Digvijay Singh wrote on his X, "Two weeks ago, I had received an invitation from EVM Hatao Morcha to hold a peaceful protest on 22nd February on the issue of not holding Lok Sabha elections in the country using EVMs, which I accepted."

He further wrote, "2 days ago, the approval for a peaceful protest was also cancelled. What is the reason why the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi is so nervous? Since this time thousands of people from all over the country were coming to join the



protest, they got scared and canceled the approval. Now the 'Remove EVM, Save Democracy' movement is reaching every village of the country. The Supreme Court should take cognizance of this.

Digvijay Singh said, "The issue of EVM has been going on since 2018. In the political resolution passed unanimously by AICC, it was mentioned that people have doubts about EVM, hence the elections should be conducted through ballot paper. The Election Commission does not give any answer when asked any question regarding this. We do not trust the Election Commission.

He said, "In democracy no one is greater than the public. We will fight together with the people. BEL, which makes EVMs, has four directors who are BJP leaders. We are not shown the report of the technical committee member when asked for.

Patwari's pain spilled over - Those who want to do illegal business are joining BJP...

Team Absolute | Bhopal

State Congress President Jitu Patwari said in Ratlam on Thursday that during the struggle, people who got position, prestige and respect in the party are retreating, but for us, the respected people are those who, along with small business, fearlessly standing for the ideology of Congress.

The PCC Chief had come to Ratlam on March 6 to see the preparations, route and other arrangements for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. He held a meeting of officials and workers regarding the yatra and discussed with the media after the meeting.

On the question of Congressmen joining BJP, Patwari said that those who want to do illegal business are joining BJP. Those who do not have to pay royalty and run buses without permits are defecting.

Patwari said - Bharatiya Janata Party has started a new tradition. Talk



to the one who runs a crusher, doesn't want to pay royalty, wants to do corruption. Bring him to the party. The bus accident that took place in Guna was also caused by a BJP leader

and was without a permit. Patwari said that BJP had given five guarantees. Income of farmers, price of wheat Rs 2700 and paddy Rs 3100. Uncle Shivraj had promised to give

gas cylinder for Rs 450, 2 lakh jobs and Rs 3 thousand to women. I have been saying that Shivraj uncle was the uncle of unemployment and lies.

Team Absolute | Bhopal

To promote Digital India in urban areas in the state, e-Municipality Scheme is being run by the Urban Development Department in the local bodies of urban areas. Its objective is to provide services to the citizens of urban areas in a transparent and prompt manner. In the project, online facilities are being provided by integrating all citizen services, public complaint facility, internal functioning of bodies, all payment and budget processes. Madhya Pradesh is the first state where the facilities of all the urban bodies of the state have been brought on a single portal.

An integrated single SAP

ERP platform based project has been started to provide citizen services in all the urban bodies of the state. www.mpenagarpalika.gov.in and MP e-Nagarpalika Citizen App mobileapp are being used to provide the benefits of online citizen services by e-Municipality.

Bharat Bill Payment System service has been started to promote digital payments in e-Municipality. Now citizens can pay their property tax and water consumer charges through UPI applications (PhonePay, Google Pay, Paytm). The Urban Development Department has also started the service of Whatsapp ChatBot in e-Municipality to provide better citizen service. The internal system of urban bodies has also been

completely computerized under e-Municipality. The provision for all types of payments to be approved by digital signature has been made mandatory.

To promote transparency in the urban bodies of the state, all the budget and financial management functions have been integrated into e-Municipality and now the grants given to the bodies from the directorate level are being paid through e-Municipality. E-Municipality in Madhya Pradesh is a great example of better budgeting and e-governance. The data of all officers and employees of local bodies of urban areas has also been computerized. The honorarium of the working staff is also being paid by the e-Municipality.

Satna's prosperity will increase with the water of Bargi Canal : Dy CM Shukla



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla said that by the month of August, Narmada water is going to reach the fields of Satna district through Bargi Canal. Irrigation facilities in the fields will increase agricultural production and increase the prosperity of the area. Deputy Chief Minister Shukla addressed the closing program of the state level third agricultural science fair at AKS University campus in Satna.

Shukla said that agriculture is the backbone of the country's development. The country will become prosperous only when the farmer becomes prosperous. The central and state governments are continuously implementing schemes for the welfare and development of farmers. The prosperity of farmers strengthens business. Employment opportunities increase. Deputy Chief Minister Shukla distributed awards to the excellent farmers selected under the Atma Project.

AIIMS Bhopal Receives Glowing Praise for Exceptional Orthodontic Treatment

Team Absolute | Bhopal

AIIMS Bhopal, under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr) Ajai Singh, has earned high acclaim for delivering outstanding orthodontic treatment, as highlighted in a recent testimonial. In a heartfelt letter addressed to the Director, a parent expressed their deep appreciation for the exemplary care provided to their son, Krishna (changed name), at the Dental Department of AIIMS Bhopal. Dr. Pankaj, Head of the Dental Department, and Dr. Niraj, the recently recruited orthodontist, were lauded for their remarkable skill and dedication in ensuring the highest standards of care.

The letter specifically praised the expertise displayed during the thorough examination, emphasizing



the detailed developments of the OPG cephalogram and the advanced utilization of 3D CBCT technology. These cutting-edge approaches contributed significantly to a comprehensive understanding of orthodontic treatment. Additionally, the testimonial highlighted the aesthetically pleasing enhancements in

the medical foyer, noting the inclusion of beautiful and soothing flower pots. This thoughtful touch not only contributed to the perception of a medically advanced facility but also created a warm and welcoming environment for patients. The overall experience was described as comparable to that of a private

hospital, underscoring the significant development and progress achieved under the esteemed leadership of Prof. (Dr) Ajai Singh. The letter concluded with a heartfelt thank you to the AIIMS Bhopal team for fostering an environment of excellence, expressing deep gratitude for the exceptional care provided.

Now Mohan Yadav challenges Scindia's Gwalior fair through Ujjain fair!



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has challenged Jyotiraditya Scindia in another matter. First he challenged the king's night stay in Ujjain and even called it a conspiracy by the Scindia family. Now Mohan Yadav has challenged Scindia's Gwalior fair with Vikramotsav. Vikramotsav includes all the programs that take place in the Gwalior Fair, especially the discounts

given to the auto sector which is the biggest identity of the Gwalior Fair. Not only will this discount be available in Vikramotsav, along with this, the first Regional Industrial Conclave is also being held on March 1 and 2, which is being said to be an important initiative to make Ujjain a hub of investment and employment.

Gwalior Fair takes place from 25th December to 25th February and Vikramotsav will be held in less than a

Dwayne Johnson is producing film based on wrestler Ric Flair's flamboyant life

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Dwayne Johnson is producing a film based on the life of his wrestling hero Ric Flair, and considers it a "personal" project. Johnson said on X on: "WOO! As a wild kid, who grew up in the wild world of professional wrestling, I idolised, 'The Nature Boy' Ric Flair. He was one of my heroes. And once I broke into the wrestling business and began to spill my own sweat and blood in arenas across America - my reverence for Ric turned to great respect.

"Because I realised just how rare and almost impossible it is to truly disrupt the wrestling business, and truly change the game - and that's exactly what Ric Flair did." He added that Ric Flair had a relentless passion to be the greatest of all time.

"But with achieving that GOAT status - he also sacrificed it all and paid a heavy price. "And lived to tell the story. I've known Ric since I was 8 years old when he and my dad, Rocky 'Soulman' Johnson were wrestling together in the NWA (National Wrestling Alliance) This project is personal for me and we at @sevenbucksprod and #KevinMischer films can't wait to tell his unbelievable story."

Johnson, who used the moniker 'The Rock' for wrestling, signed off saying: "As always, 'Thank you for the house, Ric' - people's champ #TheRicFlairStory #SevenBucksProds #MischerFilms #Woo."

TheWrap revealed Dwayne had joined the production as producer, reports femalefirst.co.uk. One of the most celebrated professional wrestlers of all time, with a career spanning more than 50 years and virtually every major wrestling federation around the world, Flair is famed as a 16-time world champion and the first wrestler to be inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame twice.



Florence Pugh: Got to hang out with Christopher Walken for two weeks on 'Dune 2' set

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Florence Pugh, who will be seen in award-winning filmmaker Denis Villeneuve's 'Dune: Part Two', is over the moon spending time with Academy Award-winner Christopher Walken on set. Sharing her excitement about joining the 'Dune' world, Pugh said: "It was quite possibly the most thrilling welcome to a world I think I have ever experienced, and probably ever will experience. I'd always wondered if they'd ever make those huge epics again, and then 'Dune' came out and it truly was an epic. Joining it has been huge, and being able to walk onto the sets and being able to be a part of Denis Villeneuve's imagination is quite an experience."

"If Denis told me I could be Spear Carrier #3, I'd have said yes, just to experience the entire beast of this movie. Joining the cast as epic as this is always something that you want to get involved with."

Pugh had the best first day of filming for this. She said: "My first three days of shooting were in June in Italy. I had three days with Léa Seydoux and Charlotte Rampling, and it was just the most unbelievable three days ever. It was a completely stress-free set, just acting, all day, all night, for three days with these two mega-women that I have looked up to for such a long time, and they truly are, like, crème de la crème of the women actors."

"One of the peaks of my career is being with them for those three days. And then I got to hang out with Christopher Walken for two weeks! I had to keep on reminding myself that this is not normal, and I shouldn't get used to it!"

"Dune: Part Two" will explore the mythic journey of Paul Atrides as he unites with Chani and the Fremen while on a path of revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family.

Camila Cabello felt 'kind of lonely' adjusting to life after breakup

Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer-songwriter Camila Cabello, experienced the break-up blues. She confessed that has felt "kind of lonely" as she gets used to life after her break-up. The 'Havana' hitmaker split from her ex Shawn Mendes in 2021. However, they patched up as they briefly rekindled their romance last spring, reports Female First UK.

Camila has now poured her emotions into her new music as she finds herself "wrestling" with her feelings. While stopping short of confirming whether or not the new songs are about her relationship with Shawn, she told Puss magazine: "It's me sitting with this feeling of understanding that I feel really confused as a 26-year-old who I really felt I was in love with this person."

She further mentioned, quoted by Female First UK: "Now I feel kind of lonely and small and weird, but at the same time, I'm an adult and I feel so strong in other areas of my life, but not this one. There's just the wrestling of those feelings without it being kind of neat or in a box. You can't really say that it's a sad song, you can't really pin it down."

"It's just kind of me wrestling with these feelings and me kind of being really present on a particular feeling and exploring it. I feel like a lot of songs on the album are that, she added.

Camila and Shawn got into a relationship in 2019 but parted ways in 2021 and even though they were thought to have got back together after being spotted at Coachella in April and at Taylor Swift's 'Eras' concert towards the end of May 2023, an insider claimed even though they "gave things a try", they are just busy doing their own things for now.

The source told Entertainment Tonight: "Shawn and Camila broke up and are no longer seeing each other." The source added: "They gave things a try, but ultimately the timing isn't right for either of them. They're both staying busy and doing their own things."



Tiffany Haddish defends trip to Israel after backlash, says she 'cares about both sides'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress-comedian Tiffany Haddish has defended her travel to Israel amid ongoing conflict in Gaza after landing in hot water. She called going to the Middle East country an "educational trip" amid the war. Haddish joined "TMZ Live" after she arrived in Israel. "I can't believe everything that I read," she said. "I need to go see for myself. I want to talk to the actual people here, the people that actually experienced the situation that happened on the 7th," she said, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The actress-comedian added: "The people that actually have family members that are hostages that were taken out of their own homes, that were on their way to work driving from Palestine to Israel, working here on a daily basis, and how they were taken as well."

"I wanted to talk to the people. I wanted to be with the people. I wanted to see with my own eyes, hear with my own ears."

Haddish said that she "learned a lot" from the region.

"I learned that people were taken out of their homes. I learned that people were taken away from the actual event that was happening. All those people that were killed, there was a lot of people killed, but a lot of people were kidnapped from that event. I didn't know that before. I learned that there were 100 people that have been freed from being hostages in Gaza, but there are still 100 plus people that are over there."

Talking about Israel's counter attack in Gaza, the actress said: "Yes, I'm going over there too. I'm a firm believer in: 'Go see with your own eyes before you pass judgment.' Go over there cautiously, be cautious, but go see for yourself." She insisted: "I care about both sides. I care about humanity. Human beings."

"I know there's a lot of religious stuff going on, a lot of control of the land. 'No Jews here, no this there' whatever... that's neither here nor there with me. It's about human life, human beings. Human beings, man! That's what I care about. That's why I'm here."

She also replied to criticism that she shouldn't have joked about finding a man in Israel given the seriousness of the situation.

"I'm here all by myself. Just like I was saying in 2018 when they were asking me about Mo'Nique and her husband, I said I don't do my business like she does her business. Because I don't have a husband. I don't have what she has. I'm all alone! That's what I'm trying to tell you guys. I'm doing this all by myself."

She added: "I don't have a whole family full of men, or a man supporting me. I'm doing it on my own. I'm learning on my own. For people to say... I have to make light of something that the average female wouldn't do."

"The average female wouldn't have the courage to go see for themselves. There's a lot of scary... out here, and y'all can be scared, but I'm going to go ahead and follow my instincts, and learn as much as I can learn. Educate myself before I go speaking on subject matters."



Zendaya talks about Tom Holland's 'rizz', his 'natural gift'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Zendaya has praised her boyfriend and Hollywood star Tom Holland for his "natural gift", adding that she thinks he's got "beautiful charisma".

The 27-year-old actress, who will be seen in 'Dune: Part Two', was asked who in the cast had the most 'rizz', which is a Gen-Z slang for charm or attractiveness.

Zendaya told Buzzfeed: "Rizz is short for charisma, right? Everybody's kind of got their own. I think someone who has beautiful charisma, not on the Dune cast, but I know personally, works for me, is Mr. Tom Holland."

"I'm more shy and kind of quiet, so it takes a little bit more to pull me out of my shell. But he's great at just talking to people and getting



to know people."

"You see him and talk shows and stuff like that. He's just naturally very good at that. Whereas for me, I've definitely had to pull it out of me a little bit. He's got that

natural gift," she said, femalefirst.co.uk reported.

Though they went public with their relationship in 2021, Zendaya and Holland have mostly kept their romance private.

Actress Hwang Jung Eum hints at husband's infidelity, divorce

Seoul | Agencies

South Korean actress and singer Hwang Jung Eum, who rose to stardom with the sitcom 'High Kick Through the Roof', is believed to have hinted at her divorce.

The news comes a day after Hwang Jung Eum shared a motley Instagram posts about her husband. In each post, Jung Eum wrote a caption about her husband, reports kore-aboo.com

In one post she wrote: "My loving husband is so beautiful. This is my husband, Lee Young Don, who has been so busy enjoying himself since getting married to me. You've been so busy until now, now just enjoy yourself comfortably."

Another read: "My oppa is so cute. Going through our memories."

"My husband, Lee Young Don, born in 1982, seen here really happy about receiving chocolates," read another.

Though the posts seemed harmless, she hinted that her husband was involved in extramarital affairs.

Jung-eum made her foray into showbiz with K-pop girl group Sugar in 2002, but left



the group in 2004 to pursue a solo career. She then came on shows such as Love Letter. She officially made her acting debut with the TV show 'The Person I Love' in 2007.

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Addison Rae



IPL 2024: CSK to host RCB in season opener on March 22 as schedule for two weeks announced

Team Absolute | Mumbai
Defending champion Chennai Super Kings (CSK) will host Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the opening match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 at the M.A Chidambaram Stadium. With the General Elections up ahead, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the schedule for the first two weeks of the IPL 2024, commencing from March 22 to April 7.

The partial schedule released on Thursday by IPL comprises 21 matches, to be played across 10 cities, with each team playing a minimum of three matches and a maximum of five. However, as per this schedule, there will only be five days between the anticipated May 26 IPL final and June 1, when the men's T20 World Cup will begin in the USA and the Caribbean.

Once the Election Commission of India releases the dates of the General Elections, which are anticipated to take place in April and May, the second half of the tournament schedule will be released.

Over these 17 days, the 14 games are scheduled for the Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Titans, and RCB. While all other teams are scheduled to play four games each, KKR will play only three. Punjab Kings' home games will probably no longer be



held at their customary location in Mohali, but rather at a brand-new location in Mullanpur, on the outskirts of Chandigarh.

The partial schedule includes four double-headers including two on opening weekend -- on March 23 Punjab Kings will play the day match against Delhi Capitals at home followed by Kolkata Knight Riders hosting Sunrisers Hyderabad at Eden Gardens.

On March 24, Rajasthan Royals will play their first game, an afternoon match, against Lucknow Super Giants, and the same evening, Gujarat Titans, the 2022 champions and finalists of the last season, will play their first match, hosting five-time champions Mumbai Indians in Ahmedabad.

Capitals are the only franchise that won't play any games at their home ground, Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium, in the March 22-April 7 period; both those games will be held at the ACA-VDCA Stadium in Visakhapatnam.

Meanwhile, the return of stalwarts like MS Dhoni, Hardik Pandya, and Rishabh Pant adds an extra layer of intrigue to the proceedings, promising moments of brilliance and sheer cricketing magic.

With 74 games on the cards, including four playoff encounters, the IPL 2024 season will kick off on March 22.

Ex-Brazil footballer Dani Alves sentenced to 4.5 years in prison over sexual assault

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Former Brazil and Barcelona FC footballer Dani Alves has been found guilty of raping a woman in a Barcelona nightclub and sentenced to 4.5 years in jail. The 40-year-old footballer had denied sexually assaulting the woman in the early hours of 31 December 2022 and he can appeal against the sentence.

In a statement, the court said there was evidence other than the victim's testimony that proved that she had been raped. It also ordered him to pay €150,000 (£128,500) to the victim, BBC reported. Alves, who has been held in pre-trial detention since January 2023, Alves has altered his testimony multiple times during this month's trial. Initially, he denied any acquaintance with his accuser but later said that they had encountered each other in the restroom, stating that no incident had occurred between them.

Subsequently, he revised his account once more, asserting that they engaged in consensual sexual activity.

The victim told state prosecutors that Alves and his friend had bought cham-



pagne for three young women before asking one of them to accompany him to another area with a toilet which she did not know of.

At that point they argued he turned violent, forcing the woman to have sex despite her repeated requests to leave.

Mohammed Shami set to miss IPL 2024, to undergo surgery for ankle injury: Sources



Team Absolute | New Delhi
Senior pacer Mohammed Shami has been ruled out of next month's Indian Premier League (IPL) owing to a left ankle injury, for which he will undergo

surgery in the UK, sources said. The 33-year-old, who is not part of the ongoing Test series against England, last played for India in the ODI World Cup final against Australia in November.

According to sources, Shami was in London in January for ankle treatment. The treatment didn't help and now he has to go through the surgery. Don't think he will play in the IPL," said a source.

PKL 10: Jaipur Pink Panthers could lift the trophy: Pawan Sehrawat gives his verdict on Playoffs

Team Absolute | Panchkula (Haryana)

Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) superstar Pawan Sehrawat has picked former champions Jaipur Pink Panthers as the favourites to win the crown in Season 10 of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL), coming through the Playoffs to be held in Hyderabad next week.

The Puneri Paltan finished at the top of the points table at the end of the PKL Season 10 on Wednesday. They recorded the most-ever points (96) in the history of the league following their victory against U.P. Yoddhas in Panchkula. Meanwhile, the Jaipur Pink Panthers finished second on the table with 92 points.

The Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 will move to Hyderabad for the Playoffs where the Dabang Delhi K.C. will take on Patna Pirates in

Eliminator 1, while the Gujarat Giants will face off against Haryana Steelers in Eliminator 2 at the GMC Balyogi



Sports Complex, Gachibowli, Hyderabad on Monday.

The winner of Eliminator 1 will be up against the table toppers Puneri Paltan in Semifinal 1 and the winner of Eliminator 2 will take on Jaipur

Pink Panthers in Semifinal 2 on February 28. The grand finale will be held on Friday.

When asked which team is likely to lift the Season 10 trophy, PKL superstar Pawan Sehrawat said, "The semi-

finals will decide who stands the best chance of winning the trophy. If Jaipur and Haryana do not face off in the semifinals then I think Jaipur will go on to win the trophy."

Telugu Titans' captain Sehrawat recorded the third-most raid points (202) in the league stage. Speaking about his own performance, the skipper said, "Overall, it was a normal season for me. However, we made too many mistakes as a team which allowed our opponents to take big leads against us. This hurt us a lot this season."

The Telugu Titans finished at the bottom of the table.

Speaking about the aspects that went wrong for the team, Sehrawat said, "Some young players couldn't replicate their training performances in the matches and let the situation get the better of them. The new players will take some time to find their feet and form a strong bond."

Robinson, Bashir replace Wood, Ahmed in England's XI for Ranchi Test

Team Absolute | Ranchi

England have brought in fast-bowler Ollie Robinson and off-spinner Shoaib Bashir into their playing eleven for the fourth Test against India, starting here at the JSCA International Stadium on Friday. The duo replace tearaway pacer Mark Wood and leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed respectively in the starting eleven at Ranchi, which shapes to be a crucial Test for England. The visitors' are 2-1 behind in the ongoing five-match series following the heavy 434-run defeat at Rajkot. The Ben Stokes-led side must win at Ranchi to force the last Test match at Dharamshala into a series decider. Robinson's last Test match for England was the third Ashes game



at Headingley last year, where he bowled just 11.2 overs in the first innings before a back spasm forced

him on the sidelines for the rest of the series. The Test at Ranchi will also be

Robinson's first game in India in the longer format. On the other hand, this will be Bashir's second game in the format after being handed his Test debut at Visakhapatnam, where he picked four wickets. While Robinson and James Anderson will handle the fast-bowling duties, Bashir joins Tom Hartley and part-timer Joe Root in the spin-bowling department. Jonny Bairstow has retained his place in the playing eleven despite averaging 17 in the ongoing series, with his highest score being 37.

England's playing eleven for the fourth Test: Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Ben Stokes, Ben Foakes, Tom Hartley, Ollie Robinson, Shoaib Bashir, and James Anderson.

AICF election process to begin on Friday as court case posted to Feb 29

Team Absolute | Chennai

The election process at the All India Chess Federation (AICF) is expected to begin on Friday with the Delhi High Court adjourning the case between the Devbhoomi Chess Association and the sport body, said a senior official.

"On Thursday, the court posted the case for February 29. The Indian government has not filed its affidavit to the court. The court has said its order of August 16, 2022 should be followed,"

Devbhoomi Chess Association President Sanjay K Chadha told IANS.

On February 14, the Delhi High Court had directed the Centre to state in its reply/affidavit whether the AICF is in compliance with the directions contained in the judgment dated August 16, 2022 passed in W.P. (C)195/2010 read with the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011.

The AICF contends that it is compliant with the National Sports Development Code, 2011. Talking to IANS, AICF Treasurer Naresh Sharma said the process for the March 10 elections begins on Friday as per the election notice issued earlier by the Federation President.

According to Sharma, the Centre has to state whether



the affiliated units - chess associations in various states/Union Territories and districts - also comply with the National Sports Development Code 2011 and the Delhi High Court order of August 16, 2022.

As per the schedule announced on February 11 by AICF President Dr Sanjay Kapoor, the affiliated chess associations in the various states and Union Territories have to submit the names of two delegates by 3 p.m. on February 23. The list of delegate names will be available on the AICF official website on February 24 and communicated via email to the two Returning Officers.

The Delhi High Court, by an order dated December 6, 2023, had appointed Justice G.S. Sistani (retd) as the sec-

ond Returning Officer and fixed a fee of Rs 5,00,000. It had also ordered that the AICF elections should be held in Delhi, and not in Kanpur where Kapoor lives.

In November 2023, Kapoor appointed Allahabad High Court's retired Justice Rang Nath Pandey as the Returning Officer at a fee of Rs 16,00,000.

But suspense on the holding of elections in AICF will continue till it is over as the Delhi High Court had recently stayed the elections for the Volleyball Federation of India just a day before the polls were to be held.

The elections to the Volleyball Federation were stayed as it was not in compliance with the August 16, 2022 order of the Delhi High Court, Chadha said.

KIUG 2023: Sakshi inspires Chandigarh University to clinch women's kabaddi gold

Team Absolute | Guwahati (Assam)

Chandigarh University defeated Bharati Vidyapeeth in the final to win the gold medal in the 4th Khelo India University Games 2023 Ashtalakshmi, turning things around in the hard-fought encounter. As the women's kabaddi final between Chandigarh University and Bharati Vidyapeeth headed towards a nail-biting finish, the instruction from Chandigarh skipper Sakshi Sharma started becoming precise and the players diligently followed them to perfection.

Chandigarh University made its KIUG debut in kabaddi in four years thanks to the leadership of Sakshi and went on to win the gold medal in their first appearance.

Sakshi, 21, who is originally from Himachal Pradesh and joined Chandigarh University last year to pursue an MA in English, has been instrumental in building a young team this year by leading from the



front. "We played two back-to-back close matches and in the final, we were quite confident that we could pull off the win despite the late surge from Bharati Vidyapeeth. It's a testimony to the hard work of the entire team that we won the gold medal in our very first appearance in the competition,"

said Sakshi, who had won the gold medal in the first edition of KIUG in Odisha with Himachal Pradesh University and a silver in the third edition in Uttar Pradesh.

Sakshi, whose father works as a lineman in the Himachal Pradesh Electricity department and has five siblings, hails from Sirmour district,

which has given many national and international kabaddi stars to the country and was inspired to take up the sport watching them.

She joined the Himachal Pradesh Sports Hostel in 2015 and hasn't looked back.

At the KIUG this year, Sakshi picked up the bulk of raiding against all the opponents and then rallied her troops with clear-cut instructions during the opposition teams' raid, to keep them at bay.

In the semifinal against Lalit Narayan Mithila University and again in the final, she brilliantly marshalled her troops with smart tactics to clinch a nail-biting 35-32 victory before breaking into a wild celebration.

Sakshi now aims to break into the Indian team and win a gold medal from the country in the Asian Games. And if the performance and leadership of Sakshi in this competition is any indication, her dream could become a reality soon.



Ajay Devgn admits having supernatural experiences during outdoor shoots

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn, who is a firm believer of Lord Shiva and has directed films like 'Shivaay' and 'Bhola', incorporating themes around Lord Shiva, has confessed that he has had supernatural experiences.

The actor spoke to the media on Thursday and shared that during the initial 10-12 years of his career, he did experience supernatural occurrences.

However, he didn't get into the nitty-gritty of those experiences.

The actor said: "During the first 10-12 years of my career when we used to shoot outdoors, I did experience supernatural occurrences. What those experiences entailed, I won't get into that, but they were quite unsettling, I must say."

The actor further shared that he absolutely loves the genre of horror as it is a universal genre, adding that every religion mentions black magic.

He added: "I love the genre of horror, the audience across the world connects with it, every religion in the world finds mention of black magic."

Ajay is currently awaiting the release of his upcoming film 'Shaiteen' which also stars R. Madhavan and Jyothika.



Priyanka Chopra gives sneak peek into MM's 'first hike'; fans gush over her voice

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas on Thursday shared the glimpses of her little bundle of joy Malti Marie's (MM) first hike, sharing how she touched everything, jumped in puddles, calling the little angel as her 'magic dust'.

Taking to Instagram, where Priyanka enjoys 90.6 million followers, she shared a series of photos, and videos, wherein we can see MM wearing a leopard print jacket, full sleeves black T-shirt, and matching tights. Her look was completed with black shoes.

The photos show her enjoying the hike as she plays in the mud. In the video, we can hear MM cutely saying, "Hikeee...okayy".

The post is captioned as: "The magic of nature. Her first hike. She touched everything, jumped in puddles till she was muddy till her knees. To witness her in real time experiencing everything for the first time.. is just her magic dust that she sprinkles in my life every day." Nick Jonas dropped a red heart eyes emoji in the comment section. Fans couldn't stop gushing over the pictures and wrote: "Her little voice STAWP IT".

One user said: "The magic of Malti", while the other commented: "she looks like jiju".

Another fan wrote: "OMGooooooh her voice".

Priyanka got married to American singer and actor, Nick Jonas in December 2018. In January 2022, the couple had their first child, a girl, Malti Marie, via surrogacy.



Samantha reveals she weighs 50 kilos, shares glimpses of intense workout

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu did not shy away from revealing her weight on social media as she gave a glimpse of her "best kind of morning." Samantha shared a motley of pictures on Instagram, which include her working out with the sea in the backdrop, a piece of paper stating her weight and metabolic rate. The image showed that the actress weighs 50.1 Kgs, fat percentage is 24.0, fat mass is 12.0 Kg, muscle mass 35.9 kg and metabolic age 23. For the caption she wrote: "Forever seeking the morning sun... The best kind of mornings."

Her picture had Taylor Swift's '...Ready For It?' playing in the backdrop.

Samantha, who was last seen in the film 'Kushi', will next be seen in the Indian remake of 'Citadel', alongside Varun Dhawan. It is directed by Raj & DK and Sita R. Menon. It also stars



Sikandar Kher, Kay Kay Menon, Saqib

Saleem and Emma Canning.

To stop being seen smoking by his daughter, Shahid Kapoor decided to kick the butt

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actor Shahid Kapoor has opened up about his decision to quit smoking, and it is his eight-year-old daughter Misha. Shahid appeared on 'No Filter Neha' season 6, a podcast hosted by actress Neha Dhupia, who chats with her industry friends and makes interesting conversations. During the show, Shahid revealed about his decision to quit smoking: "When I used to smoke, I would hide from my daughter and smoke. That is actually the reason I gave it up; one day, while I was hiding and having my smoke, I told myself that I am not going to do this forever. And that is actually the day I decided to quit smoking." Shahid married Mira Rajput in July 2015. The couple have two kids-- daughter Misha, and son Zain. On the work front, Shahid was last seen in 'Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya', a science fiction romantic comedy co-starring Kriti Sanon.



Urmila recalls how SRK made co-actors feel comfortable at 'Chamatkar' shoot

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Urmila Matondkar reminisced about shooting with Shah Rukh Khan for the song 'Is Pyaar Se Meri Taraf Na Dekho' from the 1992 romantic comedy 'Chamatkar', calling him not only a great actor but also a lovely human being.

Urmila appeared on the special episode of singing reality show 'Indian Idol 14'. Paying tribute to Urmila's journey in the film industry, the contestants delivered melodious acts.

Rajasthan's Piyush Panwar, who owned the stage and once again impressed one and all with his amazing renditions of 'Bahut Khoobsurat Ho' from the film 'Khoobsurat', and 'Is Pyaar Se Meri Taraf Na Dekho' from the film 'Chamatkar'.

Taking a walk down memory lane, Urmila spoke about her co-star SRK, and said: "This song 'Is Pyaar Se Meri Taraf Na Dekho' was sung by Kumar Sanu and Alka Yagnik, and it

has a separate fanbase.

Piyush, you have beautifully attempted the song. I remember filming with the iconic Shahrukh, who is not only a great actor but also a lovely human being."

"He is one of the finest actors who has also done theatre, he's been humble since the beginning and he has an aura that makes his co-actors feel comfortable. I feel that the people who have worked with him and shared screen space with him are truly blessed," shared Urmila.

Impressed by Piyush's performance, Urmila added: "You sang beautifully. You have a softness in your voice like Rafi Sahab, which is rare to hear these days."

Dalip Tahil, Ila Arun, Zakir Hussain pay their last respects to Ameen Sayani

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Iconic radio personality Ameen Sayani's mortal remains were kept at the Famous Studios in Mumbai's Mahalaxmi area to allow members of the film and music fraternity pay their last respects to the man who is celebrated as the golden voice of Indian radio.

Actor Dalip Tahil was one of the early arrivals at the prayer meet. He paid his respects to the departed soul and reminisced about Sayani while talking to his friends at the venue.

Ila Arun, who's appearing in the streaming show 'Aarya' released recently, too, was seen at Famous Studios. The actress and Rajasthani folk-pop singer briefly interacted with those present at the venue.

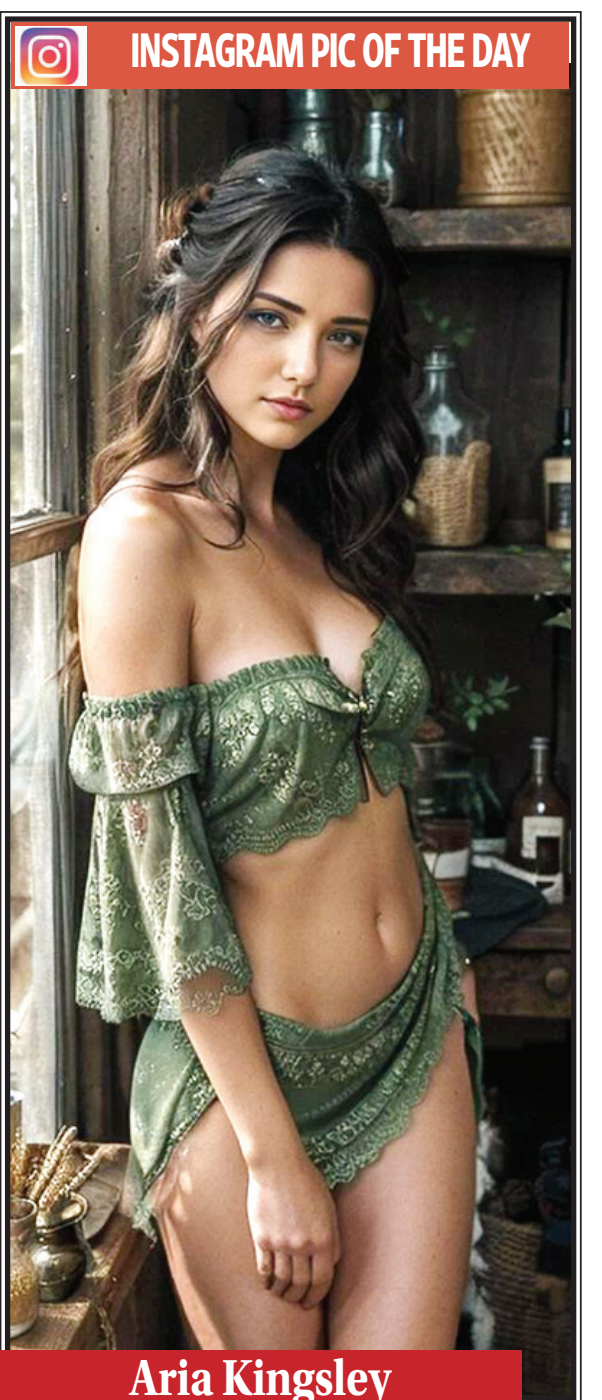
Veteran playback singer Nitin Mukesh, father of actor Neil Nitin Mukesh also came for a last sight of the late radio star, who brought film music to people's homes from 1952 to 1994 with the superhit programme 'Binaca Geetmala', which he presented non-stop throughout its long run.

Another music personality who also paid his final respects was tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, fresh from his triple-Grammy win earlier this month.



'Pagalpan Next Level' actress Sashaa Padamsee, the daughter of late theatre personality Alyque Padamsee, was also present and interacted with her acquaintances.

The celebrities let the spotlight be on the departed soul who had enthralled and educated generations of radio listeners.



Aria Kingsley