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INFORMATION ON ELECTORAL BONDS WILL BE DISCLOSED ON TIME: CEC

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India's Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar, on Wednesday said that following the Supreme Court's order, the SBI has provided details to the Election Commission about the Electoral Bonds issued by it.

Addressing a press conference, he said that the Supreme Court had given the SBI time up to March 12 to provide data regarding the electoral bonds issued by it.

"We have received the data on time. I will go back and study the data and give details about it in time," he said.

The Election Commission also reaffirmed its commitment to upholding democratic principles and ensuring a fair and transparent electoral process in Jammu and Kashmir.

The CEC underscored the paramount demand voiced by political parties: the assurance of free and fair elections. He said the political representatives emphasised the importance of fairness, calling for an electoral process devoid of discrimination in security provisions and a level playing field for all candidates.

Addressing the demographic landscape, he noted a positive indicator with 2,886 voters aged over 100 years. The focus, however, remains on youth participation, with 86.9 lakh eligi-



ble voters in the region and a concerted effort to encourage their involvement, he said.

He said that the J&K voters above 85 years of age will, for the first time, be able to vote at home if they so desire.

Technological advancements are set to play a pivotal role in facilitating the electoral process, he said, adding that stringent measures will be in place to curb illegal activities, including intensified vigilance along international and internal borders.

Asked why Harsh Dev Singh of the Panthers Party was not allowed to meet the poll panel team in Srinagar and Jammu, the CEC said: "There is a dispute regarding the JK Panthers Party. We met people of national and regional parties in J&K, but the party you referred to is under dispute."

On whether government officials, who have obtained domicile certificates in J&K but are not permanent residents here, can cast their vote, he said: "We have a uniform system for registration of voters in the country. If these people have a temporary residence here, they can get registered as voters, but they will have to cancel their registration at the place of their permanent residence." To a question about service voters, he said that all those serving the army or the CAPFs who belong to J&K but are serving outside, are service voters and have been given the right to vote through postal ballots.

Young generation need to acquire skill based education: Devendra Fadnavis



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Stating that it is need of the hour for the country's youth to acquire skill development along with education to make country's economy powerful, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said that skill development centres have been started in 100 colleges so far and announced that these centres would be named after Acharya Chanakya Skill Development Centre. Fadnavis appealed college students to avail benefit from these centres.

He was addressing the program organized by the department of skill development, entrepreneurship and innovation to inaugurate skill development centres in 100 colleges in an online manner from his official residence Meghadoot. Minister for the department Mangalprabhat Lodha, Maharashtra state skill development society commissioner Nidhi Chaudhary, Maharashtra state skill development society additional commissioner Anil Sonawane were present.

Principals and students from 100 colleges attended via audio-visual medium.

Stating that the new education policy brought by Prime minister Narendra Modi would bring about sea changes in country Fadnavis said that India was playing important role being third important economy in the World. He said that the government has given thrust on human resource development to make economy stronger so that it can acquire top rank in the country. Informing that the announcement of skill development centres in 100 colleges was made during the recently concluded budget session of the state assembly, Fadnavis said that accordingly, first phase of starting such centres in eligible colleges is launched and it is a matter of joy. Fadnavis congratulated minister Lodha for starting these centres after announcement in the budget about skill development centres.

Pointing out that with changing technology demand for skilled manpower is increasing world-over, Fadnavis said that the youth would be imparted necessary skill sets training through these centres. He asked college youth to avail benefit from these centres and asked them to acquire skill in addition to any degree which would give them employment opportunity.

Switch to other banks before March 15, NHAI advises Paytm FASTag users

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The National Highways Authority of India (NHA) on Wednesday advised Paytm FASTag users to procure a new FASTag issued by another bank before March 15.

This will help in avoiding penalties or any double fee charges while commuting on National Highways, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways said in a statement.

In line with the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regarding restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank, the Paytm FASTags users will not be able to recharge or top-up the balance post March 15. However, they can use their existing balance to pay the toll beyond the stipulated date.

"For any further queries or assistance related to Paytm FASTag, users can reach out to their respective banks or refer to the FAQs provided on the Indian Highway Management Company Limited (IHMC) website," said the Ministry.




The NHAI has urged all Paytm FASTag users to take proactive measures to ensure a seamless travel experience on the National Highways across the country.

Last month, the central bank had asked the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to ensure alternative arrangements for customers using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) so that '@paytm' handles can be migrated in a seamless manner.

"It is reiterated that the holders of FASTag and National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC) issued by Paytm Payments Bank, may make alternative arrangements before March 15, 2024 to avoid any inconvenience," said the RBI.



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- **छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांचे ३५० वे राज्याभिषेक वर्ष**
- छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांच्या ३५० व्या राज्याभिषेक वर्षानिमित्त 'शिवराज्याभिषेक' महोत्सव साजरा करण्यासाठी विविध कार्यक्रमांचे आयोजन.
- छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांचा वारसा लाभलेल्या गड-किल्ले संवर्धनांतर्गत पहिल्या टप्प्यात राज्यातील ३२ शिवकालीन गड-किल्ल्यांचे संवर्धन करणार
- गोरई, बुलढाणा, छत्रपती संभाजी नगर, नाशिक व रामटेक या ५ ठिकाणी छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज संकल्पना उद्यान (थीमपार्क) आणि संग्रहालय उभारण्यात येणार.

- **'गर्जा महाराष्ट्र माझा' राज्यगीत**
- महाराष्ट्राचा गौरवशाली इतिहास व परंपरेची महती सांगणाऱ्या 'गर्जा महाराष्ट्र माझा' गीताला राज्यगीताचा दर्जा.
- सर्व शासकीय कार्यक्रमांमध्ये राष्ट्रगीतानंतर राज्य गीत गायले जाणार.

- **बारा जिल्ह्यातील देवस्थानांना जोडणार 'शक्तीपीठ'**
- पवनार - पात्रादेवी शक्तीपीठ मार्गासाठी रु. ८६.३०० कोटीची मंजूरी, शक्तीपीठ महामार्ग परळी वैननाथ आणि हिंगोली जिल्ह्यातील औंढा नागनाथ या ज्योतिर्लिंगासह १२ जिल्ह्यातील देवस्थानांना जोडला जाणार.

- **मराठी भाषेच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी**
- मराठी भाषा धोरणास मंत्रिमंडळाची मंजूरी.
- मराठी भाषेला अभिजात भाषेचा दर्जा मिळावा यासाठी राज्य शासनामार्फत केंद्र सरकारकडे दिलेल्या प्रस्तावाचा पाठपुरावा करण्यासाठी समिती गठित.
- सन २०२३ पासून भारतातील आणि भारताबाहेरील मराठी भाषकांचे विश्व संमेलन आयोजित करण्यात येत आहे.
- महाराष्ट्र आणि महाराष्ट्राबाहेर परंतु देशांतर्गत मराठी भाषा युवक मंडळे स्थापन करून त्यांना विविध उपक्रमांसाठी अनुदान देण्याचा निर्णय.

- **मराठवाडा मुक्तिसंग्राम अमृतमहोत्सवी वर्ष**
- मराठवाडा मुक्तिसंग्राम दिनाच्या अमृतमहोत्सवी वर्षानिमित्त मराठवाडा विभागातील आठ जिल्ह्यात विविध कार्यक्रमांचे आयोजन
- मराठवाडा मुक्तिसंग्रामातील ऐतिहासिक बलिदानाच्या व विजयाच्या स्मृती जतन करण्यासाठी छत्रपती संभाजीनगर येथे भव्य स्मारक उभारण्यासाठी रु. १०० कोटी मंजूर.

- **लोक अस्मिता**
- औरंगाबाद जिल्ह्याचे छत्रपती संभाजी नगर व उस्मानाबाद जिल्ह्याचे धाराशिव असे नामकरण.
- शिवडी न्हावा शेवा समुद्र सेतूचे नामकरण अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी शिवडी न्हावा शेवा अटल सेतू.
- मुंबई किनारी रस्त्याला धर्मवीर स्वराज्यरक्षक छत्रपती संभाजी महाराज मुंबई किनारी रस्ता असे नाव.

- **स्मारक स्थळांचा विकास व संवर्धन**
- नागपूरमधील दीक्षाभूमी येथील विविध विकास कामे करण्यासाठी रु.२०० कोटी निधी मंजूर.
- स्वराज्यरक्षक धर्मवीर छत्रपती संभाजी महाराजांचे तुळापूर (जि. पुणे) येथील बलिदान स्थळ आणि शिरूरच्या वटू (जि. पुणे) येथील समाधीस्थळाच्या भव्य स्मारकाचे भूमिपूजन, रु. २७० कोटी किंमतीच्या आराखड्याच्या कामास सुरुवात.
- श्री संत जगनाडे महाराज यांच्या मौजे सुदुंबरे (ता.मावळ, जि.पुणे) येथील समाधीस्थळाच्या विकासासाठी रु. ६६.११ कोटीच्या कामांना मान्यता.
- रायगड जिल्ह्यातील उमरठ येथील नरवीर तानाजी मालुसरे यांचे समाधीस्थळ सुशोभीकरण आणि परिसराच्या विकास कामास सुरुवात. विकास आराखड्यासाठी १० कोटी रुपयांचा निधी.
- पुण्यातील संगमवाडी येथे आद्य क्रांतीगुरू लहुजी वस्ताद साळवे यांच्या स्मारकाचे भूमिपूजन संपन्न.
- राजगुरुनगर येथील हुतात्मा शिवराम हरी राजगुरु जन्मस्थळ परिसर विकासासाठी रु. १०२.४८ कोटीच्या आराखड्यास मान्यता.



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INDIA WILL BE WORLD LEADER UNDER PRIME MINISTER MODI'S LEADERSHIP: CHIEF MINISTER DR. YADAV

Vidisha Lok Sabha constituency and Bhopur assembly constituency has given public representatives with leadership capabilities to the country. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav performs bhoomi puja and lays the foundation of development works worth Rs 65 crore 55 lakh in Mandideep. Ex Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan attends as a special guest. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav takes part in Jan Aabhar Yatra

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Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that the Shivalinga located in Bhopur is an expression of the rich architectural legacy of the country. It is a matter of good fortune for Vidisha Lok Sabha constituency to have got great leaders like former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Late. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Late. Rajmata Scindia, Late. Sushma Swaraj similarly Bhopur assembly constituency to have got leaders like former Chief Minister Late Sunderlal Patwa. These constituencies have provided the country with public representatives full of leadership capabilities. Swami Vivekananda had predicted that the 21st century will belong to India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is providing adequate resources and funds to all the states for the progress of the country, and under his leadership India will definitely become the Vishwa Guru. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav was addressing a programme of the dedication and bhoomi puja of development works costing Rs 65 crore 55 lakh in Mandideep Ex Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was specially present in the programme. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav inaugurated the programme by lighting the



lamp. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav and Ex Chief Minister Shri Chouhan were welcomed by the public representatives with garlands and hockey sticks presented to them by the players of Raisen district. Rani Kamalapati has developed as the best railway station

in the country, with the initiative of Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. Due to their will power and commitment towards development, the state bagged gifts of Ken-Betwa, Parvati-Kali Sindh-Chambal project. Chief

Minister Dr. Yadav said that all the demands related to development and public facilities of Bhopur assembly constituency placed by MLA Surendra Patwa will be fulfilled. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav also distributed benefits of schemes to the beneficiaries.

BJP's double-engine govt made MP a progressive state: Ex-CM Chouhan

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Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday said he had taken over the state from the Congress with a tag of 'BIMARU', however, the BJP's double-engine government (Centre and State) has made it a progressive state. Addressing a programme in Mandideep in Sehore district, which falls under Vidisha Lok Sabha constituency, Chouhan said, he believes that Madhya Pradesh will become a developed state under the leadership of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. "Madhya Pradesh used to be counted among the states that fall under BIMARU tag, but now it is a progressive state. I believe that the state will become a developed state under Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's leadership," Chouhan said. He also appealed to his successor to continue public beneficiary schemes (introduced during his tenure). "There is no lack of money for public beneficiary schemes, and I would appeal to Chief Minister Mohan Yadav to continue with these schemes," he said.



Chouhan will fight the upcoming Lok Sabha election from Vidisha. Vidisha Lok Sabha constituency was previously represented by BJP stalwarts like late Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1991), Sushma Swaraj (2009 and 2014) and newspaper

publisher Ramnath Goenka (1971). Chouhan last won the Vidisha Lok Sabha seat in 2004 but resigned after becoming Chief Minister. He is the sitting MLA from Budhni seat, which also falls under the Vidisha Lok Sabha

More than 60 officials of Congress Medical Cell in Madhya Pradesh joined BJP

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The phase of party-change continues before the Lok Sabha elections in Madhya Pradesh. Many Congress leaders are joining BJP every day. In this sequence, on Wednesday, more than 60 officials of the medical cell of Congress joined the BJP. More than 60 people from 12 districts including Congress Health and Medical Cell in-charge Dr. Basant Rai, Gwalior Chambal division in-charge Dr. Siddhant Dubey, in front of State President Vishnudutt Sharma and State Convenor of New Joining Group Dr. Narottam Mishra



at the state office of BJP on Wednesday. Doctors and more than 20 pharmacists joined BJP. Similarly, many Congress leaders from Morena region also joined BJP. The state president and senior leaders welcomed him wearing angavastr.

It is known that Congress workers from every sector in the state are joining BJP. From former Union Ministers to former MPs, former MLAs and lower level officials are leaving Congress and joining BJP. There are many leaders whose names were being floated as possible candidates for Lok Sabha, they also left the Congress.

AIIMS BHOPAL AND JNCHRC WILL JOINTLY FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

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AIIMS Bhopal and Jawaharlal Nehru Cancer Hospital and Research Center (JNCHRC) will now work together for cancer prevention. In this regard, a MoU was signed with JNCHRC at AIIMS Bhopal today. On this occasion, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, Prof. (Dr) Ajai Singh said that this is a good initiative. We need to work on preventive oncology through screening and awareness. Just as after vaccination of cervical cancer in women, cancer cases will reduce by up to 99%, similarly, cancer cases can be controlled with appropriate testing and timely information. The MoU was signed by Professor (Dr) Rehan Ul Haq Dean (Research) in the presence of Prof. (Dr) Ajai Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal, while Dr Gautam Kumar Sharan, Director Medical, on behalf



of JNCHRC. On this occasion, Dean (Academic) Prof. (Dr) Rajneesh Joshi, Prof. (Dr) Manish Gupta, Head of Radiation Oncology Department and other faculty members of AIIMS

Bhopal were also present along with other representatives of JNCHRC. Dr. Manish Gupta said that under this MoU, both the institutions will jointly promote academic and research work

and will also run a student exchange program which will be helpful in the prevention and treatment of cancer. AIIMS Bhopal will act as the nodal institute.

Situation of stampede in Congress, all ready to go with Prime Minister: VD Sharma

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State President and MP of Bharatiya Janata Party, Vishnudutt Sharma reached booth number 216 of Ward Number 61 of Avadhपुरi Mandal of Govindpura Assembly under Booth Vijay Abhiyan on Wednesday and reached B-48, residence of Booth President Girish Kumar Singh in Crystal Campus Colony and addressed the booth committee meeting. State President Sharma, while addressing the booth committee meeting, said that at booth number 216 of Ward-61 of Govindpura Assembly, where the meeting is being held under the Booth Vijay Abhiyan, there are a total of 1167 voters, out of which 482 votes in the last assembly were for BJP. Congress has got 294 votes. These were A-plus booths from the party's point of view. Still, we have to work to increase 370 votes at this



booth on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sharma said in the booth committee meeting that to increase 370 votes at every booth, we have to contact the new voters of 18-19 years of age along with the beneficiaries of the welfare schemes of the BJP's double engine government at the Center and the state. Today, the new voters who are 18-19 years old have not seen the Madhya Pradesh of Mr. Bantadhar's rule before 2003. Tell such

voters about the difficult situation the state was going through before the formation of the BJP government in the state in 2003. Also, put before the public the development, poor welfare and public welfare works done in the last ten years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and call upon them to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party. Sharma said that BJP workers have an emotional connection with increasing 370

votes at every booth. Our leader Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee ji agitated for the removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and he even sacrificed his life. Therefore, increase the party's 370 votes at every booth and dedicate them at the feet of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, this will be a true tribute to Dr. Mukherjee. State President Sharma said that in the last assembly elections, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under the guidance of the party's National President Jagat Prakash Nadda and the efficient strategy of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the party received a record 49 percent votes. Are. In the history of Madhya Pradesh, no party had ever got so many votes. Booth victory campaign is also being run to increase 10 percent votes in Lok Sabha elections. The campaign, which started today on March 13, will continue till March 22.

Shankar Lalwani from Indore, Vivek Bunty from Chhindwara will contest Lok Sabha elections

Bhopal: BJP has released the second list for the Lok Sabha elections. In which candidates have been declared for the remaining five seats of Madhya Pradesh. BJP has fielded Vivek Bunty Sahu against Shankar Lalwani from Indore and Nakul Nath from Chhindwara. BJP has given ticket to Savitri Thakur from Dhar. BJP has once again given a chance to Anil Firoziya from Ujjain. Balaghat Bharti Pardihi will contest the elections. Two women have been given tickets in the second list of BJP. In which Balaghat and Dhar are seats. In this way BJP has declared all its 29 candidates from Madhya Pradesh.

Minister of State Krishna Gaur performed Bhoomi Puja for development works worth lakhs of rupees in Misrod

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Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare, Krishna Gaur on Wednesday performed Bhoomi Puja of various development works in Ward-53 Jatkhedi of Misrod Mandal and gave various gifts of development to the people of the area. Minister Gaur said that whatever demands the local people have made, all those demands will be fulfilled soon. During the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, continuous development work is being done in the state. This miracle has been done by the effective leadership of PM Modi. Our country is continuously progressing under the leadership of PM. She performed Bhoomi Puja of the construction work of culvert near Rajabhoj Arcade to be completed at a



cost of Rs 5 lakh 24958, boundary wall and repairing work of Bagmugalia Lakshya Homes Park costing Rs 4 lakh 63769. Rs 9 lakh 99,917 have been sanctioned for the construction of toilet and furnishing in Ganesh Nagar School. Performed Bhoomi Puja of boundary wall and repairing work near Fortune Divine City of Misrod, which cost Rs

2 lakh 81312. Bhoomipujan of boundary wall and repairing work was done at Shri Bhimeswar Mahadev Shiv Temple, Hanuman Nagar Park, Hoshangabad Road, which cost Rs 5 lakh 78, 675. At the same time, Bhoomi Puja was performed for the construction of drain near Jatkhedi Vishram Ghat at a cost of Rs 4 lakh 46, 579.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will inaugurate PM Shri Tourism Air Service and PM Shri Religious Tourism Heli Service

ACCESS TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS WILL BE EASY. BENEFITS OF TOURISM WILL REACH REMOTE AREAS. 2 TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT WITH 8 SEATERS WILL BE OPERATED.

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Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav will launch PM Shri

Tourism Air Service and PM Shri Religious Tourism Heli Service with the aim of facilitating access to the tourist destinations of the state and extending the benefits of tourism to remote areas. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will inaugurate the service at a state level program at the State Hangar on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 12:30 pm. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Culture and Religious Trust and Endowments, Dharmendra Lodhi and distinguished citizens will be present in the program.

Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Madhya Pradesh, Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that the tourism air service will be operated by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board on PPP mode. Initially, two twin engine aircraft with 8 seaters will be operated. The route will be selected by the operator from the major airports of the state like Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Bhopal, Khajuraho as well as airstrips. This will provide faster means of travel to the tourists and will also increase domestic tourism.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi enhanced India's credibility in the world: Vijayvargiya

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Urban Administration and Housing Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya has said that in the last decade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has enhanced India's credibility in the world. The double engine government in the state has done many works for the welfare of the general public. Minister Vijayvargiya was addressing the ceremony after the bhoomi puja and dedication of development works costing about Rs 34 crore in Manasa of Neemuch district on Tuesday. These works are being undertaken by Manasa Municipal Council. On this occasion, Member of Parliament



Sudhir Gupta, MLA Anirudh Maru, MLA Neemuch Dilip Singh Parihar and public representatives were present. Urban Development Minister Vijayvargiya said that a large number

of revenue cases have been resolved by running the campaign in the last one and a half month. He said that the state government is consistently working for the empowerment of

women with the assistance of self-help groups in rural areas. Vijayvargiya said that pucca houses are being provided to the poor people of the state under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. On this occasion, Urban Development Minister Vijayvargiya dedicated the 100-bed civil hospital building in Manasa built at a cost of Rs 20 crore. Urban Development Minister Vijayvargiya performed Bhoomi Puja and dedicated various development works worth Rs 13 crore 45 lakh in Neemuch. He said that the development works in the urban areas will be finished with utmost quality within the stipulated timeframe.



Beyonce to debut in country music; announces album with 'Cowboy Carter'



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Singer Beyonce is making her foray into Country music. The singer-songwriter has announced the name of her latest album, 'Cowboy Carter'. The album is set to drop on March 29. Beyonce took to the Stories section of her Instagram to post the album cover which

consists of a brown and white saddle with a red white and blue sash draped over it that bears the album's name, reports Mirror.co.uk.

It also included a preorder link that takes fans to her merch store. Her store is offering limited edition vinyls available in red, white, blue, and black. There are also limited edition CDs with four different covers bearing the artist's face.

As per Mirror.co.uk, 'Cowboy Carter' will be Beyonce's first full country album,

already evident by the two singles she has released - '16 Carriages' and 'Texas Hold 'Em'. The two songs reached the top of the Apple Music US Country charts, making her the first black female artiste to do so.

Beyonce has already thrown herself into the country lifestyle, embracing her Houston heritage. Last month, she wore a black bolero and a white cowboy hat to the Grammy Awards, which she attended with her husband Jay-Z and daughter Blue Ivy.

John Cena's Iconic Nude 2024 Oscars Moment

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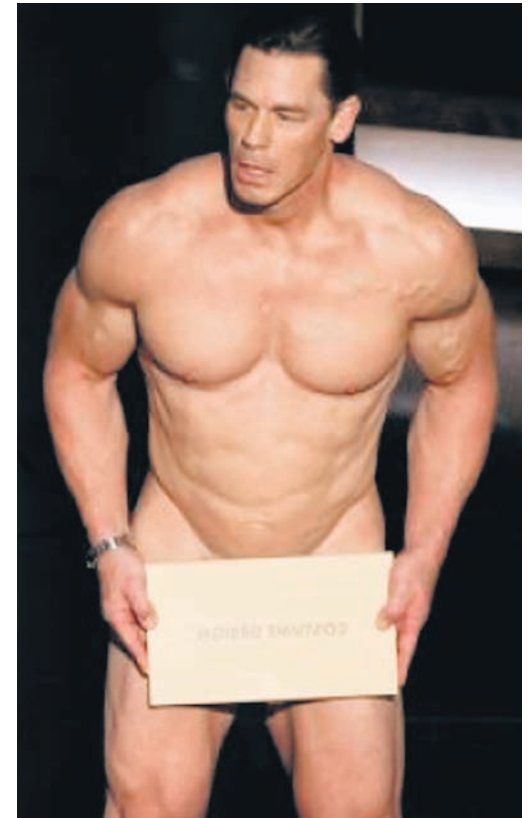
Apparently, John Cena's nude moment at the 2024 Oscars was a huge deal behind the scenes. Academy Awards host Jimmy Kimmel and several show producers are speaking out about how difficult it was to pull off the stripping stunt. During the show, John, 46, shyly came out from backstage using the envelope for Best Costume Design to cover up his midsection.

After Jimmy, 56, closed out the awards ceremony on Sunday, March 10, he explained to his audience during a subsequent episode of Jimmy Kimmel Live! what went down leading up to John's big moment.

"Getting this on the air ... of all the times I've hosted the Oscars or the Emmys or anything, no comedy bit has ever received more scrutiny than this," the comedian pointed out before detailing the chaos that ensued backstage. "There were meetings and site meetings, emails and texts and phone calls and people sweating. Somebody was crying. Then, once they realized we weren't going to take no for an answer ... there was intense discussion about the envelope."

Jimmy concluded by congratulating John for the "commotion" he "caused," adding, "Very rarely does an idea literally push the envelope and this one did."

Producers of the Oscars affirmed Jimmy's comments during an interview with Variety. Rob Mills explained that there "was a lot of reticence of not just a fine from the FCC, but potential complaints." The S&P team for the ceremony told producers that, from the audience's perspective, it had to be completely obvious that John was not



actually nude. However, the team was able to find a way around this regulation.

Joaquin Phoenix, Emma Stone, Austin Butler, Pedro Pascal on board for 'Eddington'



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Filmmaker Ari Aster, who is known for 'Hereditary' and 'Midsommar' has brought in an all-star cast for his next film, 'Eddington'.

Joaquin Phoenix, Emma Stone, Austin Butler, Pedro Pascal, Luke Grimes, Deirdre O'Connell, Micheal Ward and Clifton Collins Jr will be seen in the movie financed by A24. Based on Aster's track record, viewers can only assume the film will give nightmares, reports Variety.

Plot details are kept under wraps besides the fact that the film "follows a small-town New Mexico sheriff with higher aspirations." 'Eddington' starts production this week, with Aster writing, directing and producing alongside Lars Knudsen under their Square Peg banner.

As per Variety, two-time Academy Award nominee Darius Khondji is the director of photography. 'Eddington' marks the sixth collaboration between Square Peg and A24, which produced and distributed Aster's previous three films, 'Hereditary', 'Midsommar' and 'Beau Is Afraid', as well as 'Dream Scenario' and the upcoming 'Death of a Unicorn'.

Phoenix was recently nominated for Golden Globe for his lead performance in 'Beau Is Afraid', Aster's 2023 dark comedy horror about a troubled man who goes home to see his mother. Stone is fresh off her second Academy Award win for her lead performance in 'Yorgos Lanthimos' 'Poor Things', which she also produced, as well as the Showtime series 'The Curse', which saw her teaming up with Nathan Fielder and Benny Safdie.



Neve Campbell returns for 'Scream 7' after quitting franchise

Canadian actress Neve Campbell is making a return to the 'Scream' franchise with the upcoming film 'Scream 7'. The actress had left the franchise as she sat out of 'Scream 6' over a salary dispute, reports Variety.

"Sidney Prescott is coming back!!!!", the actress posted on Instagram. "It's always been such a blast and an honour to get to play Sidney in 'Scream' movies. My appreciation for these films and for what they have meant to me, has never waned. I'm very happy and proud to say I've been asked, in the most respectful way, to bring Sidney back to the screen and I couldn't be more thrilled."

Along with her return, 'Scream' creator and writer Kevin Williamson is taking over as director of 'Scream 7'.

As per Variety, he wrote the first, second and fourth 'Scream' movies, in addition to executive producing the 2022 reboot 'Scream' and its sequel 'Scream 6'.

"It's been nearly 30 years since my very first script, 'Scream', was directed by the legendary Wes Craven," Williamson wrote on Instagram. "I never would have predicted what it would become. Or that I would be directing the seventh installment of the franchise. I am overcome with gratitude and excitement, and I can't wait to take this journey with Neve and the entire 'Scream' family as we bring back Sidney Prescott in the next chapter of the franchise. Thank you to all the 'Scream' fans. You are the gift that keeps giving."

Guy Busick, who wrote the fifth and sixth 'Scream' films with James Vanderbilt, is taking over the screenwriting reins. Vanderbilt will continue to produce alongside his Project X Entertainment partners William Sherak and Paul Neinstein. The film collective Radio Silence, who directed and produced the previous two 'Scream' films, will serve as executive producers.

Billy Baldwin claps back at Sharon Stone over her 'Sliver' sex claim

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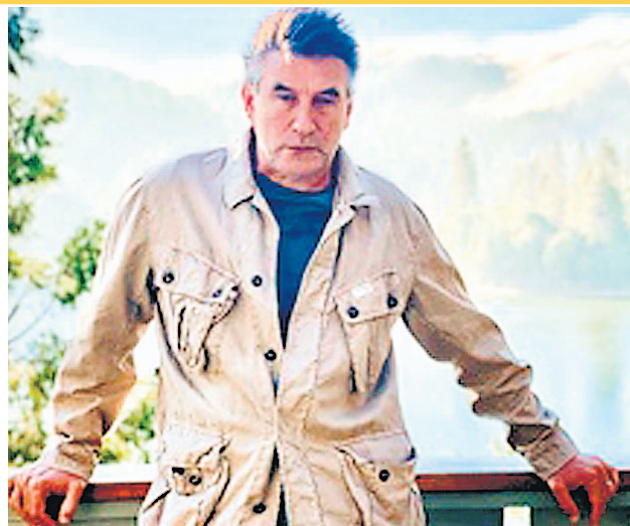
Hollywood actor Billy Baldwin, who shared the screen with actress Sharon Stone in the 1993 film 'Sliver', is fuming at the actress' claims of being forced to have sex with him.

Earlier, Sharon Stone claimed that a producer tried to force her to sleep with Billy Baldwin, reports Female First UK.

The actress had said that producer Robert Evans - who died in 2019 aged 89 - wanted her to get intimate with Billy, 61, while they filmed 'Sliver' together to improve his acting and "save the movie" from being a flop.

As per Female First UK, hours after her remarks emerged, Billy accused Sharon of being "hurt as he shunned her advances" - and said he was weighing up whether to write a book "about the many disturbing, kinky tales" he knows about the 'Casino' star.

He ranted on X: "Not sure why Sharon Stone keeps talking about me all these years later? Does she still have a crush on me or is she still hurt after all these years because I shunned her advances? Did she say to her gal pal Janice Dickinson



the day after I screen tested and ran into them on our MGM Grand flight back to New York... 'I'm gonna make him fall so hard for me, it's gonna make his head spin'???"

Billy went on: "I have so much dirt on her it would make her head spin but I've kept quiet. The story of the meeting I had with Bob Evans imploring him to allow me to choreograph the final sex scene in the photo

below so I wouldn't have to kiss Sharon is absolute legend. Wonder if I should write a book and tell the many, many disturbing, kinky and unprofessional tales about Sharon? That might be fun."

Sharon had told 'The Louis Theroux Podcast' about 'Chinatown' producer Robert apparently saying she should sleep with Billy to improve their on-screen chemistry in 'Sliver'.

She said on the podcast: "He called me to his office. He had these very low 1970s, 1980s couches, so I'm essentially sitting on the floor, when I should have been on set. And he's running around his office in sunglasses explaining to me that he slept with Ava Gardner and I should sleep with Billy Baldwin, because if I slept with Billy Baldwin, Billy Baldwin's performance would get better, and we needed Billy to get better in the movie because that was the problem."

Sharon added Robert was convinced her bedding Billy - who is now married to 56-year-old singer Chynna Phillips - would give the pair better "chemistry on screen" which he apparently told her would "save the movie."

She also made the claim in her memoir, without naming either Robert or Billy. Sharon added that she decided bosses on the film - which earned \$280 million at the box office despite being mauled by critics - could leave her "out of" the idea, saying: "It was my job to act and I said so."

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Camila Cabello



LFW x FDCL: Showstopper Karishma Tanna walks the ramp for designers

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Actress Karishma Tanna turned showstopper for aspiring designers at the Launchpad segment of the ongoing Lakme Fashion Week x FDCL. A group of fashion and interior designers took over the stage on Wednesday to showcase their collection, a reimagined version of vintage fashion from the 1960s to the 1980s.

The creation that Karishma donned was by a cub designer named Yash Gala from Inter National Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD). He shared that he is really inspired by strong bold look and "structured garments."

While talking about Karishma turning showstopper for newbies, Disha Khosla, style mentor from INIFD said that usually stars say no to them.

To this, Karishma replied: "I know how the dream works and I know what passion they have so I really like to encourage each and everybody; and when I got to know that I had to walk for a very talented designer, I was very happy."

Another aspiring designer flaunted a collection from the 1970s fashion, which features rich art and craft from Jaipur.

Japanese vintage ready to wear was showcased by a young designer whose collection mostly featured shades of blue and white.

The fourth aspiring designer said that she drew inspiration from herself and her doodles for the eclectic collection.

Lastly, a collection called 'Checkmate' was showcased. The USP of the ensembles was that it was made out of left over fabric from factories and drew its inspiration from 1960s.



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The 'Shape of You' hitmaker Ed Sheeran danced with singer-songwriter Armaan Malik in Mumbai, and it was a 'Perfect' moment.

Armaan Malik stepped out for a fun dinner with Ed Sheeran. The singers shook a leg on Armaan's track 'Butta Bomma' from the Allu Arjun-starrer 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo'. Armaan, who has earlier collaborated with Ed Sheeran on a song called '2step', took to his Instagram on Wednesday and shared a video of him dancing with Ed Sheeran inside a Mumbai pub.

Addressing the 'Perfect' singer, Armaan wrote in the caption: "Favourite person in my city."

Towards the end of the video, the two singers also pulled off the signature pose of Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan.

Singer

ED SHEERAN, ARMAAN MALIK SHAKE A LEG TO 'BUTTA BOMMA' IN MUMBAI

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Kaur, who is known for 'Dilbaro' and 'Katiya Karun', took to the comments' section and wrote: "So precious." YouTuber and influencer, Aashna Shroff wrote: "Best nightttt (sic)." Ed Sheeran is currently in Mumbai for his upcoming concert at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse, and is making the most of his time experiencing the city in its every mood and flavour.

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Legendary Bollywood actress and Padma Shri awardee Waheeda Rehman has donated her personal film memorabilia to Film Heritage Foundation (FHF) for preservation.

The actress was honoured with India's highest film honour, the Dadasaheb Phalke award, last year, and has worked with some of the most renowned filmmakers of the country like

Guru Dutt, Satyajit Ray, Basu

Bhattacharya and Yash Chopra, during her career, reports

Variety.

The roles essayed by her in films have gone on to become classics in the history of Indian cinema.

In a career spanning over five decades, she has worked in more than 90 feature films. Her accolades include a National Film Award and the Padma Bhushan in 2011.

As per Variety, the memorabilia includes the saree she wore to the premiere of 'C.I.D.' in 1956, her photo albums and photographs and lobby cards from 'Kaagaz Ke Phool', 'Chaudvin Ka Chand', 'Sahib Bibi Aur

Ghulam' and 'Baat Ek Raat Ki'. Waheeda Rehman said in a statement accessed by Variety: "I'm giving all this to the Film Heritage Foundation, because these are very important memories that need to be preserved. People who are interested in learning about films and the history of Indian cinema can look back at this valuable memorabilia that is preserved at the FHF archive. I hope you all enjoy seeing all these albums."

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Divyanka drops pics in yellow: 'Visualising sunshine, manifesting memories'



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya has shared new pictures of herself on social media, and has said that she is "visualising sunshine and manifesting memories."

Best known for her role in shows like 'Yeh Hai Mohabbatein' and 'Banoo

Main Teri Dulhann', Divyanka took to Instagram, where she has 26.3 million followers and dropped a series of pictures wearing a yellow dress.

With minimal makeup and her hair untied, Divyanka is smiling ear to ear for the lenses. The look is rounded off with hoop earrings and a side bag.

The post is captioned: "Visualising sunshine, manifesting memories.

#HolidayDreams (they say, manifest until you get it)."

A fan commented on the post: "Relax Breathe Believe..It will manifest."

Another user wrote: "Hello sunshine, my eyes are blessed."

Urvashi Rautela's father wanted her to join JNU since she was in school

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Urvashi Rautela, who is gearing up for her upcoming film 'JNU: Jahangir National University', has shared that her father wanted her to study at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) since she was in school.

The actress essays the role of a university student in 'JNU', a film directed by Vinay Sharma.

The actress studied at Gargi College, one of the prestigious colleges under Delhi University.

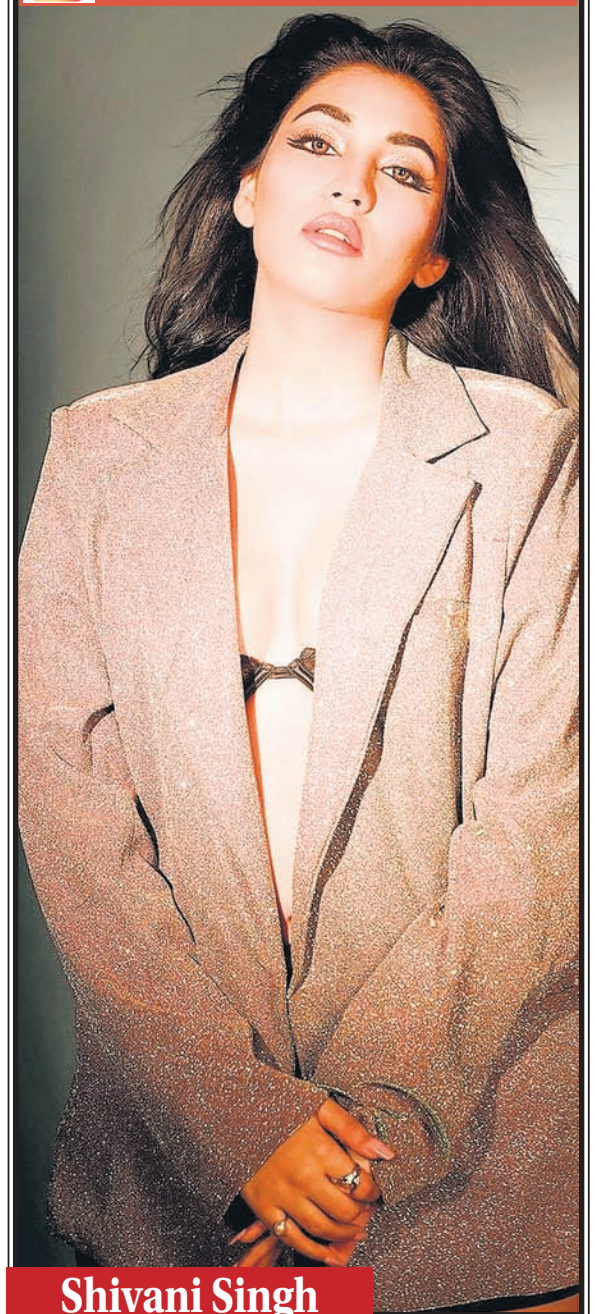
'JNU', which also stars Siddharth Bodke, Piyush Mishra, Ravi Kishan, Vijay Raaz, Rashmi Desai, Atul Pandey, and Sonnalli Seygall, is set to release theatrically on April 5.

Talking about her part in the film, Urvashi told, "I play a JNU student in the film. Actually, in real life, my father since my school days wanted me to be in JNU. So it's like a dream coming true, though onscreen. The film talks about how within the sanctum of education lies a concern, where some perceive a conspiracy to disrupt our nation's unity."

Talking about the film further, she said, "Within the confines of educational institutions, there exists a cause of concern. Some individuals have a hidden agenda aimed at undermining the unity of our nation."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Shivani Singh