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## INDIA'S FIRST AGAINST DEADLY DECEASES WITH INDIGENOUSLY-DEVELOPED VACCINES

# For Cervical Cancer

The Centre on Thursday announced the "Cervavac", India's first indigenously-developed vaccine for prevention of cervical cancer, will be launched in the next few months and will be available in the price range of Rs 200-Rs 400.

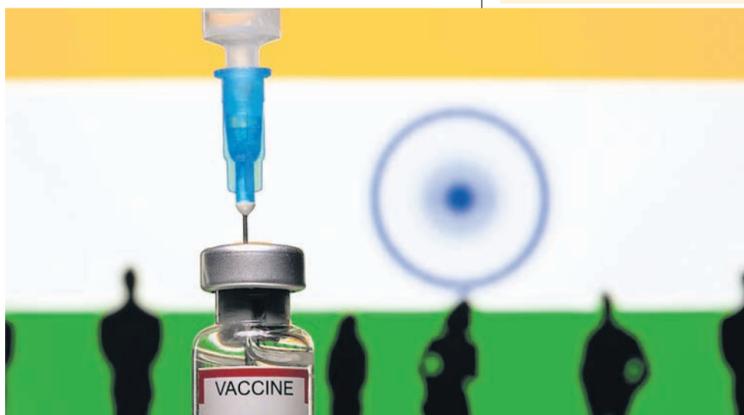
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Cervical cancer ranks as the 2nd most prevalent cancers in India and accounts for nearly one-fourth of the world's cervical cancer deaths despite being largely preventable.

As per current estimates, every year, approximately 1.25 lakh women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and over 75,000 die from the disease in India, and 83 per cent of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18 in India, and 70 per cent of cases worldwide.

Announcing the scientific completion of the quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (qHPV) vaccine in presence of Adar C. Poonawalla, CEO, Serum Institute of India and other prominent scientists and dignitaries, Union Science & Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said that this affordable and cost-effective vaccine marks an important day for the DBT and the BIRAC as it takes India a step closer to PM Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. He noted that the most promising intervention for preventing cervical cancer is vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV). It is estimated that HPV types 16 and 18 (HPV-16 and HPV-18) together contribute to approximately 70 per cent of all invasive cervical cancer cases worldwide.

Poonawalla, in his brief address, said that the wellbeing and protection of mother and child is the core philosophy of Serum Institute as only a healthy India can be a productive India.



Jitendra Singh pointed out that within a year of implementation, the Mission Covid Suraksha demonstrated major achievements such as development of the world's first DNA vaccine for Covid-19 by Cadila Healthcare which received Emergency Use Authorisation on August 20, 2021, and supporting the development of the nation's first mRNA Vaccine and intranasal vaccine candidate against Covid-19. He said that "Cervavac" is an outcome of a partnership of the DBT and the BIRAC with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, supported by Serum Institute of India for the indigenous development of quadrivalent vaccine through its partnership programme 'Grand Challenges India'.

# PEDIATRIC VACCINE FOR S. PNEUMONIA

The investigational pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine PCV14 can be administered in single-dose and multi-dose presentations. It can be given to infants at 6, 10 and 14 weeks of age.

five years of age in India and in developing countries.

With the PCV14 vaccine, BE hopes to contribute to the prevention of invasive pneumococcal disease and protect millions of lives globally, the Hyderabad-based company said.

BE's PCV14 contains 14 serotypes, 12 of them the same as in Prevnar13 from Pfizer. In addition, BE's PCV14 has 2 more Serotypes 22F and 33F for which there have been increasing cases of infections globally.

The primary immunogenicity objective of demonstrating non-inferiority with anti-PnCPS IgG antibody concentrations against each of the 12 common serotypes of BE-PCV14 vaccine in terms of subjects seroconverted and the ratio of geometric mean concentrations against corresponding serotypes in Prevnar 13 was met. Non-inferiority was also demonstrated with anti-PnCPS IgG antibody concentrations against 22F and 33F unique serotypes specific to BE-PCV14, the company said.

BE's PCV14 vaccine elicited functional immune responses. One month after 3rd dose of vaccination, adequate increase in serotype-specific OPA GMTs were observed for all 14 PCV serotypes.

Hyderabad: Vaccine manufacturer Biological E. Limited (BE) announced on Thursday that the Subject Expert Committee of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has approved the Phase 3 infants clinical trial data and recommended for manufacture of its 14-valent pediatric vaccine against Streptococcus pneumoniae. Streptococcus pneumoniae infection continues to be a leading cause of child mortality under



## Niti Aayog in two minds on PMGKAY extension

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Though the government has not yet taken any decision on extending the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beyond its September 30 deadline, its think tank Niti Aayog is said to be of the view that the scheme should not be continued further. Sources privy to developments in Niti Aayog said that the scheme -- under which free food grains are provided to poor (covered under the National Food Security Act provisions) to ease the hardships they faced when the Coronavirus pandemic had erupted in 2020 -- should not be extended beyond September as the situation vis-a-vis availability of food grains has improved in the last two years. A view within Niti Aayog is that though there are adequate stocks of rice and wheat, the two commodities which are provided to the beneficiaries under the scheme, these cannot be distributed free of cost for a long period of time as the situation has returned to pre-pandemic levels. Also, the beneficiaries receive

ration through the public distribution system (PDS) and the food grains being provided under PMGKAY are over and above that, so they won't face any problems now even if the scheme is discontinued, sources pointed out.

While discussions within Niti Aayog on these lines are still at a preliminary stage, the government on its part has not yet taken any decision on extending the scheme beyond September.

Food and consumer affairs department officials, when contacted, said that no decision has yet been taken on PMGKAY's extension. Under PMGKAY, 5 kg of food grains consisting of either rice or wheat is provided free of cost to the poor. The scheme is scheduled to end on September 30. The scheme was launched in March 2020 by the government, just days after the nation-wide lockdown had been imposed, to reduce the hardships being faced by the poor at that time.

Since then, it has been extended many times and the last extension was effected in March 2022, which is to end on September 30.

## Teachers cannot be booked for advising students to study well: Madras HC

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The Madras High Court has ruled that teachers cannot be booked for abetment of suicide of students merely because they had asked the student concerned to study well.

Granting bail to all the five accused in the suicide of a 17-year-old Class 12 student at Kallakurichi on July 13, a single-judge bench of Justice G.K. Ilanthiraiyan observed that prima facie, it was a clear case of suicide and that there was no evidence to show that the girl was gang raped or tortured as alleged by her parents.

The bench said that it was "unfortunate" that teachers could be booked by the police for merely asking a student to study well as it went through two post-mortem reports submitted by the local police as also the content of the suicide note allegedly left behind by the deceased girl.

It is to be noted that the death of the plus two student had led to major arson and violence at Kallakurichi leading to the torching of 30 school buses and police vehicles.



The parents of the girl had registered a complaint with the police alleging foul play and alleged that their daughter had likely been raped before her death.

Five persons including two teachers, school principal, school management correspondent, and school secretary were arrested and sent to judicial custody.

The petitioners argued that they had no role in the suicide of the 17-year-old girl and denied allegations of rape and torture in their bail application moved in the Madras High Court.

The court also expressed its regret at the death of a student by suicide for facing difficulties in her studies and said: "It should not happen in the future."

## KCR GIVES SLOGAN OF 'BJP MUKT BHARAT' IN PATNA VISIT

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Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, who visited Patna on Wednesday to meet his Bihar counterpart Nitish Kumar and other Mahagatbandhan leaders, gave the slogan of "BJP Mukh Bharat".

"The country is a trouble zone and hence, we have decided to bring every opposition party on one stage to oppose the BJP. I have a good meeting with our elder brother Nitish Kumar ji and we will sit together to make strategy against the BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The BJP wants an opposition-free space to establish a dictatorship in the country. Hence we have decided on a 'BJP Mukh Bharat'," he said.

KCR, as the leader is popularly known, alleged that the Narendra Modi government has had no achievement for the last 8 years, and "he is only working on the Becho (sell) India campaign".

## EVERY CHILD BORN IN TELANGANA WITH RS 1.25 LAKH DEBT: SITHARAMAN

Hyderabad: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman came down heavily on Telangana's TRS government for raising debts beyond FRBM limits and claimed that every child born in the state carries Rs 1.25 lakh debt burden. She said because of the huge debts, Telangana's revenue surplus budget had slipped to a revenue deficit budget. She was talking to reporters at Kamareddy on Thursday. She said the state was raising more debts than approved in the Budget. She said all the debts were not being included in the Budget. The central minister argued that the Centre has the right to question the state on debts.

## NDTV FOUNDERS CLAIM IT DEPT SHOULD CLARIFY ON ADANI GROUP'S LOAN CONVERSION INTO EQUITY

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Delhi Television Ltd's (NDTV) two founders -- Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy -- and their investment vehicle RRRPR Holding Pvt Ltd have told the former that the Income Tax Department nod/ clarification is needed for conversion of warrants into equity in favour of Adani group's Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Ltd. On August 23, Vishvapradhan Commercial, in a notice to RRRPR Holding, intimated that it was exercising its right to convert warrants issued to it in 2009 into equity shares.

The conversion of warrants into equity would lead to Vishvapradhan Commercial gaining control of 99.5 per cent of RRRPR Holding that holds 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV. In a regulatory filing NDTV said RRRPR Holding has informed Vishvapradhan Commercial that its 29.18 per cent equity stakes in NDTV were provisionally attached by the Income Tax Authorities in 2017 with notification in 2018 that the attachment shall remain in place until completion of reassessment proceedings.

RRRPR Holding has also informed Vishvapradhan Commercial that operation of

these order(s) of attachment will require approvals and/or clarifications from the Income Tax Authorities on the former exercising its right to convert the loan warrants into equity shares.

According to NDTV, RRRPR Holding has invited Vishvapradhan Commercial to join its application to the Income Tax authorities.

"The Income Tax Department attachment order of 2017 (read with order of 2018) pertains inter alia to the loan agreement with VCPL (Vishvapradhan Commercial) in 2009, and is premised on RRRPRH (RRRPR Holding) (allegedly) transferring its controlling interest in NDTV to VCPL for Rs 403.85 crore, culminating in an estimate of Rs 175 crore "tax on capital gains arising on sale of controlling interest in NDTV to VCPL" on RRRPRH," NDTV said in its filing.

In its filing, NDTV said: "Further, RRRPRH has intimated VCPL that as individuals, Radhika and Prannoy Roy may individually require independent approval, under section 281 of the Income Tax Act, from the Income Tax Authorities, to deal with any assets, including indirect shareholding in NDTV, arising from sub judice (impugned) orders." The Adani Group is in the middle of a takeover for Indian broadcaster NDTV.

## GRAND TEMPLE PROPOSED AT SITE OF DEMOLISHED TWIN TOWERS

Noida: Days after the Supertech Twin Towers were demolished in Noida Sector 93-A, the Residents Welfare Association (RWA) in a meeting proposed that a grand temple be constructed at the site where the idols of Ram Lalla and Lord Shiva along with other Gods will be installed.

A big park was also proposed to be built for the children to play, in which special attention will be given to greenery, people familiar with the development said. The RWA had called for the meeting days after the Twin Towers were razed to the ground, and all the residents of the society agreed that a temple be built there apart from the park. In the latest development, it has come to notice that Emerald Tower of Supertech has not yet been handed over to the society and the ownership is still with the builder. But if the builder does any kind of construction there, they will have to take the consent of two-thirds of the society.

## Directions issued for govt servants on holding elective office

As per the policy of the government, a government servant is allowed to hold elective office in any body, whether incorporated or not, for a period of two terms or for a period of 5 years, whichever is earlier.

In cases where the government servants have assumed charge of elected posts prior to August 5, 2019, they may be allowed to complete the full period of their current tenure, except in cases where there are charges of corruption and adverse audit paras, etc.

The Competent Authority is required to keep in mind all the relevant factors while granting permission under Rule 15(1)(c) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, said the DoPT.

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No government servant shall, except with the previous sanction of the government, hold an elective office, or canvass for a candidate or candidates for an elective office, in any body, whether incorporated or not. Department of personnel and training (DoPT) has said that the entire time of the government servants should be available to the government and no activities unconnected with his official duties should be allowed to interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties.

There were certain instances where the government servants continued to hold elective offices in various capacities for unduly long periods.

In some cases, where bye-laws of these bodies placed restric-



tions on the number of consecutive terms a person may hold in an office, government servants were reported to have either got themselves re-elected after a gap or had got a family member or close relative elected as a surrogate in order to keep control of such bodies.

In such cases, government servants were not bestowing adequate attention upon their official duties and, as a result, such government servants also developed vested interests, particularly if the body was involved in commercial activities, directly or indirectly, said the DoPT.

## Get reports from 8 states on attacks on Christians: SC to MHA

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The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to seek verification reports from Bihar, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on a plea alleging attacks on the Christian community.

The apex court granted two months to conduct the entire exercise, which includes registration of FIRs, arrests made, status of investigation, and the charge sheets filed.

A bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli said that it "can't form an opinion on the veracity of allegations

made (in the plea) submitted to us".

The bench added that it would be better to verify the allegations made in the plea.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, representing the petitioner, submitted that 700 prayer meetings of Christians were stopped and violence was used against them.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said the MHA on verification found that many incidents referred to in the plea as communal attacks, were found to be either false or exaggerated.

The Central government has told the Supreme Court there is no merit in the plea alleging increasing attacks on Christians in the country.



# TERRORISTS MAKING BIG ATTEMPT TO INFILTRATE INTO J&K WITH ISI HELP: SOURCES

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Pakistan is constantly trying to infiltrate India from across the border in Jammu and Kashmir. Sources have revealed that Pakistan's ISI is planning a big infiltration through Jammu and Kashmir as many terrorist camps and launchpads have been shifted near the LoC. As per sources in intelligence agencies, Pakistan's ISI is directly managing the launchpads of terrorists and they have also helped terror groups to set up camps along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. Not only this, terrorists are also being given training for infiltration and attacks. Indian intelligence agencies have come to know that terrorist organizations have set up their camps a few kms from the LoC.

According to the information, Pakistan is dropping weapons through drones to help the infiltrating terrorists. According to sources, these weapons dropped in hundreds are



around in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sources also said that terror camps are reportedly being run in

Manshera, Muzaffarabad and Kotli in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir region. These camps are being run by

Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, to which ISI is giving full support.

Sources also said that many foreign terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed are already present in Jammu and Kashmir and are waiting for the signal of their masters in order to carry out a terrorist act. According to sources, the number of these terrorists can be around 40-50.

Special operations are also being run continuously by the Indian security forces to counter such terrorist activities. Meanwhile, Indian security forces recently foiled several infiltration attempts in Jammu and Kashmir, which points to Pakistan's attempt to set up terror launchpads close to the Indian border.

Sources also said that a large number of trained workers are also sitting in Peshawar, Bahawalpur and Muzaffarabad after the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, waiting to infiltrate in J&K.

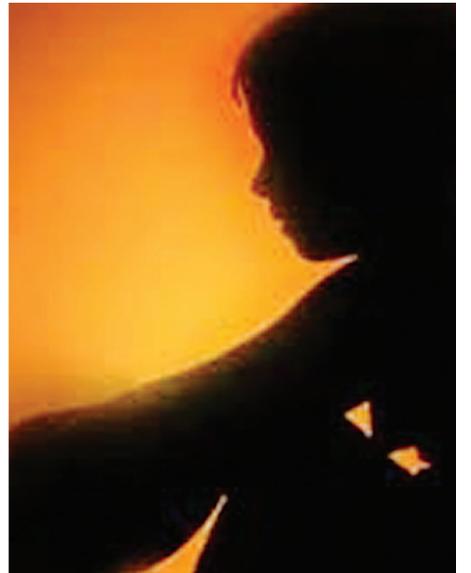
# Class 3 boy sodomised by Class X student in Delhi govt school

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In a shocking incident, a Class 3 student was sodomised by a Class 10 student in a Delhi government school in Madhu Vihar in Mandawali area of East Delhi.

The incident happened around three days back. According to sources, the number of these terrorists can be around 40-50. Speaking to IANS the father of the victim said they have lodged an FIR about the incident and were not sending him to school for the last two days. "The incident happened in the school premises. My son complained to the teacher about it after which the matter was reported and I was called," said his father.

A case was lodged at the local police station. Police officials were unavailable for comment on the matter.



# AP's interests at core of TDP's national strategy: Naidu

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Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national President and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday said that the state's interests have always been at the core of his party's national political strategy.

He told reporters that the TDP looks at national politics only from the point of view of the state's interests.

The TDP chief, however, declined to comment on the reports that the TDP is likely to re-join the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). He said those making the speculations should answer it. Naidu claimed that the TDP had come out of NDA for the state's interests. He also felt that the party suffered losses twice due to more focus on governance. The former Chief Minister

said he also suffered personally due to his passion to do something good for the state.

Naidu, whose party lost power in the 2019 elections, claimed that despite the bifurcation blow and revenue deficit, the TDP government implemented welfare schemes. He recalled that it was the TDP which had initiated welfare measures. He said if voted to power again, the party would redouble the welfare schemes. The TDP leader said that those who are ignorant are criticizing him over welfare schemes. He slammed Jagan Mohan Reddy led government for what he called destroying the institutions. He remarked that there is a state of helplessness with nobody in a position to do anything to check destruction of institutions. Naidu alleged that Andhra Pradesh suffered more losses due to Jagan's misrule than the losses due to bifurcation.

# OVER 68K FROM FIVE NE STATES REGISTER FOR 'AGNIVEER' RECRUITMENT RALLIES

Imphal: Over 68,000 candidates from five northeastern states have registered their names for the Agniveer recruitment rallies in connection with the Centre's 'Agnipath' scheme for short-term recruitment into the armed forces, a defence spokesman said on Thursday. The spokesman said that the registration process for Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and 13 districts of Assam was recently completed. "The response has been overwhelming with over 68,000 candidates registering for the six rallies," he said. The spokesman said that registration for Mizoram, Tripura and 20 districts of Assam is now going on and shall close on September 3. He added that registration for women Agniveers for Corps of Military Police for seven northeastern states is also going on since August 9 and shall close on September 7.

# Pilot camp in Rajasthan plans major show of strength on his birthday

Jaipur | Agencies

In a major development which might disappoint Gehlot camp, the Pilot camp in Rajasthan has planned a major show of strength this year on his birthday which falls on September 7. However, as former deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot is visiting Kanyakumari to join Rahul Gandhi for Bharat Jodo Yatra, which is starting from September 7, this programme will be organised on September 6, confirmed sources.

A day before the birthday of Pilot, his supporters are preparing to gather in large numbers in Jaipur.

Amidst the changed circumstances, this time, the show of strength by Pilot camp on the birthday has a strong political meaning.

Two years after the Corona period, this time there is no restriction on crowd gathering, so Pilot supporters are trying to mobilise in large numbers. Last year, amid the restrictions because of Covid-19, Pilot met his supporters outside the Civil Lines



bungalow. This time, preparations are for a big event. Arrangements are also being made for blood donation and tree plantation programmes across the state. Pilot supporters are going to organise birthday programmes in every district.

This became crucial as sources said that a final decision may be taken soon on giving power or role to Sachin Pilot as he has not held any post for more than two years. Sources said that on the basis of recommendations made by the Conciliation Committee,

the high command has given assurance of giving him a respectable responsibility, so his supporters are now waiting for the same.

Pilot's birthday is being discussed all around because of its crucial timing as the process is starting with the release of notification to elect the national President of Congress on September 22 this month.

Politics has also heated up in the Rajasthan Congress regarding who comes on the election of the national President of the party. There are speculations that chief minister Ashok Gehlot might be elected for the post of national President.

With the announcement of the Congress President's election programme, the Pilot group has become active in Rajasthan. MLAs supporting Pilot have intensified the demand to make him chief minister. Further Pilot said on Wednesday that everyone will have to follow the instructions to the high command which have further fuelled possibilities of major changes in organisation.

# Two held at IGI airport for concealing foreign currency worth Rs 45.5L



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The CISF personnel on Thursday held two men at Indira Gandhi International Airport with foreign currency worth Rs 45.5 lakh concealed inside laptop bag.

An official said that at about 10:15 a.m., on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff of Terminal-3, IGI Airport, noticed suspicious activities of two passengers at check-in area.

The passengers were later identified as Moshin Khan Saifi and Asim. Saifi was supposed to travel from Delhi to

Hyderabad by Vistara Flight, whereas Asim was supposed to travel from Delhi to Dubai by Air India Express flight.

It was noticed that Saifi exchanged his one trolley bag with Asim. On suspicion, Asim was diverted to random checking point for thorough checking of his luggage. On checking of his laptop bag through X-BIS machine, doubtful image of concealment of some foreign currency was noticed.

"Thereafter, the passenger was allowed to complete the check-in formalities and was kept under close watch through physical and electronic measures. After clearing the check-in process and immigration formalities, the passenger was intercepted by CISF surveillance and intelligence staff and was brought to departure customs office," said the official.

The official said that on thorough checking of his bag, in the presence of customs officials, 56,200 US Dollar and 3,200 UAE Dirham worth Rs 45.5 lakh were detected which were concealed inside laptop bag.

Later on, Saifi was also intercepted and brought to the customs office.

On enquiry, Asim could not produce valid documents to carry such huge amount of foreign currency.

Both the passengers along with the detected 56,200 US Dollar and 3,200 UAE Dirham worth Rs 45.5 lakh was handed over to the custom officials for further action in the matter.

# MUSLIM STUDENT THRASHED FOR BEING FRIENDS WITH HINDU GIRL, 9 HELD



Dakshina Kannada (Karnataka): Karnataka Police have arrested nine students in connection with thrashing of a Muslim student for developing a friendship with a Hindu girl in Sullia Police station limits in Dakshina Kannada district, police said on Thursday. Mohammad Sanif, 19-year-old B.com student of First Grade College at Sullia, was beaten up by a group of Hindu students on August 30 for being friends with a Hindu girl student. Sanif, a resident of Jalsoor Village, was talking to his Hindu friend. The accused did not like Sanif talking to Hindu girl and took him to the college playground. The accused had pulled the shirt of the victim and assaulted him with a wooden log. The accused questioned him why he was talking to Hindu girl and threatened him that he won't be spared if he continued to talk to her. He was also pushed to the ground and kicked. The victim had informed the matter to his family members who lodged a police complaint in this regard. Sanif is being treated at the Sullia Government hospital, police said. The police have arrested five students for assaulting Sanif and four students for supporting the assault. The photos of the assault have gone viral on social media and created public outrage.

# Heavy rainfall lashes Chennai, low-lying areas inundated



Chennai | Agencies

Heavy rainfall lashed Chennai and its surrounding areas on Thursday leaving several low-lying areas in the state capital inundated.

The rainfall, which commenced at 12 p.m., is continuing unabated and has thrown normal life out of gear.

The IMD has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in many parts of Tamil Nadu for

the next four to five days. It has also predicted heavy rainfall in Tamil Nadu and parts of Puducherry including Mahe.

The district administrations of Nagapattinam, Tiruvavur, Mylathurai and Tanjavur have declared holidays for all educational institutions following heavy to very heavy rainfall.

The Greater Chennai Police and the State Disaster Response Force are geared up for any eventuality.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I (JAYASHREE) is legally wedded spouse of No. JC 820284X SUB BALAPPA SUTAGATTI presently residing at H.no 392/14 Vill Panth nagar Post - Balekundri (B.K) district - Belagavi state - Karnataka Pin-591103 have changed my name from (JAYASHREE) to (JAYASHREE SUTAGATTI) vide affidavit no. BC 651520 dated 27/08/2022 before Regt No 14927 Notary Advocate Bhopal (M.P.).

## CHANGE OF NAME

I No. 4575926F L/HAV JADEJA KALUBHA GAGUBHA s/o Jadedja Gagubha presently residing at Ugamanagar Vachiabara jamnagar Gujrat Pin-361310 have changed my son's name from DINGVI-JAYSINH to JADEJA DINGVIJAYSINH KALUBHA vide affidavit No. 75AA 686189.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I PUNAM BAXLA is legally wedded spouse of No. 4288294F HAV AMAN KUJUR presently residing at Vill Barikola PO Danto Khurd, Barikola Jhonji Hazaribagh, Jharkhand Pin-825411 have changed my name from PUNAM KUJUR to PUNAM BAXLA vide affidavit No. 75AA 686186.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I JADEJA RAJALBA KALUBHA is legally wedded spouse of No. 4575926F L/HAV JADEJA KALUBHA GAGUBHA presently residing at Ugamanagar Vachiabara jamnagar Gujrat Pin-361310 have changed my name from RAJALBA to JADEJA RAJALBA KALUBHA vide affidavit no. 75AA 686190.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I No. 4575926F L/HAV JADEJA KALUBHA GAGUBHA s/o Jadedja Gagubha presently residing at Ugamanagar Vachiabara jamnagar Gujrat Pin-361310 have changed my daughter's name from PRITIBA to JADEJA PRITIBA KALUBHA vide affidavit No. 75AA 686187.

# Man shot dead in broad daylight in Gurugram, victim's son accuses kin

Gurugram | Agencies

A 52-year-old man was shot dead in broad daylight on Gurudwara Road in Gurugram on Thursday by unidentified armed assailants.

The victim -- a former vice chairman of Sohna Market Committee, was identified as Sukhbir Singh a.k.a. Sukhi, a resident of Rithoj village in Gurugram.

Though he was admitted to a private hospital in Gurugram soon after he was shot, he succumbed to the injuries.

His son Anurag has accused the victim's brother-in-law Chaman of being involved in the crime.

Anurag stated in his police complaint that his father had married twice and there was a tussle between Sukhbir and Chaman -- the brother of his second wife -- for the last several days. "I suspect that Chaman and his associates killed my father due to a tussle. On Thursday, my father had visited Gurugram market to buy clothes for him along with my uncle Rajender Patwari," Anurag told the police. "My uncle informed me that around 4-5



persons had shot my father inside Raymond store and was rushed to hospital in critical condition. My father was dead due to bullet injuries on his head and chest. I believed that Chaman and his associates have killed my father and stringent action would be taken against them," he told the police. The entire incident was captured in the CCTV cameras installed inside as well as outside the store. In one of the footages, three armed

assailants can be seen fleeing the spot while having pistols in their hand. According to reports, Sukhbir became the Vice President of the Sohna Market Committee in 2009. He was preparing to contest the election of Councillor from Zilla Parishad Ward-2. The victim had also contested the election but lost. He was close to the BJP leaders. Preliminary investigation revealed that Sukhbir came to Raymond's showroom located on Gurudwara Road to buy clothes around 3.30 p.m. on Thursday when three to five unidentified armed miscreants approached him and fired at him inside the showroom. The assailants fired five to eight rounds of bullets at Sukhbir and then fled the spot. "We are yet to ascertain the motive behind the incident. We are scanning the CCTV footage of the nearby areas for identification of the accused," DCP Deepak Saharan told reporter. "The case is being investigated from all angles including personal enmity and business disputes," said the police officer. Based on a complaint by the deceased's son, an FIR under relevant sections of the IPC including the Arms Act has been registered at the Civil Lines police station of Gurugram.



# TIME TO TRANSFORM NUTRITION AWARENESS INTO PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT: CM CHOUHAN

### National Nutrition Month will be celebrated in the state from September 1 to 30

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that a balanced diet is the basis of a healthy life. As said by sages that, "Pehla suk nirogi kaya" i.e. person whose is healthy, disease-free, is the happiest. National Nutrition Month is starting from September 1 in the country, which will continue till September 30.

There is a need to make nutrition awareness as a mass movement, while encouraging public participation to reduce malnutrition and improve nutrition levels.

Chief Minister Chouhan reached to the people of the state through



social media and appealed to be aware about their health and food habits as well as to ensure regular

exercise as a habit. Various activities will be conducted up to Anganwadi level in the Nutrition Month. Public

representatives, government officials-employees and general public should ensure their active participation in these activities.

### 'PUBLIC OPINION IS IMPORTANT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIC FACILITIES & WELFARE SCHEMES'

Bhopal : Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the attitude of "all is well - all is well" by the administrative officers will not work. Public opinion is important in the implementation of basic facilities and public welfare schemes. In-charge ministers, local ministers, MLAs and public representatives of the district should do a thorough review of the district every month. We have to work for the development and welfare of all in the form of Team Madhya Pradesh. Chief Minister said this during a virtual review of Balaghat district from the residence office.

# Murders of 3 security guards in MP suspected to be serial killing case

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Authorities in Madhya Pradesh are suspecting that the murders of three security guards in Sagar district carried out in a similar manner, were a case of serial killing.

A total of four security guards were attacked. While three of them died, one has been hospitalised in Bhopal.

The attacks had an identical pattern -- smashing heads with a hammer, stones and spade.

Noticing the pattern, the police have deployed teams to nab the perpetrator of the attacks which have led to panic among the people in Sagar district.

Director General of Police (DGP) Sudhir Saxena has personally started monitoring this case, a senior official told IANS on Thursday.

"Four teams of police have been deployed. The DGP himself is monitoring the case personally and giving instructions to senior police officials," the official in the police headquarters in Bhopal, said.



While the first case was reported in May, the second took place on Monday and the third and fourth were carried out on Tuesday.

The first victim was identified as Uttam Rajak, while Sambhusharan Dube and Kalyan Lodhi were killed on Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

Mangal Ahirwar is currently in the hospital with skull injuries.

The police have noticed that every attack took place in the dead of the night and the victims were picked randomly sleeping in the premises of houses or buildings.

They were hit on the head with a blunt object, hammer and spade in two cases.

The cases were linked after the mobile phone of the second victim was found near the third in separate police station areas.

Despite all the attacks taking place under different police station areas, the similar pattern used made the district police to suspect the involvement of a serial killer.

In the wake of the attacks, residents on Wednesday took to the streets and staged a roadblock demanding capital punishment for the accused.

### 'Protecting rights and providing justice to the people are duties of law students'

Bhopal : Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that lawyers are the protectors of law and order. It is also the duty and responsibility of the students of law to ensure that the rule of law works properly, the rights of the people are protected and the poor get justice. Lawyers should not limit themselves to their practice but also do the work of giving direction to the country and society. Our life will be meaningful only by these actions. It is necessary to make our life meaningful and purposeful, for ourselves and also for society and nation.

Chief Minister was addressing the Silver Jubilee celebrations of National Law Institute University, Bhopal. Chouhan inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp after the national anthem. Earlier, 25 saplings were planted on the silver jubilee of the institute under the leadership of CM Chouhan.

### Family alleges 5-yr-old boy died for want of treatment, admin refutes charges



Team Absolute | Bhopal

A video surfaced on social media showing a woman carrying the body of her 5-year-old son, who died at a hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district. The woman along with two other family members were seen outside the government hospital.

Following the death of boy identified as Rishi Pandre, the family members alleged that the boy died because he was not provided medical treatment on time. The deceased boy's maternal uncle Pawan Barkade alleged there was no doctor or other responsible staff to treat his nephew at the government-run health facility in Bargi on Wednesday.

However, the administration refuted allegations

saying the boy had died before he was brought to the hospital. The administration also claimed that medical officer Dr. Lokesh had examined the boy and declared him brought dead.

It also said that the boy recently sustained burn injuries and was treated by a local doctor. He later developed high fever and other complications and was brought to the government-run hospital.

Jabalpur district collector Dr. Ilaiyaraaja T took cognizance in the matter and had ordered an inquiry in the matter. Clarifying more in this matter, collector office said, "The parents of the child brought the child to Bargi Hospital in a dead state. Based on the facts, the boy was already burnt and was undergoing treatment at the local level for 10 days. Doctors attended the boy and found him dead on arrival."

Meanwhile, in a separate case in the same district, head and hands of a newborn child were found lying in a market area on Thursday. Sanitary workers of the government-run Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College and Hospital spotted the body parts lying partially wrapped in cloths.

### CM CHOUHAN PLANTS SAPLINGS IN NLIU CAMPUS



Bhopal : Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted Ashok, Madhukamini and Chandni saplings in the National Law Institute University (NLIU) campus. The Silver Jubilee celebrations of the institute were inaugurated by planting 25 saplings. The Vice Chancellor of the Institute, Professor V Vijayakumar, Registrar Gayyur Alam, State Bar Council President Vijay Choudhary were present. The faculty and students of the institute also planted saplings.

### Man kills 'friend' for transgender identity in Indore

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A man, who befriended a woman on social media with the intention of sexual favours, strangled her to death after learning that she was a transgender.

The deceased has been identified as Mohsin alias Zoya Kinnar and the accused as Noor Mohammad, police said on Thursday. As per the police, Zoya was missing from August 28 and a complaint was also registered in this regard. The police said the accused had been cutting the body into pieces and disposing them at different locations.

Almost half portion of the body was disposed, while another half was recovered from the accused's home. "He was disposing of the pieces of the body smartly, however, before he could do it com-



pletely, he was arrested on Wednesday," the police said. During interrogation, Noor Mohammad confessed to his crime. Noor Mohammad said that he befriended Zoya on social media and insisted her to meet him at his residence, the police said. "Zoya reached Noor Mohammad's residence where he insisted her for physical intimacy,

following which she revealed that she is not a normal woman, but a transgender," the police added.

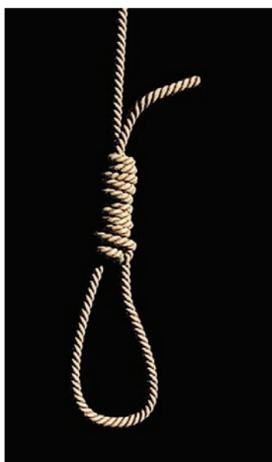
"Hearing this, Noor Mohammad got furious and hit Zoya badly. Later, he strangled her to death. He cut Zoya's body into pieces and threw two parts of the body at two different locations," said DCP Samapt Upadhyay.

### Woman hanged herself after strangulating daughters in Ujjain

Team Absolute | Ujjain

In Ujjain district of Madhya Pradesh, the wife of a grocery trader hanged herself after strangling her two daughters. The woman and her elder daughter died while the condition of the younger daughter is critical.

This case is of Tarana police station area, here is Sunil Parmar's house at Nachan Bor intersection and he is running a grocery shop. When he reached home after closing the shop on Wednesday night, he could not see his wife, when he reached the first floor, he was shocked because his 28-year-old wife Gayatri was hanging on the fan and both daughters six-year-old Hansika and



two and a half years old year Priyanshi was lying on the ground.

Sunil immediately informed the police and an ambulance reached the spot. All three were taken to the hospital in Tarana where Gayatri and her elder daughter Hansika were declared brought dead by the doctors, while two-and-a-half-year-old Priyanshi was referred to Ujjain for treatment in view of her condition.

Police is probing the matter that what happened after that a woman strangled her two daughters and then hanged herself. Even the people of Gayatri's family are not able to understand that what was the reason for which she took this step?

### DOCTORS IN AIIMS BHOPAL TREAT COMPLEX CANCER CASES

Bhopal: The department of urology at AIIMS Bhopal has performed a complicated surgery for penile cancer. In the past, such an operation would have caused significant complications in more than half the patients. A newer procedure called Video-Endoscopic Inguinal Lymphadenectomy (VEIL) is now performed, which uses a camera to remove the tumour completely with minimal incisions and complications. AIIMS Bhopal is one of the very few centres in the country that perform this. This technique has been further modified by the Department of Urology, AIIMS Bhopal to reduce the time of surgery from 4-5 hours to 2 hours. Reduced operative time and small incisions lead to quicker recovery from major surgery. The department of urology has named this procedure SimBIVEIL (Simultaneous Bilateral VEIL) and is the first centre in Madhya Pradesh and among the few centres in India to perform this. The surgery was done 6 weeks ago and the patient is doing fully well now.

### 7 factory workers in Indore ate poison, were upset due to non-payment of salary

Team Absolute | Indore

Seven workers, angry over non-payment of salary for several months in a factory in Indore and being sent to work in another factory, consumed poison. All these employees have been admitted to MY Hospital for treatment.

According to the information received from the police, there was a dispute between the seven employees working in the company and the management in Pardeshipura area over salary and being sent for work in another factory. All the employees were upset about this matter and when they were not listened to, the seven consumed poison.

A police officer has said that seven employees of a modular kitchen company have consumed poisonous substances. The names of those who have consumed the poison are Jamuna Dhar, Deepak, Devilal, Rajesh, Jitendra Dhamniya and Shekhar.

According to the police, the factory where these people work, they have not received



their salary for several months and were being sent to work in some other company, due to which these employees were angry and asked for their money but when they did not get it, they ate the poisonous substance. All these employees have been admitted to MY Hospital for treatment.

### BJP and Congress may take responsibility back from many leaders

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Even though it may be a year before the assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, both the political parties, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress, have started to strengthen organization. This is the reason that both the political parties have made up their mind to take back the responsibility from many leaders to eliminate the weak link. After the results of the urban body and panchayat elections held recently, both the major political parties, Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress, have become more alert and cautious than before. Both the parties did not get the desired results, the major reason for this is that many leaders associated with the organization have come to the fore who have harmed the election party.

According to sources associated with the BJP, the party has considered about a dozen district presidents as a weak link for the party, who did not discharge their responsibility well in the elections. As a result, there was a defeat on the part of the BJP. A list of such office-bearers has been made in the party who has done the work of causing harm in the elections. Therefore, before the assembly elections, the party wants to strengthen the organization further, for this it is necessary that a



message should be sent among the party leaders that those who work against the party's customs policy will be punished. To give this message, preparations have been made to relieve many leaders from their positions of responsibility. On the other hand, Congress is also preparing for a big change. Party has recently appointed the district in-charge and co-in-charge, so in the future, preparations are also going on to remove the office bearers sitting on many responsible posts. Party's state president Kamal Nath has clearly said that those are inactive should leave the post or that party or we will remove them from the post. Political analysts believe that the organization of the BJP is stronger than that of the Congress, but there are some people in the organization who keep the party interest aside for the fulfillment of their selfish interests and if the party undergoes surgery then its benefits are sure to come.

### 4th yr medical student killed in Armenia, MP CM assures help to bring body home

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The family members of a 27-year-old medical student, who was allegedly murdered in Armenia a few days ago, have urged the Madhya Pradesh government to help to bring the body of the deceased back home to perform the last rites. They had received information about the death of Ashutosh Dwivedi from the Indian Embassy in Armenia on August 29.

Ever since the family was informed about the alleged murder of Ashutosh, they have been seeking help from the Central and the state governments. Dwivedi was pursuing a medical degree in an Armenia based medical college. A family member told reporter that Dwivedi had gone to Armenia in 2020 and he was a fourth year medical student.

The deceased's family lives in a village in Teonthar assembly constituency in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh. His father is a teacher in a government school in the district. A family member said they received information that Ashutosh was murdered and the Armenia police have also arrested a 45-year-old person in the case. However, the family is yet to know why Ashutosh



was murdered. The family has urged Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to help bring the body back home as soon as possible. "Ashutosh's father is a teacher in a government-run school in Teonthar area and the family can't bear the expenses of an special airplane to carry the body back to Delhi or Bhopal. We have urged the state government to provide help in this regard," said Rakesh Tiwari, a cousin of Ashutosh. BJP MLA from Teonthar assembly Shyam Lal Dwivedi, who is also a relative of the deceased, wrote to the office of the Madhya Pradesh Chief

Minister in the matter. Talking to IANS on Wednesday, he said, "I received a call from chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan yesterday, and he has assured that the state government will provide all possible help to bring the body home. After the CM's call, a senior official from his office also informed that the state government would bear all the expenses to bring the body home. I am thankful to our CM for his helping hand."

As per reports, Dwivedi's body was found in Yerevan (capital of Armenia) by the police on August 28 near a shop located in an area called DeWitt Beck Street.

Reports suggested that the Armenian police have arrested a 45-year-old man named Balwinder Singh involved in the alleged murder. Rewa district collector Manoj Push said on Wednesday that "Efforts are being made to bring back the body of Ashutosh Dwivedi. Discussion held with senior officials in the state government. We are also in regular contact with the Armenian embassy in Delhi."

However, the family was yet to know when exactly the body will be flown from Armenia to New Delhi and they are waiting for a response from the authorities on this.



EDITOR'S SPECS

Covid - 19 may return in winter?

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that despite current downward trend in new Covid-19 cases, more hospitalisations and deaths are expected in the coming months as colder weather approaches. Despite a "welcome decline in reported (Covid-19) deaths globally ... with colder weather approaching in the northern hemisphere, it's reasonable to expect an increase in hospitalisations and deaths in the coming months," WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told journalists in Geneva on Wednesday. According to the WHO's latest Covid-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 9 per cent to around 5.3 million during the week of August 15 to 21 as compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths also decreased by 15 per cent as compared to the previous week, with more than 14,000 fatalities reported. The WHO chief said that the current sub-variants of Omicron are more transmissible than their predecessors, and the risk of the emergence of even more transmissible and more dangerous variants remains. However, vaccination coverage among the most at-risk people remains too low, especially in low-income countries. "Even in high-income countries, 30 per cent of health workers and 20 per cent of older people remain unvaccinated. These vaccination gaps pose a risk to all of us. So, please get vaccinated if you are not, and get a booster if it's recommended that you have one. Living with Covid-19 doesn't mean pretending the pandemic is over... Likewise, pretending a deadly virus is not circulating is a huge risk. Living with Covid-19 means taking the simple precautions to avoid getting infected, or if you are infected, from getting seriously sick or dying," he said, calling on all governments to update their policies to make best use of the life-saving tools that exist to manage Covid-19 responsibly.

RIGHT SOLUTIONS CAN REDUCE DISASTER IMPACTS: UN UNIVERSITY REPORT

After a summer of climatic extremes across the world, a new UN University report looks at how the right solutions can reduce the risk of such hazards turning into full-blown disasters, or in some cases eliminate them altogether. As climate change continues to accelerate and its impacts are increasingly felt, the challenges for disaster risk reduction in the future will only grow and be intensified by the impacts of nature and biodiversity loss. Solutions are already being implemented around the world to address risks, but interconnectivity is not yet placed at the heart of solution design and implementation. "Interconnected Disaster Risks Report 2021/2022" by the United Nations University -- Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) analysed 10 disasters from around the world, which were selected to be representative of a larger global issue, to identify shared root causes and drivers of disasters, and came up with eight solutions which can prevent or reduce a number of disaster risks. They are: Let nature work (coex-



ist with natural processes); Innovate (using new ideas); Work together (enhancing collaboration); Secure livelihoods (establish safety nets to protect people); Consume sustainably (modify our consumption patterns); Strengthen governance (increasing capacity of institutions); Plan for risks (being risk-aware in designing and building infrastructure); and Boost early warning (enhancing our capacity to predict and communicate risks). In the past year alone, disasters caused the loss of around 10,000 human lives and over \$280 billion in damages worldwide. "The good news is that just as the disasters are interconnected, so are the solutions," stated Jack O'Connor, Senior Scientist at UNU-EHS and Lead Author of the Interconnected Disaster Risks report. "One type of solution can prevent or reduce a number of different disaster risks, and through our research we were able to identify solutions which can prevent or drastically reduce the impacts of disasters to help us save lives and avoid costly damages." Launched two months ahead of the UN Climate Conference (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, the report demonstrates that by looking below

the surface and identifying the drivers that cause disasters to develop, such as deforestation or urbanization, we can decrease the risk of disasters before they occur. For example, deforestation leads to soil erosion, where a lack of trees and roots means that there is no protection from wind and rain and the soil is easily washed or blown away. This creates ideal conditions for multiple disasters, such as the devastating landslides during the Haiti earthquake, the formation of sandstorms in southern Madagascar and the sedimentation of water reservoirs contributing to the Taiwan drought, leading to lives lost or people's homes and income opportunities being destroyed. By applying the solution "Let nature work", we can harness nature's processes to reduce hazards; for example, by restoring forests to stabilize the soil and prevent land degradation. The solutions identified in the report are most powerful when implemented in "solution packages", where multiple solutions work together to address the different elements of each interconnected

disaster. For example, a solution package to address the looming extinction of the vaquita is to work together with local fisher communities to co-manage conservation areas, to innovate and implement more sustainable fishing methods, to raise awareness for sustainable consumption and to enforce regulations to prevent harmful overfishing and illegal trade. This solution package has a better chance of addressing the problem than if any of the solutions are implemented in isolation. "The research on this is clear. Without investing and scaling up smart solutions, the disasters of 2021/2022 are just the beginning of a new normal. The responsibility to make changes rests with all parts of society: the private sector, governments, regional and local decision makers, but also with us as individuals. All of our actions have consequences for all of us. In an interconnected world, we are all part of the solution," concluded Zita Sebesvari, Deputy Director of UNU-EHS and Lead Author of the Interconnected Disaster Risks report.

Farmers' forum may be KCR's launchpad for national politics

The proposed joint forum of farmers at the national level to replicate Telangana's success in agriculture is likely to be the launchpad for Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao's foray into national politics. The two-day discussion he had with leaders of farmers organisations from 26 states here is the beginning of the effort to form a national body, which may later become a national political party with farmers' issues at the core of its agenda. The deliberations of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief had with farmer leaders at his official residence Pragati Bhavan indicate that he has finally taken the initiative to unite the farmer organisations from across the country to work on the alternate national agenda. With leaders of farmers unions

unanimously adopting a resolution urging KCR to lead a nationwide campaign to unite farmers for struggles, the TRS leader appears set to don a national role. The farm leaders, who were impressed with the initiatives taken by KCR's government, requested him to lead a nationwide campaign to unite farmers for struggles right from the village level. On the second day of the meeting on Sunday, leaders of farmer unions urged KCR to prepare the blueprint for the struggles taking into consideration the changed agricultural scenario in the country. KCR called for democratic agitations and Parliamentary form of struggles on the lines of the agitation for statehood to Telangana to resolve the problems of agriculture and farmers in the country.

Lamenting that farmers did not find solutions to their problems even 75 years after India's Independence, KCR felt the struggles should reach a stage where people who set up obstacles to agriculture would be forced to raise 'Jai Kisan' slogans like those who were opposed to separate state joined the 'Jai Telangana' chorus. KCR also underlined the need for linking the farmers' agitation with legislatures. He recalled that the Telangana movement became stronger after people expressed their demand for a state through the medium of vote in elections. A bitter critic of Narendra Modi government's faulty agricultural policies, KCR presided over lengthy discussions on how these policies resulted in the collapse of the farm-

ing sector. The meeting analysed the development of agriculture, irrigation and power sectors in Telangana and the implementation of farmer welfare programmes and the progress of other agricultural-related projects in the state. KCR told the farmer leaders that as compared to the US, China, or any other country, India was abundant in water, land, and human resources. He pointed out that 40 crore acres of cultivable lands in the country needed 40,000 tmcft of water, and that 10,000 tmcft water was enough to fulfil the drinking water needs of the entire population. KCR provided the statistics to show how Telangana ramped up

its area under cultivation and increased the production. He slammed the BJP-led government at the Centre for what he called targeting the states lending a helping hand to farmers. The TRS chief had long been raising these issues but this is the first time that he hosted a meeting of farmer leaders from across the country to discuss the issues and mooted the idea of floating a national body to fight on farmers' issues. Political analysts say that KCR is now likely to expedite the process of consultation with other stakeholders from across the country to come out with an alternate agenda for the nation.

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UN RIGHTS REPORT ACCUSES CHINA OF 'CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY' AGAINST UYGHURS

United Nations | Agencies

Just hours before her four-year term ended, UN Human Rights High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet released a controversial long-delayed report that asserted that China may be guilty of "crimes against humanity" in its treatment of the Uyghur Muslim minority in the Xinjiang.

The "restrictions and deprivation more generally of fundamental rights enjoyed individually and collectively" by the Uyghur and other Muslims "may constitute international crimes, in particular, crimes against humanity", the report released in Geneva just before midnight Wednesday said. It blamed the Chinese government's campaign against terrorism for what it said was the "arbitrary and discriminatory detention of members of Uyghur and other predominantly Muslim groups" and the restrictions on religion. It mentioned reports that the Muslim minorities were subjected to sexual violence, torture and forced labour in the camps, and mosques and cemeteries were destroyed.



Bachelet, the former President of Chile who became the Human Rights High Commissioner in 2018, was facing criticism for delaying the release of the report and for a visit to China while it was under preparation. During the trip in May, she visited the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) where the Muslim minority was being repressed by the Chinese government. The China visit added to

speculations about the delay in the release of the report. Amnesty International's Secretary General Agnes Callamard said after its release that the delay "casts a stain" on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Deafening the delay, Bachelet said that she "wanted to take the greatest care to deal with the responses and inputs" from Beijing, with whom an advance copy had

been shared. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in May after her visit that Washington was concerned about Beijing's "efforts to restrict and manipulate her visit" to Xinjiang where "genocide and crimes against humanity are ongoing". Several activist organisations, including the Human Rights Watch, also criticised her. Bachelet said her visit had not been for "an investigation" but "to better understand the situation in China" and to speak frankly with Beijing officials. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres however, has defended Bachelet. His spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said on Wednesday: "He fully respects the independence of the Office of the High Commissioner and the work of the High Commissioner. Bachelet, whose term ended on Wednesday, announced in June that she was retiring and would not seek another term but Guterres is yet to announce her successor in the position that is perpetually embroiled in controversies with barrages of criticism from both governments and activists.

Flood situation in Pak high, likely to boost disease spread: WHO

More than 33 million people have been affected and over 6.4 million people are in dire need of humanitarian aid, including 421,000 refugees, the WHO report highlighted.

Islamabad | Agencies

The catastrophic flood situation in Pakistan will highly likely increase the spread of disease, says the World Health Organization (WHO), as the country continues its relentless battle against the deadly deluges. In its latest situation report on flooding in Pakistan, the WHO pointed out that the heavy monsoon rain which started in mid-June are continuing in many parts of the country and have affected 116 districts (75 per cent) out of the total 160. Geo News reported. The most affected province is Sindh, followed by Balochistan. As of August 25, more than 33 million people have been affected and over 6.4 million people are in dire need of humanitarian aid, including 421,000 refugees, the WHO report highlighted. More than 1,100 lives have been lost and almost 15,000 people injured.

The WHO report focused on what it called the "severe" impact on health facilities, stating that as of August 28, 888 health facilities have been damaged in the country of which 180 of them are completely damaged. "Access to health facilities, health care workers, and



essential medicines and medical supplies remain the main health challenges for now," Geo News quoted the WHO report as saying. Pakistan's health system is already battling multiple concurrent health threats, including Covid-19, and outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, measles, leishmaniasis and HIV, the WHO said, adding that even before the current floods, there was a significant disparity in access to health services between rural and urban areas. Meanwhile, health experts have sounded the alarm regarding the outbreak of disease in flood-affected areas, estimating around five million people to fall sick in the next four to 12 weeks.

Enormous respect for Gorbachev for opposition to nuclear war. Dalai Lama

Dharamsala | Agencies

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has mourned the demise of Mikhail Gorbachev, former leader of the Soviet Union, saying he had enormous respect for him and his efforts to introduce greater openness and transformation as well as for his opposition to nuclear war.



great honour to meet him on many occasions when we both took part in peace forums in different parts of the world. We have remained in close contact.

In a letter to the Gorbachev Foundation to express his sadness, the spiritual leader said: "I make heartfelt prayers for my friend and offer condolences to his daughter, Irina Virganskaya, and members of his family, his friends and supporters. "I had enormous respect for him and his efforts to introduce greater openness and transformation, as well as for his opposition to nuclear war. He worked actively to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world. "Over the years I had the

"Mikhail Gorbachev was a man of vision and an exemplary statesman. Even after his retirement he continued to be committed to promoting peace and reconciliation in the world. His initiation of the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates has allowed Nobel Peace Laureates and their respective organisations to come together regularly to apply their collective thoughts to bringing about a more caring, peaceful world. "He lived a meaningful life," His Holiness concluded. "We should continue to keep his spirit alive by emulating the enthusiasm and determination with which he encouraged freedom and worked to create a demilitarised world."

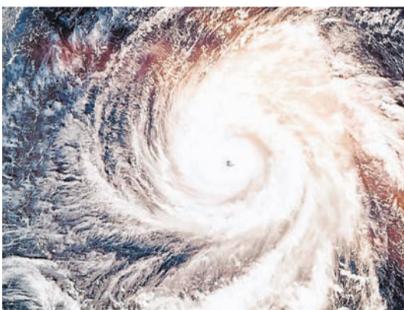
Typhoon Hinnamnor re-approaches Japan's Okinawa

Tokyo | Agencies

Typhoon Hinnamnor is re-approaching Japan's southernmost prefecture of Okinawa amid unstable atmospheric conditions that are expected to lead to heavy downpours in the country's western and eastern regions, the weather agency here said on Thursday.

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) upgraded typhoon Hinnamnor's classification to "violent" and warned of gale-force winds and rough seas as the powerful storm approaches the island. It said the typhoon had an atmospheric pressure of 920 hectopascals at its centre and was packing winds of up to 270 kph as of Thursday noon, reports news agency. The JMA said Hinnamnor, the 11th typhoon of the season,

was expected to move slowly south of Okinawa while gaining force through Friday. From Saturday through Sunday, the typhoon will approach the Sakishima Islands and Okinawa's main island, with wind and gust speeds increasing further, with the JMA warning of wave surges a high as 10 metres in the region. The JMA also said a weather front hitting moist air is leading to very unstable atmospheric conditions in wide regions of western and eastern



Japan. Along with thunderstorms, the meteorological agency has warned of heavy downpours and flooding in low-lying areas through Saturday. People in the affected regions have been asked to remain vigilant for landslides, tornadoes, flooding and lightning strikes.

TOP EU DIPLOMAT EXPECTS AGREEMENT ON IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Prague | EU Foreign Policy

EU foreign policy Josep Borrell said in Prague that he was sure negotiations to restore the nuclear agreement with Iran could soon be successfully concluded. "To me it's clear that there is a common ground, that we have an agreement that takes into account, I think, everyone's concerns," he said in a press conference on Wednesday after a meeting of EU Foreign Ministers. Efforts are underway to revive the 2015 Vienna agreement to set controls on Iran's nuclear programme in exchange for sanctions relief. Tehran insists its nuclear research activities are solely for civilian use, dpa news agency reported. The initial deal was struck in 2015, but fell apart a few years later during the US presidency of Donald Trump, who pulled out of the deal. EU negotiators have said a new version of the deal has been worked out and is only awaiting a yes or no from both sides. Borrell recently circulated compromise proposals for an agreement text among Iran and United States' negotiators, describing the response he received from both sides as reasonable. "I am hoping that in the coming days we are not going to lose this momentum and we can close the deal," the EU official said.





MAHA GANESHOTSAV: CM GOES 'PANDAL HOPPING' TO ANTILIA, SHIVTIRTH FOR 'DARSHAN'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde dropped in for Ganesh darshan at the home of billionaire industrialist Mukesh Ambani, here on Thursday. Accompanied by Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis, Shinde was accorded a warm welcome by Ambani and his family as they took a 'darshan' of Ganesh idol installed at the landmark Antilia building. Later, Ambani personally came to see off the duo and the dignitaries parted company with folded hands. Subsequently, Shinde called on Maharashtra Navnirman Sena President Raj Thackeray and his family at their new home Shivtirth in Dadar. This is the first time that Lord Ganesh has been installed at Shivtirth after Raj Thackeray shifted there in November last year. Amid speculation, Shinde told mediapersons that there was no political discussion with Raj Thackeray and the duo reminisced on old times.

For the past couple of days, the CM has been visiting several Ganeshotsav marquees in his hometown Thane, the homes of several VIPs, ministers, BJP leaders and other dignitaries. The state's biggest public festival, the 10-day long Ganeshotsav, started all over Maharashtra on Wednesday without any of the stringent restrictions that



were clamped in the past two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Over an estimated million small, medium, big and gigantic Ganesh idols have been

installed at homes, marquees, housing societies, factories, railway stations, residences of celebs, industrialists, film stars, politicians, etc.

SPICEJET SHARES FALL ON HIGH QUARTERLY LOSS

Mumbai: Shares of SpiceJet Ltd fell as much as 15 per cent on Thursday after the company reported huge loss in April-June following which its Chief Financial Officer Sanjeev Taneja had resigned.

At 10.15 a.m., shares of SpiceJet were trading at Rs 43.65, down Rs 2.70 or six per cent from its previous close. On Wednesday, SpiceJet had reported a widening of net loss to Rs 789 crore for the quarter under review on back of high fuel prices and sharp fall in rupee. "Total revenue for the reported quarter was Rs 2,478 crore as against Rs 1,266 crore in the same quarter of the previous year," the airline said in a release. Separately, SpiceJet employees on Wednesday alleged delay in the disbursement of salaries for the second straight month, with the budget airline saying the payments were being made in a "graded format".

MNS men abuse, push, assault woman shopkeeper

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A group of activists allegedly belonging to Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) abused, pushed and assaulted an elderly woman when she objected to their putting up a Ganeshotsav advertising banner outside her shop without her permission, here on Thursday.



Apparently irked over her blatant refusal, the MNS activists led by one Vinod Argile and others vent their ire by abusing her and then roughing her up till she fell on the footpath.

The woman -- identified as Parkash Devi, reportedly told them to "go and hang the banner outside Raj Thackeray's home" and Argile claimed she even abused them outside her medical shop. In a video of the incident that occurred on Sunday, that went viral, the woman and the MNS activists were in a heated argument, and as she kept refusing Argile could be seen pulling her, pushing her, giving her a powerful punch in the tummy, and again shoved her as she fell on the pavement. On Thursday,

Argile contended that the woman had abused him but said he was sorry for assaulting her even as the incident sparked a political row.

Nationalist Congress Party Chief Spokesperson Mahesh Tapase slammed the MNS for the "brutal attack" on an elderly woman and demanded that MNS President Raj Thackeray should clarify his party's stance on dignity and respect to womenfolk. "Such an incident in broad daylight is shocking and we condemn it. The Mumbai Police should register an FIR and take action against the MNS activists involved, and Raj Thackeray should also act in the matter," demanded Tapase. MNS south Mumbai activist Keshav Muley and others immediately

washed their hands off Argile, saying that the purported video is "incomplete" and the party top brass will taken action in the matter. Former Shiv Sena Mayor Kishori Pednekar slammed the MNS for the incident and urged Raj Thackeray to personally intervene and take action against the culprits. Meanwhile, social media expressed outrage over how so many people mutely took photos or videos of the incident instead of stopping the political lumps or rushing to the aid of the woman resisting them alone. The Nagpada Police have lodged a non-cognisable offence against the MNS activists and further investigations are underway.

GST collection rises 28% in August

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Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in August rose 28 per cent to Rs 1.43 lakh crore, with monthly GST revenue remaining more than Rs 1.4 lakh crore for six months in a row, the Finance Ministry said.

"This is a clear impact of various measures taken by the Council in the past to ensure better compliance. Better reporting coupled with economic recovery has been having a positive impact on the GST revenues on a consistent basis," a ministry statement said. The gross GST revenue collected in August 2022 stood at Rs 1,43,612 crore of which Central GST is Rs 24,710 crore, State GST is Rs 30,951 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 77,782

crore (including Rs 42,067 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 10,168 crore (including Rs 1,018 crore collected on import of goods), it said. The government has settled Rs 29,524 crore to CGST and Rs 25,119 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of August 2022 after regular settlement is Rs 54,234 crore for CGST and Rs 56,070 crore for the SGST. The revenues for the month of August 2022. Here's what experts are saying: M.S. Mani, Partner, Deloitte India: "These collections certainly reflect the strength of the underlying economic factors as they have established a new normal of Rs 1.4 lakh crore. With the onset of the festival season, which is typically a large consumption driver

for all businesses, the GST collections in the coming months would also be expected to be robust." Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory, a multi-disciplinary Tax Consultancy Firm: "The GST revenue collections keeps showing a substantial increase over last year and now Rs 1.4 trillion per month is the new normal collection. This is even amidst a concern of global slowdown. Among other things, it also reflects the impact of the GST rate increases due to the decisions taken by the GST Council in its 47th Meeting, which was implemented from 18th July 2022. The GST rates in almost all sectors - food grains, dairy, solar equipments, printing ink, leather items, capital goods, infrastructure, real estate, hotels, hospitals, etc were increased.

EXPERTS, POLITICOS JEER NIA'S 'MEASLY BOUNTY' FOR DAWOOD

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In a bolt from the blue, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) recently announced a bounty for the absconder mafia Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar - declared a 'Global Terrorist' - and his close confidant Chhota Shakeel and three other infamous gangsters, with a total take-away of Rs 90-lakh.

The rewards are: Rs 25 lakh for the 'D-Company chairman' Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar, Rs 20-Lakh for his No. 2 Shakeel Shaikh alias Chhota Shakeel, plus Rs 15 lakh each for Anees Ibrahim Kaskar, Javel Patel alias Javed Chikna and Ibrahim Mushtaq Abdul Razzaq Memon alias the equally dreaded Tiger Memon. The curriculum vitae of these 'inglorious mafiosi' describes them as "involved in various terrorism/criminal activities such as arms smuggling, Narco terrorism, underworld criminal syndicate, money laundering, circulation of FICN (fake Indian currency notes), unauthorised possession/acquisition of key assets for raising terror funds".



The NIA missive also said they work in active collaboration with international terrorist organisations like Lashkar-E-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-E-Mohammed (JeM) and Al-Qaeda (AQ), and assured that the identity of the informer would be kept 'secret'. The proclamation was hardly greeted with cheers in Mumbai but experts, politicians and commoners found it too funny to be true with some comparing it as an 'April Fool

Joke' played six months in advance. "This has shown our government and union home department in a poor light all over the world, indicates the utter ineptitude of the NIA and its abject surrender before Dawood," said Shirish Inamdar, security expert and ex-Additional Deputy Commissioner of the sensitive State Intelligence Department (SID). Shiv Sena Spokesperson Dr. Manisha Kayande termed it as a

"cruel joke" inflicted six months before April 1 on the masses reeling under inflation, joblessness and other burning problems. "What is the sudden provocation for these rewards... Is it to encash public sentiments before the upcoming Gujarat elections and the 2024 polls, drum up 'desh-bhakti' and create patriotic passions to catch votes," demanded Dr. Kayande.

Slamming the move, Congress state General Secretary Sachin Sawant said Prime Minister Modi kept criticising the UPA Government on this issue and even boasted of his ideas to follow the US-Model used to eliminate Osama Bin Laden. "Is this another 'master stroke' of the Modi regime? Why did Modi not ask the ex-PM Nawaz Sharif when he dropped in for his birthday celebrations (Dec. 2015). Better still, ask the BJP Minister Girish Mahajan who attended a wedding (May 2017) in the Dawood clan," Sawant said sharply. Senior marketing consultant S. P. Menon from Mumbai said the piddly reward for the 'menacing five' must have amused even streetside toughies.

WhatsApp takes down over 23 lakh bad accounts in India in

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Meta-owned WhatsApp banned over 23 lakh bad accounts in India in July in compliance with the new IT Rules, 2021, the company said on Thursday.

WhatsApp additionally received 574 complaint reports in the month of July in India, and the records "actioned" were 27. The platform with over 400 million users in the country had restricted over 22 lakh accounts with bad records in June. "In accordance with the IT Rules 2021, we've published our report for the month of July 2022. As captured in the latest monthly report, WhatsApp banned over 2.3 million accounts (2,387,000) in the month of July," a company



spokesperson said. Published in accordance with Rule 4(1)(d) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, the report contained data on actions made by WhatsApp in

light of complaints received from users in India. The objections were received via the grievance mechanisms and accounts were actioned through its prevention and detection methods for violating the laws of the land or its terms of service. Under the upgraded IT Rules 2021, major digital and social media platforms, with in excess of five million users, have to publish monthly compliance reports. "WhatsApp is an industry leader in preventing abuse, among end-to-end encrypted messaging services. Over the years, we have consistently invested in Artificial Intelligence and other state-of-the-art technology, data scientists and experts, and processes, in order to keep our users safe on our platform," said the company spokesperson.

ENERGY STOCKS FALL SHARPLY AFTER GOVT HIKES WINDFALL

Mumbai: Shares of energy companies fell sharply on Thursday during the early morning trade after the government decided to hike windfall profit tax on export of diesel and jet fuel. Shares of Chennai Petro, Adani Total Gas, ONGC, Asian Energy and Reliance were trading more than 1.5 per cent to 4 per cent lower during early trade. While, BSE Energy were down 102.51 points or 1.15 per cent at 8,780.11, and Nifty Energy were down 269.65 points or 0.96 per cent at 27,834.85. The government has hiked the windfall profit tax on the export of diesel to Rs 13.5 per litre and that on jet fuel exports to Rs 9 per litre. The levy on domestically-produced crude oil too has been increased by Rs 300 per tonne to Rs 13,300. The revision comes into effect from September 1.

Aadhar unites 21-year-old specially-abled man, missing for 6 years, with family

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Aadhaar has united a 21-year-old specially-abled man, missing since 2016 from Bihar, with his family. The man, identified through Aadhaar, was found in Nagpur in Maharashtra. The youth went missing in November 2016 from Khagaria district of Bihar. The disabled man (deaf and dumb) was traced via Aadhaar in Nagpur in August 2022.

A child aged 15 years was found at Nagpur Railway Station on 28 November, 2016. Since the child was specially abled, with speech and hearing impairment, the railway authorities after due process handed him over to the Government Senior Boys Orphanage in Nagpur. He was given a



name, Prem Ramesh Ingale. Vinod Daberao, superintendent of the orphanage and the counsellor visited Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Nagpur in July 2022 for Aadhaar registration of 'Prem Ramesh Ingale'. But the Aadhaar could not be generated against this enrolment as the biometrics were matching with another existing Aadhaar number. Following this, ASK Nagpur approached the UIDAI regional office in Mumbai.

UPI TRANSACTIONS REACH 657 CRORE IN AUGUST

Mumbai: The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) registered a record 6.57 billion (657 crore) transactions worth Rs 10.72 lakh crore in August, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) data showed on Thursday.

The growth in UPI volumes is up almost 100 per cent (year-on-year) and amounts transacted grew by 75 per cent YoY in the month of August. "With the acceptance of card payments via UPI the transaction volumes are bound to grow strongly and the average value per transaction too will increase. Through this growth, the NPCI systems have been robust and have rendered uptime that stands among the best in the payments industry. NPCI is on track to achieve their vision of 1 billion transactions per day," said Rajesh Mirjankar MD and CEO, Kiya.ai. The country crossed 6 billion transactions for the first time last month, logging 6.28 billion transactions worth Rs 10.62 lakh crore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month hailed the achievement of UPI transactions crossing 6 billion in July -- the highest ever since its launch six years back. "This is an outstanding accomplishment. It indicates the collective resolve of the people of India to embrace new technologies and make the economy cleaner. Digital payments were particularly helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic," Modi had said in a tweet.

SpiceJet shares fall on high quarterly loss



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Shares of SpiceJet Ltd fell as much as 15 per cent on Thursday after the company reported huge loss in April-June following which its Chief Financial Officer Sanjeev Taneja had resigned.

At 10.15 a.m., shares of SpiceJet were trading at Rs 43.65, down Rs 2.70 or six per cent from its previous close. On Wednesday, SpiceJet had reported a

widening of net loss to Rs 789 crore for the quarter under review on back of high fuel prices and sharp fall in rupee. "Total revenue for the reported quarter was Rs 2,478 crore as against Rs 1,266 crore in the same quarter of the previous year," the airline said in a release. Separately, SpiceJet employees on Wednesday alleged delay in the disbursement of salaries for the second straight month, with

Mumbai top city in ordering condoms via Swiggy Instamart

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Mumbai customers ordered condoms on Swiggy Instamart 570 times more in the past 12 months than they did in the year before, as 10-minute grocery delivery becomes popular in Metro cities, the online food delivery platform has revealed. The quick-commerce service Instamart has grown 16X in the past year, with eggs, condoms, sanitary napkins and tampons now getting maximum orders. Consumers in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi and Chennai are the app's biggest users.

These cities also saw the maximum orders for distress items, including sanitary napkins, menstrual cups and tampons (Close to two million units ordered in the past year) and band-aids (45,000 boxes). In the peak summer months of April to June, demand for ice cream in these cities surged by 42 per cent, and most orders were placed after 10 p.m. "Consumers also picked up over 5.6 million packets of instant noodles. With temperatures reaching an all-time high in Hyderabad in these summer months, users ordered close to 27,000+ bottles of fresh juice," Instamart said. Another product whose demand shot up in the past two years is eggs with 50 million



orders. Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai placed an average of 6 million egg orders each in the past year. At breakfast time, Bengaluru and Hyderabad customers ordered the maximum number of eggs. While 30 million orders for another breakfast staple -- milk -- were placed on the app, with Bangalore and Mumbai leading morning orders. Bengaluru also ordered the most dairy alternatives like soy and oat milk. Interestingly, ready-to-eat versions of Poha and Upma, Indian breakfast classics, were popular during dinner in Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi. Over 2 lakh orders for bathroom cleaners, scrub pads, drain cleaners, and more were placed in the past year, said Swiggy.

SECURITISED POOL COLLECTIONS HEALTHY DESPITE MACRO HEADWINDS: CRISIL

Mumbai: Despite macroeconomic challenges like elevated commodity costs, interest rates and energy prices in recent months, monthly collection ratios (MCRs) of securitised pools rated by CRISIL Ratings have remained largely unaffected.

Retail borrowers in the securitised pools have been demonstrating a strong repayment record benefiting from traction in economic activity. "In the past few months, retail borrowers have faced challenges like higher interest rates and inflation," said Krishnan Sitaraman, Senior Director and Deputy Chief Ratings Officer, CRISIL Ratings. Mortgage-backed securitisation (MBS) pools displayed median MCRs (refer to chart in annexure) of 100 per cent during the pay-out months of April-July 2022, reflecting the inherent strength and reliability of property-backed loans as a retail asset class. Collections of commercial vehicle (CV) loan pools saw a slight sequential dip from the peak of 105 per cent during the April.



# 'House of the Dragon's' showrunner exits after 2 episodes

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After just two episodes have aired; 'House of the Dragon' co-showrunner Miguel Sapochnik announced his departure. On August 31, Sapochnik announced his exit from the HBO series after only two episodes had aired. "Working within the GOT universe for the past few years has been an honour and a privilege," Sapochnik said in a statement,

"Especially spending the last two with the amazing cast and crew of 'House of the Dragon'."

"I am so proud of what we accomplished with season one and overjoyed by the enthusiastic reaction of our viewers."

According to HBO, 'House of the Dragon' co-creator Ryan Condal, who also co-created USA Network's Colony, will take over as the series' sole showrunner next season. Alan Taylor, the Emmy-winning Game of Thrones veteran, will join the already-announced second season as executive producer and director of multiple episodes. "It was incredibly tough to decide to move on, but I know that it is the right choice for me, personally and professionally," Sapochnik explained.

"As I do so, though, I am deeply comforted to know that Alan will be joining the series. He's someone I've known

and respected for a long time, and I believe this precious series could not be in safer hands." Despite stepping back from his major duties, Sapochnik will remain as an executive producer on 'House of the Dragon' throughout its run.

"Miguel Sapochnik has done amazing work on the first season of House of the Dragon, establishing its signature look and feel," HBO said in a statement.

"This series simply could not have come together the way it did without him. While we would have loved to have Miguel continue in the same role, we are thrilled to have his ongoing collaboration in this new creative capacity." The second episode of House of the Dragon was viewed by 10.2 million viewers, according to a website, an increase from the nearly 10 million people who watched the premiere, which was the biggest premiere in HBO history.



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Hollywood star Sharon Stone revealed a past romance "wasn't interested in seeing her anymore" after she stopped getting botox. The 64-year-old star had the procedure done in the past but stopped undergoing any cosmetic enhancement after she had a stroke and a nine-day brain haemorrhage in 2001.

She told a magazine, that a former lover, who she

didn't name, broke up with her when she did-

**I was dumped by lover for refusing botox : Sharon Stone**

be really good for your ego and mine if I did," she told the publication. Stone added: "I saw him one more time after that, and then he wasn't interested in seeing me anymore. If you don't see me for more than that, you'll please find your way to the exit."

Due to the stroke, she had to get over 300 shots of Botox and filler to make 'one side of my face come up again'. The experience changed her perspective on cosmetic surgery forever. She previously spoke about her near-death experience after having a stroke.

Appearing on Good Morning Britain last year, Sharon joined hosts Susanna Reid and Adil Ray as she spoke about what happened.

"People discuss these things from a scientific perspective and also from a spiritual perspective - I believe that they're both. In my case, when this happened to me I had all of these things that most people talk about where you see this light where you leave your body, that you have this feeling of being pulled outward and upward."

"I had a sense of seeing people that had gone before me, I had a sense of communicating with them and sort of an ephemeral sense, not really with dialogue per se, but I did have a sense of understanding that we were communicating. And then suddenly, I had this gigantic pain, like I'd been kicked in the chest. "No, I do not know if I had been defibrillated or if this is just how it happened with me. But then I was back in the room and it was very clear that I had chosen to be back in the room and not chosen to continue on that journey, that outward, upward journey away."

## RUSSELL CROWE TO PLAY DETECTIVE WITH ALZHEIMER'S IN CRIME THRILLER

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Actor Russell Crowe will play a former homicide detective tasked with re-examining a brutal murder case from his past in 'Sleeping Dogs'. The Nickel City Pictures film marks the directorial debut of Adam Cooper, who wrote the script with Bill Collage. The film is an adaptation of E.O. Chirovici's acclaimed novel, 'The Book of Mirrors'. Cooper and Collage previously penned the scripts for 'Assassins Creed' and 'Exodus: Gods and Kings'. Crowe played Roy Freeman, who is undergoing a cutting-edge Alzheimer's treatment. He is forced to grapple with the impact of an investigation from his former life after a death row inmate that Freeman arrested 10 years prior starts to proclaim his innocence. Intrigued and fighting to regain his memory, Freeman enlists his former partner to help him revive the case and discover the truth. Together, they set off to unravel a tangled web of secrets, forcing Freeman to make some horrific discoveries. "Our memory of the past is what gives us context for who we are. A character who is bereft in this capacity comes with a very complex kind of humanity" and there's no one better at embodying complex characters than Russell Crowe," said Cooper. Principal photography is slated to begin in January 2023. Crowe is currently in production on 'The Pope's Exorcist'.



## Ellie Goulding was never into indie bands while growing up

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Singer Ellie Goulding used to be a metalhead when she was a teenager. The 'Easy Lover' hitmaker is a rocker at heart and can't wait to get "shredding" the guitar on her next tour, although she might be a pop star with a penchant for a ballad.

"I'm going to play guitar pretty much the majority of the set when I start touring next year, because my album is coming out at the beginning of next year. Then I'll have a year of festivals, I hope," she said.

"That's the plan for me. I am going to play guitar for most of it, which will just require a good amount of rehearsals. I'd love to get to a point where it's just all natural to me. I've been doing a few tours with no guitar. It's weird, but I guess I was more focused on singing."

Reeling off the list of bands she loves, including System of a Down, Deftones, and Spineshank, Goulding confessed she was never into indie bands growing up. In an interview with Bustle, she said:

"God, so many. I like System of a

Down and a bit of Deftones - I love their song 'Passenger' with Maynard James Keenan from Tool. There was Killswitch Engage and Spineshank."

Her guitar heroes are Tom Morello, Jimi Hendrix, and Eric Clapton - though she branded the latter "a bit of a d\*\*\*."

The "Lights" hitmaker recalled being made to feel "really insecure" about her singing voice after she was told to "stick to playing guitar" because her vocals are "not to everyone's taste".

Asked if she's always been a confident singer, she said: "No. I've always remembered this guy telling me I should stick to playing guitar because I'm really good at guitar, that my voice was really quite unusual and not to everyone's taste. It made me really, really insecure."

"I wasn't really the kind of person to be like, 'Everyone can F\*\*\* off, because I'm going to sing anyway!' I was really affected by what other people thought of me. I had impostor syndrome; I didn't think I deserved any success."

"When you begin to shave off other people's opinion of you rather than your opinion of yourself, your life becomes a lot clearer."



## Kate Moss got her first diamonds after pulling them out of Johnny Depp's pants

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Supermodel Kate Moss received her first diamonds from Hollywood star Johnny Depp, who reportedly had her pull them out of "the crack of his a\*\*\*." Sitting down with Vogue to look back on her looks over the years, the supermodel, who was in a relationship with 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star Depp, from 1994 until 1997, said that he had hid the necklace she was pictured wearing down his pants before presenting it to her. She said: "And that diamond necklace Johnny gave me, they were the first diamonds I ever owned. He pulled them out of the crack of his a\*\*\*." "We were going out to dinner and he said, 'I've got something in my bum, can you have a look,' and I was like, 'what' and I put my hand down his trousers and I pulled out a diamond necklace. That diamond necklace." Meanwhile, Moss, who has graced the cover of Vogue magazine a total of 43 times over the course of her career, explained that when she made her debut on the legendary magazine as a teenager back in 1993, she believed she had "made it" as a model and still has the cover image framed at her home. Speaking in a video posted to Vogue's YouTube, she said: "When I had my first Vogue cover I thought, alright I've made it, that's it, I don't have to do it anymore. "I think I was 19. It was really special, for me to be on Vogue it was like wow, I couldn't believe it. I've got it framed at home. It's one of my favourite pictures I think."

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## Asia Cup 2022

# SRI LANKA BEAT BANGLADESH BY 2 WICKETS, QUALIFY FOR SUPER FOUR

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Sri Lanka produced a memorable performance to beat Bangladesh (183/7) by two wickets in a thrilling Group B match to qualify for Super Four of the Asia Cup 2022 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium, here on Thursday. While Sri Lanka and Afghanistan qualified for Super Four from Group B, it was the end of the tournament for Bangladesh, who lost both their matches.

The whole first innings of the game ebbed and flowed with both teams throwing punches at each other but eventually, Bangladesh were successful in putting on a competitive total of 183/7 in 20 overs.

Put into bat first, Bangladesh promoted Mehidy Hasan Miraz (38 off 26) to open the innings and he gave them a flying start. However, Sri Lanka fought back with wickets at regular intervals in the middle overs.

Afif Hossain then came on and took the game by the scruff of the neck and slammed his way to a 22-ball 39, giving impetus to the innings. He put up a 57-run standoff 37 balls



for the fifth wicket before getting out in the 17th innings.

Mosaddek Hossain (24 not out off 9) and Taskin Ahmed (11 off 6) carried forward that momentum and smashed 24 runs off 11 balls for the

eighth wicket to take Bangladesh to 183-7. For Sri Lanka, Chamika Karunaratne returned with figures of 2/32, while Wanindu Hasaranga de Silva scalped 2/41. Chasing a challenging total, Kusal

Mendis played a fighting knock (60 off 37) and kept Sri Lanka in the game as wickets were falling from the other end. Once Mendis got out, captain Dasun Shanaka had the onus to keep the momentum and he did that with his crucial knock (45 off 33) before getting out in the 18th over.

Ebadot Hossain (3/51) was the most successful as well as an expensive bowler for Bangladesh while Taskin Ahmed (2/24), Mustafizur Rahman (1/32), Mahedi Hasan (1/30) were the other wicket-takers.

### Brief scores

Bangladesh 183/7 in 20 overs (Atif Hossain 39, Mehidy Hasan Miraz 38; Chamika Karunaratne 2/32) lost to Sri Lanka 184/8 in 19.2 overs (Kusal Mendis 60, Dasun Shanaka 45; Ebadot Hossain 3/51) by 2 wickets

## Pat Cummins returns; Tim David replaces Mitchell Swepson in Australian squad for ICC Men's T20 World Cup

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Australia have included Singapore-born, Perth raised Tim David in place of leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson in their men's squad for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Pat Cummins returns to play after missing the ODI Series against Zimbabwe and New Zealand in North Queensland for a period of rehabilitation and physical preparation while Adam Zampa returns to the T20 squad following the birth of his son Eugene. Prolific batter Tim David has been included with leg spinner Mitchell Swepson missing out having been a part of the squad which won the T20 World Cup for the first time, beating New Zealand in the final, in Dubai last year. The side will travel to India for three T20 Internationals in September before returning home to play the West Indies, England and India leading into the ICC Men's T20 World Cup which opens against New Zealand at the SCG on October 22.

NSP Chair of Selectors George Bailey said, "This is a similar squad to that which became the first Australian men's team to win a T20 World Cup who are now very excited about playing the tournament at home." Mitchell Swepson was unlucky to miss out based on conditions in the UAE at the last World Cup where we planned for tired, spinning wickets compared to what we would expect are good batting conditions along with the larger grounds in Australia. "Tim (David) continues to establish himself with some quality performances in leagues around the world, earning a place in the squad. He is a highly gifted, natural ball striker who will add extra batting



depth to the group which has had a lot of success in T20 cricket. "We expect him to play a similar role to that he has been playing in the past few years." David Warner will miss the Indian tour as part of a managed period of preparation for a full summer schedule. Cameron Green has been included in the squad for the Indian T20 Series. "Cameron's improvement in all facets of his game has been impressive and we are excited for him to continue the growth of his all-round T20 cricket through further exposure to the format," Bailey said.

## US Open

# 'I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO LOSE': SERENA

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After advancing to the US Open's second round, Serena Williams was asked if her opening victory had answered any questions she might have had about her ability to compete at the age of nearly 41. "I don't think I had any questions," she said.

Williams defeated World No.2 Anett Kontaveit 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-2 on Wednesday before another raucous, rollicking record crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Again facing the last singles match of her glorious career, she moved better and played freer than she has in recent outings. For the second straight match, Williams' opponent seemed more unnerved by the momentous circumstances, particularly in critical moments, than she did. After the high emotions of the opening night spectacle, she was more composed and consistent against a far better player ranked 78 spots higher. "It's no rush here. I am loving this crowd. I'm a pretty good player. This is what I



do. I love a challenge, and I'm rising to the challenge." And now,

the expectations become greater. Serena will be a significant favorite against Ajla Tomljanovic in Friday's third round. And with a reasonably favorable draw, people will be asking in earnest if she can actually win this thing. "I'm just pleased I showed up because the last few tournaments I didn't show up," Williams said. "But I've been practicing really well and I'm pleased that I'm finally seeing my practice come into my matches, so that's nice."

## U.S. Open:

# Coco Gauff moves into third round

America's Coco Gauff defeated Romania's Elena-Gabriela Ruse 6-2, 7-6 (4) in a second-round match in the U.S. Open here on Wednesday. At the age of 18, the No.12-seeded Gauff is the second-youngest player left in the women's draw -- and yet, she's widely viewed as one of the favourites to win the US Open title, along with top-ranked Iga Swiatek.

Reaching the final at Roland Garros has accelerated the expectations surrounding this teenager -- perhaps most importantly in her own mind. "Getting to a final, I think people expect you to get over that final hurdle, and that's something I expect of myself too because I know I feel it in me that I can repeat it and do it again," Gauff was quoted as saying by WTA. "I didn't expect myself to be so nervous before the final. Now that I know what to expect, I expect myself to at least do better."

## Japan Open badminton:

# H.S. Prannoy defeats Loh Kean Yew; Kidambi Srikanth crashes out

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Indian shuttler H.S. Prannoy entered the men's singles quarter-finals at the Japan Open after defeating the former world champion and eighth-seed Loh Kean Yew of Singapore 22-20, 21-19 here on Thursday. Prannoy is the last remaining Indian in the Japan Open after Kidambi Srikanth was knocked out following a 21-10, 21-16 loss to local favourite Kanta Tsuneyama.

Prannoy brought out his best game to get the better of former world champion and eighth-seed Loh Kean Yew of Singapore 22-20, 21-19 in 44 minutes. Former world number 8, Prannoy, who had reached the quarterfinals of the world championships last week, brought out his best game to get the better of Loh Kean Yew in 44 minutes.

Prannoy is the last remaining Indian in the Japan Open after Kidambi Srikanth was knocked out following a 21-10, 21-16 loss to local favourite Kanta Tsuneyama. Kidambi



ousted Lee Zii Jia 22-20 23-21 after knocking on the door of defeating the spirited Malaysian. In doing so, the Indian recorded his first win over Lee in three encounters. "For me, it was more about being consistent," Kidambi had said after the match. "I've been close before playing

against him. At one point I was leading 15-11 in the first game and he was playing some attacking shots, but for me, I needed to play consistently. I couldn't give away any easy points. I feel really happy. I'm definitely tired, but I'm looking forward to playing my next match

## SEHWAG, GAMBHIR TO CAPTAIN GUJARAT GIANTS, INDIA CAPITALS

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Legends League Cricket (LCC) on Thursday announced that former India opening batter Virender Sehwag will lead Adani Group-owned Gujarat Giants while his opening partner Gautam Gambhir, will be the skipper of the GMR Group-owned India Capitals. "I am excited to get back to the Cricket ground again. Having Adani Group as Team Principal and a professional outfit like Gujarat Giants is a perfect way to kick start this cricketing innings once again. I have personally always believed in playing fearless cricket and I will continue to propagate the same brand of cricket here too. We are extremely excited and eagerly waiting for the draft to pick our team," said Sehwag. Season two of Legends League Cricket, to be held in India, will be a great chance for the fans to see their favourite stars in action, led by Sehwag and Gambhir respectively.



"I have always believed cricket is a team game and a captain is as good as his team. While I will be leading the India Capitals team, I will be pushing for a spirited team who are passionate and eager to go out and win as a team. I wish Legends League Cricket all the very best and am looking forward to the upcoming action," said Gambhir. The upcoming edition of the Legends Cricket League will be a four-team franchise model, which is a change from the three-team format in its last season and will have 16 matches. The league had also announced that the upcoming season has been dedicated to the 75th-year celebration of India's Independence. LLC Season two will kickstart from September 16 onwards, starting from a special match between India vs World as India Maharajas vs World Giants in Eden Gardens, Kolkata. It will be followed by matches in Lucknow, New Delhi, Cuttack and Jodhpur. The Playoffs and finals venues are yet to be decided.

## Indian Super League's new season to start on October

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The 2022-23 Hero Indian Super League (ISL) kicks off on October 7, 2022 when last season's runners-up Kerala Blasters host East Bengal FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi.

Featuring 117 matches of high-octane football action, the Hero ISL returns to entertain its fans across ten venues around the country. For the first time ever, the ISL league stage will run for close to five months apart from the playoffs, semifinals and final. Each club will play 20 league matches - 10 each at home and away through the autumn till next spring as the league stage draws to a close on February 26th.

All Hero ISL teams are currently participating in Asia's oldest competition, the Durand Cup, as they gear up for the Hero ISL season. All Indian football stakeholders have been determined to create a longer football calendar that provides players with more competitive matches throughout the year. The Hero ISL will be followed by the Super Cup in



April, 2023. The 2022-23 season will also be special as fans will be welcomed back to the stadiums after a gap of two seasons. To make it convenient for more fans and families to attend and watch their teams in action, the Hero ISL has created a fixture list with matches taking place on weekends. Each Matchweek is scheduled between Thursday and Sunday, bringing the Hero ISL in line with the top global football leagues.

## Ultimate Kho Kho announces massive prize pool of INR 2 cr.

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Ultimate Kho Kho announced whooping prize money of a total of INR 2 crore for the inaugural edition. India's first-ever franchise-based kho kho league has amazed the fans with a gripping top-notch action during the league stage and is now all set for the playoffs, kickstarting from Friday, wherein Top-4 teams-Gujarat Giants,

Odisha Juggernauts, Telugu Yoddhas and Chennai Quick Guns, will fight for the prestigious title. The champion team will be awarded with a massive INR 1 crore while the runners-up will bag INR 50 lakh. The third-placed team will take home INR 30 lakh and there will also be other awards worth INR 20 lakh that will be given away. "This game has a lot of potential and we are committed to giving

everything in order to take it to the next level. I'm sure the prize money will encourage and motivate not only the teams but also the players as well as the game's next stars, who are watching the league on TV," said Tenzing Niyogi, CEO and League Commissioner, Ultimate Kho Kho. It's arguably the biggest prize pool for the first season of any Indian league of non-Olympic and non-cricketing sports.

## 'sucked the life out of me'; it did take its toll: Joe Root

Joe Root has admitted the England Test captaincy sucked the life out of him and when he realised that it was affecting his family life, he chose to resign from the post.

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On April 16, Root stepped down as England's Test captain after leading the side in 64 matches, registering 27 wins, the most by any men's Test captain from the country in the longest format of the game. But with England winning just one out of its last 17 Tests and losing men's Ashes 4-0 followed by a 1-0 series defeat in the West Indies, calls for Root's resignation increased and culminated with him stepping down, with all-rounder Ben Stokes now the Test skipper.

"The last couple of years, it's sucked the life of me,

really. And it did take its toll. It was the right decision for the group, first and foremost, but also for me personally, I wasn't myself. I was coming home from series and I wasn't able to switch off or wasn't able to be present with my family."

"And I could see myself as a shadow of the person that I want to be. I think sometimes you've got to be big enough to understand that it's time to move on and time for someone else to take that great honour on," said Root on Telegraph Sport's Vaughany and Tuffers Cricket Club podcast. "Out there (in West Indies), I was desperate to turn things around.





## Pooja Pandey met sexual assault survivors for her role

*'I had break down while meeting sexual assault survivors'*

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Debutante actress Pooja Pandey will be seen playing a challenging role of a rape victim in the upcoming film 'Siya' and to portray it perfectly she had met sexual assault survivors before shooting.

Sharing her experience, she says: "To understand their agony, struggle and journey it was very important for me to meet them and build a close bond with them. Getting to know them was an eye opener for me and it was such a great learning experience for me. It has immensely helped me to shape my character and to play my part well on screen."

Pooja further elaborates that these women are daring and strong to face the hurdles in life and their story needs to come out in front of everyone.

"These women are real brave hearts and their story is something the world should be aware of. Women are not weak, they are empowered and strong and to have such cases prevalent is heart wrenching. It was very difficult for me to keep a straight face while listening to these survivors' stories and I had broken down during our meeting with them," she concludes.

Manish Mundra's directorial venture 'Siya' features Vineet Kumar Singh and debutant Pooja Pandey in pivotal roles. It is the story of a girl, who is sexually assaulted and what all she has to go through in her life and fight for the justice.



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Manish Paul says that he is looking forward to his OTT debut with Ritam Srivastav's directorial thriller drama. Not sharing much about the project, he said: "I am happy to get roles where I can show my skills as an actor beyond just one genre that is comedy. I cannot talk much about this web series but I am not playing a comic character and it is a very interesting role about which I will be able to talk more in December."

"It's a thriller drama and I was very happy when this project came to me as now people will see me doing something different."

He is keen on doing more fictional projects and exploring himself as an actor.

Manish is all set to host the celebrity dance reality show, which is coming back after five years and he feels that post the last season of this show the biggest thing happened to him was 'Jugg Jugg Jeeyo'.

"It is like when one door closes, the other opens for you. Post 'Jhalak' Karan Sir offered me 'Jugg Jugg Jeeyo' and that was really a profitable thing for me. People started recognising me as an actor and in fact those who once rejected me are coming with different kinds of offers and I am really excited to see my acting graph moving ahead."

Furthermore, Manish shares how he keeps himself evolving as a host with every show so that the audience can see a different side of him.

"Hosting is really challenging, I don't think hosting is easy at all. A lot of people used to think that hosting is all about just going and you have a 30-page script, just read it out and

**Manish Paul confirms his OTT debut with a thriller drama**



come back home. I never did that from day one. I've always tried to go beyond the script."

"I've always worked hard on that and I feel it's my responsibility to add entertainment and fun into it. So, I've always done that. I've always taken care of the contestants. By the end of the season, I don't remember any contestant not being in touch with me, because I became family."

He continues on how he motivates the contestants during the show: "There are days they have a great performance. There are days they have a bad performance and that day, they're closest to me, because I'm the one standing closest to them."

"I can feel their pulse, I can feel their heartbeat. I can feel at times they might get demoralised with what the judges are saying. That is the time I stand with them and say next time you'll do better and I'm happy that people appreciate all."

## MARKAND SONI ON WORKING WITH RANBIR AND BIG B

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All eyes are on Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt as we approach the release of Brahmastra, the much-anticipated film of 2022. Actor Markand Soni will also share screen time with these stars. In a recent interview with Big B and Ranbir, actor discussed Brahmastra and working with Big B and Ranbir.

When asked if working with Ranbir Kapoor and Amitabh Bachchan was a dream come true, he said yes. "It was 100 per cent a dream come true moment. I have never met someone as kind and as sweet as Ranbir Kapoor and yet they are so grounded. They have achieved so much in life and yet they are so grounded and wonderful human beings." Further talking about Brahmastra and its hype, Markand replied, "Good things take time and it is definitely worth the wait. It's going to be like something you have never seen before in the Hindi film industry." Brahmastra is intended to be the first film in a planned trilogy as part of its own cinematic universe known as the 'Astraverse.' The film is being presented in all four languages by director SS Rajamouli. Chiranjeevi has provided his voice for the Brahmastra Telugu trailer.

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**OTT IS GIVING EVERY ACTOR EQUAL CHANCE: AMRUTA KHANVILKAR**

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Actress Amruta Khanvilkar, who has worked in Marathi cinema, made her Bollywood debut in 2007 but gained the spotlight with the music video

'Aye Hip Hopper', says despite being an established actor in any regional language it is never easy to get a break in Bollywood.

"I think Bollywood, in general, is very hard to crack for everybody, be it regional or Hindi-speaking people," said the 37-year-old actress, who gained popularity in 2010 with her Lavani dance performance 'Wajale ki bara' in the Marathi film 'Natarang'. Amruta says Bollywood has a lot of stereotypes.

Furthermore, she shares that OTT has equipped every actor with equal opportunities. "Today, because of OTT, because of so much content being produced, every actor from every region has an equal chance. Today, any outsider can come and make his mark in Bollywood," concluded the actress, who has appeared in supporting roles in films 'Raazi', 'Satyameva Jayate' and 'Malang'.

## Aamir Khan Productions releases an apologetic video; Fans inquire, 'Account hacked?'

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Laal Singh Chaddha, directed by Aamir Khan, was much anticipated by moviegoers. Sadly, the movie failed miserably at the box office and suffered unprecedented losses. In fact, the film received much flak online and offline due to varied reasons.

On September 1, an apology video saying 'michami dukkadam', meaning 'may all my improper actions be inconsequential', was posted on Aamir Khan Productions' social media pages. In the video, a voice was heard saying, as words appeared on a black screen, "All of us are human beings and we only make mistakes. Sometimes through our words and sometimes by our actions, at times we do it without knowing and at times when we are angry." It also added, "We also hurt people with our jokes and sometimes without talking. If I have hurt your feelings in any way ever then I ask for your forgiveness with my heart, promise and being." The video ended with 'Michami Dukkadam'. The theme from actor Shah Rukh Khan's film Kal Ho Na No played as the background music. While a section of netizens empathised with the apology clip posted on Aamir Khan Productions' page, others felt that his account might have been hacked. Reacting to the video, a person tweeted, "Hacked For Sure! Didn't expect this from Aamir...the voice ain't his." Another fan commented, "This account is hacked for sure." "Hack ho gaya kya account (Has the account been hacked)?" asked another Twitter user. "As always, every year, Aamir says Michami Dukkadam, the Jain sorry. This time, voiced -- by who?" asked another fan.

However, several social media users also showed their support for Aamir Khan. "We love you Aamir Sahab you will come back stronger," a fan wrote. "It's not like that sir... It's just some misunderstandings on some very critical topics... Please don't feel like that... I know how U are feeling right now... I just want to let you know you are worth a lot...! Never give up!" added another.



**I had to shoot in water at zero degree: Celesti Bairagey**

'Rajjo' actress Celesti Bairagey is putting all her efforts to do justice to her role and recently, she had to shoot for a water sequence in extremely cold conditions - at zero degree celsius - that made her lips turn blue. She shared: "We were shooting our outdoor sequence in Manali, Kullu and Rohtang pass. I had to run barefoot with a tyre tied around my waist with two baskets of fish attached to it." The fictional drama highlights the story of a girl Rajjo (played by Celesti Bairagey), who lost her mother in Uttarakhand flood and is ready to face all the ups and downs in life to become an athlete. She added: "There were rain sequences where we had to use water from the river which was flowing straight from the glacier and worst case was in Sissu, a small town in the Lahaul valley of Himachal Pradesh where it was zero degrees and snowfall started a few

kilometers away from us. It was drizzling as well and an entire scene had to be shot there, with the storm fan on." "My lips started turning blue and everyone had to wait for about an hour before they could continue shooting with Gungun (Uprari) ma'am and me so that we get back into a better situation," she concluded.

## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Sakshi Malik