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Rain continues in Karnataka, life disrupts

Team Absolute | Bengaluru

Incessant rains have wreaked havoc in Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru, bringing life to a standstill. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai blamed the previous Congress government for the massive waterlogging caused by the heaviest rainfall in the last 90 years. The capital city, known as India's Silicon Valley, has waterlogged main roads and major IT companies inundated. The Chief Minister on Tuesday said that some areas of Karnataka, especially Bengaluru, have received unprecedented rains. There is no such problem with the entire Bengaluru city, he added. Two areas, especially the Mahadevapura area, are facing problems, as it has 69 ponds and lakes in a small area, which are full. He said, establishments have come down to a low level and encroachment is also the main reason for such a situation. Blaming the opposition Congress for the crisis, he said, "Bengaluru is facing a flood crisis due to unplanned development and mismanagement during its tenure."A central team is reaching here on Tuesday to discuss the flood situation, he said. Traffic on the Mysore-Bengaluru highway has been affected due to the overflow of the Arkavathi river. The underpass of the entire area has been flooded. The pickup point of Bengaluru International Airport (BIAL) has also been flooded due to heavy rains.

FINES FOR NO SEATBELT IN REAR SEAT SOON: NITIN GADKARI

- MORE THAN 59,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AND 80,000 SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS IN MAHARASHTRA IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, THE DATA RELEASED BY THE HIGHWAY POLICE REVEALED TODAY.
- ACCORDING TO THE REPORT TITLED 'ROAD ACCIDENTS IN INDIA - 2020', MORE THAN 11 PER CENT OF DEATHS AND INJURIES WERE CAUSED DUE TO NON-USAGE OF SEAT BELTS, WHILE 30.1 PER CENT OF DEATHS AND 26 PER CENT OF INJURIES WERE CAUSED DUE TO NON-USAGE OF HELMETS IN 2020.
- AS PER THE REGULATIONS, AIRBAGS ARE MANDATORY FOR THE FRONT PASSENGER AND THE DRIVER IN INDIA. AS OF JANUARY 2022, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT MANDATORY TO INSTALL 6 AIRBAGS IN EACH PASSENGER CAR WITH A PASSENGER LIMIT OF UP TO 8.

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Those sitting in the back of a car and not wearing a seat belt will be fined soon, announced Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday, two days after Cyrus Mistry died in a car crash near Mumbai. Mistry, former Tata Sons Chairman, wasn't wearing a seat belt and must have been thrown in front at great velocity once the speeding car crashed into a divider in the Palghar district of Maharashtra on Sunday.

"Already, it's mandatory to wear seat belt at the rear seat but people are not following it. There will be a siren if the people at the rear seat don't wear belts like for the front seats. And if they don't wear belts, there will be a fine," said Gadkari in an exclusive interview to NDTV, stressing that "at any lost, lives have to be saved".

Taking fines is not the motive but spreading awareness is, said Gadkari on the compulsory use of seat belts for those sitting in the back. He said by 2024 the goal is to reduce the road fatalities by 50 per cent."The minimum fine is Rs 1,000..There are cameras and anywhere people who aren't following can be caught easily," said Gadkari.Asked if compulsory installation of airbags in the back seat will drive up the cost, the Minister underscored that saving lives is vital."Cost of 1 airbag is 1,000, for 6, it's 6,000. With more production, the cost will be reduced. Cost is not important, people's lives are," he emphasised.

Celebrities are campaigning for road safety, said the Minister, adding that he seeks cooperation from media.

India, Bangladesh signed seven agreements

New Delhi: Seven agreements were signed between India and Bangladesh on Tuesday following bilateral discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina.

The agreements pertain to water resources, IT and space, broadcasting as well as railways.

These include agreements on cross-border withdrawal of water from the Kushiara River, cooperation in space technology, cooperation on IT systems used by railways for freight transport and cooperation in the field of science and technology. In addition, the two sides also concluded an agreement to provide training to Bangladeshi railway employees and judicial officers in India. An agreement for cooperation in the field of broadcasting was also signed between Prasar Bharati and Bangladesh Television on the occasion.

On a mission to unite oppn Nitish Kumar says, "Not a claimant, nor desire of PM post"

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Nitish Kumar, reconnecting with opposition parties in Delhi after dumping the BJP in Bihar, said he "is neither a claimant" for the Prime Minister's job in 2024, nor does he desire it. After meeting with Left leader Sitaram Yechury, the Bihar Chief Minister said he is in Delhi for the sake of opposition unity.

He fielded questions on whether his meetings in Delhi signaled efforts to gather support for his run as the opposition's Prime Ministerial candidate versus Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2024.

"I am not a claimant, nor do I desire it," Nitish Kumar told reporters, brushing off the question.

"We are together, that is why I am coming here," he said.

"I have had a long association with the CPI-M from my younger days. You all have not seen me, but whenever I used to come to Delhi, I used to come to this office. Today we are again all together. Our entire focus is to unite all Left parties, the regional parties in different states and the Congress. This will be a big deal if all of us come together," he said.

Weeks after forming a new government with Tejashwi Yadav's RJD (Rashtriya Janata Dal), Congress and other parties in Bihar, Nitish Kumar has lined up a series of meetings in Delhi.

Last evening, he met with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. He also met Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal and Samajwadi Party's Mulayam Singh Yadav and his son Akhilesh Yadav.

Yechury said Kumar returning to the opposition fold and wanting to be part of the fight against the BJP was a great signal for Indian politics.

"First, the agenda is to unite all parties, not to decide on the PM candidate. When the time comes, we will decide the PM candidate and let you all know," said the CPI-M leader.

Kumar is also likely to meet other opposition leaders like NCP leader Sharad Pawar, Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav and INLD leader Om Prakash Chautala.

Kumar met Rahul Gandhi for the first time after forming his new coalition, which includes the Congress. Congress leaders said Kumar thanked Rahul Gandhi for his party's support in Bihar.

BJP aims to win Sharad Pawar's stronghold Baramati

Pune: A day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Mumbai, Maharashtra Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched 'Mission Baramati-2024' here on Tuesday to give a blow to the stronghold of Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar and his family. . BJP state president Chandrashekhar Bawankule spent a day in Baramati to prepare for Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's three-day visit to Baramati from September 22.

At a meeting of party workers, Bawankule said the BJP would now aim to capture Baramati, one of the 16 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state, for which the party would pay special attention.

Baramati has been a stronghold of 82-year-old Sharad Pawar for the last 55 years and his daughter Supriya Sule is representing it in the Lok Sabha.

Bawankule said, "We are contesting elections, but the BJP could never give a tough fight to the NCP in its home turf Baramati. This time, we are going to put up a strong challenge and strengthen ourselves to capture the seat. Will work hard."

NCP chief spokesperson Mahesh Taapsee said BJP leaders are known for making lengthy statements to grab media attention and hence it should not be taken seriously.

Taapsee said, "Supriya Sule is famous in the constituency, her work in Baramati is recog-

Gautam Adani's rise to 3rd richest came as stock jumps topped 1,000%

- ***ADANI, A COLLEGE DROPOUT WHO WAS HELD FOR RANSOM AND SURVIVED A TERROR ATTACK, TRIED HIS LUCK IN MUMBAI'S DIAMOND INDUSTRY IN THE EARLY 1980S BEFORE TURNING TO COAL AND PORTS. HE WENT ON TO BUILD A BUSINESS EMPIRE SPANNING EVERYTHING FROM AIRPORTS TO DATA CENTERS, MEDIA AND CEMENT. LAST YEAR, HE VOWED TO INVEST $70 BILLION IN GREEN ENERGY TO BECOME THE WORLD'S LARGEST RENEWABLE-ENERGY PRODUCER.***

Team Absolute | New Delhi

First, he became the richest person in Asia. Then his net worth surpassed those of Warren Buffett and Bill Gates. Now he's fast approaching a level of wealth only rivaled by Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk.

Gautam Adani's ascent, by about any measure, has been nothing short of remarkable. During a year in which many fortunes around the world have crumbled, his net worth has nearly doubled, increasing $64.8 billion to $141.4 billion and making him the third-richest person on the planet, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

His surging fortune is now attracting fresh scrutiny to the valuations of his companies, the leverage embedded throughout his business empire and his ties to India's government.

His Adani Green Energy Ltd. and Adani Total Gas Ltd. trade at more than 750 times profit, while Adani Enterprises Ltd. and Adani Transmission Ltd. have valuations north of 400 times. By comparison, Musk's Tesla Inc. and Bezos's

Amazon.com Inc. have price-to-earnings ratios of about 100, while fellow Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd. trades at 28 times.

Adani, 60, has shifted his conglomerate's focus in line with what Prime Minister Narendra Modi deems crucial to meeting India's long-term economic goals. He's done that in part through a debt-fueled expansion that led Fitch Group unit CreditSights to call his empire "deeply overleveraged" in a report last month.

A representative for the Adani Group declined to comment for this story.

MUSLIM BODY BACKS UP GOVT'S DECISION TO SURVEY UNRECOGNIZED MADARSAS

New Delhi: Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, a leading body of Islamic scholars held a meeting today where it decided to back the Yogi Adityanath government's decision to survey unrecognized madrasas in Uttar Pradesh.

All persons responsible for UP madrasas were present at the meeting.Maulana Mahmood Asad Madani (National President, Jamiat Ulama-E-Hind) in a press conference said, "Today madrasas are not looked at in a good way. I appeal to the government to understand us. We will always follow our duty. We are always ready to talk but not with force. We should be given time and we are ready to meet with the concerned authorities."Expressing concerns over the actions taken against madrassas in Assam, Maulana Mahmood Asad Madani said, "You saw what happened in Assam. It is illegal if that method is taken up. We will send an application to concerned authorities, seeking time to meet them."

"Nothing should be done in a wrong manner, even if it is good work. There's always room for improving something. The manner in which it's being portrayed is wrong," the Maulana added.Uttar Pradesh government on September 1 announced that it would conduct a survey of unrecognized madrasas in the state to ascertain the number of students, teachers, curriculum, and affiliation with any non-government organization of these institutes.

AG TOLD SUPREME COURT ON SUTLEJ-YAMUNA LINK CANAL DISPUTE- 'PUNJAB IS NOT COOPERATING'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday orally said that sometimes the solution lies beyond the court and with regard to the resolution of the decades-old Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal dispute between Punjab and Haryana, if the parties fail to cooperate, So he can take a tough stand. Attorney General K.K. Venugopal submitted before a bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul that the Punjab government was not cooperating in resolving the SYL canal dispute.

Venugopal sought directions to the counsel representing the Punjab government to ensure that the Chief Minister participates in discussions with his Haryana counterpart. The bench said that sometimes the solution is a bit out of court, but then either the court takes a hard stand or the parties cooperate.

The bench said that a letter dated September 5 addressed by the Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti was brought on record by the AG.

Justice Kaul said: "I am hoping that the stakeholders concerned will feel that abstaining from the discussion is not the way forward."

As the counsel for Punjab submitted that the government is also keen to resolve the issue amicably, the bench replied that it should reflect in the action.

Justice A.S. Oka and Vikram Nath were also involved. He said that AG is right that chief ministers should meet, adding that water is a natural resource and living beings should learn to share it.

It further states that the parties should have a 'comprehensive view' and should negotiate a settlement.

The AG, representing the Centre, submitted that in 2017, the apex court had held that the matter should be resolved amicably and the Ministry of Water Resources was trying to work out a settlement between Punjab and Haryana. He informed that letters were sent to the then Chief Minister of Punjab in 2020 and 2021, but there was no response.

The bench was told that a letter was sent in April this year but the CM did not respond. The AG insisted that Punjab should come to the discussion table.

Venugopal suggested four months to the states during which the two chief ministers would meet at the end of the first month. After hearing the arguments, the top court gave the Center four months to submit the progress report and fixed the matter for January 19 next year.

SAD chief Sukhbir Badal appears before SIT in 2015 police firing case

Chandigarh | Agencies

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Badal on Tuesday appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) for the first time in the 2015 Behbal Kalan police firing case. The SIT is headed by Inspector General of Police Naunihal Singh.

Earlier, Badal, who was the Home Minister at the time of the incident, was summoned by the SIT on August 30 but did not appear saying that he had not received the summons. and that day he had to appear in the Zira court in Ferozepur district. He was interrogated for more than three hours in connection with the second case. The SIT is probing two incidents of firing in Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura . The SIT in the Kotkapura incident. has issued summons to Badal for September 14.

Talking to the media, Badal blamed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government for playing politics in the sensitive cases of police firing in Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura.

Stating that the SAD and its leaders were always ready to cooperate with the SIT probing the firing cases, he said it was unfortunate that the AAP government was playing politics on these issues only for small political gains. "Punjabi wanted all the culprits in these cases to be caught and punished but the AAP government is following in the footsteps of the previous Congress government and politicizing the investigation of the cases. It is extremely unfortunate, especially when the High Court has ruled the former. Inspector General Kunwar has already been reprimanded." Responding to media queries, Badal said, "The government already knows the answers to the questions asked by the SIT. They have the answers. Despite this, they are indulging in this exercise to defame the SAD and its leaders." " Meanwhile, Additional Director General of Police L.K. Yadav had earlier questioned former Director General of Police Sumedh Singh Saini in the sacrilege case.Saini was removed from the top police post in 2015 by Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal following incidents of sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib and subsequent incidents of violence in the state, accusing the police force of excesses in which two people died.

Never seen my grandmother, mother, sister wear headscarf, Muslim man tells SC in hijab row

Team Absolute | New Delhi

A plea has been moved in the Supreme Court claiming the non-essentiality of hijab for women in Islam, and seeks to indicate the correctness of the Karnataka High Court judgment, which upheld the right of educational institutions to ban the head covering in pre-university colleges in the state.

The intervention plea has been filed by Syed Habeeb-ur-Rehman, a former officer of the Indian Armed Forces and then serving ITC for 37 years and also being appointed to its Board of Directors.

Rehman, represented by advocate Jai Anant Dehadrai, said he has always condemned "gross and perverse misinterpretations" of the holy book and it is in this context he wishes to put forth his years of experience, knowledge, and practical and wider understanding of Islam and essential Islamic practices mandated in the Quran vis-a-vis the Constitution.

Seeking to intervene in the matter, he said: "The applicant is a secular and progressive Muslim observing the spirt of Islam, who seeks to bring to the attention of this court that in his 80 years, he has never seen his own grandmothers, grand-aunts, mother or sisters, who all observed the spirt of Islam, wear even a headscarf around their head."

Rehman said he seeks to assist the apex court with the correct theological interpretation of the holy book to dispel the false notion that it contains a mandatory direction of wearing of hijab.

"Rather, the idea that Muslim women are compelled to wear a hijab is the outcome of ignorant and radicalised entities, who are wrongly furthering an extremely backward and regressive misinterpretation of the holy book by claiming wearing of hijab by women to be an essential religious practice," his plea said.

FAKE CALL EXCHANGE BUSTED

Noida: Fake call center busted in Noida's Sector 63, two arrested for causing loss of about 30 crore revenue to the Government of India. Goods worth Rs 30 lakh have been recovered from their possession.

Police Station Sector 63 Noida Police has arrested female accused 1. Sweety Sharma 2. Pankaj Safi from C 59 Sector 63 Noida on 5 September. In possession of 8 keyboard, 14 mouse, 5 head phone, 05 laptop charger, 5 router charger, 6 computer desktop lead, 02 concatenative wire, 7 LCD monitor, 06 router internet, 03 internet connection box, 03 CPU, 01 server CPU, 05 servers, 08 laptops of different marks, 01 stamp and 03 mobile phones of different companies (worth around Rs 30 lakh) have been recovered.

Sweety Sharma and Pankaj Safi told during interrogation that by opening a fake exchange, the calls coming from abroad were converted into local calls through routers and talks were made to people through Jio company's network. Due to this act, the Government of India lost huge revenue and the security of the country also increased.

BJP takes jibe at Congress's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

Chennai | Agencies

Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai on Tuesday hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra asking him to fill up the vehicle tanks of his convoy in BJP-ruled states to save money.

Also, the proposed yatra would open his eyes to the new India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Annamalai claimed.

The Congress leader is scheduled to launch the yatra in southern Kanyakumari district on September 7, for which the party had unveiled a logo, pamphlet, website and a tagline - Mile kadam, jude vatan (let's walk together to unite the country).

The five-month-long yatra will culminate in Kashmir after covering a distance of over 3,500 km through 12 states.

"Thiru @RahulGandhi avargal is famous for 'Bharat Chodo' and is taking up a Yatra from tomorrow, which will open his eyes to a new India under our Hon PM Thiru @narendramodi avargal and our country's transformation in the last eight years!" Annamalai said sarcastically in a tweet.

BETTER ARRANGEMENTS IN GAYA FOR PITRUPAKSHA FAIR

Gaya | Agencies

The preparations are in the final stages for the Pitrupaksha Mela in Gaya, the land of world famous salvation. The Pitrupaksha fair was not organized for two years during the Corona period, due to which a large number of devotees have been estimated to reach this year.

In the Pitrupaksha Mela starting from September 9 this year, arrangements are being made to donate Pinddaanis in the shade. Big pandals are being set up near all the Pind altars for the people who donate Pind.

The district administration is ready to welcome the Pind Daanis arriving from the country and abroad.

This time the district administration has provided a system to perform Pind Dani rituals by sitting in the shade and not in the sun. For this, for the first time, a large pandal has been constructed on all the altars by the district administration.

An official says that this year most of the altar construction work is going on. Big pandals are being set up on the altars considered to be important, so that the Pinddanis do not get disturbed.

Ekram, a businessman who is setting up the pandal, says that four to five pandals are being set up on many pind altars. The remaining work on some of the altars will be completed soon. He told that five pandals have been built at Devghat.

It is noteworthy that a tent city has been constructed at Gandhi Maidan to accommodate the pilgrims coming for Pind Daan.

Three tent cities have been built here, which are equipped with all facilities. From the point of view of security, security guards will also be deployed near the tent city. Please note that this tent city is absolutely free. There will be no charge of any kind from the pilgrims. Tent City has been made comfortable.

Gajadharlal Pathak, secretary of Vishnupad Prabandhakarini Committee, is also satisfied with the arrangements made this year. He said that better arrangements are being made by the district administration this year. Large pandals are being built on most of the altars.

India's 'biggest' car thief Anil Chauhan arrested in Delhi

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Delhi Police has arrested a vehicle thief who has been absconding for more than seven years in about two hundred cases. The accused, who is called the biggest car thief of the country, has done three marriages. He was arrested twice in his 27-year criminal history.

The accused has been identified as Anil Chauhan. It is being told that it was involved in around 6,000 cases, but according to police records, 200 cases are registered against Anil so far.

A senior official said that he has been stealing cars for over two decades.

"Chouhan used to steal cars and sell them in Assam and Northeast India. He dodged the police on several occasions. When the Delhi Police started cracking down on him, he fled to Assam. There, the officer said. He started smuggling rhino horns." The officer said that the accused had acquired a lot of property, which has been attached by the ED.

CERTIFICATE OF ARYA SAMAJ CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS PROOF OF MARRIAGE: ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT

Prayagraj | Agencies

Taking serious note of the repeated use of Marriage Certificates issued by Arya Samaj societies, the Allahabad High Court has observed that they are misusing the trust in conducting marriages without considering the genuineness of the documents. Actually, a man had appealed in the Allahabad High Court on this matter to issue an order to produce his wife before the court with the help of habeas corpus, but the court rejected his plea saying that only Arya Society's certificate cannot be treated as evidence.

Justice Saurabh Shyam Shamsheri observed, "There has been a flood of marriage certificates issued by the Arya Samaj Society, which have been seriously questioned by this court and other high courts. I have abused my trust."

The habeas corpus petition was filed by one Bhola Singh, who produced a certificate issued by Arya Samaj Mandir, Ghaziabad, claiming that he was legally married to petitioner.

"Since the marriage has not been registered, it cannot be presumed merely on the basis of a certificate that the relationship has taken place between the two parties," the court said in its judgment.

J&K CEO clarified on the issue of 25 lakh new voters

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Hirdesh Kumar Singh has clarified in an all-party meeting that the real number of new voters for the assembly elections will be known only after the revision of the electoral rolls in the Union Territory.

Jammu | Agencies

The CEO clarified on his earlier statement, in which he had told the media that 25 lakh new voters would be eligible for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sources told reporter that during the meeting held on Monday, the CEO said that the figure of 25 lakh new voters is of no importance as the actual number will be known only after revision of the electoral rolls.

Representatives of BJP, National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Congress, BSP, People's Conference (PC), Apni Party, JK National Panthers Party and the united Jammu Party attended the meeting.

The inclusion of non-local people in the revised electoral roll was opposed by the BJP and the Ikkajutta Jammu Party, while the CEO said that the eligibility of voters would be determined as per the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950-1951. The CEO clarified to the participants that only those who would be registered as voters would be eligible as per the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

NC's Ratan Lal Gupta told reporters that the CEO had assured him that no non-locals would be included in the revised electoral list.

Congress' Yogesh Sahni said that the CEO clarified that 25 lakh as new eligible voters would be those who would have attained the age of 18 years on and after September 1, 2022.

12 NAMES NOW DIME A DOZEN: A MAHARASHTRA MLC LIST SEES ANOTHER POLITICAL TURN

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Governor Koshyari sat on names sent by MVA govt for a year and a half; scraps it within hours of BJP-Shinde govt

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari has approved the Eknath Shinde Sena-BJP government's recommendation to withdraw the 12 names suggested by the previous government for the Legislative Council. Koshyari gave his approval to the recommendation in less than 12 hours. On the contrary, he had sat on the names suggested by the Maha Vikas Aghadi government for more than a year and a half, not budging despite the Bombay High Court suggesting that he take a decision. The Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government has conveyed to Koshyari that a new list of 12 names will be sent to him soon. According to sources, of these, the BJP may get to nominate the lion's share of 8-10 names.

The BJP-Shinde Sena coalition does not enjoy a majority in the upper house currently. The appointment of new 12 MLCs would ensure smooth election of a BJP nominee as chairperson at the Legislative council, a post that has been vacant for some time.

All eyes now are on whether Shinde camp candidates get appointed to the Legislative Council as Independents. Naming them as Sena candidates would attract opposition from the Uddhav Thackeray group, and may result in a legal tussle. The MVA parties may also drag the matter to court, over the government withdrawing their 12 names. The NCP has alleged that the BJP is trying to lure more leaders into the ruling camp with the temptation of MLC seats. The Shinde camp argues that there is no question of party affiliation in the choice of MLCs nominated by the government - which means the field is open to select the names.

Tearing into Uddhav, Shah asks BJP cadre to 'show Sena its place', sounds BMC poll bugle

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena was swift in its reaction to Amit Shah's remarks, countering that it is also prepared to 'show BJP its place'

Launching a bristling, frontal attack on Shiv Sena chief and ex-Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, Union home minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah on Monday accused his erstwhile ally of "betrayal", asking the BJP cadre in the state to ensure that the Uddhav-led Sena is "shown its place".

"The Uddhav Sena has betrayed the BJP. It's time to show them their place. In politics one should tolerate anything but not betrayal," Shah told BJP leaders and workers during his visit to Mumbai, sounding the bugle for the coming Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls. He was addressing the state party leaders, office-bearers, MLAs, MPs and corporators at Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis' official bungalow "Meghdoot" in the city. Exhorting the party to adopt an aggressive strategy against the Uddhav Sena, Shah set for the state BJP an ambitious target of 150 plus seats in the elections to the 227-member BMC.This was the first time after the BJP along with the rebel Sena leader Eknath Shinde toppled the Uddhav-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government over two months ago that Shah went after Uddhav and his party.

Maharashtra minister Tanaji Sawant hits out after social media trolling

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a meeting at a Pune hospital, Tanaji Sawant allegedly mistook Haffkine Institute for a person called Haffkine and had to be corrected by officials. Riled by a report on the incident, health minister Tanaji Sawant slammed the media for portraying him in a bad light.

Trolled on social media for his alleged goof-ups at meetings, Maharashtra Public Health Minister Tanaji Sawant, who hit the headlines for allegedly mistaking Haffkine Institute For Training, Research & Testing to be a person named Haffkine, on Tuesday hit out at the media for portraying him in a bad light.

"Am I mad? Don't I understand these things? Give me the proof where I said that Haffkine is a person. What is this social media trolling? If I have actually referred to Haffkine as an individual, I am ready to resign right now," a visibly irritated Sawant told reporters in Solapur district.

According to a news report, at a meeting at a Pune hospital, Sawant allegedly mistook Haffkine Institute for a person called Haffkine and had to be corrected by officials. On Tuesday, riled by this report, Sawant launched a diatribe against the media. "You, the media, are not happy that this government is being formed. Do you know my qualification? I am a meritorious student throughout. I have done diploma, degree, post-graduation and even doctorate. Search the internet, look how many institutes I run, how many factories I run, and how many people I employ. More than 250 PhD holders work under me. Do I look like an illiterate minister to you all?" he said.

A Shiv Sena MLA from Osmanabad's Bhoom-Paranda constituency, Sawant was a minister for a few months in the 2014-19 BJP-Sena government led by Devendra Fadnavis. After the formation of the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, however, the education baron was not included in the Cabinet. Since then, he had developed differences with the Shiv Sena leadership and had stopped attending party meetings in the area. Sawant was among the first to join the rebellion of now Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

22 cattle died of lumpy skin disease in Maharashtra in one month

Team Absolute | Maharashtra

The disease has spread in 133 villages of Jalgaon, Ahmednagar, Akola, Dhule, Pune, Latur, Aurangabad, Beed, Satara, Buldana, Amravati, Osmanabad and Kolhapur districts, the official said.

At least 22 cattle have died of lumpy skin disease in Maharashtra over a period of one month, an official from the state animal husbandry department said on Monday. The outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD), which affects cattle, has been reported in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu-Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi.

In Maharashtra, the disease has spread in 133 villages of Jalgaon, Ahmednagar, Akola, Dhule, Pune, Latur, Aurangabad, Beed, Satara, Buldana, Amravati, Osmanabad and Kolhapur districts, the official said. "A total of 2,21,090 livestock in 622 villages, within 5 km radius of the infected areas, have been vaccinated. Of 1,224 infected cattle, 752 have recovered after treatment, while 22 have died so far," the official said. As many as 12 cattle in Jalgaon, three each in Ahmednagar, Pune, Amravati and one in Buldhana have succumbed to the disease, he said. As per the provisions of the Prevention and Control of Infectious & Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009, an area of 5 km from the epicentre of infection can be declared a controlled zone.

The first case of the disease in the state was reported on August 4 at Chinawal village of Raver taluka in Jalgaon, the official said. The disease is curable with medication and livestock farmers have been urged to contact the nearest veterinary dispensary or the animal husbandry department's toll-free no.18002330418 or the state-level call centre for veterinary services toll-free number 1962 to report a possible outbreak, the department said.The major symptoms of the disease are fever, nasal and lacrimal discharge, ulcers in the eye, swollen lymph nodes and a drop in milk production. Also, nodules are observed on the skin at the head, neck, genital organs and chest regions. Since the disease is infectious, it is important to take preventive measures such as proper cleanliness of cowsheds and segregation of healthy animals from infected ones, it stated. Animal Husbandry commissioner Sachindra Pratap Singh visited Akola district and reviewed the treatment of the affected animals and vaccination.

TRUCK HITS BJP MLA NITESH RANE'S CAR ON MUMBAI-PUNE EXPRESSWAY; NONE HURT

Mumbai : A truck hit a car in which Maharashtra BJP MLA Nitesh Rane and his family members were travelling on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, police said on Tuesday. No one was injured in the accident which took place on Monday evening at Urse toll plaza on the expressway, they said. Rane, the MLA from Kankavli in Sindhudurg district, and his family members were on way to Mumbai to offer prayers at the famous Lalbaugcha Raja Ganesh pandal. When their car stopped in lane no. 3 at the toll plaza around 6.30 pm, a truck hit their vehicle from the back side. The car's rear portion was damaged, an official from Shirgaon police station said. No one was injured, he said."We have booked the truck driver under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code," the official said.

Maha Govt Waiting for Auspicious Day to Frame Policy on Clean, Hygienic Toilets in Schools: HC

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The Bombay High Court on Monday said the condition of toilets in schools across Maharashtra was very bad, and asked the state government if it was powerless or waiting for some auspicious day to frame a policy on the issue. A division bench of Justices Prasanna Varale and Sharmila Deshmukh said it was "pained by the sorry state of affairs". The court was hearing a petition filed by two law students Nikita Gore and Vaishnavi Gholave, raising concerns over the central and state governments not implementing effective menstrual hygiene management resulting in women, and particularly adolescent girls, facing problems. The petition also pointed out the issue of unclean and unhygienic washrooms and toilets for girls in government aided schools. Pursuant to orders from the court in July this year, the Maharashtra District Legal Services Authority (MDLSA) carried out a survey of schools in Mumbai city, suburbs and neighbouring districts and a report was submitted to the court on Monday. As per the report, 235 schools were surveyed out of which the condition of toilets in 207 schools was found below standards. After perusing the report, the HC said the condition of toilets in schools was very bad. "And the report is about schools in urban areas like Mumbai suburbs. If this is the situation in urban areas, just imagine the situation in rural areas. What are the state government's education officers doing? Is it not the duty of your (government) officers to carry out periodic checks?" Justice Varale sought to know.

31,365 Idols Immersed in Mumbai on 5th Day of Ganesh Festival

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A total of 31,365 Ganesh idols were immersed in the sea and artificial ponds in Mumbai on the fifth day of the Ganpati festival, a civic official said on Monday. There was so far no report of any untoward incident following the fifth day celebration of the festival on Sunday, the official said.

Till 6 am on Monday, 30,446 household idols, 27 Hartalika and 892 sarvajanik (public) idols were immersed, the official from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said. At least 12,030 household idols, 16 Hartalika and 377 public mandal idols were immersed in the artificial ponds built at different places in the city. The other idols were immersed in the sea at various beaches here, he said.

Tight police security was deployed at the immersion points and beaches at Juhu and Girgaon, he said. The Mumbai police have also beefed up the security outside the Lalbaughcha Raja and other pandals.

49 Lakh Looted From Maharashtra Bank,It Happened Overnight

Latur | Agencies

A bank in Latur in Maharashtra was looted of 27 lakh cash and ornaments worth 22 lakh on Monday morning, a police official said.

The loot took place in Maharashtra Gramin Bank in Nagar Panchayat building in Latur, branch manager Saurabh Khaire said. "The process of registering a case is underway. At the moment, we believe 27 lakh cash and 22 lakh worth of ornaments have been looted. However, assessment of the theft is underway at the bank and the total figure could be 57 lakh as well," Inspector Rameshwar Tat of Shiroor Anantpal said. "The bank has accounts of people from 14 villages. The theft was noticed at 10 am when people found the main door of the bank damaged and the main locker had been broken into. An initial count put the loss at 49 lakh, comprising 27 lakh cash and 22 lakh worth of ornaments," branch manager Khaire said. "The main locker has five types of locks. The locker has been broken into in a professional and meticulous manner. The construction of Shiroor Anantpal panchayat building is underway and the windows do not have grills, which may have given the robbers access," another police official said.

One more Special CAP round to be conducted for First Year Junior College admission

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The Centralised Admission Process (CAP) is being held to select students to First Year Junior Colleges in the five cities of Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Nashik and Amravati

In a major relief for candidates who have cleared their Class X exams and are aspiring for a First Year Junior College (FYJC) seat in five cities of Maharashtra, there will be one more round of special Centralised Admission Process (CAP) round. The decision is taken considering the significant number of students who are yet to gain FYJC admission in the state (over 20,000 in the Mumbai division alone). Director of Education (Secondary) Mahesh Palkar, who conducts the online CAP for the FYJC seats in the five cities of Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Nashik and Amravati, confirmed to The Indian Express that the government will be conducting one more special round. "The number of students who failed to get a seat in FYJC is considerably high. In addition to this there will be more students seeking FYJC admissions who are yet out of the system," said Palkar. The schedule for the special round of admission will be declared in a few days. He said that the merit list for the first special CAP round was declared Monday. Candidates who are allotted seats in this round have time until September 8 to confirm the admissions. The timetable for the new special round will be out by then." There was a strong demand for another special CAP round to ensure one more chance of FYJC admission on merit.

EDITOR'S SPECS

UP veterans ignored in Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

Veteran Congress leaders in Uttar Pradesh have neither been informed nor invited to join leader Rahul Gandhi's 3,570-km long 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, that begins on Wednesday. The contingent from Uttar Pradesh mainly includes Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's personal secretary Sandip Singh, Amethi Seva Dal president Ram Baran Kashyap, UPCC minority department chairman Shahnawaz Alam, UPCC Fishermen Congress chairman Devendra Nishad and UPCC secretary (Unnao in-charge) Pratibha Atal Pal. A party leader said: "We have three categories of Yatris--Bharat Padyatri (who will accompany Rahul all along the route), guest Padyatri (who will join for a brief period) and state Padyatri (who will accompany Rahul in their respective states). There are 14 Bharat Yatris from Uttar Pradesh." Bharat Jodo Yatra is expected to reach the state at Bulandshahr from Rajasthan, and leave for Delhi on its way to Jammu and Kashmir. As Bharat Jodo Yatra is expected to remain in the state for a brief period of two and half days, the party proposes to undertake four to five small yatras covering the length and breadth of the state, which will merge at Bulandshahr. Congress Legislature Party leader Aradhana Mishra 'Mona' said: "Yes, the state party will undertake smaller yatras in different regions to receive the main yatra in Bulandshahr. The main yatra will be undertaken in two parts with the first part to take place from 7 am to 10.30 am and cover 12 to 13 km." Meanwhile, veteran party leaders are upset, once again, at being ignored.

INDIA-BANGLADESH BILATERAL TIES

A role model for good neighbourhood diplomacy

Ever since the Liberation War in 1971, Bangladesh and India have shared a special relationship not only due to their geographical boundaries, but also largely owing to their shared cultural, linguistic and historical connections.

India, during the war for liberation of the Bangladeshi nation, provided much of the required humanitarian as well as militaristic support which was so duly needed at the time. Both the countries since then, have shared a gigantic 4000 km long border which makes Bangladesh India's longest land sharing neighbour in the South Asian region.

Bangladesh's current Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently described the India-Bangladesh bilateral relations as a 'role model of good neighbourhood diplomacy'. This statement hence came as an assertion of the long-shared friendship the two nations have had for the past five decades.

India, on the other hand, was amongst the first countries in the world to establish its diplomatic relations with the newly independent nation in December of 1971. Since then, Bangladesh has gone on to become India's biggest developmental and trading partner in South Asia. This has prompted the two neighbouring countries in contributing to each other's economic and social prosperity. Major advancements have also been made on security and water sharing issues that have largely been a small thorn in the mutually cordial relations between the two nations.

Soon after Bangladesh's independence, both the nations went on to sign 13 agreements related to trade, telecommunication, culture and other domains in the early 1970's. At the time this was seen in a way as the Bangladeshi nation's approval for forging friendlier relations with their land sharing neighbour. The two countries also share around 54 common rivers amongst them; in 1972 a bilateral Joint River Commission was set up between the two to maintain mutual contact in order to maximize benefits for the shared river systems.

In an advancement to such beneficial relations, Bangladesh and India signed a Framework Agreement on Cooperation for Development, under which both parties agreed to narrow the trade imbalances by reworking their trade and non-tariff barriers while also agreeing to expand their cooperation to the sub-regional level as well. A recent development in their relations has also come by way of both the countries working towards signing a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which emphasises on three specific dimensions; trade in goods, services and investments. The goal of such an agreement is to open up newer avenues, including new markets and multi-modal connectivity while also focusing on reduction on trade gaps that have been persisting.

In a testimony to such an enduring relationship based on mutually beneficial agreements, both the countries had also brought the Land Boundary Agreement into force in 2015 by exchanging the instruments of ratification. This came as a symbol of willingness in which both the countries were inclined towards resolving issues that were seen to be hindering the relationship.

These ties however, have also been witnessing stronger political will to engage further than their current positions; in the recent past, India and Bangladesh both have substantiated their mutual trust beyond the general cooperation in specific sectors. In the past eight years, India has extended credit lines worth $8 billion to its neighbour for developmental projects in sectors including roadways, shipping, ports and railways. This makes Bangladesh the recipient of India's largest concessional credit lines to a single country around the globe. India is also contributing to various projects in Bangladesh which includes an upgradation of the Ashuganj river port and Akhaura land port road with a credit line of more than $400 million. A road project connecting the India-Bangladesh border which eases connectivity to some of the north eastern states of India with Bangladesh is also being worked upon with a further line of credit worth $80 million from the Indian nation.However, it is not only the trade and economic related aspects that makes the relations between the two densely populated countries a role model for the world, but is rather their all weather friendship that ascertains the Bangladeshi Prime Minister's statement, which was well in fact also reciprocated by the Indian side. Prime Minister Modi, in one of his first foreign visits post the Covid-19 outbreak visited Bangladesh to participate in its Golden Jubilee of Independence. Thus, economic and security cooperation between the two are based out of a long-cherished history and connection the nations have had in the past.

In times of crisis, India has assisted Bangladesh with medical as well as humanitarian aid as well. For instance, in 2020, the Indian Railways gifted ten broad gauge diesel locomotives to Bangladesh based on an urgent need. Similarly, India also provided its neighbours with a significant amount of Covid vaccines that were manufactured domestically and had arranged for an evacuation of Bangladeshis stranded in between the Russia-Ukraine war.

What has rather emerged as a consequence of such gestures, is that many newer avenues for mutual cooperation have opened up in the recent decade. Bangladesh's population has subsequently become India's biggest medical tourist market; as India makes for an affordable and economically sound expenditure for procedures that may not be available in the country. This has led to an extreme uptake of medical tourist visas from Bangladesh travelling to India. Not only in this aspect, but such new found paths for mutual benefits and interests are only possible if nations have a lasting relationship built on trust and the will of the top most leadership.

Political entities in both India as well as in Bangladesh have constantly attempted to advance their bilateral ties beyond the scope that is currently prevalent. There is however, significant scope to further the relationship in a way that opens up other routes and modes for ensuring that relations remain beneficial to both the countries. Aspects such as free trade, global health governance, global peace and stability are avenues that could present itself as an opportunity for both India and Bangladesh to not only take their cordial relations to the next level, but would also be an important message to the world in terms of unity in advancing one's own perspective in the global arena.

Hence, the former Foreign Secretary of India, Harsh Vardhan Shringla's statement echoing the Bangladeshi Prime Minister's assertions of India-Bangladesh ties being a role model of good neighbourhood diplomacy, is not a shallow statement made to present a certain idea of the bilateral relationship. It is rather a strong testimony to the power of cooperation that can lead to land and water sharing countries having a mutually beneficial relation while also elevating their economic, social and political statuses in the global forum.

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COMMISSIONER: EU TO UNVEIL NEW RESPONSES TO ENERGY CRISIS

- The European commissioner for energy says the EU's next steps for addressing the continent's worsening energy crisis following Russia's invasion of Ukraine are expected to be unveiled next week

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European Commission president says the EU's electricity market "is no longer operating" amid knock-on effects from the Ukraine war.An extraordinary meeting of the European Union's energy ministers will be held in Brussels on Friday to discuss a bloc-wide package of solutions to the power market cost spikes, European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson told The Associated Press in an interview.She said the European Commission expects the package will be adopted next Wednesday, and that a decoupling of gas and energy prices, increase in liquidity for the market and coordinated demand reduction could be expected in it. That could include a temporary capping of the price of gas used to produce electricity, modification of trading rules on energy exchanges and coordinated demand reduction measures like those seen over the summer."We know that there are peak hours where our households and enterprises are witnessing extreme high hourly prices," she said in the interview at the European Delegation office in Jakarta. "Part of this proposal is also dealing with peak hours and how it will cut demand at these specific timeslots."

The European Union's next steps for addressing the continent's worsening energy crisis following Russia's invasion of Ukraine are expected to be unveiled next week, the European commissioner for energy said Tuesday.Many European countries have tightened their belts as energy costs soar. Russia's state-run energy company has continued its shutdown of a pipeline carrying natural gas to Europe, in what German officials see as a political power play, and the

EAST TIMORESE LEADER FLIES TO AUSTRALIA FOR CRITICAL TALKS

CANBERRA, Australia -- East Timor's President Jose Ramos-Horta arrived in Australia on Tuesday for a state visit as negotiations over lucrative gas resources reach a critical stage for his impoverished nation. The East Timorese are gaining confidence that they can break a 20-year deadlock with the new Australian government over the development of Greater Sunrise, an estimated $50 billion in gas that lies beneath the seabed that separates the two countries. Australia wants the gas to be piped to an existing liquefied natural gas export hub at its northern city of Darwin. East Timor expects more economic benefit for the half-island nation of 1.5 million people if Greater Sunrise energy is piped to the East Timorese south coast.

Ex-reporter jailed for 22 years in Russia on treason charges

A court in Moscow has found a former journalist guilty of treason and sentenced him to 22 years in a maximum security prison

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A former journalist was convicted of treason and handed a 22-year prison sentence on Monday after a trial that has been widely seen as politically motivated and marked a new step in a sweeping crackdown on the media and Kremlin critics.

The sentence handed to Ivan Safronov, who worked as a military affairs reporter for leading business daily Kommersant before becoming an adviser to the head of the Russian space corporation Roscosmos, has been harshly criticized by his colleagues as utterly unfounded. A few friends and co-workers of Safronov who attended Monday's hearing at the Moscow City Court chanted "Freedom!" and clapped after the verdict was read. Safronov told those who came to support him. Safronov was accused of passing military secrets to Czech intelligence and a German national. He strongly insisted on his innocence, arguing that he collected all the information from open sources as part of his journalistic work and did nothing illegal. In his final statement at the trial last week, Safronov rejected the charges as "absurd," noting that he published all the information he gathered from his sources in government agencies and military industries.He emphasized that he never had access to any classified documents and emphasized that investigators have failed to produce any witness testimony to back the espionage charges.Safronov described the long sentence requested by prosecutors as "monstrous," saying that it would stain the country's image by showing that a journalist is sentenced simply for doing his job. His defense quickly appealed the sentence.

Israeli president gives broad speech to Germany's parliament

BERLIN | Agencies

Israel's president addressed Germany's parliament on Tuesday about atrocities committed during the Third Reich, while at the same time praising the close and friendly relations that have emerged between the two countries since the end of the Holocaust. Six million European Jews were murdered by Germany's Nazis and their henchmen during World War II."Never in human history was there a campaign like the one the Nazis and their accomplices conducted to annihilate the Jewish people," Israeli President Isaac Herzog told lawmakers at the Bundestag."Never in history was a state responsible, as Nazi Germany was responsible, for the loss of all semblance of humanity, for the erasure of all mercy, for the pursuit of the world-wide obliteration, with such awful cruelty, of an entire people."Herzog also spoke about his father, former Israeli President Chaim Herzog, who was among the liberators of the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen in northern Germany in April 1945, as an officer of the British forces."I shall never forget how he described to me the horrors he witnessed. The stench. The human skeletons in striped pajamas, the piles of corpses, the destruction, the hell on earth," the Israeli president told German lawmakers.On Tuesday afternoon, Herzog and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier are set to visit the site of the former concentration camp.

MAN SHOT DEAD AFTER POLICE CHASE IN LONDON RESIDENTIAL AREA

LONDON

:Britain's police watchdog said Tuesday it was opening an independent investigation after a man was shot dead in London after a police chase.

The Metropolitan Police said armed officers pursued a "suspect vehicle" in south London on Monday evening, and they ended the chase by making "tactical contact" - or deliberately colliding with a car to stop it - in a residential area in Streatham Hill. A man in the suspect vehicle, believed to be in his 20s, was shot. Police said he received first aid from officers at the scene, but died later in the hospital.The circumstances of the pursuit were not immediately clear.Local residents reported hearing loud gunshots and a police helicopter hovering overhead."I was in bed and heard what sounded like two gunshots in quick succession, then saw flashing lights through the curtains," said Rachel Cook, who lived nearby. "It's a very quiet residential street and people are very shook up about it."The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) said it declared an independent investigation, as is standard after a police shooting. Investigators were sent to the scene to gather initial evidence.

In flood-stricken Pakistan, rains damage archeological site

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In flood-stricken Pakistan where an unprecedented monsoon season has killed hundreds of people, the rains now threaten a famed archeological site dating back 4,500 years, the site's chief official said Tuesday.

The ruins of Mohenjo Daro located in southern Sindh province near the Indus River and a UNESCO World Heritage Site - are considered among the best preserved urban settlements in South Asia. They were discovered in 1922 and to this day, mystery surrounds the disappearance of its civilization, which coincided with those of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. The swelling waters of the Indus, a major river in this part of the world, have wreaked havoc as heavy rains and massive flooding unleashed devastation across much of Pakistan. At least 1,325 people have been killed and millions have lost their homes in the surging waters, with many experts blaming the unusually heavy monsoon rains on climate change.The flooding has not directly hit Mohenjo Daro but the record-breaking rains have inflicted damage on the ruins of the ancient city, said Ahsan Abbasi, the site's curator.

"Several big walls, which were built nearly 5,000 years ago, have collapsed because of the monsoon rains," Abbasi told The Press.

BIG CLAIM OF SHIVRAJ GOVERNMENT TO WOO TRIBALS AND HALF THE POPULATION

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Shivraj Singh Chouhan's government of Madhya Pradesh has taken a big decision to win the hearts of the tribal class and half the population. While three big schemes have been approved for tribals, the amount of Ladli Laxmi Yojana has been increased for half the population. In a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Chouhan, the cabinet approved three schemes to provide more opportunities for self-employment to the youth of scheduled tribes. This includes Bhagwan Birsa Munda Self-Employment Scheme, Tantya Mama Economic Welfare Scheme and Chief Minister Scheduled Tribe Special Project Financing Scheme.

It has been told that under the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Self-Employment Scheme, projects ranging from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 50 lakh will be sanctioned for manufacturing activities and Rs 1 lakh to Rs 25 lakh for service and business activities. The annual income of the family taking the benefit of the scheme should not exceed Rs.12 lakhs. Under the scheme, interest subsidy at the rate of five percent per annum and bank loan guarantee fee at the prevailing rate will be borne by the corporation for a maximum period of seven years (including the moratorium period) distributed by the bank to the beneficiaries. Similarly, under the Tantya Mama Economic Welfare Scheme, members of the Scheduled Tribes, who are not income tax payers, whose age is between 18 and 55 years, will be provided for all types of self-employment activities for projects ranging from 10 thousand to one lakh rupees. For getting loans from banks, seven percent interest subsidy and bank loan guarantee fee will be given to the beneficiary at the prevailing rate for a maximum period of five years.

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Panchayat and Rural Development, Energy, Technical Education, Skill Development and Employment, AYUSH and Public Health and Family Welfare Departments mainly to benefit the beneficiaries of the Scheduled Tribes special project funding scheme. etc. will be helped. Under the scheme, projects related to self-employment, livelihood, skill upgradation, promotion and innovation will be financed on priority basis. It will be mandatory for at least 50 percent of the beneficiaries in the project to be from the Scheduled Tribes category.

Similarly, the government has taken a big decision for half the population. Approval has been given to the draft of Madhya Pradesh Ladli Laxmi Girl Child Promotion (Amendment) Bill 2022 in relation to Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0. According to this, the beneficiaries of Ladli Laxmi Yojana will now get a total of one lakh 43 thousand rupees, an increase of 25 thousand rupees from earlier. This amount of 25 thousand rupees will be available on admission in the college, in this way the amount received will increase from 1 lakh 18 thousand to one lakh 43 thousand.

PM to visit Madhya Pradesh on his birthday on September 17

- Cheetahs will enter in Kuno National Park. Will also address the conference of women SHGs in Karahal (Sheopur). Group of Ministers will monitor public welfare schemes and development activities. Four GoMs formed for Cent percent availability of beneficiary oriented schemes, Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day, implementation of schemes and service fortnight. Memorial to be set up at Rampayli, Balaghat on the contribution of Dr. Hedgewar. CM Chouhan addresses ministers prior to

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed the ministers before the Cabinet meeting today that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kuno on his birthday on 17th September. Cheetahs coming from South Africa will be given entry in the Kuno National Park by the PM Modi. Prime Minister Modi will also address the Women Self-Help Group's conference in Karahal (Sheopur). Chief Minister said that a memorial would be set up at Rampayali in Balaghat on the contribution of Dr. Hedgewar in the Indian Independence War. It may be mentioned that this village has been his karmabhoomi. Chief Minister Chouhan said that exemption will be given from September 17 to October 5 for very important transfer from administrative point of view.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that the campaign would start from September 17 to ensure that cent percent eligible persons get the benefits of beneficiary oriented schemes. Along with this, two groups of ministers will be formed, who will visit the allotted districts. They will take stock of the quality of development works in the district, availability of benefits of beneficiary oriented schemes to the eligible persons. Ministers will visit and contact the poor settlements and see the situation there. Along with this, he will also discuss with intellectuals. Along with making the general public aware, giving information about the schemes, necessary action will also be taken by the ministers in the districts if there is any deficiency or shortcoming in the implementation of the schemes and government activities.

Mandsaur-Suwasra-Bhanpura route to transform as National Highway : Minister Dang

Union Minister Gadkari gave instructions to include it in National Highway Programme

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The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has directed to include Suwasra to Bardia-Amra-Garoth-Bhanpura and Suwasra to Mandsaur routes in the National Highway Construction Programme. Environment, New and Renewable Energy Minister Hardeep Singh Dang apprised that he requested Union Minister Gadkari in the month of July to declare both these roads as National Highways and to construct new four-lane roads.

Dang informed that a proposal is under consideration in the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to declare these routes as new National Highways and undertake construction. In the policy of declaring new National Highways, various factors like traffic density, freight traffic, passenger traffic, socio-economic aspect of the area, tourism and important roads connecting the National Highways, etc. are considered. Union Minister Gadkari has given necessary instructions to the officers to include the proposed routes in the new National Highway Construction Programme of the Ministry on priority basis.

Dang said that we are looking forward to the construction of four-lane road. Soon the approval will be given for the construction of roads and with the reduction of heavy traffic pressure, new avenues of economic progress will also open in the area.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM 17

Bhopal: This is good news for the employees of Madhya Pradesh because the government has approved the transfer policy for the year 2022 and now the transfers will start from 17th September. A cabinet meeting was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in this meeting the transfer policy for the year 2022 was approved and the state government has also decided to remove the ban on transfers, now five from September 17 in the state. There will be transfers of employees by October.

It is to be known that the employees of the state have been waiting for a long time for the ban on transfers to be lifted and the government has now decided to lift the ban on transfers for a fortnight.

WTM RESPONSIBLE TOURISM INDIA AWARDS ON 7TH SEPTEMBER IN BHOPAL

For the first time outside London will be in Bhopal

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The WTM (World Travel Market) Responsible Tourism India Awards will be presented at Kushabhau Thakre Convention Center on Wednesday, 7th September 2022 from 6 pm onwards. For the first time, this award ceremony will be held outside London in Bhopal. Minister of Tourism, Culture and Religious Trust and Endowment Usha Thakur will be present. The event is being organized under an international symposium by 'International Center for Responsible Tourism (ICRT)' in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board and ADTOI (Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India) MP Chapter.

AWARD CATEGORY

- Decarbonised Travel and Tourism
- Sustaining Employees and Community Through Pandemic
- Destination Building Back Better Post Covid
- Increase Diversity in Tourism: How Inclusive is Our Industries
- Reducing Plastic Waste in the Environment

Growing the Local Economic Benefit

- Access for the Differently Abled - Age Travelers, Employees and Holiday Makers
- Increase Tourism Contribution to Natural Heritage and Biodiversity
- Conserving Water and Improving Water Security and Supply for Neighbor
- Contributing to Cultural Heritage

Minister Thakur inaugurated the Hastkala bazar

Hastkala bazar will be open for public till September 10. Handicrafts of districts displayed in Responsible Tourism Mission

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Minister of Tourism, Culture and Religious Trust and Endowment Usha Thakur inaugurated the Craft and Art Exhibition "Hastkala Bazar" at Kushabhau Thakre Convention Centre. This exhibition has been organized by the Tourism Board in the Responsible Tourism Mission. 93 artisans of 41 art forms from 6 cultural zones of the state are displaying their products in the exhibition. The exhibition will be open for public viewing and purchase of the products till September 10. Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Additional Managing Director Tourism Board Shri Vivek Shrotriya and Founder Director of ICRT and Managing Director of Responsible Tourism Partnership Dr. Harold Goodwin, officials of Tourism Board and a large number of art lovers were present.

In the "Hastkala Bazaar" exhibition, 28 craft product stalls have been set up from about 16 districts. Also a live exhibition of 6 products has been organized. Chhatarpur's Terracotta and Iron Crafts, Betul's Bailmetal, Satna's Kansa, Orchha's Bundeli Painting, Dewas's Industrial Waste Works, Bhopal's Handloom Handicraft and Zari Zardozi, Rajgarh's Cloth Waste Product, Alirajpur's Handicraft Painting, Bamboo crafts, natural honey and marble stone items are displayed.

CM Chouhan plants Neem, Moulshree and Gular saplings

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Social worker Bhagwandas Sabnani planted Neem, Moulshree and Gular saplings in the Smart City Garden on the occasion of Shri Sabnani's birthday. Gujarat's children story reader, motivational speaker and writer Bhavika Rajesh Maheshwari also participated in plantation.

Importance of plants

Maulshree planted today is a medicinal tree, it has been used in Ayurveda for centuries. Rich in antibiotic elements, neem is known for its medicinal qualities. The fruits of sycamore are like figs, it is also an important tree from Ayurveda's point of view of.

Incentive policy to be crafted in higher education for the participation and investment of private sector: Minister

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Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has said that it has been decided to encourage private sector participation to make higher education accessible, qualitative and job oriented in Madhya Pradesh. An incentive policy has been proposed to ensure better institutional arrangements. After the approval of the Council of Ministers, this policy will be implemented in the state. Higher Education Minister Dr. Yadav took a meeting regarding the incentive policy in Mantralaya on Tuesday. Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education Shailendra Singh and departmental officers were present.

Minister Dr. Yadav said that in accordance with the National Education Policy, active and positive participation of the private sector is necessary for achieving the targets set on the indicators of development in the field of higher education. With the participation of private sector, a spirit of competition will be created in the field of higher education in the state. This will boost the pace of development in important areas like education system, use of technology, management of educational institutions, teacher-training, management of educational institutions, curriculum formulation, skill enhancement etc.

Minister Dr. Yadav said that the goal of private sector participation and investment policy in higher education is to establish such an institutional system, which encourages private investment in higher education. Higher education opportunities in the state have to be made available easily, especially in the scheduled areas. This will not only ensure proper development of research projects in the field of higher education but will also lead to better experiments in the field of IT.

KAMAL NATH SLAMS GOVERNMENT ON THE SCAM IN NUTRITION DIET

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A case of more than 110 crore irregularities has come to the fore in Madhya Pradesh nutrition diet. This disclosure has been made in the report of the Accountant General. What has come to light is shocking because the number of vehicles that have been told to be transported hundreds of tonnes of food grains are of small vehicles including motorcycles. If sources are to be believed, the report of the Accountant General directly alleges that there has been a large-scale disturbance in the take home ration given from the Anganwadi to the school dropouts, teenage girls, pregnant and lactating mothers as well as children up to three years. .

It has been clearly disclosed in the report of the Accountant General that neither the food of several thousand tonnes of nutritional food was found in the godown nor the evidence of its transportation has come to the fore. The vehicles by which the transportation of rations have been shown and the numbers of the trucks are given, the numbers actually turned out to be motorcycles, tankers and cars apart from autos.

The Accountant General has asked to get the matter investigated by an independent agency and also to take action against the guilty officials. According to this report, this disturbance was investigated in Bhopal, Chhindwara, Dhar, Jhabua,

Rewa, Sagar, Satna and Shivpuri, in which this thing has come to the fore. The difference in the number of beneficiaries was also found in the investigation of 49 Anganwadi centers in these places. In these centers the number of adolescent girls who dropped out of school was three, then on the portal this number was found in thousands.

Congress is the attacker after this matter came to the fore. Congress state president Kamal Nath said, corruption and scams are common in every scheme, in every work under the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh. Now nutrition scam has come to the fore in Shivraj government.

He further said, under the Department of Women and Child Development, which is with the Chief Minister himself, a lot has been done in the name of take home ration. According to the report of the Accountant General, the game was played fiercely in the name of production, transportation, distribution in the nutritional food given to children and women.

Taking a jibe at the fact that hundreds of tonnes of food grains were being transported by small vehicles, Kamal Nath said, "Nutrition food weighing thousands of kilograms of crores came from trucks on paper and the numbers mentioned were of autos, cars and tankers. Crores of rations were distributed in the name of children who did not go to school.

Referring to the state of malnutrition in the state, Kamal Nath said, "On the one hand, Madhya Pradesh has been the top in the country in malnutrition since years, and on the other hand, in the name of nutritious food, such a fajirwada. The thinking and intention of this government is telling what kind of game is being played in the state. There should be a detailed high level investigation of this scam, strict action should be taken against the culprits, the responsibility should be fixed. On behalf of the government, Home Minister Narottam Mishra said on the report of the Accountant General that the CAG report is his opinion, no report is final, it is all part of the process. After this, the state government scouts on the report. It is not right to call it the final decision.

RUMOUR ON AIR: ADELE HAS MARRIED RICH PAUL

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Fans are speculating that Adele may have secretly wed her boyfriend Rich Paul after spotting a telling clue in the singer's latest Instagram post.

The singer shared photos from her Los Angeles home on Sunday as she celebrated her first Emmy win for her TV concert, Adele: One Night Only.

In a snap of the gong sitting on her coffee table, a personalised game with the label 'The Paul's' could be seen, prompting a flurry of comments from excited fans guessing the secretive star has married her partner of a year.

The game, which appears to be a set of dominoes or Rummikub tiles, had 'The Paul's' (sic) - with a misplaced apostrophe - clearly written on the side, leading one of the star's 50.8million followers to ask 'is you married?' in the comments, reports dailymail.co.uk. The superstar and the multi-millionaire agent first met at a party a few years ago, and took their relationship public in the summer of 2021. The musician was previously wed to charity entrepreneur Simon Konecki, the father of her nine-year-old son Angelo, marrying in 2018 and separating the same year.

Florence Pugh's

Stylist makes a playful dig at the Don't Worry Darling feud

Los Angeles | Agencies

The seemingly never-ending drama swirling around Don't Worry Darling's Venice Film Festival premiere continues from an unlikely source: Florence Pugh's stylist.

Rebecca Corbin-Murray shared a number of snaps and videos of her client hitting the Venezia red carpet on Monday, though many noticed her caption that simply read, 'Miss Flo,' while tagging those responsible for her dress and overall look.

'Miss Flo' was a phrase used by Don't Worry Darling director Olivia Wilde in reference to Pugh, in a leaked video she sent Shia LaBeouf before he left the project.

A few days later, LaBeouf refuted Wilde's statement, claiming instead that he quit the production because she did not give the actors ample time to rehearse.

He shared emails and text messages between himself and Wilde, revealing that he officially 'quit' the production on August 17, 2020.

He also shared a video taken two days later - August 19, 2020 - from Wilde to LaBeouf, where she tried to get him to consider returning, after quitting.

'I feel like I'm not ready to give up on this yet, and I, too, am heartbroken and I want to figure this out. You know, I think this might be a bit of a wake-up call for Miss Flo, and I want to know if you're open to giving this a shot with me, with us,' Wilde says.

HARRY STYLES SPITS ON CHRIS PINE!

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Fans have been sent into a frenzy after Harry Styles seemed to spit on Chris Pine as he took a seat next to him at the Venice Film Festival, reports dailymail.co.uk.

Styles, who stars in the acclaimed film Don't Worry Darling, caused a stir after he allegedly approached his chair and gobbed in the actor's lap in front of his girlfriend, Olivia Wilde.

During the bizarre interaction, Pine - who is clapping as Styles takes his assigned seat next to him - seems to stop in his tracks, look down at his leg, and stick out his tongue in disbelief.

The laughing actor then shoots an amusing look back at the popstar - who is too busy adjusting his jacket and smiling around the room to notice Pine's cheeky reaction.

The interaction came just hours after Pine went viral for apparently 'zoning out' as Styles spoke to the press about the upcoming film.

It remains unclear whether Styles did, in fact, spit on national television as his girlfriend watched, but fans on Twitter are closely examining the video for answers.

Some say that Pine was just fiddling with his sunglasses, which were placed between his legs.

In fact, another video from Variety's Ramin Setoodeh shows another angle of Styles taking his seat, and seemingly lasts a few seconds longer.

It also appears to show Pine and Styles chatting briefly, though it's unclear what was said during the interaction.

JENNIFER ANISTON WEARS NOTHING

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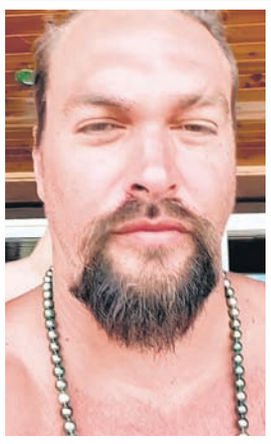
It's easy for Jennifer Aniston to get our attention, especially when she's sharing a revealing snap of herself! The Friends alum, 53, proved such is the case when she took to her Instagram on Sunday (September 4) to tease a new product from her hair care brand LolaVie. Posting a sassy snap of herself showering (in the nude, of course), Jennifer captioned it, "something's coming 9.8.22" The promotional post comes a few weeks after Jennifer poured her heart out when she paid tribute to her father John Aniston at the Daytime Emmy Awards. The actress gave an emotional speech while presenting the iconic Days of Our Lives actor, 88, with a lifetime achievement award. Although John was not in attendance at the in-person ceremony at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and Jennifer recorded her message prior to the event, it was undoubtedly a special moment as the pair had been formerly estranged for quite some time.

Jennifer Lawrence is a mother of a baby boy named 'Cy'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Jennifer Lawrence, took her time to reveal her first child's name and gender, but the truth finally came out in the Vogue October 2022 cover story. The Don't Look Up actress confirmed to the publication that she gave birth to a son named Cy, named after the postwar American painter Cy Twombly, who is one of her husband Cooke Maroney's favorite artists. Jennifer talked all about the life-changing experience of becoming a new mom in the interview, reports hollywoodlife.com."It's so scary to talk about motherhood. Only because it's so different for everybody," the Oscar winner said. "If I say, 'It was amazing from the start', some people will think, 'It wasn't amazing for me at first', and feel bad. Fortunately I have so many girlfriends who were honest. Who were like, 'It's scary. You might not connect right away. You might not fall in love right away.' So I felt so prepared to be forgiving."Jennifer, who welcomed her baby boy in February, went on to say, "The morning after I gave birth, I felt like my whole life had started over. Like, Now is day one of my life. I just stared. I was just so in love. I also fell in love with all babies everywhere. Newborns are just so amazing. They're these pink, swollen, fragile little survivors. Now I love all babies. Now I hear a baby crying in a restaurant and I'm like, 'Awwww, preciousssss'.

JASON MOMOA BUZZES OFF HIS HAIR TO BRING AWARENESS TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CRISIS



'BE BETTER AT PROTECTING OUR LAND AND OCEANS'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Jason Momoa buzzes off his hair to bring awareness to single-use plastic crisis: 'Be better at protecting our land and oceans' A hand from offscreen gave him a couple short braids which were already cut off by the person styling his hair. He then explained he made the decision to shave his head to raise awareness for how many single-use plastics are used and thrown away. He continued,'It's just so sad, so please anything you can do to eliminate single-use plastic in your lives, help me.'

Momoa encouraged people to switch over to canteens and other reusable water bottles rather than plastic water bottles.

The Game of Thrones star captioned the clip, 'heres to new beginnings let's spread the aloha. be better at protecting our land and oceans. we need to cut single use plastics out of our lives and out of our seas. plastic bottles, plastic bags ,packaging, utensils all of it. let's aloha our '?ina together aloha j. @mananalu.water.'

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY

Asia Cup2022

SRI LANKA BEAT INDIA BY 6 WICKETS

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After a defeat against Pakistan, India faced Sri Lanka in a crucial Super Four clash in the Asia Cup 2022 edition on Tuesday. Riding on Rohit Sharma's 41-ball 72 and some contributions from Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya and R Ashwin, they managed a competitive 173-8 but the Lankans impressed throughout the contest and defeated India by six wickets in a pulsating run-chase, with Dilshan Madushanka, Kusal Mendis, Pathum Nissanka and captain Dasun Shanaka leading the charge. With another defeat in the Super Four, India have one foot on the flight back home.

Being asked to bat first, Rohit-led India lost KL Rahul and Virat Kohli for cheap. While Maheesh Theekshana dismissed Rahul, Kohli looked clueless and played a very poor shot off Dilshan Madushanka to depart for a four-ball duck. The onus fell on captain Rohit and he looked in his elements. He was joined by his Mumbai Indians' (MI) teammate Suryakumar Yadav as the two stitched 97-run stand with Rohit being the aggressor, smashing some big sixes en route to an impressive 41-ball 72 (laced with 5 fours, 4 sixes). His dismissal, however, brought the Lankans back into the contest with SKY (34), Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya (falling for 17 apiece) with the bowlers using the longer dimensions of the ground to good effect.

Chamika Karunaratne and Dasun Shanaka accounted for two scalps each and a combined bowling effort restricted India to 173/8. Madushanka was most impressive with a spell of 4-0-24-3. With the Lankans having completed two successive run-chases on the trot, they were favourites going into the run-chase.In reply, SL openers Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka started off on a confident note. At the halfway stage, SL was 89 for no loss. However, skipper Shanaka's 18-ball 33 not out and Bhanuka Rajapaksa's 17-ball 25* took the Islanders home in another last-ball thriller. Arshdeep Singh tried his best in the final over but some sloppy work on the field and few loose deliveries from time to time sealed India's fate, bringing them very close to an early elimination.

India will now face Afghanistan on Thursday but will hope for the Afghan side to beat Pakistan on Wednesday to remain alive in the contest by the barest of margins.

US Open :

Rafael Nadal bows out to sensational Frances Tiafoe Swiatek completes comeback

New York | Agencies

In what was one of the biggest upsets of the year, Rafael Nadal lost his first Grand Slam match of 2022 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6 to Frances Tiafoe at the US Open on Monday.

Nadal arrived in New York with concerns regarding the abdominal injury that led to his withdrawal from the Wimbledon semifinal, and his rustiness was evident in how much he laboured to win his first three matches. The Spaniard's level did not see a drastic rise in his fourth round, and Tiafoe was the first opponent to take advantage with a sensational performance. The American's forehand was on fire, painting the lines with winners, and his massive first serve - which hit 18 aces - proved to be a huge weapon against Nadal. He will face Russia's Andrey Rublev next, and there's no ceiling on what he can achieve this week if he maintains this level.

Iga Swiatek may have amassed a reputation of blowing her opponents away, but against Germany's Jule Niemeier on Monday, she had to win ugly. The Pole was extremely slow out of the blocks, immediately dropping serve and losing the first set 2-6. The comeback did not take place in prolific fashion either. After trading breaks, Swiatek faltered a position to serve for the second set before breaking Niemeir to take it 6-4. Evidently not at her best, Swiatek was boosted to be back into the contest and then whipped out a vintage 6-0 performance to round out the match. She's got local favourite Jessica Pegula next, who is going to be a huge threat on the quick courts of New York.

PSG vs Juventus UEFA Champions League

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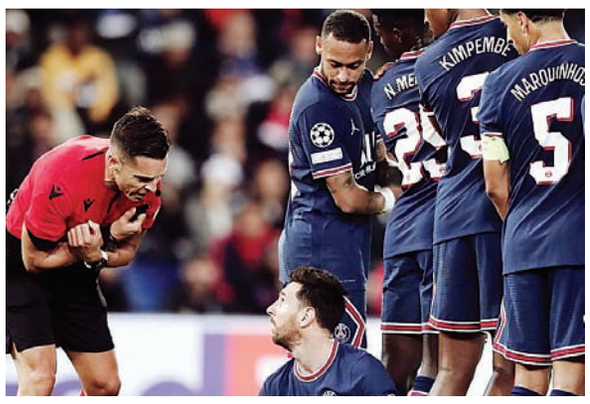

Here is all you need to know about live streaming details of UCL 2022 match between Paris Saint-Germain and Juventus

PSG vs Juventus UEFA Champions League Live Streaming: Paris Saint-Germain's Qatari owners are expecting a lot from their club in the run up to the World Cup hosted by the Gulf country. Starting with Tuesday's visit by Juventus which recently signed Ángel Di María and Leandro Paredes from the French club.

PSG has had a solid start to the French league with five wins and a draw. Kylian Mbappé and Neymar have seven goals each. Lionel Messi set up both of Mbappé's goals in a 3-0 win at Nantes on Saturday.

Juventus has won only two of its opening five Serie A matches but Dušan Vlahovic has four goals in the four matches he's played - having been rested in a 1-1 draw at Fiorentina on Saturday.

Dropped by Man United, Maguire becomes an issue for England Manchester

Manchester | Agencies

Crystal Palace's Marc Guehi and AC Milan's Fikayo Tomori have been in and out of England's squads over the past year but neither is currently a player Southgate can rely on. Harry Maguire has been dropped by Manchester United despite being its club captain and the most expensive defender in soccer history.The big question now: How will that affect his place in England's team ahead of the World Cup? England coach Gareth Southgate has previously said he finds it difficult to select players in his squad if they aren't featuring for their clubs. And Maguire only has to look at some of his teammates at United - Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho, Luke Shaw - to see Southgate often has been true to his word.

Maguire could prove to be a different case. First, Maguire might now be behind Lisandro Martinez and Raphael Varane in the pecking order of center backs at United but he will still get minutes - perhaps most weeks in the lead-up to the World Cup - because of the team's involvement in the Europa League, when manager Erik ten Hag will likely rotate. That gives Maguire at least six matches, injury-permitting, if not more should Martinez and Varane have any fitness issues themselves. Then there's Southgate's options at center back, which aren't plentiful. There's John Stones, who isn't exactly a guaranteed starter at Manchester City given the Premier League champions now have five central defenders in their squad. Conor Coady recently left Wolverhampton, where he had lost his place, to join struggling Everton, and Tyrone Mings was dropped by Aston Villa at the start of the season only to recently regain his place because of injuries.

South Africa announce T20 World Cup squad

Temba Bavuma has recuperated completely from the elbow injury and is ready to lead the Proteas in a second World Cup in a row.

South Africa| Agencies

South Africa :On Tuesday, Cricket South Africa named their squad for the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 that is going to take place in Australia. Rassie van der Dussen is still struggling with his finger injury and keeping in mind, South Africa management has not included him in the T20 World Cup squad. On the other end, Temba Bavuma has recuperated completely from the elbow injury and is ready to lead the Proteas in a second World Cup in a row.CSA Convenor of Selectors Victor Mpitsang said, "This has been a really tough squad to select, simply because we had so many players in excellent form over the past few months and performing at a level that made the selectors sit up and notice them.Someone like Tristan Stubbs who was not in the frame a year ago has done incredibly well to force his way into the mix based on his performances and his selection should be an inspiration for every young player out there. We are also delighted to welcome back our captain Temba Bavuma from injury and we have no doubt his return will further galvanise the team. "He also added, "This group of players showed off their brilliant skill and talent when they overcame England in England recently. These sort of performances only bode well for us heading to the World Cup. Overall we are delighted with mix of players that have been chosen and look forward to watching them represent the country in Australia."Squad: Temba Bavuma (captain), Quinton de Kock, Heinrich Klaasen, Reeza Hendricks, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Rillee Rossouw, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs.

WBBL: MELBOURNE STARS ROPE IN INDIA BATTER JEMIMAH RODRIGUES

Mumbai : The 22-year-old represented Stars' cross-town rival Melbourne Renegades last season, scoring 333 runs at a strike rate of over 116. "I am super excited to be a part of the Stars family," Jemimah said in a statement."I've been told that I'm the first ever Indian to sign for the Stars and it is my honour to do so. "Melbourne has always been my favourite city in Australia and I can't wait to get back there," she added.

The Mumbai-born batter is also the first Indian woman cricketer to play for the Stars and is the third to sign the contract for the WBBL 8, alongside Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (Melbourne Renegades), and Pooja Vastrakar (Brisbane Heat). Jemimah was part of the Indian squad that bagged silver in this year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Having made her India debut at the age of 17 in 2018, Jemimah has so far represented India in 58 T20 Internationals and 21 ODIs. Jemihah will join the Stars squad after completing her Asia Women's Cup commitments for India. The event is scheduled from October 1-16 in Bangladesh.

Cricketing landscape is changing fast, need to strike balance: Kane Williamson

New Zealand | Agencies

Williamson's comments came at a time when cricketers around the world are preferring playing in cash-rich T20 leagues over international cricket.

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson feels the cricketing landscape around the world is witnessing a rapid change with the emergence of T20 leagues and striking a balance between franchise cricket and national duty has become the need of the hour. Williamson's comments came at a time when cricketers around the world are preferring playing in cash-rich T20 leagues over international cricket.

"It's a tricky one because it is changing. So much seems to have happened so quickly," Williamson told reporters. On the other hand, New Zealand all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme decided to retire from international cricket, and was roped in by BBL franchise Adelaide Strikers in the draft process. Williamson, who has struggled with injuries including a long-term elbow problem, and has only played three ODIs since the 2019 World Cup final, is currently leading the side in a three-match ODI series against Australia.

'This could be Pakistan's year': Virender Sehwag backs Babar Azam-led side to win Asia Cup

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Former India opener Virender Sehwag feels the Pakistan team are high on confidence after their five-wicket win over India.It was India's first loss in the ongoing Asia Cup after Pakistan avenged its five-wicket defeat against its sub-continent neighbour in the opening match.All of a sudden, on Tuesday, India are in a must-win situation against Sri Lanka. Rohit Sharma-led team need to win the match to stay alive in the competition.Former India opener Virender Sehwag feels Pakistan have emerged as the firm favourites to win the Asia Cup after their win over India."If India lose another match by chance, they will be out of the tournament. Pakistan have the advantage because if they lose one match and win another, their net run rate will take them to the final as they have lost one match and won two. India have lost one and if they lose another, they are out. So pressure is on India," Sehwag said."Pakistan will play in the final after a long time and have also beaten India after a long time in the Asia Cup. This could also be Pakistan's year," he added.On Sunday, Pakistan rode on Mohammad Rizwan's successive half-century and Mohammad Nawaz's 42 off just 20 balls to set up their highest successful run-chase in a T20 against India.

India's first T20 batting great Suresh Raina retires from IPL

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The IPL giant who offered blueprint on T20 batting to traditional batsmen is now ready for the world. From UP hostels where he was beaten up with hockey sticks and trash thrown in his milk, it's been quite a journey for Suresh Raina. The IPL giant, has finally freed himself from the shackles of Indian cricket. He has retired from IPL and Indian domestic cricket, and is now ready to play in the T20 leagues around the world. Will the Hundred in England, the CPL in West Indies, the BBL in Australia, the UAE league pick up Raina?Of all the modern-day Indian batsmen, who saddled pre-IPL days with the IPL era, Raina took to T20 like a duck to water. His Test cricket days were threatened, the ODI cricket itself would slowly lose its buzz, and he identified T20 as the universe where he belongs. It was his spiritual home where he got the elusive respect. He found all he had to do was to tweak a bit to his batting to fit right into the T20 world. In one technical aspect, he is certainly the lodestar of T20 and modern-day cricket in India. It was Suresh Raina who perfected the arm-extension after the bat made impact with the ball - especially for the six over covers off length deliveries from pacers. He would lean across, and not just punch but extend his forearm fully while following through. If one cuts out that last-instant post-impact extension, the shot would seem just like a normal traditional punch. The beefy big hitters don't need it. They can just flex the muscles or have golf-like swings. The compact ones need these extra wings to make the ball fly. One can see that Raina imprint in the likes of KL Rahul.

I just wanted to work with Amitabh Bachchan: Ekta Kapoor

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The trailer of Amitabh Bachchan and Rashmika Mandanna starrer Goodbye was revealed by the makers on 6 September. It was unveiled at an event where Amitabh Bachchan joined virtually and the cast and makers of the film including producer Ekta Kapoor and director Vikas Bahl were present.

To note, this film marks the first collaboration of Amitabh Bachchan and Ekta Kapoor. Getting emotional about it, Ekta Kapoor shared anecdotes and articulated that it was her childhood dream to work with the megastar.

Talking about the same, Ekta shared, "Since I was a young child, I have dreamt of working with one person, and that is Amitabh Bachchan. As a child, my father is aware that I used to go to Amitabh Bachchan's place for children's birthday parties. Also, Shweta and Abhishek are my close pals. And Amitabh Bachchan used to call my father and say, 'she just sat and stared at me all evening.' I don't think I have ever wanted to work with anyone, no Khans, except for Mr Amitabh Bachchan. Finally, it happened."Touted to be a slice-of-life story, Goodbye also stars Neena Gupta, Sahil Mehta, Shivin Narang, Pavail Gulati, Elli Avram, and Sunil Grover in pivotal roles. It is slated to hit the silver screens on October 7, 2022.

Makers are trying to make so-called 'modern cinema': Rakesh Roshan

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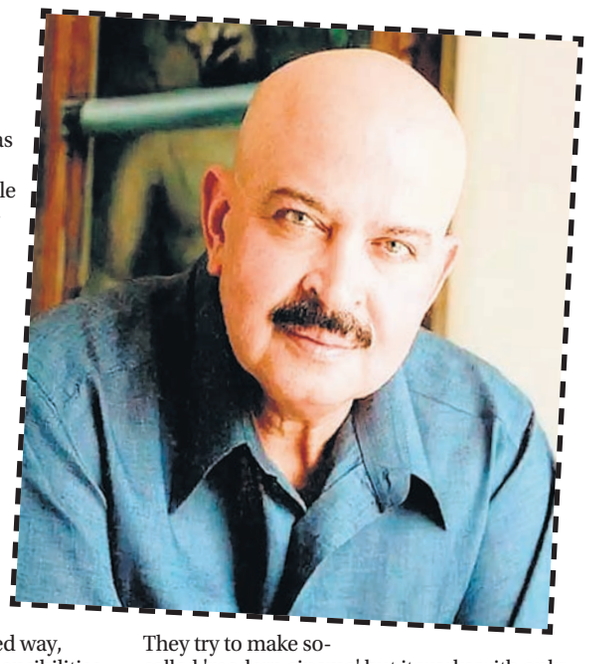

Following in the footsteps of Prakash Jha, actor-turned-filmmaker Rakesh Roshan has expressed his thoughts on recent Bollywood box office failures. While some experts believe that the cancel culture has had a significant impact on the film's box office, Rakesh believes that if the film is well-made, it will succeed.

Roshan stated in an interview with a leading portal "People are making films that they and their friends like to watch. They are picking subjects that appeal to a very minuscule section of the audience. A big chunk of the audience cannot relate to it."

Talking about his take on south belt doing great at the box office Roshan said, "they are still sticking to rooted stories and they are presenting them in a very upgraded way, keeping in mind the commercial sensibilities. If you see films like RRR and Baahubali, they have beaten-to-death stories. Baahubali is very similar to Karan Arjun. But it was presented on a bigger scale. Even the songs were larger-than-life and hence people were enticed. Aur hamare Bollywood filmmakers ko pata nahin kya ho gaya hai. They have drifted away from the roots of Indianness. They try to make so-called 'modern cinema' but it works with only 1% of the population. It does not cater to B and C centres. So if you pick subjects that cater to the C, B and A centres and present them in a very novel way, it'll appeal to everyone."

Rakesh Roshan is currently working on Krrish 4, a sequel to the Krrish franchise starring Hrithik Roshan.

Rashmika Mandanna yearns to say goodbye to all the negativity

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The actress Rashmika Mandanna was in Mumbai to attend an event to launch the trailer of her upcoming film. The flick marks Rashmika's debut in Bollywood.

Talking about a flaw in the industry to which she would like to say Goodbye to, Rashmika said, "Not just the industry, but if there is one thing in my life to which I would like to say goodbye to is Covid. Another one, I think would be the negativity that surrounds us or anyone else. I am a happy and positive person. So I wish the world is also like that."

Talking about her experience of working with Stalwarts like Amitabh Bachchan and Allu Arjun, the actress said, "All I can say is that I am living my dream. I am kick-starting Pushpa 2 with Allu Arjun in a couple of days. But, right now having this trailer out in the presence of Amitabh Bachchan feels surreal. We were tearing up as well as smiling through the whole trailer."

The diva also recalled her first meet with Amitabh bachchan and revealed she taught that he didn't like her. Sharing the anecdote, Rashmika told, "I remember shooting on my birthday with him. He walked on the sets and I was brimming with joy as I wanted to introduce myself. Amitabh Bachchan was revising his scenes and so he did not see me. I was so nervous and throughout the shooting I remember that initially I thought he didn't like me because he was so strict."

She further said that it was after Pushpa's trailer her thought changed. She stated, "I remember one day when I walked on the sets, everyone was like 'did you see Twitter?' I was like 'no, what happened?' They were like 'Bachchan sir posted a picture saying Pushpa. I was like 'wait, that happened! I think our relationship got closer and closer throughout the making of this film. He is a beautiful person and I was lucky to see that side of a legend like him."

NEHA KAKKAR AND HIMESH RESHAMMIYA WORKED 24X7 FOR THEIR UPCOMING SINGING REALITY SHOW

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One of the most popular singing reality shows, Indian Idol, is returning to television for its 13th season. The show will be judged by Neha Kakkar, Himesh Reshammiya, and Vishal Dadlani, and hosted by Aditya Narayan. The show's launch event was held on Tuesday, and except Vishal Dadlani all the judges were present.

During the event, Judges discussed holding on-the-ground auditions for the show after a two-year hiatus and how they were overwhelmed by the response from the audience.

Where Himesh talked about how the team worked overnights to complete auditions on time, Neha revealed that thousands of people showed up for the auditions and that it was difficult for the judges to shortlist 14 contestants. She also stated that it was an exciting experience and that viewers will be able to see it on-screen when they watch the show.

Along with this, the judges and host discussed how much fun they had on set. Aditya used to keep everyone charged up, according to the judges. "He used to ask everyone, "Pizza khana hai kya, Brownie khana hai kya," and we use to get overjoyed by that"," Neha said.

When asked about Himesh's dashing appearance, the singer explained, "This is due to my wife's strict diet and her choices." She chooses my looks and ensures that I stay in good shape."

Never doubt your abilities: Shilpa

Team Absolute | Chennai

Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty, who is known to have a positive outlook towards life, on Tuesday took to social media and shared five tips for her fans. The actress posted a picture on Instagram with the caption 'The five affirmations I love'. The five dots in the picture were, "I am the master of my thoughts and feelings. I believe in myself and am firm. All the experiences in my life make me unique. I am happy. I have enough."

The actress also wrote, "It's never too late to remind yourself of the things that have the power to affect your life. Most importantly, never doubt your abilities and strengths. Let your failures happen. It's important to know."

The actress further wrote, "Also, remember that your words and your thoughts are your most powerful weapon. Use them wisely. Because good or bad, they will manifest."

"Get your mind, body and soul in one line and then watch the magic. Keep smiling!"

Tisca Chopra talks about 'experience of some energy'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Tisca Chopra, who plays an IAS officer in the supernatural thriller series Dahan, shared that she felt some energy and some "strange incidents" also happened that had no explanation. Directed by Vikrant Pawar and written by Nisarga Mehta, Shiva Bajpayee and Nikhil Nair, the series takes place in a quaint, rustic village of Shilaspura, also known as 'The Land of the Dead'.

When Tisca was asked about an incident she had experienced in life, she had an interesting story to tell.

Actress Tisca said, "I've definitely experienced some energy, some strange happenings that have no explanation. The Western Express Highway was super scary. Late one night, a terrible accident happened before our eyes, we saw a woman. and when we came back to look for the dead body, there was nothing!"

Dahan touches on society, its beliefs and challenges its characters to face fear. It begins when a mining operation threatens the village, experts say can deliver a deadly curse if the damage is done.

Produced by Banijay Asia, Deepak Dhar and Rishi Negi, the nine-episode series also stars Rajesh Tailang, Mukesh Tiwari, Saurabh Shukla, Ankur Nayyar, Rohan Joshi, Lehar Khan among others.

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY

Neha Sharma

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