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### FACT-CHECK SITE ALTNEWS FOUNDERS AMONG CONTENDERS FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

# PRAISED FOR THE JOB

Fact-checkers Mohammed Zubair and Pratik Sinha have been listed as contenders to win the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize by Time magazine. According to Time, the co-founders of fact-check site AltNews, Sinha and Zubair are among the contenders to win the prize based on nominations that were made public via Norwegian lawmakers, predictions from bookmakers, and picks from the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).

► THE TWO "HAVE RELENTLESSLY BEEN BATTLING MISINFORMATION IN INDIA" AMID ACCUSATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MUSLIMS "AND HAVE METHODOLOGICALLY DEBUNKED RUMOURS AND FAKE NEWS CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND CALLED OUT HATE SPEECH", THE PUBLICATION SAID.

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Zubair was arrested in June this year for a 2018 tweet that was "highly provocative and more than sufficient to incite feelings of hatred" as per a Delhi Police First Information Report (FIR). The Delhi Police charged him for promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and deliberate acts to out-



rage religious sentiments.

The fact-checker's arrest sparked global outrage, prompting the American non-profit Committee To Protect Journalists to issue a statement saying, "another low for press freedom in India, where the government has created a hostile and unsafe environment for members of the

press reporting on sectarian issues."

Zubair walked out of Tihar Jail a month later after being granted bail by the Supreme Court.

There are about 343 candidates - 251 are individuals and 92 are organizations - in the running for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2022.

Although the Nobel Committee

does not announce the names of nominees, neither to the media nor to the candidates, a Reuters survey has found Belarusian opposition politician Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, broadcaster David Attenborough, climate activist Greta Thunberg, Pope Francis, Tuvalu's foreign minister Simon Kofe, and Myanmar's National Unity government are among those nominated by Norwegian lawmakers.

"Neither the names of nominators nor of nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize may be divulged until the start of the year marking the 50th anniversary of the awarding of a particular prize," reads the Nobel Committee's rules on nominations for the peace prize.

Besides Sinha and Zubair, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky, The UN Refugee Agency, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Russian dissenter and Vladimir Putin critic Alexey Navalny are also contenders for the peace prize.

The winners of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize will be announced at 11 am local time on 7 October in Oslo.

# No terror angle in the killing of J&K DG, Prisons: Officials



Team Absolute | Jammu

No terror link has been established in the murder of Jammu and Kashmir' Director General, Prisons, H.K. Lohia, officials said on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested the accused in the killing of Lohia.

"No terror angle has emerged during investigation of the case of murder of H.K. Lohia. Interrogation of

the accused is in progress. His disclosures are being corroborated with field investigation," Additional Director General Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said. The police had earlier said in the initial investigation into the incident, it came to fore that domestic helper Yasir Ahmed, resident of Ramban, is the main accused.

Some CCTV footages collected from the incident site also showed the suspect

running away after commission of this crime.

Police said he was working in this house for nearly six months and added that initial investigation also reveals that the official was quite aggressive in his behaviour and was also under depression.

The weapon of offence has been seized, while some documentary evidence reflecting the DG's mental state has also been unearthed.

# Fresh threats to Mukesh Ambani and family, Reliance Foundation hospital

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Fresh death threats were made on Wednesday to billionaire industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his family members, and to blow up the Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital in south Mumbai.

Calls were received at the HNRF Hospital's call centre at 12.57 p.m. and at 5.04 p.m. warning to blow up the hospital building, said an official spokesperson.

The caller also threatened to take the lives of Ambani, his wife Nita Ambani, and their children Akash and Anand.

The hospital has lodged a formal police complaint and investigations have been launched.

The latest development came barely five days after the Central government upgraded Ambani's security from Z to Z+ from the CRPF, while his wife already is



accorded a Y+ cover.

This is the second time in 50 days that the Ambani family and the hospital have been similarly targeted with dire consequences.

On August 15, the hospital had received 8 calls with similar threats and informed the Mumbai Police which later arrested the caller, apparently of unsound mind. Meanwhile, security has been further tightened for the hospital and the family in view of the latest threats.

# DALIT SENA WARNS IF RAVAN EFFIGY BURNED, RAM'S EFFIGY WILL ALSO GO UP IN FLAMES

Kalaburagi, (Karnataka):

There was high vigil in Karnataka's Kalaburagi district on Dussehra day on Wednesday following the Dalit Sena's announcement that if the effigy of Ravan is burnt, the effigy of Lord Ram would also be set on fire. The Dalit Sena is opposing the organisation of Ravan dahan programme in which effigy of Ravan would be burnt on the occasion of the Vijaya Dashami (Dussehra).

Police said that Hindu groups have organised burning of a 50-foot tall Ravan effigy in the premises of the Appa Jatra Grounds in Kalaburagi. Dalit organisations have objected to it and claimed that the programme is being held without permission from the authorities.

# Deadlock continues over CJJ's move to elevate 4 judges to Supreme Court

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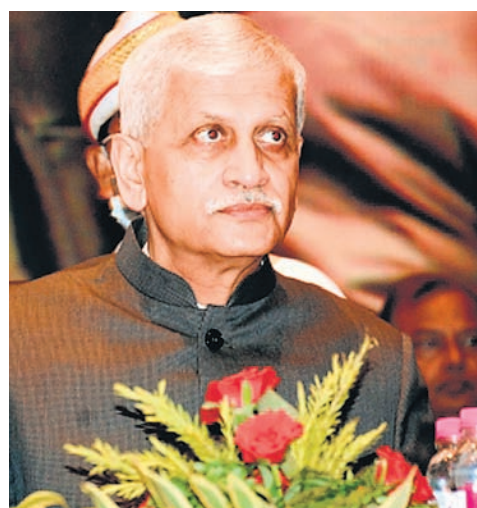
The Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit-led collegium may not be able to recommend any name to the Centre for filling up four vacant Supreme Court judges' posts, as the deadlock over the proposal to recommend new judges continues.

It is learnt that two of the five-member apex court collegium have opposed the proposal to recommend four new judges, which includes an apex court lawyer, to the top court through a written note instead of a formal meeting.

Chief Justice Lalit is slated to retire on November 8, and the apex court is scheduled to reopen on October 10, by which the less than one-month-rule - in which an outgoing CJI cannot make any recommendation if the length of his remaining tenure is less than a month - would kick in.

According to sources, the two judges who have opposed to the written proposal to recommend judges for the appointment to the apex court are of firm view that holding a collegium meeting by circulation of proposal, instead of a face-to-face discussion, is not heard of.

The Chief Justice of India, who heads the collegium, had written to its four members Justices D.Y. Chandrachud, S.K. Kaul, S. Abdul Nazeer, and K.M. Joseph -- earlier this month seeking their consent for the elevation of Punjab and Haryana High



Court Chief Justice Ravi Shankar Jha, Patna High Court Chief Justice Sanjay Karol, Manipur High Court Chief Justice P.V. Sanjay Kumar, and senior advocate K.V. Viswanathan.

One of the collegium members had said that he has no objection to the CJI's proposal. However, two judges maintained that decision over names of judges for the appointment to the apex court can-

not be done by circulating a proposal.

The one-month rule will not allow Chief Justice Lalit to hold a collegium meeting after October 8 - while the apex court will reopen two days later. The CJI circulated a written proposal after a collegium meeting scheduled on September 30, the last working day before the Dussehra holiday, could not take place as Justice Chandrachud heard cases past 9 p.m. As per the convention, the government writes to the outgoing CJI to nominate his successor and the CJI recommends the name of the most senior judge, a month before retirement. After the name is recommended, the incumbent CJI usually does not take decision on the recommendation for the appointment of new judges, and leaves it for the new CJI. So far, the collegium, headed by CJI Lalit, has recommended elevation of Bombay High Court Chief Justice Dipankar Dutta as judge of the apex court.

A statement, uploaded on the apex court website, said: "The Supreme Court Collegium in its meeting held on 26th September, 2022 has recommended elevation of Justice Dipankar Dutta, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court (PHC: Calcutta), as Judge of the Supreme Court". Justice Dutta's parent high court is the Calcutta High Court.

At present, the apex court is functioning with 29 judges as against the sanctioned strength of 34 judges.

# ABSCONDING RAPE ACCUSED ENDS LIFE BY SUICIDE IN UP

Sambhal (Uttar Pradesh): A 21-year-old man, accused of raping a minor deaf and mute girl, ended his life by consuming poison.

He had allegedly raped the girl on Saturday and was absconding after the police filed a case following a complaint by her father.

Additional SP Shrish Chandra said, "The rape accused was hiding in Aligarh and returned with his brother on Sunday. He then went to his sister's house in a village in Rajpura area. He started vomiting and was admitted to a nearby hospital, where he died on Tuesday. We have sent the body for autopsy. It seems to be a case of poisoning."

The police official said that the accused worked as a daily wage, and was a resident of a village in the Bahjoi area of the district.

The accused's brother said, "My brother was scared as he was in a relationship with the girl but her parents lodged a rape complaint against him. We tried to convince the girl's family to get the two married but they refused and sought police action. Fearing police action and jail term, he consumed some poisonous substance and killed himself."

# U'khand bus accident: 25 bodies recovered, many feared missing; U'khand CM reviews rescue ops

Kotdwar (Uttarakhand) | Agencies

As many as 25 bodies have been recovered while many others are still feared missing after a bus travelling at a high speed fell into the Nayar river near the CMD band of Bironkhal in Uttarakhand's Pauri district, disaster control room officials said.

There were more than 50 passengers in the bus while the rescue operation team has so far retrieved 25 bodies. Rescue operations are facing problems due to darkness. The death toll is expected to rise since there are many people reportedly missing.

On receiving information about the bus accident in Pauri district, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami reached the disaster control room located at the Secretariat.

He took detailed information about the accident from the officials and also spoke to Pauri District Magistrate over the phone and instructed him to carry out relief and rescue work with utmost vigil.

Dhami directed the State Disaster Control Room officials to continuously monitor the situation



and be in constant touch with the district officials.

The Chief Minister added that all possible help will be provided at the government level and also spoke to the Lansdowne MLA over the phone.

Terming the bus accident as unfortunate, Dhami has directed to make arrangements for all possible treatment of the injured persons and speed up the relief and rescue operations with coordina-

tion.

The Chief Minister directed the Uttarakhand Secretary (Disaster Management), Ranjit Sinha, that the disaster management system should be operated continuously and the situation should be kept under constant watch.

Dhami himself is supervising all the preparations. Sub-Divisional Magistrate and ambulance, lights, rescue equipment, two ambulances from Ramnagar, one ambu-

lance from Haldwani and relief materials are being sent to the affected site. Proper arrangements have been made in the hospitals of Ramnagar and Haldwani.

The District Magistrates of Nainital and Almora are themselves monitoring all the arrangements. The Chief Minister also inquired about the situation in Uttarakashi and has postponed all the government programmes proposed on Wednesday.

# Fake job racket: MEA rescued 45 trapped in Myanmar so far

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Alerting people about dubious employment offers from overseas, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Wednesday that it has so far rescued 45 Indians from Myanmar who were trapped in fake job rackets.

"We have been actively pursuing the case of Indians being trapped in fake job rackets in Myanmar. Thanks to the efforts of @IndiainMyanmar & @IndiainThailand, around 32 Indians had already been rescued. Another 13 Indian citizens have now been rescued, & reached Tamil Nadu today," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

Giving more information, the official said, "Some more Indian citizens have been rescued from their fake employers and are in custody of Myanmar authorities for illegal entry into that country. Legal formalities have been initiated to get them repatriated at the earliest."



Instances of similar job rackets have also come to light from Laos and Cambodia. Indian Embassies in Vientiane, Phnom Penh and Bangkok have been helping in repatriating people from there as the details of agents allegedly involved in this racket have been shared with the relevant authorities in various Indian states, Bagchi said.

These dubious IT firms, engaged in call-centre scams and cryptocurrency frauds, offer jobs to lure Indian youth for the posts of digital sales and marketing executives in Thailand. The firms have captured the attention of Indian Embassies in Bangkok and Myanmar, stated the Ministry in the advisory against fake job rackets issued on September 24.

## Don't touch innocents, don't spare the guilty: Shah to J&K security agencies



Team Absolute | Srinagar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level security meeting on Wednesday in Jammu and Kashmir. Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha was also at the meeting, which was attended by senior police, paramilitary and intelligence officers of the union territory and the Centre. Shah took a review of anti-militancy operations in the UT and directed the security agencies to show zero tolerance towards terrorism while ensuring that innocent people are protected. 'Begonah ko Chedna Nahi aur Gunehgar ko chodna Nahi' (Don't touch the innocent and don't let the guilty go away).

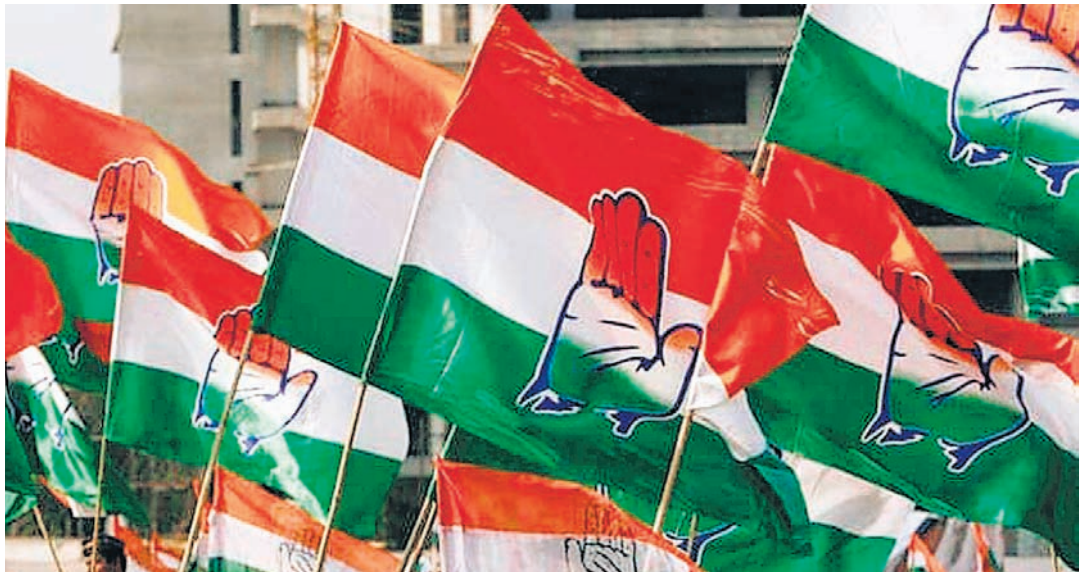
He also advised the security agencies to ensure that J&K becomes completely terrorism free so that people live in peace and get benefitted from the various developmental and welfare programmes of the government. Additional Chief secretary (Home) R.K. Goyal, J&K DGP, Dilbag Singh, R.R. Swain, DG (CID), senior officers of CRPF, BSF, SSB, intelligence agencies attended the meeting.

## Congress in search of tribal face to head Jharkhand unit

Team Absolute | Visakhapatnam

New Delhi: Congress is in search of new state chief in Jharkhand after the recent turmoil where three of its MLAs were caught in West Bengal with a large amount of cash - allegedly as first part of a deal to switch sides - and suspended. However, the new state President, to succeed incumbent Rajesh Thakur, is likely to be appointed after election for the Congress President's post later this month. With the party focussing on a tribal face, Lok Sabha member and wife of former Chief Minister Madhu Koda, Geeta Koda is said to be the front runner, while Bandhu Tirkey and Kalicharan Munda are other contenders, party sources said. Meanwhile, the state of affairs in the party unit is far from being peaceful.

Congress has four ministers - Alamgir Alam, Ramshwar Oraon, Banna Gupta, and Badal Patralek in the JMM-led government, and sources say MLAs and leaders have expressed dissatisfaction over their working style, and several voices have been raised for a change. Of the 18 Congress MLAs in the state, five are women, but they complain despite winning in such a large



number for the first time, not a single woman MLA was given a ministerial post. A Congress woman MLA said: "On hand, the party gives the slogan of 'Ladki hoon, lad sakti hoon' (I am a girl, I can fight), but on the other hand, the women who have won in the Assembly polls are not considered worthy of becoming a minister. This contradiction should be cleared."

The organisational structure of the Congress in the state is also not good. Since 2017, the party has not been able to constitute the Committee, and the organisation in the state is being run by the state President, three-four executive Presidents, and few spokespersons. Asked why the state committee could not be formed in the state in the past five to six years, state chief Thakur said: "This time, all processes

have been completed for the constitution of the Pradesh Congress Committee. It is expected that after completion of the party's election for the presidential post, in few days, Pradesh Congress Committee will be announced." Thakur said that election of President for 319 blocks has been held and on October 10 a 25-30 member committee will be formed in each block.

## Two headless bodies found, heads still missing

Sambhal | Agencies

The headless bodies of two men, belonging to Kaivalna village in Bulandshahar, have been recovered from Rajpura area of Sambhal district in Uttar Pradesh. The bodies were found during the past two days and the police are now searching for their heads. According to police sources, both men were murdered after being allegedly kidnapped by four people from Kaivalna on Saturday night. Senior Superintendent of Police, Bulandshahar, Shlok Kumar said that the police have arrested three people - Durgesh Sharma, Mukul Kumar, and Lata Sharma (mother of Durgesh). Bhupendra Kumar, 30 and his cousin Jagdish aka Bhura Singh, 25, went missing on Saturday night. A case was registered at Salempur police station, under section 364 (kidnapping) following a complaint by Naresh Singh. He informed that his son



Bhupendra and nephew Jagdish were missing since the intervening night of October 1 and 2. The SSP said that the three accused who have been arrested, confessed during interrogation that Bhupendra Kumar had illicit relations with Lata Sharma. Durgesh had seen both in a compromising position. Durgesh, Mukul and Tushar Sharma called Bhupendra Kumar and Jagdish to his house. They beat up the duo until they became

unconscious. Then, they took Bhupendra and Bhura to a deserted area in Rajpura in a car, severed the heads and packed the heads into a bag, and threw them into Ganga, the SSP further added. Kumar said that they threw bodies at two different locations in the area. The body of Jagdish was recovered on October 2 by Sambhal police, whereas Bulandshahar police recovered the body of Bhupendra Kumar from Rajpura area on Tuesday. The SSP said that the accused demanded a ransom of Rs 5 crore by making a call from the mobile of deceased Bhupendra in order to portray the incident as that of kidnapping. The SSP said when accused Durgesh was taken to the forest of Kailwan where he concealed a sharp-edged weapon and a point 315 bore country pistol, Durgesh opened fire from the country-made pistol at the cops and tried to flee. Police opened fire in self-defence in which Durgesh suffered bullet injury in his leg. He has been admitted to the hospital.

## Uttarkashi Avalanche: Six climbers rescued, says ITBP

New Delhi | Agencies

The rescue operation for those trapped in the avalanche at Draupadi's Danda-2 peak in Uttarkashi resumed on Wednesday. "Search and rescue operation started for the second day on Wednesday to find the missing trainees of the Nehru Mountaineering Institute (NIM) stranded on Draupadi's Danda peak in Dokriani Bamak glacier of Uttarkashi. Six climbers were rescued and brought to the Matli base on Wednesday while the search for more than 25 persons still stranded is in progress," said an official from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). Officials said that all the evacuated persons are being sent to the district hospital in Uttarkashi after being provided first-aid. It has also been reported that help from many agencies, including the army and ITBP,



has been sought for the search and rescue operations. There have been reports of several bodies being seen on the summit, ever since the team of 41 moun-

taineers got trapped due to an avalanche on Tuesday. The State Disaster Management Authority has so far confirmed the death of four individuals.

## ONE PILOT KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED AS ARMY CHOPPER CRASHES IN ARUNACHAL



Itanagar: A pilot was killed and another injured when a Cheetah helicopter of Army Aviation crashed near Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang on Wednesday, officials said. Defence spokesman Lt. Col Mahendra Rawat said that the Cheetah helicopter, which was on a routine sortie, crashed at around 10 a.m. injuring both the pilots and they were immediately evacuated to nearest Military Hospital. "With regret to inform that one of the pilots Lt Col Saurabh Yadav, who was critically injured, succumbed to the injuries during treatment." The second pilot is under medical treatment. The cause of the crash at this stage is not known. Details are being ascertained," he said. Expressing his deep shock, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu offered all assistance. "Pained by the news of crash of helicopter at Nyamjang Chu near BTK area of Jemeithang circle in Tawang district. I am in touch with the Army officials for every possible assistance, and pray for speedy recovery of the injured pilots," he tweeted. Eastern Army Command chief, Lt General R.P. Kalita also expressed his deep sorrow over the accident. "Lt General Kalita and all ranks offer tributes to the supreme sacrifice of Lt Col Saurabh Yadav in the line of duty on 05 Oct 2022 while flying a Cheetah Helicopter near Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. Eastern Command offers deepest condolences to the family," a defence statement said.

## PUNJAB POLICE BUST DRONE-BASED ARMS SMUGGLING MODULE

Chandigarh | Agencies

Punjab Police on Wednesday busted a drone-based arms smuggling module with the arrest of two people, including an undertrial. The arrested have been identified as Jaskaran Singh, lodged at Sub Jail in Goindwal Sahib, and Rattanbir Singh, who is out on bail. Police recovered 10 foreign-made pistols, including five .30 bore (made in China) and five 9mm (made in the US) along with eight magazines from both of them, besides a mobile phone concealed by Jaskaran Singh in his barrack. AIG Counter Intelligence, Amritsar, Amarjit Singh Bajwa said Jaskaran Singh was brought on a production warrant in a case pertaining to the NDPS Act, registered in August.

During questioning, he confessed that he was using a mobile phone in jail to contact Pakistan-based smugglers through WhatsApp for smuggling of narcotics and arms and ammunition from Pakistan via drones. The AIG said for this purpose the accused was taking the help of Rattanbir Singh, who used to retrieve the consignments dropped via drones from different border areas. Rattanbir Singh is also a co-accused in various NDPS cases with Jaskaran Singh. Bajwa said one consignment of five .30 bore pistols along with four magazines was recovered from the location revealed by Jaskaran Singh on the Taran Taran-Ferozepur road, where Rattanbir Singh had concealed them.

## Kerala Excise raids business unit of accused arrested by DRI for drug smuggling

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

Days after the Mumbai unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) recovered 198 kg of crystal methamphetamine and 9 kg high-quality cocaine, worth Rs 1,476 crore, the Kerala Excise officials on Wednesday raided the business unit of one of the prime accused near Kochi. Keralite businessman Vijin Varghese was arrested by the Mumbai unit for the drugs that was found hidden in a consignment of fruits. While he is in the DRI custody in Mumbai, his business



partner Manzoor, who hails from Kasargode, is on the run. Vijin, his brother Jibin along with their partner Albin have a unit at Kalady near here under the name Yummito International Foods, where a team of

Excise officials conducted the raids. They inspected hundreds of cartons of fruits that was packed, but failed to get anything. Incidentally this big haul by the DRI was based on an information received through

inputs that drugs in high quantity will be smuggled into the country. According to the inputs, contraband substance would be arriving from South Africa as part of a consignment of fruits. The agency kept working on the input, following which on Friday evening, a team of DRI officers intercepted a truck in Vashi. The truck was carrying imported oranges. Incidentally two days back, a high-level team of DRI had conducted inspection at their factor at Kalady, but so far they have not been able to recover anything and the report is that the Excise is yet to get any leads.

## Goa to introduce 'Multimodal Transport App' for last mile connectivity

Team Absolute | Panaji

Goa's Transport Minister, Mauvin Godinho, on Wednesday said that the government will launch 'Multimodal transport App' to give choice to visitors at affordable rates for last mile connectivity. "One who lands in Goa at Dabolim airport, whether he or she wants to travel by taxi, bus or rickshaw or motor-cycle pilot (a two-wheeler taxi), they can choose mode of transport through this App. It will give last mile connectivity," Godinho said here. He said that the government will bring more electrical buses in the fleet of state government-operated Kadamba Transport Corporation to give good service to the people of Goa. "Mopa airport will be a game changer for Goa. It is going to change the entire system of functioning in many ways. Today, perhaps, we might be not aware of its impact," he said. Godinho said that recently he visited Mopa airport to check how transportation



can be improved. "As mining is suspended, we are dependent on tourism (for economy). We have to take steps and decision to increase footfall of tourists. As both airports, Dabolim and Mopa, will function, tourism will increase and we will need more Kadamba buses. Hence, we will try to get more electrical buses," he said. "Today we order everything on phone. This is new era. Thus we need to give facilities of transport to book on phone," he said urging app-based transport should not be opposed. He said that Multimodal Transport App

will help make advance booking. "We need to think how people can get cheaper and affordable transport mode," he said. "After Mopa Airport is commissioned, we will have to revive infrastructure of Goa. We will have to increase tourism facilities. Even central government will have to help us for this," Godinho said. He said that one of the indicator of growth is good transportation system. "Electrical buses give facility of smooth and comfort transportation and pollution-free transport," he said. "Mopa airport, being run by private operator, will have all type of taxis. Whether it is Ola, Uber, Goa Miles, Rent a Car, prepaid taxi. If we fail to give such facilities at Dabolim Airport then people will prefer to land at Mopa airport. Hence, those who are opposing app-based transport system should think over this," he said. Godinho said that he has taken taxi operators from Dabolim airport in confidence and they have shown positivity for 'Multimodal Transport App'. "We will launch it in next 10 days," he said.

## AGRA DOCTOR, HIS TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN NURSING HOME FIRE

Agra | Agencies

A doctor and his two children died on Wednesday after a fire broke out in a home cum private hospital in the Shah Ganj area of Uttar Pradesh's Agra. The fire brigade personnel successfully managed to shift four patients to a nearby nursing home after rescue operations. Police officials said Dr Rajan, owner of the Madhu Raj Hospital, his son and daughter could not be saved, but some other family members staying on the top floor were safely shifted. Meanwhile, in a major drive by the state government, after the Lucknow hotel fire, more than 20 hotels and hospitals have been served notices, while three have been sealed, for not being equipped with the required fire fighting systems. The chief medical officer (CMO) has asked the Indian Medical Association for cooperation to identify hospitals and nursing homes, lack-

ing facilities for fire fighting. More than a thousand establishments, hospitals and labs, are registered with the health department, but scores of private centres are running without permission. Of these 412 are nursing homes. These will be identified and sealed soon, he said. A massive campaign would be launched soon. The Fire brigade department has released a fresh list identifying the hotels and nursing homes with fire fighting facilities. The list includes apartment complexes, hospitals and nursing homes.

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## Noida businessman's luck shines with diamonds

Team Absolute | Panna

The Panna district of Madhya Pradesh is known worldwide because of its diamond deposits. A lot of people believe in testing their luck when they visit the district situated in the heart of the country.

Rana Pratap Chauhan, a businessman from Noida, recently got lucky when he acquired seven diamonds in a year, out of which six were

extracted from a mine leased in the name of his wife.

Chauhan has been involved in the business of selling construction materials in Noida. He had rented a mine to extract diamonds around a year ago, when he was contacted by some local people and came here with his wife. The first diamond, worth approximately Rs 2 lakh was procured from a mine bought under his name in January 2022, said reports. Chauhan rose to immense

prosperity when five diamonds were extracted consecutively from a mine under his wife Meena's name. The sixth diamond, estimated to be worth of Rs 50 lakh was extracted during Navratri.

Panna district sees a lot of people taking mines on lease to test their luck in search of diamonds. While some shine, others keep waiting for a stroke of luck. Reports suggest that the businessman is immensely happy with his success.



## CM Chouhan pays tribute to Rani Durgavati on her anniversary

**Bhopal :** Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan paid homage to Veerangana Rani Durgavati on her birth anniversary and garlanded her picture in the auditorium at the residence.

In his tweet message, Chief Minister Chouhan said that "Rani Durgavati was the daughter of Chandels, the queen of Gondwana and Durga Bhavani. I pay my respectful homage on the Jayanti of Veerangana Rani Durgavati, who was the epitome of heroism and courage, she crushed Baz Bahadur's army and forced the Mughal army to retreat." Chief Minister Chouhan said that her invaluable sacrifice for the protection of motherland will always continue to inspire the countrymen.

## BUSINESSMAN MANISH LULLA COMMITS SUICIDE IN INDORE

**Indore|** Manish Lulla, a reputed bakery businessman and owner of Cakes and Crafts Company in Indore, committed suicide by hanging himself on Tuesday night. The reason for the suicide has not been disclosed, and no suicide note has also been found. According to the police, "Manormaganj's Vibrant Tower's residence is on the fourth floor of Manish Lulla's residence. When Manish Lulla's wife Jasmine reached the residence at around 9 pm last night and she rang the bell, he did not open the door. He did not respond to his mobile mobile as well. After that he got the employee made another key of the flat and when the door was opened at around 10.30 pm, Manish was hanging on the noose. The dupatta with which he hanged belonged to his wife."

It has been told that Manish's company has outlets in many places besides Indore. Apart from Manish's wife in the family, there are two children, both children live in Mumbai. Manish was alone at home and his wife had gone to a relative's place.

The police is engaged in the investigation of the case, as of now the reason for the suicide has not been disclosed, while the police have not found any suicide note from the spot. Police is also checking his mobile.

## GIRLS LIVING IN GOVERNMENT HOSTELS ARE TROUBLED BY DRUG ADDICTS, PLEADING FOR SECURITY TO CM

Team Absolute | Chhatarpur

The girl students in the hostel, located on Mahoba road of the city have urged CM for their safety. The hostel has junior/senior girl students who study in different government schools of the city. CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan make many claims and promises regarding the safety of girls, but some girls living in hostels in Chhatarpur district are worried about their safety.

Alarm is that the girl students living in government hostels are afraid of any untoward incident that can be troubled by some addicts. The hostel where the girl students stay is located on Mahoba Road of the city. A building built next to the host- el became a den of drugs.

Right next to the hostel where the girl students live, there is an old building, which is currently the biggest den of drugs.

Addicts from far and wide come here to take medicated intoxicants. A large number of drugs, injections and other intoxicants are found in the rooms present inside the building, earlier this building used to be a boys' hostel, which has been shifted to another place and now this vacant building has become a den of drug addicts. |

Girls are troubled by molestation and lewd comments, girls living in hostels are very upset. For which they have filed complaints to her warden many times. The girls say that our madam has given written complaint to

the police many times, but neither the police patrol nor the police come here in the evening.

There is no security guard in the hostel, the girl students say that there is not a single security guard in such a big hostel, drug addicts who come to the hostel hang around the hostel, many times they even throw the bottles and injections inside the hostel.

Additional SP Vikram Singh Parihar of the district said that, they will take action against the hostel, if any written complaint is filled. He deined of receiving any written complaint, he even said that he is unaware of the incident.

He further said, the matter is very serious, we will increase the police patrolling there as soon as possible.

# Cheetah project to boost tourism in Madhya Pradesh, says CM Chouhan

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that greenfield airport has been proposed in Indore's neighbouring Dewas district. Reintroduction of cheetahs in the Kuno National Park (KNP) will play an important role in boosting tourism in Madhya Pradesh and also help in expanding air connectivity, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Tuesday on the occasion of launch of two new flights linking Indore with Gwalior and Jabalpur.

CM Chouhan also informed that greenfield airport has been proposed in Indore's neighbouring Dewas district and land for the project has already been earmarked. "PM Narendra Modi introduced cheetahs brought from another continent (Africa)



first time three important cities of the State were connected via air services on a single day, which was a unique achievement.

in KNP on September 17 and it will play a major role in the development of tourism in the State. Besides enjoying the tag of a 'tiger and leopard state,' Madhya Pradesh is now a cheetah State also and this will help in the expansion of tourism and air services," he said. The State government was working on expanding the existing airstrips at Ujjain and Rewa, the Chief Minister said. Speaking on the occasion, Scindia said reintroduction of cheetahs at KNP under the Prime Minister's guidance was a special achievement for the State. He praised Chouhan for the development of Madhya Pradesh and said for the

## Chief Minister Chouhan planted saplings of Peepal, Kachnar and Pithodiya

Team Absolute | Bhopa

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Peepal, Kachnar and Pithodiya in the Smart City Garden along with the members of Art of Living organisation today. Members of the organisation Ranu Sharma, Pramila Diwakar, Poorva Khale and Shikha Shrivastava also planted saplings. Social worker Seema Singh planted a sapling on her birthday. The organisation works to make women aware in the field of literacy and health and plantation is also done to protect the environment.

**Importance of plants :** Peepal planted today is con-



sidered a shady and environment-purifying tree. It also has religious and Ayurvedic significance. Kachnar is a beautiful flowering tree. Nature has made many plants and trees that abound in medicinal properties,

among them Kachnar is one. Pithodiya (Sona Patti) is considered very auspicious with religious significance. Its leaves are exchanged to extend greetings on the day of Vijaya Dashami.



## Emphasis on medicinal farming in Amarkantak

Team Absolute | Bhopal

In the Amarkantak region, the origin of the river Narmada, medicinal cultivation is being added and the tribal farmers here are being encouraged to cultivate medicinal plants. Anuppur district administration has signed MoUs with Indira Gandhi National Tribal

University and other national institutions for technical advice, support, training and market linkage to farmers. The district administration in collaboration with the AYUSH department has imparted training to 200 farmers for the cultivation of medicinal plants. Also, an international company has entered into a contract to buy

medicinal products in the region. About five thousand medicinal plants of local and medicinal species have been planted by the Forest Department on 60 hectares. In the survey, Amarkantak region has been found favorable for the production of medicinal plants like Lemon Grass, Palma Rosa and Stevia.

# RAIN ON DUSSEHRA IN BHOPAL, AFTER 8 YEARS

Team Absolute | Bhopal

On Dussehra in Madhya Pradesh, the effigy of Ravana is facing the arrows of Indra before the arrows of Shri Ram. Due to the rain, the effigies of Ravana got wet in Bhopal. The artisans had to keep the effigies at the bus stop in the Banskhedhi area. The venues of Ravan Dahan were flooded with water. In Jabalpur the mannequins have been dressed in raincoats. In Damoh, Ravana had to be burnt a day earlier due to the effigy getting wet and falling due to rain. There are reports of soaking of effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakaran and Meghnath from other districts of the state. Dussehra organizing committees have to cover the effigies with raincoats.

The new monsoon system has become active once again in Madhya Pradesh after a break of 10 days. It started raining in Bhopal at 12 noon on Wednesday. Water was flooded in



many areas. The Meteorological Department has issued rain alert in all 52 districts of the state today. The system formed from the Bay of Bengal has reached Madhya Pradesh

from Odisha via Chhattisgarh. The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert of light to moderate rain in most areas and heavy rain in some areas from 12 noon to 9

## RAVANA'S EFFIGIES, HAD TO BE BURNT A DAY EARLIER IN DAMOH

In Damoh 50 Feet Ravana was built by Shri Ram Ji Seva Samiti, but due to heavy rain the effigy of Ravana was burnt a day before Dushera. The rain on Tuesday afternoon soaked Ravana. Due to this the effigy of Ravana fell. The people of the committee put the effigy back after the rain stopped. After 9 pm it started raining again. In such a situation, the committee decided to burn the effigy of Ravana on this day.

pm on Wednesday. In 2013, Dussehra was on 13 October. It rained in Bhopal that day in the evening. The special thing is that in 2013 itself, the Hindu Utsav Samiti was formed by the government.

# Body of teen couple who eloped found hanging from tree



Team Absolute | Dhar

In a shocking incident, the bodies of a teenage couple (an 18-year-old youth and a 15-year-old girl) who eloped from their houses were found hanging from a tree in Himmatgarh village falls under Dhar district.

As per details, the two were in a relationship. Meanwhile, the family members of the girl fixed her marriage near Rajgarh. The duo went missing from their houses on Tuesday evening to avoid marriage. Their relatives began a man-hunt but were taken back to find their bodies hanging from a tree near a farm in the village.

Police received a call regarding two bodies hanging from a tree and rushed to the spot. The bodies were brought down by the police, taken into custody, and sent to the district hospital for a post-mortem to establish the cause of their death. During the investigation, the police learned that a minor girl from a village had

eloped with an 18-year-old boy named Samir Riyaz, from the same village. On being informed, the police team including CSP Devendra Singh Dhurve, police station in-charge Sameer Patidar reached the spot and investigated for half an hour.

Forensic Science Laboratory Report (FSL) has also been apprised about the incident. TI suspected it to be a suicide but the police are currently investigating all the possible angles. No suicide note has been discovered at the crime scene. The post-mortem of bodies was conducted by a panel of three doctors. Further reports are awaited. According to the FSL team, a teen couple committed suicide by hanging from a tree in order to avoid marriage. Police have also recovered their phones. Their call detail records revealed that the boy had spoken to the girl for a long time now. A police force has been deployed in the village to avoid untoward incidents.

## Father killed by beating with a hammer, mother-daughter executed the murder; domestic dispute incident

Team Absolute | Morena

A case of murder of father by wife and daughter has come to light in Sabalgarh tehsil of Morena district. It is being told that the wife along with the daughter killed her husband by beating him with a hammer. Family dispute is being told as the reason behind this murder. According to the local residents, there was a dispute between husband and wife for several days and due to this dispute, the wife along with the daughter has carried out this incident. Police have started investigation by registering a case of murder.

It is being told that there used to be family tribulation in the house every day and this family tribulation turned



into murder. The son of the deceased Bhupesh Pandey has told that his father Ram Kumar Pandey was sleeping in the room and his mother was cooking. During this, there was a dispute between the two about something and after that the mother reached the father and took the hammer and hit the father on the head. During this, when the sound of shouting came, he came running inside, he saw



that his sister was sitting on top of the father and the mother was hammering the father's head. After that the relatives were called and the police was informed. After a while the police reached the spot. The body of the deceased was sent for post-mortem. In this case, the police have started investigation by registering a case against the wife and daughter of the deceased.





# Mumbai Assembly bypoll: Cong, NCP support Shiv Sena candidate



Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a boost for Shiv Sena (Uddhav group), the Congress and Nationalist Congress Party have declared support to its candidate in the upcoming Andheri East Assembly by-elections, party leaders said here on Wednesday.

The bypoll is necessitated owing to the demise of the sitting Sena legislator, Ramesh Latke, who died in Dubai last May.

The Sena has fielded his widow, Rutuja Ramesh Latke for the November 3 byelections, hoping to garner the sympathy votes.

She will take on the Bharatiya Janata Party's former BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) corporator Murji Patel, who is considered a popular leader in the area.

This is the first crucial electoral test for the Sena President and former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray after the collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in June.

The election has triggered a keen tussle between Thackeray and the rival faction led by the BJP-supported Chief Minister Eknath Shinde who toppled

the MVA.

Maharashtra Congress President Nana Patole said today that the party will not field its own candidate but will support the MVA nominee who is contesting on a Sena ticket.

NCP National Spokesperson also said that the party will support the Sena nominee for the bypolls.

"The MVA was formed after the 2019 Assembly elections to keep the communal BJP out of power for the benefit of the state. During our tenure of two-and-half years, we took many welfare decisions and did good work during the unprecedented Covid-19 crisis," said Patole.

However, the BJP at the Centre misused the central agencies like the ED and CBI to bring down the MVA regime by taking away the Sena MLAs, he said.

Patole pointed out how, when all BJP efforts to break the MVA alliance failed, they created a rift in the Sena to oust the state government in June.

The three parties will now go all-out to ensure the victory of Rutuja R. Latke over the BJP nominee Murji Patel, they added.

## MUMBAI DASSEHRA TRAGEDY

# 5 men killed in 5 vehicles crash on Sea Link



Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a shocking tragedy on Dassehra, five men were killed in a major road crash involving an ambulance and four cars speeding on the Bandra Worli Sea Link, early on Wednesday morning, the BMC Disaster Cell said. According to the BMC officials, the accident took place around 2.15 hours on the southern (Worli side) arm of the sea link.

Besides the fatalities, another 8 persons, including some toll-post staffers were also hurt in the pileup of the five vehicles.

The deceased have been identified as: Stenar Jagdish Kadam, 36, Somnath Barnale,

32, Rajendra Singhal, 40, Gajraj Singh, 42, and Satendra Singh, 35.

Among the injured is a 28-year-old woman Aliya Khan and all the victims have been admitted to various city hospitals, said the BMC. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed "pain" over the loss of lives in the Mumbai accident.

"Condolences to the bereaved families. I hope that those who have been injured have a speedy recovery." According to a preliminary probe, a speeding car crashed into the ambulance and three other vehicles which had halted there to take some victims of an earlier accident to hospital.

## 'ADIPURUSH' DIRECTOR OM RAUT REACTS TO THE FILM'S HEAVY TROLLING

**Mumbai:** The teaser of the upcoming Hindu mythological film, 'Adipurush' has triggered netizens over its content. While some people on the Internet are trolling the film for the poor VFX, other sections are criticising the film over inappropriate portrayal of gods in the film. The director of the film, Om Raut, who has earlier made 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior', seems to be disheartened because of the trolling.

The teaser of the film was unveiled on October 2 and it was called out for its sub-par animation and graphics.

In an interview with Indian Express, Om Raut opened up on the reactions to his film's teaser. He said: "I was disheartened for sure, not surprised because the film is made for a larger medium, the big screen. You can cut it down to some extent but can't bring it down to a mobile phone."

He further mentioned: "That's an environment I can't control. Given a choice, I'd never put it on YouTube but that's the need of the hour. We need to put it there so that it reaches a wide audience."

The film, which features Prabhas as Lord Ram, Saif Ali Khan as the Raavan, Kriti Sanon as Sita and Sunny Singh in lead roles, is set to debut in theatres on January 12, 2023, in several languages.

## RELIANCE CAPITAL RESOLUTION PROCESS DEADLINE TO BE EXTENDED BY 90 DAYS TO FEB 1

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The completion deadline for Reliance Capital resolution process is to be extended by 90 days to February 1, 2023. The current deadline ends on November 1.

The administrator is all set to approach NCLT Mumbai to seek 90 days' extension. This will be the third extension, as the timeline has been extended twice in the past.

As per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) rules, the administrator had to originally close the resolution of Reliance Capital within 180 days -- by June 3.

Earlier, the lenders of Reliance Capital had given an extension of 30 days to the bidders for submission of binding bids, along with an EMD of Rs 75 crore, by October 31.

The bidders were not happy with this 30 days' extension as most of them had sought extension by 2-4 months.

Reliance Capital had received 14 non-binding bids for its multiple businesses.



Six companies had submitted bids for the entire company, while rest of the bidders had submitted bids for its multiple subsidiaries.

Torrent, IndusInd, Oaktree, Cosmea Financial, Authum Investment, and B Right Real Estate have submitted bids in the range of Rs 4,000 crore to Rs 4,500 crore for Reliance Capital's entire assets.

For Reliance General Insurance business, Piramal Finance has bid Rs 3,600 crore, while Zurich Insurance's bid is Rs 3,700 crore. The third bidder, i.e., Advent, has bid Rs 7,000 crore for Reliance General Insurance.

According to sources, Piramal and Zurich are now

considering a joint bid for Reliance's general insurance business.

As per the actuarial valuation, Reliance General Insurance is valued at Rs 9,450 crore.

Jindal Steel and Power and UVARC have submitted bids for Reliance Capital's ARC business.

For other assorted assets of Reliance Capital, three bidders - Choice Equity, Global Fincap and Grand Bhawan - have submitted bids.

At the beginning of the resolution process of Reliance Capital, over 54 companies had submitted Expression of Interest (EOI) for its various assets, out of which only 14 are now in the fray.

# On Dussehra, this village performs 'Aarti' of Ravana

Akola, Maharashtra | Agencies

Residents of a non-descript village in Maharashtra celebrate Dussehra in a different way as they perform the 'aarti' of demon king Ravana on the festival when his effigies are burnt in other parts of the country.

Many residents of Sangola village in Maharashtra's Akola district believe they are employed and able to sustain their livelihood because of Ravana's blessings and the peace and happiness in their village is because of the demon king.

Locals claim the tradition of worshipping Ravana for his "intelligence and ascetic qualities" has been going on in the village for last 300 years. At the centre of the village stands a tall black stone statue of the 10-headed demon king.

The villagers believe in Lord Ram, but they also have faith in Ravana and do not burn his effigies, local resident Bhivaji Dhakre told news agency on the occasion of Dussehra.

Visitors from across the country come to this small village on Dussehra every year to catch a glimpse of the Lanka king's statue and some even offer prayers, locals said.



Sangola resident Subodh Hatole said, "With the blessings of Mahatma Ravana, today many people in the village are employed. On the day of Dussehra, we worship the statue of Ravana with a maha-aarti." Some of the villagers hail Ravana as a "scholar" and believe he abducted Sita for "political reasons and preserved her sanctity", Dhakre said.

Local temple priest Haribhau

Lakhade said while the rest of the country burns effigies of Ravana on Dussehra, symbolising the victory of good over evil, residents of Sangola worship the demon king for his "intelligence and ascetic qualities".

Lakhade said his family has since long been worshipping Ravana and claimed the happiness, peace and contentment in the village is because of the Lanka king.



# WILL START PREPARING TO CONTEST FOR 2024 ELECTIONS: PANKAJA MUNDE

Team Absolute | Aurangabad

BJP leader Pankaja Munde said she was not disgruntled over not getting any post, and would start preparations for contesting the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections from Parli.

Munde, daughter of BJP leader late Gopinath Munde, was speaking at her customary Dussehra rally at Sawargaon Ghat in Beed district.

"Struggle is part of everyone's life. Even Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had to struggle. Late Gopinath Munde had to struggle throughout his entire political career. He got into government for only four and a half years," she said.

She was carrying forward the legacy of Jan Sangh ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya, Pankaja further said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president J P Nadda had seen the crowds at her earlier Dussehra rallies and asked her to

work for these people, she said.

"People think their leader should get something and there is nothing wrong with that. I am not holding any post since 2019 Assembly polls but I am not disgruntled," the former state minister said.

She, however, made it clear that she wanted to contest again from Parli, where her estranged cousin and NCP leader Dhananjay Munde had defeated her last time.

"But the party organization is above any person. I am not disgruntled with anyone. I shall start preparations for 2024 polls if the party gave me a ticket," she said.

She changed herself as much as she could, and now it was the turn of those who wanted her to change, she said.

Munde was a cabinet minister in the Devendra Fadnis-led government in the state between 2014 and 2019. But she did not make it to the cabinet when the BJP came to power again this June in alliance with the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction.

## AB GENERAL ELECTORAL TRUST DONATED RS 10 CRORE TO BJP IN FY 2021-22

**Mumbai:** A contribution report of Mumbai-based AB General Electoral Trust disclosed that the trust donated Rs 10 crore to the BJP in the financial year 2021-22. As per the contributions details received by the Election Commission of India, the trust received Rs 10 crore in two instalments of Rs 5 crore each from Hindalco Industries Ltd and donated the entire sum to the BJP in two similar instalments.

The donations were made on March 3 and March 25, 2022, said the report.

Similarly, Chennai-based Triumph Electoral Trust received Rs 50 lakh from Tube Investments of India Limited in FY 2021-22. The trust donated the amount to DMK, the ruling party in Tamil Nadu, on April 1, 2021. Both trusts have submitted their annual contribution statements to the poll panel. As per the Election Commission, there are 19 electoral trusts. These trusts are non-profit companies established for receiving donations from a person or a company and distributing the same to political parties.



# World' first Everest scalar woman was chief guest at RSS' Vijayadashami Event

Team Absolute | Nagpur

Marking a change in its tradition, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh invited a woman for the first time in its history in the form of mountaineer Santosh Yadav as the chief guest at the annual RSS Vijayadashmi festival on Wednesday.

The festival was inaugurated by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat who also performed the 'weapon worship' (shastra puja) on the occasion.

Santosh Yadav has been a mountaineer who created a world record by becoming the first woman in the world to scale Mount Everest twice.

Addressing the occasion, Bhagwat called for a "comprehensive policy on population" and said that it should be applied equally to all.

"It is true that the higher the population, the greater the burden. If the population is used properly, it becomes a resource. We also have to consider how many people our country can feed and support after 50 years. Population imbalance leads to changes in geographical boundaries... Population control and religion-based population balance is an important subject that can no longer be ignored... So a comprehensive population policy should be brought and should be equally applicable to all. Only then rules pertaining to population control will yield results," he said.

Bhagwat also advocated giving equal rights to women in all places. "Considering a woman as the mother is good, but restricting them to closed doors is not good. There is a need to give equal



rights to women to take decisions everywhere. All the work that the mother power can do that man cannot do, they have so much power. And therefore it is important to enlighten, and empower them and give them the freedom to work and give equal participation in the work in this way," he said.

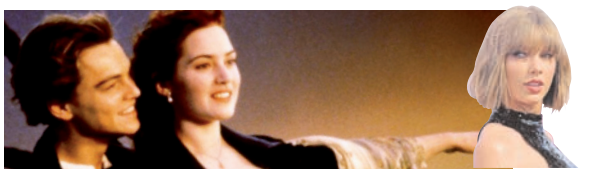
"Power is the foundation of peace. The presence of a woman chief guest has been discussed a long time," the RSS chief added.

Bhagwat said that the government's policies are leading the country towards self-reliance.

"The government is pursuing policies which lead towards self-reliance. Bharat's importance

and stature has increased in the community of nations. In the sphere of security, we are becoming more and more become self-sufficient. Our economy is getting back to the pre-pandemic levels, which is expected to rise further. The sportspersons are also bringing laurels to the country," he said.

The Vijayadashmi programme is considered to be of great significance for RSS, as the Sangh was founded by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar on this very day back in 1925. Last year, the Vijayadashmi programme of RSS was done in restricted numbers only, due to the COVID restrictions.



# Angelina accuses Brad Pitt of choking, hitting their children

Los Angeles | Agencies

The fight between Hollywood stars Angelina Jolie and her ex-husband Brad Pitt is getting uglier with each passing day. The 'Girl, Interrupted' star has filed a countersuit against Brad Pitt amid their legal battle over Chateau Miraval, a French winery the former couple bought more than a decade ago.

The countersuit, accessed by Variety, finds Jolie's legal team revealing new details about an alleged altercation that took place between Pitt, Jolie and their children on a plane in September, 2016.

According to Variety, Pitt filed a lawsuit against Jolie earlier this year, accusing her of violating "contractual rights" after she sold her half of Chateau Miraval without his knowledge.

Jolie's lawyers claim in the countersuit that discussions with Pitt's team about selling

her side of the company broke down after he demanded she sign "a nondisclosure agreement that would have contractually prohibited her from speaking outside of court about Pitt's physical and emotional abuse of her and their children."

As per the countersuit, "Pitt choked one of the children and struck another in the face" and "grabbed Jolie by the head and shook her" during the 2016 altercation. Jolie's lawyer states the dispute started when Pitt accused her of being "too deferential" to their kids. The two started fighting in the plane's bathroom.

Variety further states that the countersuit read: "Pitt grabbed Jolie by the head and shook her, and then grabbed her

shoulders and shook her again before pushing her into the bathroom wall, Pitt then punched the ceiling of the plane numerous times, prompting Jolie to leave the bathroom."

The countersuit states that Pitt attempted to get physical with one of their kids after the child came to Jolie's defence. The children rushed in and all bravely tried to protect each other. Before it was over, Pitt choked one of the children and struck another in the face. Some of the children pleaded with Pitt to stop. They were all frightened. Many were crying."

## Uncertainty over Will Smith's Oscar nomination for streaming movie 'Emancipation'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Can Hollywood star Will Smith land his second Oscar after the infamous slapping at the 94th Academy Awards conducted earlier this year? That's the question facing Apple after it announced that it will release 'Emancipation', a drama about an escaped slave that it paid Smith \$35 million to star in and produce.

The streamer is betting that the furor over Smith's assault of Chris Rock at the Oscars has died down, particularly after Smith recorded an awkward apology video. But even if Smith becomes the first performer since Tom Hanks to score back-to-back Oscars for best actor, he won't be able to pick up his prize in person.

Nor will he even be able to accept it via satellite. That's because in April, facing almost certain expulsion, Smith decided to resign from membership of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. But even though he can't accept his award on the broadcast, Smith can still be nominated, and even win



another Oscar.

But if Smith decides to press the flesh, he won't be able to do it at any Academy member gatherings. He'll have to consign himself to events presented by the likes of SAG and the Golden Globes.

If Smith's performance was able to overcome his publicly perceived "blacklisting," the

Academy's Actors Branch, which comprises about 1,400 former colleagues, acquaintances, and Hollywood adjacent working performers, can place him on their ballot to receive a nomination when voting occurs from January 12 to January 17. The official nominations will be announced on January 24.

Los Angeles | Agencies

'I was scared on the outside the relationship wouldn't work': Davide Sanclimenti

Agencies

Davide Sanclimenti has admitted to being 'scared' that his relationship with Ekin-Su Cülcüloğlu wouldn't work in the outside world, after they left the Love Island villa. But, in a chat, the reality stars said the couple have got closer since the show and that their relationship has developed into 'real love'. He said: 'I feel like since we left the villa we are closer and closer. Naturally there were feelings in the villa, but when we entered the real world and started living as actual couple, we felt real. 'Because we were scared, I was scared as well, that we found we were working better. 'Love Island is not real, it's still a TV show, because you're surrounded by cameras and people are watching you so I feel like you can open yourself by not too much. 'But when you enter the real world you have moments just you and her, so you start being a real couple and that's where you start feeling the real love.'

Opening up about his girlfriend, Davide confessed: 'I've never met anyone else like Ekin. 'I feel like we are very similar - she's like the copy and paste of me in a female version. We like the same things, have the same interests, same sense of humour, we like the same films. And then we have so much fun as well.'

'What makes Ekin special, is she's a very strong character and she's very caring with me, and I really like when a woman is caring. She wants the best for me and she's very ambitious.' The couple are still planning on moving in together, with Davide saying he's prepared to swap Manchester for Essex to be with Ekin-Su.

He said: 'I went to Essex a few weeks ago to see Ekin's dad and I actually liked the area, so I think if we move together I would say yes to coming down to Essex. 'Most of our jobs are in London, and it's a nice area and I liked it. I'm thinking it's the next step, but nothing is sure yet and we don't have a date yet.'



## Fans boycott 'GAME OF THRONES' author George R.R. Martin's next book over racism

Los Angeles | Agencies

The clouds of worry seem to be hovering over everything related to 'Game of Thrones'. After fans complained of dimly-lit scenes in episode seven of the prequel series, 'House of the Dragon', they are now boycotting the best-selling fantasy author and 'House of the Dragon' executive producer George R.R. Martin's upcoming book.

Martin is caught in the crossfire of the heated battle over inclusive casting and some of his fans are calling for a boycott of his upcoming book due to comments by its co-authors. 'The Rise of the Dragon: An Illustrated History of the Targaryen Dynasty, Volume One' is being touted as a "deluxe reference book" for those itching to learn more about Westeros' most powerful family. When Martin publicised it on social media last week, thousands of fans responded in outrage, many calling out the problematic behaviour and "history of racism" of his co-authors, married couple Linda Antonsson and Elio M. Garcia Jr. 'I will not be buying anything with Linda and Elio attached to it,' one wrote, while others urged Martin to sever ties with the pair. Now the co-authors are fighting back, with Antonsson insisting to Variety that she is not a racist and Garcia saying he feels under attack for sticking to his views about Martin's original works.



## It's official, Velma will be lesbian in new 'Scooby-Doo' movie

Los Angeles | Agencies

Velma from the cartoon series 'Scooby-Doo' is officially a lesbian now. Clips from the new movie 'Trick or Treat Scooby-Doo!' which show the Mystery Inc member googly-eyed and speechless when encountering costume designer Coco Diablo, have gone viral on Twitter, confirming suspicions held by the "Scooby" fan base for decades.

"OMG lesbian Velma finally," read one tweet, which has over 100,000 likes. It's long been an open secret among fans and "Scooby-Doo" creatives that Velma is gay. According to a website, even James Gunn, who wrote the early live-action films, and Tony Cervone, who served as supervising producer on the "Mystery Incorporated" series, have confirmed the character's sexuality, but they were never able to make it official on



screen. In 2020, Gunn tweeted that he "tried" to make Velma a lesbian in the live-action

movies. "In 2001 Velma was explicitly gay in my initial script," he wrote. "But the studio just kept watering it down & watering it down,

becoming ambiguous (the version shot), then nothing (the released version) & finally having a boyfriend (the sequel)."

Variety further states that during the 2020 Pride Month, Cervone wrote on Instagram, 'I've said this before, but Velma in 'Mystery Incorporated' is not bi. She's gay. We always planned on Velma acting a little off and out of character when she was dating Shaggy because that relationship was wrong for her and she had unspoken difficulty with the why.'

He further mentioned in his Instagram post: "There are hints about the why in that episode with the mermaid, and if you follow the entire Marcie arc it seems as clear as we could make it 10 years ago. I don't think Marcie and Velma had time to act on their feelings during the main timeline, but post reset, they are a couple. You can not like it, but this was our intention (sic)."

## ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Elizabeth Hurley

# INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE TO KICK OFF ON OCT 7 WITH MORE EXCITEMENT THAN EVER

Mumbai | Agencies

The Hero Indian Super League (ISL) is set to return on October 7 and is poised to be bigger and more exciting than ever. The season will welcome back its 12th Man - the fans, who come back to cheer their teams at the stadiums. With a productive pre-season, where most Hero ISL teams sent their first teams to participate in the Durand Cup, the clubs are all set to give fans an enthralling experience across the season. Last season's champions Hyderabad FC will aim to become the first Hero ISL team to defend their crown successfully, but will have healthy competition to contend with. With some major transfers in pre-season in the likes of Roy Krishna and Greg Stewart finding new home bases, and the influx of top international coaches, the title will be more closely contested than ever. "This season, the teams are better I think," said Manolo Marquez, head coach of Hyderabad FC. "There are some teams that have improved the quality of the squad and I think that in some moments this will be good, because I think all the teams will

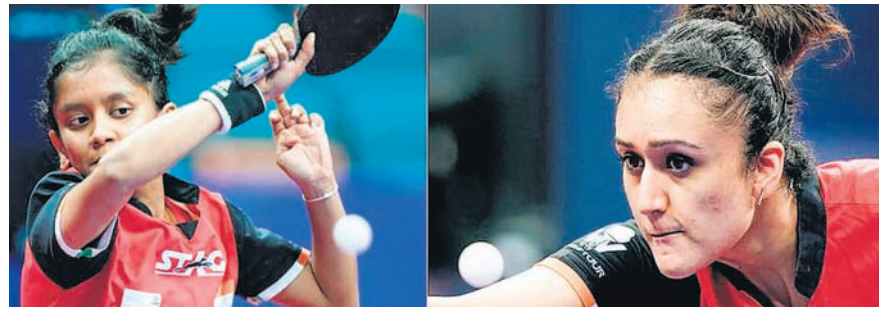


lose some important points. We could see last season that Odisha FC had chances to qualify even with only two games left. I think every team can beat the other teams, and it will be an equal competition for sure." Hyderabad FC will be looking for a repeat from their main marksman Bartholomew Ogbeche, who topped the scoring charts with 18 goals and led Hyderabad to being the highest-scoring team in the league stage. Ogbeche is part of a solid core for Hyderabad FC, which includes cap-

tain Joao Victor. "I said this last year, I'm the one who wears the armband, but we are full of leaders in the team," Victor said ahead of the season. "There are experienced players who can help the young guys we have." Hyderabad will have stiff competition from the likes of ATK Mohun Bagan, Mumbai City FC, and Bengaluru FC, who have all put together strong squads ahead of the new season. Former Bengaluru FC defensive midfielder Erik Paartalu suggested that Mumbai City FC will

be a constant threat to all teams this season and predicted that they would go on to win the title. "Their squad is not good, it's crazy good!" Paartalu said. "When Des Buckingham took over last season they had lost quite a few big players from the season before that did the double. They were very up and down last year but Des managed to steer the ship impeccably in the Asian Champions league which was a big confidence boost for everyone involved. The arrival of Greg Stewart, who was the best player in the league last season, is already looking like a great move after he warmed up in the Durand Cup winning the Golden ball and looking untouchable as usual. With the squad they have, it needs to be a trophy this season." Mumbai City FC had one of the strongest transfer windows ahead of the season, bringing in big names like Rostyn Griffiths, Alberto Noguera, and Jorge Pereyra Diaz in particular to slot in alongside their talented Indian contingent. ATK Mohun Bagan are another team that have gone for a rehash in their squad, having fallen at the semi-final stage two seasons in a row, and more recently losing in the AFC Cup inter-zone semifinal.

## World Team TT Finals: India women crash out in pre-quarterfinals



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The Indian women's table tennis team crashed out of the ITTF World Team Championships Finals 2022 in the round of 16 after a 0-3 loss to Chinese Taipei, here on Wednesday. India's top-ranked player Manika Batra lost the first match 0-3 (7-11, 9-11, 3-11) to World No 22 Chen Szu-Yu. With India trailing 0-1, national champion and Commonwealth Games 2022 gold-medallist Sreeja Akula went

down 1-3 (8-11, 11-5, 6-11, 9-11) to world number 35 Cheng I-Cheng. Thereafter, teenager Diya Chitale fought hard but could not prevent a 3-2 (6-11, 11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 7-11) defeat to Liu Hsing-Yin in the third match. The Indian women's table tennis had qualified for the knockouts after finishing second behind Germany in Group 5. Chinese Taipei will now face Singapore in the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, the Indian men's team will be up against top seeds China in the round of 16 on Thursday.

# Bayern crush Plzen to maintain perfect record in Champions League

Berlin | Agencies

Bayern Munich cruised past Czech outfit Viktoria Plzen 5-0 for their third win in as many games in UEFA Champions League Group C, while Eintracht Frankfurt and Tottenham Hotspur played out a goalless draw in Group D on Tuesday night. The Bavarians made a fairy-tale start on home soil and broke the deadlock with seven minutes gone as Leroy Sane hammered the ball from a central position into the roof of the net. Plzen tried to respond but was immediately caught flat-footed in the 13th minute when Serge Gnabry finished off a counterattack to double Bayern's advantage, reports Xinhua. Bayern gained momentum as Sadio Mane danced through Plzen's defence before beating hapless goalkeeper Marian Trnka with a low shot in the 21st minute. The hosts' advantage could have been greater, but Jamal Musiala's goal in the 37th minute was ruled offside. Even though Bayern ceased their attacks after half-time, Julian Nagelsmann's men were able to extend the lead as Sane pinned down Mane's long



ball with a back heel before tapping past Trnka from inside the box. Plzen couldn't put up a resistance while relentless Bayern established a 5-0 lead at the hour mark as Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting drilled Leon Goretzka's through-ball into the top-right corner from the edge of the box. The visitors from the Czech Republic showed signs of life in the closing stages as unmarked Fortune Bassey pulled wide from 17 meters. Bayern nearly made it six in injury time, but Marcel Sabitzer narrowly missed the target. "We played well and put the result beyond doubt within 20 minutes. We reduced the pace after the restart and played it smart as we must spare our energy for the clash with Dortmund," said Bayern Munich's head coach Julian Nagelsmann, referring to Saturday's Bundesliga clash with their bitter rivals. In Group D, Tottenham clinched a point on the road as neither Harry Kane nor Son Heung-min was able to open the scoring in the first half. The Eagles lacked in penetration but were unlucky after the restart when Tottenham goalkeeper Hugo Lloris defused Ansgar Knauff's dangerous effort from close range.

## Stokes to get No.4 batting position in T20 World Cup, says coach Mott

London | Agencies

With England white-ball captain Jos Buttler keen to have Ben Stokes as a permanent member of the 'top four', the 31-year-old all-rounder will bat at No.4 in the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia, a position he has never batted at in the 34 T20Is so far. England's white-ball coach Matthew Mott told said Stokes had been shuffling up and down the order during his career and that he wanted to give a clear role to the Test captain, who missed the seven-match T20I series against Pakistan recently

and joined the T20 World Cup squad in Australia directly. "One of the things that's been said for a while is that he (Stokes) hasn't had a clear role," Mott was quoted as saying by The Cricketer. "And Jos (Buttler) in particular is clear that he's a top-four player. Those conditions in Australia will suit the way he plays. You always have a bit of flexibility with the batting but he will be expected to be higher in the innings. I got a couple of texts (from Stokes) on Sunday. He was jumping on that flight ready to go. We've deliberately left him alone. He's had a busy summer,"

added Mott. "There's a lot of time before that first World Cup game and when we get to Australia, we'll be really clear with everybody on what the expectations are with their roles." Stokes, who recently retired from One-day International cricket to concentrate on Tests and T20Is, averages just over 20 but hasn't played a T20I since March 2021. Last year he played just one T20 for IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals, five matches for Durham in T20 Blast and a couple of matches for Northern Superchargers in The Hundred.

Rajkot | Agencies

Hrutika Shriram (Maharashtra) stayed on course to repeat a golden hat-trick in the National Games Diving competition by winning the Women's 10m Platform event at the Sardar Patel Aquatics Complex here on Wednesday. It is her second gold in three days, and her 10th crown in four editions of the National Games. The Mumbai-based Railways diver, who hails from Solapur, was not at her best but logged the maximum 179.30 points to clinch the title. Palak Sharma (Madhya Pradesh) took the silver with 175.10 points and Esha Waghmode

(Maharashtra) claimed bronze with 172.35 points. The trio had finished in the same order in the 3M Springboard contest 48 hours earlier. "I was not at my best today and I erred on a couple of dives. There were butterflies in the stomach and I thought that I would have to settle for silver. But I am glad I was able to clinch gold despite that," she said after emulating Services' men's diver Siddharth Pardeshi in winning a second gold here. Meanwhile, at the Riverfront Sports Development Complex in Ahmedabad, up and coming Gujarat tennis player Zeel Desai stepped up in the absence of experienced Ankita Raina to help the State

retain the Women's Singles gold. The third seeded Zeel was leading Karnataka's Sharmada Balu 6-2, 3-2 when the latter conceded the match due to an ankle injury. Zeel dominated proceedings, winning the opening set easily thanks to her quality ground strokes. Sharmada Balu managed to put her under pressure by winning the first two games of the second set but the local girl quickly earned the break back in the third. Sharmada then twisted her ankle while going for an overhead shot, took a medical timeout and tried to continue thereafter. But with her movements hampered, she conceded the match in the next game.



## Harmanpreet, Smriti Mandhana earn ICC Women's Player of the Month nominations

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India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and vice-captain Smriti Mandhana on Wednesday earned nominations for ICC Women's Player of the Month award for September 2022, part from the duo, Bangladesh skipper Nigar Sultana has also been nominated for the honour to make it an all-Asian affair. Despite not getting runs and desired results in T20I series in England at the start of the month, Harmanpreet was in imperious form during the subsequent ODI series which followed to bag Player of the Series award as the highest run-getter with 221 runs at an average of 221 and a strike rate of 103.27. Scoring 221 runs across the three matches, she guided her side over the finishing line in the first match with a controlled 74 not out, before she clinched the series for her team in style in the second match, striking an unbeaten 143, also her second-best knock in the format, to seal a historic first ODI series victory for her side in England since 1999 and subsequently, a 3-0 series whitewash at Lord's. Just like Harmanpreet, Smriti, one of the leading lights of India's batting lineup, and last year's winner of the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year, also excelled during her time in England in September. She scored consistently across both white-ball series, highlighted by her unbeaten 79 off 53 balls during the second T20I in Derby. After becoming the highest run-scorer for



India in the T20I series with 111 runs at an average of 55.50 while striking at 137.03, she made a fine 91 in the first ODI at Hove - both match winning contributions. In the final game where India only managed to get 169 at Lord's, she got a patient fifty to end the month averaging over 50 in both formats, underlining the scale of her successes in September. On the other hand, Nigar led from the front during her side's successful ICC Women's T20 World Cup qualification campaign in the United Arab Emirates, scoring 180 runs at an average of 45 across five T20Is. The Bangladesh captain opened her account with a crucial score of 67 in her side's first outing - a victory over eventual finalists Ireland, before registering an unbeaten 56 against the USA en route to clinching a spot in South Africa both as a leader and batter. In being nominated for the award, Sultana becomes the first female Bangladesh international to be shortlisted since Nahida Akter back in November 2021.

# Impressive Napoli hand Ajax biggest ever defeat in Europe

The Hague | Agencies

Ajax has conceded their biggest ever defeat in European football, losing 6-1 against an impressive Napoli on Tuesday night in the Champions League. With two wins in two matches in Group A, Italian Serie A leaders Napoli arrived in Amsterdam with high expectations and lived up to them. After an early Ajax goal by Mohammed Kudus, Napoli took control and outclassed the home team. Giacomo Raspadori headed in the equaliser, Giovanni Di Lorenzo headed Napoli in front, and on the stroke of half-time Piotr Zielinski was given a free run by Ajax to make it 3-1 for Napoli, reports Xinhua. After a mistake by Ajax goalkeeper Remko Pasveer, Raspadori produced



his second goal just after half-time and Ajax was broken definitely. Khvicha Kvaratskhelia made it 5-1, Ajax captain Dusan Tadic received his second yellow card and substitute Giovanni Simeone extended the scoring to 6-1. The crossbar even prevented a seventh goal by Tanguy Ndombele. The biggest home defeat ever in European football for four-time European Cup winners Ajax was a shock, although it was not the first time Luciano Spalletti's Napoli impressed this season. Napoli now lead Champions League Group A with nine points, three ahead of Liverpool and six of Ajax. Next week Napoli hosts Ajax and bottom side Rangers plays against Liverpool.

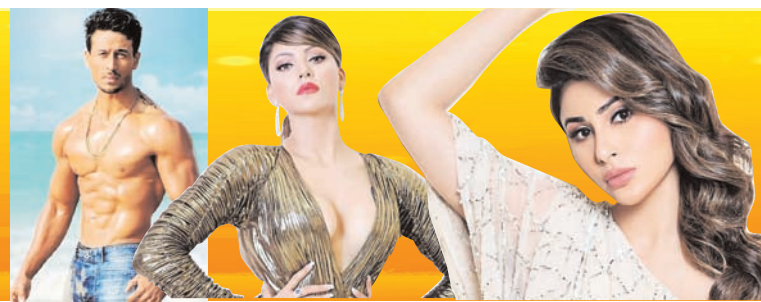
## Japan Open: Shapovalov serves past Johnson in Round of 32 clash

Tokyo | Agencies

Canadian tennis player Denis Shapovalov produced a near-perfect serving performance to register a win against America's Steve Johnson in a Round of 32 clash at the Japan Open Tennis Championships, here on Wednesday. In a 6-3, 7-6(3) win, the seventh seed lost just one point on first serve, firing 11 aces as he won 37 of 38 points behind his first delivery. He was further aided by making 76 per cent of his first serves and did not face a break point in the first-round encounter. "(This was) definitely one of my best serving matches. I kind of felt like I needed to go against Steve. Obviously if I'm giving him a lot of looks on second serves, then he's going to capitalize and put a lot of pressure. I'm very happy with my serving performance today



and hopefully I can keep it up throughout the week," said Shapovalov. "The courts are playing pretty quickly, so if you're putting a lot of first serves in, I think the percentage to win the point is really high here," he added. Shapovalov avoided the Tokyo fate of his Seoul final opponent, Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka, who lost earlier in the day as he struggled with his energy levels and the new conditions after the short adjustment period.



# MANYA SINGH SAYS SUMBUL, SHALIN TRYING TO IMITATE SIDNAAZ

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'Bigg Boss 16' contestants, Miss India runner-up Manya Singh and 'Imlie' fame Sumbul Touqueer Khan were seen getting into a nasty fight. Manya made personal comments on Sumbul and Shalin Bhanot.

She raised questions on her relationship with Shalin and called their bond 'fake' and said they are just trying to imitate Shehnaaz Gill and Siddharth Shukla. However, it is not at all possible as Shehnaaz and Siddharth's relationship was real.

Manya said: "Everyone wants to be like Shehnaaz Gill and Sidharth Shukla, but they were real. Their emotions were real. They were ready to even die for each other. Why do these contestants forget that only one person wins the trophy at the end of the day."

Though initially Manya and Sumbul shared a great bond, during a nomination round, Sumbul took Manya's name and that affected their friendship.

In a conversation with Archana Gautam, Manya said Sumbul is playing a game by creating this fake bond and if she really knows how to play, she need not to do all this.

"She's holding some guy's hand and moving ahead. If you want to show age is nothing, then better do it on your own and not by holding someone's hand," added Manya.

Meanwhile, contestants are also fighting over the ration. Shiv Thakare and Soundarya Sharma can be seen having a heated argument over coffee in the episode.



# Mugdha Godse talks about her Dussehra celebrations

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On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, Bollywood actress Mugdha Godse spoke about the festivities and shared how she celebrates the festival.

The actress said that she cleans up her house and decorates it to ward off any evil or negative forces.

"I celebrate Dussehra by decorating my home in a traditional way. The main door is

decked up with a lovely toran (a door hanging decorated with flowers or mango leaves). I move the furniture around to welcome Dussehra."

The 36-year old actress, who made her Hindi film debut with Madhur Bhandarkar's 'Fashion' and went on to work in movies such as 'Jail', 'Heroine' and Tamil film 'Thani Oruvan'

among others, explained the importance of the festival and how it symbolises the victory of good over evil.

"The spirit of this festival is divine and teaches a lot about the importance of believing in goodness. It leaves with the relief of knowing that Good overcomes Evil at the end of everything and that should remain with us always," she added.



# Abhishek storms out of set after joke on Big B

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The otherwise calm and composed Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan, looked visibly miffed during the recent episode of the streaming show, 'Case Toh Banta Hai'. The actor stormed off the sets of the show as he said: "I'm not a fool."

The show's team, which expected a happy and humorous shoot day with AB Jr. were left with a sour aftertaste.

It so happened that comedian Paritosh Tripathi cracked a joke on Abhishek's father and legendary Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan. Abhishek immediately asked the makers to stop shooting, leaving Riteish Deshmukh and Kusha Kapila completely shocked. The actor said during the shoot: "It's getting a bit too much. I'm all game for myself. I get it, but let's not get to parents and all that. Mujh tak jokes rakh lena, pitaji ko lekar me thoda sensitive ho jaata hoon (I'm fine with jokes being told at my expense but I get sensitive when it comes to my father). Wo mere pita hain, mujhe acha nahi lagta (He is my father and I don't like it)."

Paritosh tried to calm Abhishek down, but he was in no mood to hear him out. "Thodi izzat deni chahiye. Comedy ke daayare me itna bhi nahi karna chahiye, hum log aaj kal beh jaate hai (one should be respectful. You cannot say anything just because you're trying to extract humour)" Abhishek schooled Paritosh.

As the makers and team of 'Case Toh Banta Hai' tried to defuse the situation, Abhishek simply walked out mid-shoot, leaving people stunned.

'Case Toh Banta Hai', which streams on AmazonminTV, is a weekly comedy show starring Riteish Deshmukh as a defence lawyer and Varun Sharma as a public prosecutor.

Social media sensation Kusha Kapila dons the judge's hat to decide the fate of some of the biggest Bollywood celebrities, while comedians Paritosh Tripathi, Gopal Dutt, Sanket Bhosale, and Sugandha Mishra among others amp up the entertainment quotient with their unique comedy.



**Kangana celebrates Dussehra with CRPF personnel, performs shastra pooja**

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut, who is busy with her upcoming directorial 'Emergency', celebrated the festival of Dussehra with CRPF jawans (personnel) on Wednesday.

The actress took to her social media to share pictures of the shastra pooja (Hindu tradition of worshipping the weapons) on the occasion of Dussehra along with CRPF jawans.

She shared the pictures in the story section of her Instagram. She wrote on the pictures, "Desh ki jo raksha karte hain, Ishwar unke raksha kare (May the Almighty take care of those who protect our nation)." Kangana further mentioned in her social media pictures: "Dharm se aap chahe Jo bhi ho lekin jo karm se Kshatriya hai unhe Vijayadashami pe sirf ek he Sandesh, Vijaybhavaa (One may follow any religion, but those who are Kshatriya by deed, I have only one message for them, may you win at everything in life)."



# Actress Navya Nair turns to teaching dance on Vijayadashami

Team Absolute | Chennai

Actress Navya Nair, who has delivered brilliant performances in several critically acclaimed Tamil and Malayalam films, announced on Wednesday that she has turned into a dance teacher on the occasion of Dussehra. Taking to her Instagram, the actress, who is known to be an exponent of classical dance, announced: "Started my new classes on this auspicious day to selected students for Maathangi. "She further mentioned: "A proper inauguration will be done at a later stage, where a lot more students can enroll. But I am cutting down on numbers as of now, just to have more focus. May Lord Ganesha and Nataraja bless all of us and these children for a bright future."

Highlighting the importance of the moment, she noted: "For me, this moment is so important, as my guru Manu Master asked me to start teaching, a new phase of my life as a teacher (I don't call myself guru, am not there yet)." "I wish and pray that I can transfer whatever has been taught by my guru to all my students in the purest form I can.

I wish I can do justice to this art form. Thanking the almighty, gratitude (sic)", Navya added.

# Ritwik Bhowmik says he couldn't have asked for a better film to debut

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actor Ritwik Bhowmik, who is gearing up for his streaming movie 'Maja Ma', is one of the most revered actors in the OTT space courtesy his work in many web shows. He is elated to make his film debut with 'Maja Ma', which also stars Madhuri Dixit and Gajraj Rao playing his parents.



The actor, who plays the role of Tejas, Pallavi Patel's (Madhuri Dixit) son in the film, said: "I really love listening to stories. So whenever I hear something interesting, be it a film or a show, I become very excited at the potential to be a part of it. When I was auditioning for this film, I didn't know the entire plot. All I knew was that Anand Tiwari sir was directing it and that this is a Prime Video film."

He further mentioned: "But, after listening to the entire story, I felt so honoured as a young actor to be a part of such a film and to work with such a stellar cast. I do believe that as an actor I couldn't have asked for a better debut in movies! I have always loved family entertainers, so to finally be a part of one is like a dream come true!"

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**Genelia D'souza**