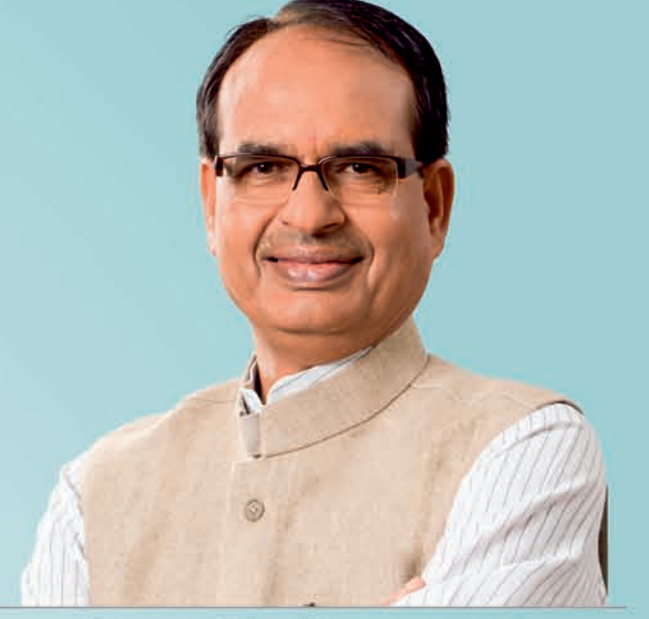








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EDITOR'S SPECS

**Pollution: Tough job for traffic cops**

With the national capital's air quality deteriorating, Delhi Traffic Police have come up with creative ways to alert people through social media and campaigns being organised across the city. In a fun way of sharing memes on Twitter, cops have urged people to help reduce air pollution by using public transport and carpooling rather than going out in private vehicles in large numbers. Traffic police also advised people of the Capital to use bicycles, avoid use of personal vehicles for short distance travel, and travellers to get pollution under control certificate for Rs 60 rather than getting a challan of Rs 10,000. Though cops have pulled up their socks to deal and spread awareness about the rising pollution levels in the city, they, while performing their duties on ground in managing traffic, are themselves the victims of hazardous gases. Experts said that a primary cause of lung ailment among the traffic police personnel is due to prolonged exposure to high levels of nitrogen oxide and sulphur oxide which are the toxic gases released through vehicular fumes. Though the traffic cops use safety gears, experts suggested that regular transfers of officials are needed from high traffic zones to avoid exposure to hazardous conditions. A senior police official said that they regularly organise health camps for the traffic officials. "If any cop complains of poor health, transfer is also considered," the official added. In the past three decades, the number of motor vehicles on Delhi roads has increased by approximately 21 times contributing to more vehicular pollution. According to an annual report prepared by the Delhi Traffic Police, there were over 1.22 crore registered vehicles of all categories in Delhi in 2021. Thus, the vehicle density per square km has increased manifold. Theoretically, there are 371 vehicles per square km in Delhi.

**POJK LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS ARE AN EYEWASH**

Dr Amjad Ayub Mirza

After a lapse of 31 years, Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) seems all set for the local bodies (LB) elections on November 27. So far a total of 13,637 candidates have submitted their nomination papers in 10 districts. From each district the nomination papers submitted by the aspiring candidates is as follows: Bhimber 1347, Neelum 735, Mirpur 1387, Jhelum Valley 699, Kotli 2570, Sadhnuti 991, Bagh 1506, Haveli Kathua 460, Poonch 1800 and Muzaffarabad 2142. Total number of people in PoJK who are eligible to cast their vote is 29,48,200 among which 15,64,902 are male and 13,83,102 are female voters. Those who get elected will join Dehi (village), Union and District Councils respectively. A total of 2080 Village and Union Council councillors will be elected in addition to 280 district councillors. Five municipal corporations, 133 municipal wards and 4 municipal committees will be set up. Candidates have already begun to vigorously campaign and attract voters. However, the question is what kind of a local body government system is going to emerge as a result of these elections. Will it be something similar to the District Development Councils (DDC) elections of Indian Jammu Kashmir that devolved decision making powers to the grassroots level? Or is it going to be a controlled and manipulated exercise? A close look at the process of the election, from start to end, should supply us with some clues. First and foremost, the nomination forms that are handed out to the aspiring candidates has a section in which it says that the candidate believes in the finality of the prophet Muhammed. Secondly, it demands



the candidate to pledge its allegiance to the ideology of Pakistan and finally it makes it mandatory for the candidate to agree to PoJK's accession to Pakistan. Let us examine this compulsory oath. By allowing only those who believe in the finality of prophet Mohamed, all other religious groups have been excluded from the election process. Secondly, to force the candidate to pledge allegiance to the ideology of Pakistan, imposes on the candidate the obligation to accept the politico-religious fascist ideology of Two-Nation Theory of the founding father of Pakistan, Mohammed Ali Jannah, which in itself is a communal ideology based on Hindu phobia. And finally, to demand of the candidate to show, promise and succumb to their choice of making an informed and independent decision regarding the future of PoJK by accepting PoJK's accession to Pakistan is a form of colonial tyranny of the worst kind. The United Nations resolutions have classed PoJK as a disputed territory. How can it be demanded of my people to sign an oath of allegiance to Pakistan? Therefore, these local body elections, which are due on November 27, do not represent the broad political, religious or even cultural spectrum of PoJK. Adnan Rahman, a faculty member of the department of Law at the

university in Muzaffarabad in PoJK observes that current LB elections are being held under the 1990 Act. This Act is draconian and is designed to obstruct any attempt that might lead to the wider participation of the broader masses in the grassroots level decision making process. In other words, it hampers participatory democracy instead of enhancing it. For example, Rahman notes that the local councils will be controlled by an army of unelected officials and directors, the Prime Minister of PoJK has the powers to disqualify a single or more elected councillors at will and even wrap up the whole LB government system and call for a new election. This gives full power to the unelected officials and directors as well as to the prime minister to cut short the tenure of local bodies and recall elections that gives him an opportunity for political engineering. Under a highly centralised system the devolution of powers such as in Jammu Kashmir's DDC election will not be possible at all. Therefore, the basic objective of LBs to ensure participation of the public representatives in the decision making process is already thrown out of the window. In conclusion, the LB elections due on November 27 are nothing but an eyewash. They are being held to put sand in the eyes of the local population as well as in those at the United Nations.

The only way forward would be to free PoJK from the colonial rule of Pakistan and form a people's representative and democratic government that would ensure devolution of power to the grassroots level of decision making. Until that happens the role of both the government of PoJK as well as that of the local bodies will be no more than a legal cover for the ongoing plunder of my land.

(Dr Amjad Ayub Mirza is an author and a human rights activist from Mirpur in PoJK. He currently lives in exile in the UK. The views are personal)

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**SAUDI CROWN PRINCE TO VISIT PAKISTAN SOON: SHEHBAZ SHARIF**

Islamabad | Agencies  
Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Friday that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud would soon visit Pakistan, adding that the Crown Prince has expressed his willingness to support development projects in the country, media reports said. The premier's remarks came days after he concluded a three-day trip to Saudi Arabia during which the two leaders resolved to upgrade bilateral ties and fraternal bonds, Dawn reported. Speaking at the passing out parade of the Specialised Training Programme (STP) batch of the National Police Academy in Islamabad, Sharif talked about his meeting with the Saudi Prime Minister earlier this week. "Earlier this year, a team from the



Saudi Development Fund visited Pakistan. During a meeting with me, they complained about delays in projects in Pakistan caused by the previous government," he recalled. "Trust me, it was very embarrassing. But I asked for some time and got approvals for all the delayed projects within 48 hours," Sharif

said, Dawn reported. The Prime Minister said that during his meeting with Prince Salman, he had apologised for these delays. "He (Prince Salman) said that the people of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are closely bound together in a relationship. 'We are like one family and I am ready to do everything'... These were his words. "The Saudi prince also told us to work on projects and to facilitate them without any worries," Sharif said, elaborating that the projects included an oil refinery which is worth \$10 billion. Hence, he added, when Prince Salman visits Pakistan, "I want all of you to welcome him warmly because he comes from a brotherly country". Sharif also said that in the last few years, Pakistan's relations with friendly countries had suffered and promised that he is making all-out efforts to mend ties.

**31 DEAD IN PHILIPPINES FLOODS**

Manila | At least 31 people died on Friday and several others were reported missing after a strong overnight downpour flooded a number of towns in the Philippines' Maguindanao province, an official said. The disaster management official said 16 people were killed in Datu Odin Sinsuat, 10 in Datu Blah Sinsuat, and five in Upi, reports Xinhua news agency. The casualties may rise further as the rescue operation was ongoing, he added. Nasrullah Imam, head of the Maguindanao provincial disaster risk reduction and management office, said troops and police were deployed in place to help rescue and evacuate local residents. Local media reported that the heavy rain was related to the tropical storm Nalgae which is expected to make a landfall on Sunday on the main Luzon island. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration, Nalgae is expected to strengthen into a severe tropical storm on Friday and into a typhoon by Saturday. The Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone countries globally, mainly due to its location in the Pacific Ring of Fire and Pacific typhoon belt. On average, the archipelagic country experiences 20 typhoons yearly, some of which are intense and destructive. In April, the tropical storm Megi dumped rains in central and southern parts of the Philippines, inundating many areas and causing landslides, resulting in over 220 deaths.

**World faces most dangerous decade since WWII: Putin**

Moscow | Agencies  
The world faces "probably the most dangerous" decade since the end of World War Two, Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned. He made the remarks on Thursday while addressing the annual Valdai forum after a series of recent military defeats in Ukraine and growing public anger at home over a drive to mobilise some 300,000 Russians for the war effort, reports the BBC. In a wide-ranging speech, he sought to justify Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a move that has left his country internationally isolated. Putin also accused the West of nuclear blackmail against Russia to force allies to turn away from Moscow. The day before his address in Moscow, Putin had overseen routine nuclear exercises that involved a supposed nuclear strike in retaliation for an enemy's massive nuclear attack. "We've never proactively said anything about Russia's possible use of nuclear weapons. We've only responded with hints to comments voiced by the leaders of Western countries," the BBC quoted the

President as saying. Putin singled out former UK Prime Minister Liz Truss for suggesting during an August campaign event that she would be ready to press the nuclear button if circumstances required her to do so. The President said he was surprised the UK's allies did not object: "What were we supposed to do? Keep silent? Pretend that we didn't hear it?" He also repeated his recent attacks on the West, and what he called its "dangerous, bloody and dirty game" of denying countries their sovereignty and uniqueness, the BBC reported. The West's "undivided dominance" over world affairs was now coming to an end, Putin asserted. "We're at a historical frontier. Ahead is probably the most dangerous, unpredictable and at the same time important decade since the end of World War two." The West was no more able to be in charge, but was "desperately trying" to do so, the President said, adding that the "future world order is being formed before our eyes", and accused the West, led by the US, of trying to destroy Russia.

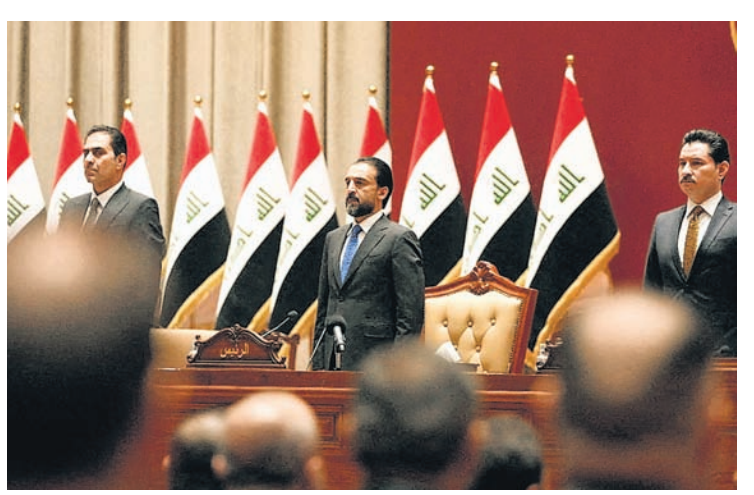
**Gateway Tower of largest Hindu temple in North Carolina unveiled**

New York | Agencies  
Adding on to the Diwali cheer among Hindu-Americans, a new 87-foot tower at the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Cary was inaugurated by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper in presence of hundreds of devotees. The completion of the tower, which is named "Tower of Unity and Prosperity", comes 13 years after the temple construction started in 2009, and is now the tallest of its kind in North America, according to temple leaders. "What a wonderful day this is, especially in times of trouble... walking into this temple with reverence and leaving your worries on the outside for just a while... That's something we all need to do, but then we can always leave the temple with even more determination than ever to address those worries, and to make sure we're doing

something about it," Governor Cooper said addressing the community, CBS17 reported. Approval for the tower was granted in 2019, and construction began in April 2020, "right at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic", Lakshminarayanan Srinivasan, general secretary of the temple's board of trustees, told Raleigh News & Observer. According to Srinivasan, the "donate a brick" program, which invited Indian-Americans from across the country to donate whatever they could to help see through the tower's completion, around \$2.5 million from more than 5,000 donors. The temple is modeled after the famous Sri Venkateswara Temple in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, and is known to be the largest Hindu temple in North America. Fourteen artisans were brought in from India to hand-carve the temple's decorative Hindu idols out of cement.

**Iraqi lawmakers approve PM-designate's new cabinet lineup**

Baghdad | Agencies  
The Iraqi Parliament has approved the new cabinet lineup presented by Prime Minister-designate Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani. Up to 253 lawmakers attending Thursday's session raised their hands to show approval of the new ministers when Parliament Speaker Mohammed al-Halbousi read out their names one by one, reports Xinhua news agency. Parliament voted with an absolute majority to grant confidence to 21 ministers out of 23, as the voting for the ministers of environment and housing was postponed due to political disputes. It also voted in favour of Fuad Hussein as Deputy Prime Minister while keeping his position as minister



of foreign affairs. They also voted for Hayyan Abdul Ghani Abdul Zahra as Deputy Prime Minister and minister of oil, and Mohammed Ali Tamim as another Deputy Prime Minister and minister of planning. Al-Sudani read out his government program, which includes com-

bating administrative and financial corruption, addressing the unemployment problem, supporting the poor, vulnerable and low-income people, as well as improving public services. It also includes economic reforms, especially in the agricultural, industrial and banking sectors, in addition to supporting the private sector. The program also focuses on addressing the outstanding issues between Baghdad and the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan. Al-Sudani promised to exert every effort to succeed in ending their suffering, while pledging to build a strong economy capable of achieving qualitative change in services. President Abdul Latif Rashid congratulated al-Sudani and expressed confidence in the latter's ability to face the challenges in the country.





THOSE GUILTY OF IRREGULARITIES WILL BE PUNISHED IMMEDIATELY- CM CHOUHAN

CHIEF MINISTER SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN HAS SAID THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS CORRUPTION. PROMPT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN IN CORRUPTION CASES. THOSE GUILTY OF COMMITTING IRREGULARITIES WILL BE PUNISHED IMMEDIATELY.



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Action has been taken against 104 people in the Women and Child Development Department and 26 have been fired. It is our responsibility to ensure the implementation of clean administrative system to give relief to the public.

and MLA colleagues from the residence office in connection with developmental activities and public welfare schemes. Extending Diwali greetings, CM Chouhan wished everyone good luck and prosperity.

respective areas. He told to have continuous dialogue with the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and women of self-help groups. It should be ensured that the schemes and development activities are conducted with complete transparency.

eligible beneficiaries involved in the Mukhya Mantri Janseva Abhiyan. The sequence of morning meetings of the development activities and implementation of public welfare schemes will continue in the districts. MLAs should actively participate in these meetings. He also discussed about CM Rise School.

CM planted saplings in Smart City Garden

Team Absolute | Bhopal

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted Ashok, Kachnar and Harsingar saplings in the Smart City Garden. Team Ashray of Prashray Welfare Foundation Ashray and Bhopal's Clinical Nutritionist Sonali Malhotra participated in the plantation.



School children on the importance of nutrition and motivate them to adopt nutritious food and healthy lifestyle. Nandita Malhotra is active in sensitizing the youth about the precautions

to be followed in the online banking system. Krishav, who engaged in tree plantation, along with his colony residents constantly, participates in cleanliness and plantation activities.

23-year-old woman gang-raped six arrested

Team Absolute | Bhopal

23-year-old woman was allegedly gang-raped in Tikamgarh district, and six accused have been arrested in this connection, police said on Friday.



In her complaint, the victim told the police that she had come to Tikamgarh around one month back and she got familiar with one of the accused, who helped her find a flat on rent.

The complaint further alleged that on October 26, one of the accused came to her rented flat and asked her to accompany her to a party venue in the district.

The victim claimed that as she was familiar to the man, she agreed to go for the party, however, when she reached the venue, five more persons were also present there. After partying, they started molesting her under the influence of alcohol. The victim said that she

resisted and decided to leave for her home but the accused took her to an isolated place and gang-raped her.

Later, the victim lodged a complaint at the police station. "The incident occurred on October 26 and all the accused were arrested. The woman had come to Tikamgarh a month ago," said Sub-Inspector Raghuraj.

Police have registered a case under sections 342 (wrongful confinement), 294 (obscene acts and songs), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 376 (rape), 377 (Unnatural offence), and 506 (criminal intimidation).

Reliable and sufficient power will be available from the resource adequacy plan

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The Resource Adequacy Plan will help in providing reliable and adequate power 24 hours a day at affordable rates to the power consumers. In September and October last year, there was difficulty in power supply across the country. It is hoped that after the implementation of this plan, such difficulties will not be faced in future.

Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar said this in the workshop of Western Region States on 'Resource Adequacy-Need and Way Forward' by Central Electricity Authority at Courtyard Marriott. Energy Minister Tomar said that this plan will enable better assessment of power requirements. Madhya Pradesh will implement it on priority. He informed that at present 24 hours electricity is being provided to domestic consumers and 10 hours for agriculture in the state.

He also said that I am confident that the workshop of the states of the western region organized in Bhopal will yield fruitful results. Along with this, proper use of conventional and non-conventional energy resources will be ensured.

Pilot Project in Madhya Pradesh Chairman Central Electricity Authority and ex-officio Secretary to the Central Government Ghanshyam Prasad said that after the implementation of Resource Adequacy Plan, it can be given where there will be shortage of electricity wherever there is power surplus in the country. Its guidelines have been prepared. He said that work is being done in the form of pilot project in Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Punjab. It will be completed by March 2023.

Principal Secretary Energy Sanjay Dubey gave information about power banking implemented in Madhya Pradesh. He said that the

power requirement is assessed every 15 minutes. Now efforts are being made to provide adequate electricity even in peak hours by matching all the resources like solar, wind, gas, thermal, hydro. He said that there is more variability in solar and wind energy. It will be available enough during the day but will decrease at night. To meet out this shortcoming, work is being done on a plan to provide electricity from other resources. In relation to these objectives, a workshop has been organized for discussion and policy making.

Managing Director MP Power Management Company Vivek Porwal, while taking part in the discussion, spoke on various aspects including resource adequacy plan and availability of power during peak hours. Apart from Madhya Pradesh, officers of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Daman Diu also gave important suggestions in the workshop.

Three held in Bhopal for attack on Portuguese national



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Days after a Portuguese tourist was attacked and robbed in broad daylight at a busy market in Bhopal, the police on Thursday claimed to have arrested three accused involved in the case.

District Collector Avinash Lavania along with a couple of senior police officers met the Portuguese national Nuno Rodricks at a city hotel where he has been staying for the last one week.

As per the police, the Portuguese national, who is said to be manager at a KFC restaurants in his country, was targeted by a group of people at Bharat Talkies area in Bhopal on the afternoon

of October 23 while he was heading back to the hotel. The miscreants had not only robbed the victim but had also pelted stone on him. The victim was then admitted to Hamidia hospital, from where he was discharged after treatment. The police have arrested three miscreants who executed the crime after Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan intervened in the matter and asked the police to take prompt action.

The arrested accuseds have been identified as Mohd. Faizal, Sharvar Ali and Afzal Khan - all are residents of Bhopal. "Accused has been arrested and they are being interrogated. CCTV footage helped in identifying the criminals," a police official said.

GAU POOJAN PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD IN GAUSHALAS ON GOPASHTAMI

Bhopal| Madhya Pradesh Gau-Samvardhan Board Karya Parishad chairperson Swami Akhileshwaranand Giri has instructed all the gaushala operators of the state to conduct Gau Poojan (cow-worship) programmes in gaushalas on the upcoming Gopashtami-November 1. He said that gau-bhaktas and animal lovers should be invited to the program and participate in cow worship. After the worship, seminars should be held on the importance of the cow. Invite experienced gau-sevaks, cow-keepers and scholars to the seminars.

Mahamandaleshwar Swami Akhileshwaranand Giri has appealed to the cow-keepers, gau-bhaktas and cow-lovers of the state to reach their nearest gaushala on Gopashtami in maximum numbers and participate in cow worship. Offer gau-grass to cows and calves.

He urged the gau-bhaktas that if there are small boys and girls in their house, then they should also take them along to the Gau-shala and instill the culture of cow protection in them. Feed green grass, jaggery-roti, soaked gram dal etc to cows. Donate money for the purpose of gau-grass in gaushalas.

Junior National Equestrian Competition from December 12 to 25

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The residents of Bhopal will be able to see the best horse riders of the country competing with each other in the month of December. Junior National Equestrian Competition-2022 will be organised from December 12 to 25 at Madhya Pradesh State Equestrian Academy of Excellence, Bhopal.

Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Rajee Scindia reviewed the preparations for the competition at the Equestrian Academy, Bishankhedhi on Thursday. She informed that 200 sportspersons and 200 horses from across the country will participate in the Junior National Equestrian Competition. The thirteen-day long competition will have team and individual events in show jumping, cross country, dressage, tent pegging. Scindia inquired about the arrangements being made for the players



and their horses during the review. She instructed to make temporary stables for the horses in view of the competition. The Sports Minister took information from the officials regarding the help desk, medical, security of the premises, arrangement of fire brigade and

cleanliness of Equestrian Academy and sending garbage carts daily and arrangement of water during the competition.

Chief Coach of Madhya Pradesh State Equestrian Academy of Excellence Captain Bhagirath Prasad informed that equestrians

from 16 states will participate in this competition. The competition will be judged by a jury and official judge on behalf of the Equestrian Federation of India. Director Sports and Youth Welfare Ravi Kumar Gupta and senior officials were present on the occasion.

Uma Bharti's stance on prohibition, 'Whatever happens in Orchha will become an example'

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Former Chief Minister and BJP's firebrand leader Uma Bharti, who has taken an aggressive stand on prohibition of liquor in Madhya Pradesh, has remained strong and she is ready to go to any extent to make her campaign a success. On one hand, where she is remembering the Ayodhya movement, she is saying that whatever happens in Orchha will become an example for the whole of Madhya Pradesh.



Former CM Uma Bharti had thrown cow dung at a liquor shop in Ayodhya Orchha in Bundelkhand in the past, then this shop was closed, but when she reached here on the day of Bhai Dooj, she got furious after seeing the shop open. At the same time, he remembered the Ayodhya movement and tweeted, "I miss Ayodhya a lot, from two Lok Sabha seats, Ayodhya has given us the ability to form the government with its majority at the center twice." When the structure collapsed, it was considered an illegal act, we were all considered criminals and in the end, on our crime, a grand Ram temple is being built today. Not only this, she also gave indications

of a violent movement in gestures and taking forward his point, said, this country-foreign liquor

shop of Orchha inspires me that what happens here will be an example for the whole of Madhya Pradesh, let's see what happens.

It is to be known that former Chief Minister Uma Bharti has announced in the past that she will leave the house from November 7. She will not be in the building from November 7 to January 14, during which she will set up a chapel and stay in a tent.

She had announced that from November 7, till the target is achieved, till the things that have been decided, I do not see the new liquor policy, till then I will not stay at home, will live in the forests, will stay in the open, will stay in tents and will stay in religious places.

I will put up a small chaupal on the banks of the river or under a tree or in an inappropriate or prohibited place by putting up a tent in front of the liquor shop or the compound.

Uma Bharti was in the discussion about throwing stones at the liquor shop in the past, after that cow dung was also thrown at the liquor shop in Orchha. She has earlier expressed satisfaction over the attitude of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, but she has once again issued a warning.

Divyang got motorized tricycle in Gwalior

Team Absolute | Gwalior

To make the life of the differently-abled easier in Gwalior, motor price cycles have been provided to them.

Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar gave the gift of Diwali by presenting motorized tricycles to 19 Divyangs in his office number 38 in Gwalior. He said that every needy is being provided the benefits of state government schemes.

These motorized tricycles have been distributed from MLA fund in collaboration with Social Justice Department. Along with this, by feeding sweets to all the differently-abled, he also



wished Diwali. Energy Minister Tomar said that the state government will always work for the people of all sections. The Central and State Governments have also implemented the scheme for

the handicapped by giving them equal status like common person. This small gift will make their life easier. He said that earlier also tricycles were distributed to the needy. This cycle will continue.



Indian American actor Ravi Patel to star in comedy 'Animal Control'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood actor of Indian descent Ravi Patel is the latest addition to the cast of Fox's upcoming comedy series 'Animal Control'. Ravi joins previously announced series leads Joel McHale and Vella Lovell. Per the single-camera show's official logline, it is a "workplace comedy following a group of Animal Control workers whose lives are complicated by the fact that animals are simple, but humans are not," reports Variety. Patel will star in the role of Amit Patel, said to be "an Animal Control officer and overwhelmed family man with more family responsibilities than he bargained for. His partner Victoria has a lifestyle that is so different from his own, they could be from different planets."

The 43-year-old actor, who was born in Freeport, Illinois to Indian American parents, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2001 with double majors in Economics and International Studies. His sister, Geeta Patel, is a writer and director. Ravi has recently been seen in the hit comedy 'Ghosts' as well as the English-language remake of the French film 'The Valet'. His other recent credits include 'Wonder Woman 1984', the docuseries 'Ravi Patel's Pursuit of Happiness' for HBO Max and 'Bhaag Beanie Bhaag' for Netflix, both of which he created. He has also been featured in shows like 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia', 'Grey's Anatomy', 'Master of None', and 'Grandfathered'.



Rihanna drops 'Lift Me Up' from 'Wakanda Forever'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Rihanna dropped her first single in six years on Thursday night: 'Lift Me Up', the first track to emerge from Marvel's blockbuster sequel 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'. A tribute to the life and legacy of Chadwick Boseman, the song was written by Nigerian singer-songwriter Tems, Rihanna, top film composer Ludwig Goransson and director Ryan Coogler. It is one of two songs from the film, which premieres in theatres on November 11.

Few other details have been released about the song, or the soundtrack album that Rihanna is said to be curating in a manner similar to the way Kendrick Lamar helmed the first film's album.

"After speaking with Ryan and hearing his direction for the film and the song, I wanted to write something that portrays a warm embrace from all the people that I've lost in my life," Tems said in a statement. "I tried to imagine what it would feel like if I could sing to them now and express how much I miss them." She added: "Rihanna has been an inspiration to me so hearing her convey this song is a great honour." Rihanna has made just a handful of featured appearances in the years since her last album, 2016's 'Anti' -- most notably features on N.E.R.D.'s 'Lemon', which she briefly performed with Pharrell at her Diamond Ball in New York in 2019; Kendrick Lamar's 'Loyalty' and Future's 'Selfish' -- yet in February she will be the halftime performer on the world's largest stage for a musician, the Super Bowl. There has been talk for years about her working on two different albums, one a dancehall-leaning set, but she has provided virtually no details and no music has materialised or leaked.

Weinstein witness says he masturbated on her: 'Was thankful I wasn't raped'

Los Angeles | Agencies

A supporting witness testified on Thursday that Harvey Weinstein masturbated on her at his hotel room in 2003.

Former actress Ashley Matthau, a "prior bad acts" witness whose claims aren't among the 11 counts of sexual assault that Weinstein faces, was visibly rattled while taking the stand.

When Martinez asked how she was feeling, Matthau said: "I'm really upset." Judge Lisa B. Lench encouraged Matthau to take a break and she was escorted out of the courtroom.

When she came back, Matthau testified that Weinstein masturbated and ejaculated on her at his hotel in 2003 in Puerto Rico, where she was shooting a small role in Miramax's 'Dirty Dancing' sequel, 'Havana Nights'.

Matthau didn't seem to want to look directly at Weinstein when asked to describe the defendant,



jacket as blue before correcting herself.

Matthau, who used to be a dancer with the American Ballet Theatre, was 22 at the time of the alleged incident. She said Weinstein came up to her on set and asked to walk outside to talk. After commenting that she was pretty, he said he wanted a "naked massage" from her, Matthau testified. When she said, "No, I'm engaged," he asked for her fiancé's name - director Charlie Matthau, son of actor Walter Matthau - and claimed to know him.

Matthau said he then suggested that it would be a "naked massage" between friends. "He said he did it with Gwyneth Paltrow, 'look what I did to her career,'" Matthau recalled.

Matthau said she later called her mom and fiancé, who advised her to ask for help. But neither the choreographer nor producer Matthau confided in offered any assistance. When she returned after a meal break, she said

Weinstein was waiting in front of the set with his assistant, Bonnie Hung.

"At that point, I felt better knowing that I wasn't alone," she said, recalling that Hung told her not to worry. "I'll be with you the entire time. He just wants to talk about future projects," Matthau remembered her saying.

According to Matthau, the three entered a limo and drove to Weinstein's hotel, where Hung abandoned her when they stepped into his room.

Matthau started crying on the stand again and recalled Weinstein getting aggressive as he "shoved" her on the bed and took off her clothes. "It's not like we're having sex, it's just naked cuddling," he told her as she became hysterical and started crying, Matthau said. She said he then straddled her, fondled her breasts and masturbated.

"I had no idea what to do. I was scared," she said. He ejaculated on her breasts and face, Matthau testified. "I was just really thankful that I wasn't raped. I remember thinking and I remember wiping off, just getting dressed really fast and leaving really fast," she said. Matthau will be cross-examined by the defense on Friday, and

at least one more Jane Doe and uncharged victim will take the stand next week.



Anti-Semitic remarks may just leave Kanye without a music label

Los Angeles | Agencies

Kanye West, one of the most popular, influential and commercially successful musicians of the past 20 years -- who has effectively set his businesses and career on fire with a series of indefensible anti-Semitic comments -- is now without a record label or music publisher.

Universal Music's Def Jam Recordings and Sony Music Publishing are both out of contract with him, and many of his other business partners have broken ties in the wake of his recent behaviour. On purely music-business terms, the situation is unprecedented. Def Jam, which owns the copyright to his recordings up to sometime in the mid-2010s and has distributed his subsequent releases up to last year's 'Donda' album, has confirmed his deal with the company ended last year. (The copyright credits on some albums have changed in recent weeks; it now appears that West owns his masters from the 2013 'Yeezy' album onward.) As with RCA Records and R. Kelly, the company will continue to own and/or distribute his catalogue, and profit from it, per the terms of their contract.

Def Jam presumably owns the recorded-music rights to his earlier recordings for decades to come, although it is unclear when the post-2013 releases will be up for a new distribution deal. Sony Publishing confirmed that his administration deal with the company ended earlier this year, although it will continue to administer his work, per the terms of the deal, for an unspecified time. So what happens when Kanye wants to release new music? He has released three songs in collaboration with other artists this year (all before his anti-Semitic comments), but all were on his collaborators' labels -- a scenario that is less easy to imagine now.

Presumably, based on his recent comments about launching his own apparel lines, the rapper will put the music out himself. But releasing music at Kanye West's level requires major business partners -- who will work with him?



Jennifer Coolidge was once 'locked up' by border control

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Jennifer Coolidge was once "locked up" by border control after her passport refused to scan properly at customs. The actress was travelling from the U.S. to London when she had issues with her passport and found herself detained by customs in the airport only to be offered a choice of noodles or crisps after waiting for several hours.

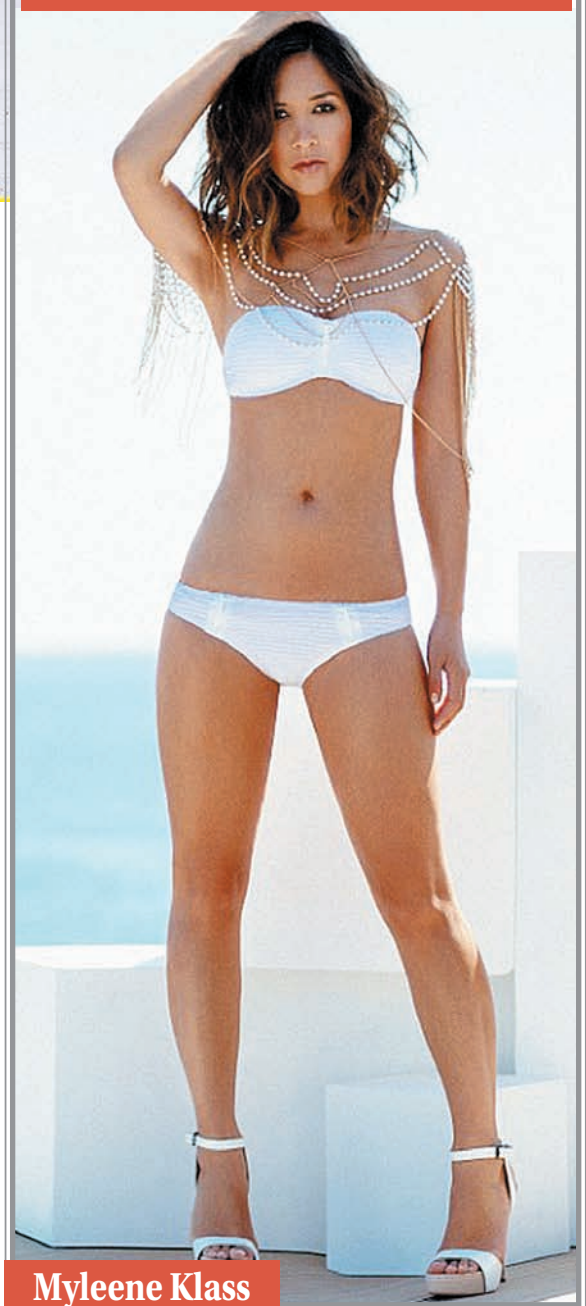
She said: "For some reason, [my passport], it wouldn't scan right, and next thing you know customs is calling me over. Next thing you know, they've locked me up for nine hours in this little room. Hour seven, they came in and said: 'Would you like noodles or chips?' I did opt for the potato chips over the noodles. It didn't go well after that."

Meanwhile, the 'Legally Blonde' actress starred as Tanya McQuoid on the series 'The White Lotus' - which follows a group of vacationers at a resort chain - since 2021 and recently revealed that she would "absolutely" love Meghan, Duchess of Sussex to join the cast for a guest appearance.

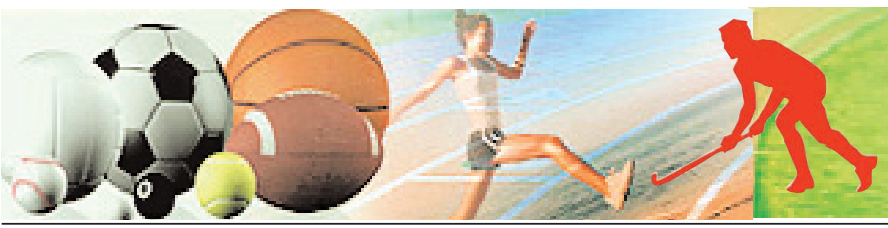
Asked if she would like to see the Duchess - who was an actress known as Meghan Markle prior to marrying Prince Harry in 2018 - she said: "I would absolutely (love) to see her! Absolutely! Meghan Markle? Yes, yes come on down!"

The 'American Pie' star won an Emmy for her portrayal of the eccentric socialite in 'The White Lotus' and said she was still "speechless" about her win as she teased that her character will have "some more problems" as the show moves from Hawaii to Italy for season two.

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Myleene Klass



## SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP HOCKEY:

# INDIA, GREAT BRITAIN PLAY OUT ENTERTAINING 5-5 DRAW

The Indian junior men's hockey team remains in contention for a berth in the Final, playing their hearts out during a 5-5 draw with Great Britain in the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup here on Friday.

Johor (Malaysia) | Agencies

For India, Poovanna CB (7'), Amandeep (50'), Arajieet Singh Hundal (53') and Sharda Nand Tiwari (56', 58') were the scorers, while for Great Britain, Max Anderson (1', 40'), Harrison Stone (42') and Jami Golden (54', 56') were on target. With this draw, India moved to eight points from five matches (2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss), behind Australia who have 10 from four (3 wins and 1 draw). Great Britain are third with seven points (2 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses). South Africa and Japan have six points each from four matches while Malaysia have zero points from four games in this six-team competition. On Friday, defending champions Great Britain were out of the blocks faster than India, with Max Anderson (1') scoring the first goal of the game, early on. A few minutes later, India got on the score-sheet too, with midfielder Poovanna CB (7') finding the back of the net. The pace and evenly contested first quarter ended with the teams tied 1-1. The second quarter saw both the teams continue to match each other play for play, with neither allowing the other a way through. The match, which is a repeat of the Final from the 2018 and 2019 editions, went into the half-time break



with Great Britain and India all square at 1-1. With both teams chasing a win, it was India who had an early look at goal in the second half, when they won a penalty corner in the 32nd minute but weren't able to convert. Nonetheless, it was Great Britain who edged ahead, five minutes before the end of the quarter, as Max Anderson (40') scored his second goal of the match. A couple of minutes later, Harrison Stone (42') added another for Great Britain as they took control of the game, ending the quarter 3-1 ahead. India needed a strong final quarter and began the final phase on the front foot. Five minutes in, India halved the deficit as Amandeep (50') got himself on the scoresheet. Shortly after, the contest was back on level terms

with Arajieet Singh Hundal (53') scoring India's third. Great Britain, however, went through gears in the next few minutes with Jami Golden (54', 56') restoring the two-goal advantage. Sharda Nand Tiwari's (56') penalty corner brought India right back into the game. A couple of minutes later, Sharda Nand Tiwari converted another penalty corner, levelling the scores at 5-5. Neither side could find a winner and walked away with a point each. India's chances of playing the Final of the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup depend on the outcome of the matches between Malaysia-Japan and Australia-South Africa. Both Japan and South Africa are on six points and winning Friday's match will take them to nine and deny India.

## French Open badminton: Satwik-Chirag beat Takuro-Kobayashi to reach semis

India's top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat former world champions Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi of Japan to reach the semifinals of French Open 2022 BWF Super 750 tournament, here on Friday.

Paris | Agencies

The seventh-seeded men's doubles pairing beat world No.1 Takuro Hoki-Yugo Kobayashi of Japan 23-21, 21-18 here at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin on Friday. Up against Japanese top seeds Takuro and Yugo, the 2021 men's doubles world champions and the seventh-seeded Chirag and Satwiksairaj put up a masterful display to win 23-21, 21-18 in 49 minutes. The Indian duo will be up against the South Korean pair of Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho in the semifinals on Saturday. The world No.8 pair of Chirag and Satwiksairaj began strong and raced to a 20-16 lead but Takuro and Yugo saved four game points to draw level at 20-all. However, the Commonwealth Games 2022 champions held their nerves to take the all-important lead. The second game proved equally engaging as Hoki and Kobayashi, currently, t'e top men's dou-



bles pair in the world badminton rankings, looked primed to draw level with an 18-16 lead but the Indian pair won five points on the trot to close out the contest. It was Chirag and Satwiksairaj's third win against the Japanese pair in four meetings.

## National Racing Championship: Top races in action in the second round at Coimbatore

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Over a hundred seasoned and rookie racers battle for top honours in the 25th JK Tyre FIMSCI National Racing Championship that returns for the second round of its silver jubilee season over the weekend at Coimbatore Kari Motor Speedway. The country's top talent will race around the challenging 2.1-km long layout this Saturday and Sunday as they compete in four categories that make up India's most coveted racing championship. In the LGB Formula 4 category, all eyes will be on Arya Singh (26 points), Ashwin Datta (18 points), Tijil Rao (18 points), and Sandeep Kumar (15 points) who dominated last month's season-opening round, also held at Kari, for Dark Don Racing. But, despite their imperious showing, they can expect to face stiff competition from Ahura Racing's seasoned campaigners Amir Sayed and Diljit T.S, and their teammate Visvas Vijayaraj, with the latter the only driver to break Dark Don's stranglehold on the podium with a second-place finish in the second race of the season-opening round, the organisers informed in a release on Friday. The LGB Formula 4 field will also feature a slightly different look this weekend with MSport racer Ruhaan Alva, the reigning Novice Cup champion, set to miss the weekend as he is competing in the World Motorsport Games in Marseille. The JK Tyre Novice Cup will see some of the country's most promising rookie racers renew their battle. Early championship leader Kyle Kumaran (38 points), DTS Racing team-mate Vinith Kumar (19 points) Hasten Performance racer Aadithya Parasuram (27 points) and MSport's Dhruv Goswami (21



points) are the favourites heading into the weekend. The JK Tyre presents Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup could throw up some surprises if last month's opening round is anything to go by. The category, which runs to the Pro-Am format, features a field of 25 riders. Last year's defending champions Anish Damodara Shetty (20 points) and Allwin Xavier made a strong start to their campaign at last month's season-opening round and are among the favourites this weekend. But they could face a challenger in the form of amateur racer Soorya PM, with Navaneeth Kumar, Ullas S Nanda, and Sudheer Sudhakar, also expected to up the ante this weekend. The season-opening round of the 2022 season, also saw the introduction of the all-new JK Tyre Endurance League Cup powered by CRA. The category features 20 teams of two riders each racing on 250cc bikes non-stop for 60 minutes with a rider change is a true test of endurance. This is another category that could be full of surprises with 12-year-old FIM Mini GP champion Shreyas Hareesh in contention and the all-girls team of Rakshitha and Czmikhy set to give a tough fight to the boys in the grid.

## Asia Pacific Amateur Golf: Krishnav, Shaurya, Aryan make cut; China's Jin leads

Chonburi (Thailand) | Agencies

Three of the seven Indians made the cut at the 13th Asian Pacific Amateur Championship with Krishnav Nikhil Chopra, Shaurya Bhattacharya and Aryan Roopa Anand making the cut at the halfway stage of the region's biggest amateur event, from where the winner gets a berth into the 2023 Masters and the 2023 Open. Shaurya shot 4-under 68, while Aryan carded 3-under 69 despite a double bogey at the finish and Krishnav just could not get the putts to fall in his 1-over 73. Chopra (70-73) continued to be the top Indian at T-42nd with a 1-under total while Shaurya (76-68) and Aryan (75-69) are at even par were T-47th. The cut fell at 1-over with Top-50 and ties making the cut. The four Indians missing out were Milind Soni (74-72), Rayhan Thomas (74-73), Shat Mishra (73-75), and Arjun Gupta (74-78). China's Bo Jin (65-69), whose brother Cheng won in 2015, stayed on course to adding to the family silverware. He led by one at the midway stage and was chased hard by the teen Thai star, Ratchanon Chantananuwat (67-68). Aryan, hoping to get into the Nomura Cup team following the pull-out of Rayhan Thomas, who is unable



to get time off from college in the US, said, "I played great for 17 holes, but a lapse led to a double on the last hole. Still, I was happy to pull back with a 69. I hope I can make more ground over the weekend." Shaurya, whose coach, Rahul Bajaj, a team silver medalist from the 2010 Asian Games, was his caddie, said, "I am proud of the fightback after the

first day 76. Especially, the three birdies from 15th to 17th and the way I hung in for the first 13 holes with two birdies and no bogeys. It was great to have my coach, Rahul Sir, on the bag. It helped." Krishnav had a good start from the tenth with birdies on 15 and 16. After that many putts did not fall and had just one more birdie on but dropped four bogeys for

73. Bo Jin closed with a bogey on the ninth, while Chantananuwat, who is called 'TK', birdied the sixth and eagled the eighth from 66 feet plus for a stunning finish. A year ago, Bo had a similar 36-hole lead but finished tied third. He said, "I am in a great position and am obviously reminded of Dubai. I have played some great golf so far, and I hope to do the same over the weekend and finish the job." TK said he felt some tightness in his body right from the morning. Yet, he held out well and closed superbly. TK said, "I was worried because I could not get a full rotation of my body. The way I hit the ball at the range and started my round, I honestly was preparing myself for an 80. And because of that, I am so happy with my 68. I am just one behind right now, and hopefully, will be in a better condition to battle it out over the weekend." Korea's Wooyung Cho is tied second at 9-under with 'TK' after rounds of 68-67 at the Amata course. There were four players tied fourth at 8-under and another four at 7-under and tied eighth. Two countries, Kyrgyzstan and Nepal had their golfers make the cut for the first time at the AAC. Jantai Malatev (73-69), whose country Kyrgyzstan has just one 9-hole golf course, was tied for 33rd while Subhash Tamang (74-70) became the first player from Nepal to make the cut.

## PKL 9: Feels great to defeat Dabang Delhi, says Bengal Warriors coach Baskaran

Bengaluru | Agencies

The Bengal Warriors registered a crucial 35-30 victory over table-toppers Dabang Delhi K.C. in their last match of the Bengaluru leg on Wednesday. The Warriors are currently at the fifth place with 4 wins under their belt. Ahead of the start of the Pune leg, Bengal Warriors' Head Coach K Baskaran said, "It feels great to defeat Dabang Delhi K.C. before the next leg in Pune. We are really happy and our team has gained confidence as well. Our main target has been to play well and play with unity. Naveen has been performing really well, but our defenders were determined to play well against him." Baskaran added that the team will continue their rhythm in Pune. "We were successful in raiding and defending departments in our match against Delhi. We will look to continue our rhythm and the understanding we have on the mat in our

upcoming matches in Pune." Matches on Saturday: The Dabang Delhi K.C. will look to get back into winning ways when they face off against Bengaluru Bulls in Pune on Saturday. However, they will receive a strong challenge from Bulls' raider Bharat, who has been in terrific form this season. The Telugu Titans and Gujarat Giants will be desperate for a victory after facing heart-breaking losses in their previous matches. While the Titans will hope for their raider Siddharth Desai to take them over the line, the Giants will be banking on their prime raider - Rakesh. The last match of the day will be a cracker of a contest as Bengal Warriors and U Mumba are high on confidence after recording comprehensive victories in their previous games. While raider Maninder Singh will lead the charge for the Warriors, raider Guman Singh will hope to make an impact for U Mumba.

## Ronaldo scores on return as Manchester United qualify for Europa League knockout stage

London | Agencies

Manchester United qualified for the knockout stage of the Europa League as Cristiano Ronaldo marked his return to the side by scoring in a 3-0 win over Sheriff Tiraspol at Old Trafford here on Thursday. In a match dominated by the Manchester United, headed goals from Diogo Dalot and Marcus Rashford in each half were added to by a late Cristiano Ronaldo strike to settle the victory. The result, our fourth win of the group stage, means there will be a showdown at Real Sociedad next week to decide who takes top spot and avoids having to play off against a third-placed side from the Champions League. United must win by two goals to top the San Sebastian outfit on the head-to-head, after their 1-0 victory at Old Trafford. After being dropped for Saturday's Premier League draw with Chelsea due to his behaviour in last week's win over Tottenham, Ronaldo was brought into charge for the Warriors, raider Guman Singh will hope to make an impact for U Mumba.



Despite Manchester United's 3-0 win over Sheriff Tiraspol on Thursday night, Marcus Rashford is urging the Reds to be even more ruthless in future fixtures. The 24-year-old was a second-half substitute in our penultimate group game against the visitors, and occupied a central role alongside fellow forward Cristiano Ronaldo. Just after the hour mark, Rashford got on the end of Luke Shaw's cross to score an instinctive header, extending United's lead to two. Erik ten Hag's side put the match beyond any doubt in the

second period, with Marcus praising the Reds for not panicking. "I think it's a mix between frustration and just calmness," Rashford told BT Sport, when asked about United only having a one-goal lead at the break. "You have to be calm and keep creating the chances and then be clinical in taking the chances that you create. I think that (the fact) we scored before half time is a big help. We came out in the second half looking for more goals, more spaces, and we found them in the end."

## Akanksha Vyavahare creates Weightlifting National records in 40kg category at Khelo India tournament

Ghaziabad (UP) | Agencies

Maharashtra-based weightlifter Akanksha Vyavahare has created new national records in the 40kg weight category at the Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting tournament Phase 2 here on Friday. The weightlifter, also a part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, has created the NRs in all 3 scores - Snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total. Akanksha bettered her existing Snatch national record, by lifting 60kg. She recorded 71kg in the Clean & Jerk, and on the process, registering a total lift of 131kg. She competed in the 40kg Youth Girls' category. Meanwhile, Tokyo 2020 Olympics silver medalist Mirabai Chanu was present during the opening ceremony earlier in the day. Speaking about the importance of the Khelo India women's leagues, Mirabai mentioned, "The leagues are very important as many girls



are coming across and representing different States and UTs of India. The exposure being provided will be very beneficial for all girls in the coming future. "This is a big platform, especially for the young generation and the new crop of weightlifters who have just started. Many of the girls are doing very well. This will show up in the coming years for India as to who will be doing the nation proud in weightlifting," the National Games 2022 gold medalist added. Mirabai won the gold medal in Phase 1 of the Khelo India Weightlifting tournament in Himachal Pradesh earlier this year.



Kolkata always had a very special place in my heart:

## Anushka Sharma

Team Absolute | Kolkata

Actress Anushka Sharma is currently shooting for 'Chakda Xpress' in Kolkata and several parts of West Bengal that is significant in Jhulan Goswami's journey to reach the summit of global glory. She reveals how the City of Joy has always had a significant place in her heart.

"Kolkata has always had a very special place in my heart. The warmth of the city and the people, the delicious food, the beautiful architecture - I love everything about Kolkata and it is a pleasure to be back in the city of joy for Chakda Xpress," she says.

"The last time I shot a film here was for Pari and I have several fond memories from shooting that project here. I had also shot the announcement video of 'Chakda Xpress' at the Eden Gardens and Jhulan had dropped by for the same. It was amazing to have her on the set and interact with her."

"She is such a positive soul. So, coming back here is like life coming to a full circle for me and the team."

The hugely-mounted Netflix Film, which is tracing the glorious journey of one of the fastest female pacers in the history of world cricket, Jhulan, will showcase how the pacer moves up the ladder despite countless hindrances to fulfill her only dream to play cricket.

Anushka says, "We had a great shooting experience and made memories that will last a lifetime. Jhulan is an icon of India, as well as of West Bengal, and shooting the film in Kolkata and various parts of the state, is a fitting tribute to her legacy and her journey that started here."

Jhulan went on to captain the Indian women's national cricket team and is a role model for aspiring cricketers in the country. In 2018, an Indian postage stamp was issued in her honour. Jhulan holds the world record for the highest number of wickets taken by a woman in an international career.

Anushka Shankar to return to India after 2 years for a three-city tour



"I'm beyond excited to finally return to India to perform after such a long gap. I feel I'm in a different place musically and creatively now, and I can't wait to share this new and exciting show with my audiences in India

- Anushka

Team Absolute | Mumbai

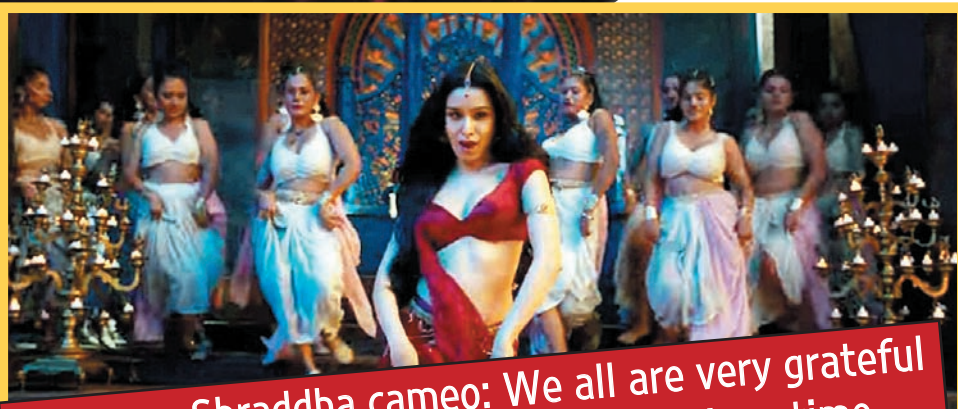
Acclaimed sitar player, composer and Grammy-nominee Anushka Shankar, who is the daughter of sitar legend Pandit Ravi Shankar, is returning to India after 2 years for a three-city tour in support of her new music releases in December.

The tour will start on December 11 at Good Shepherd Auditorium in Bengaluru, followed by Shanmukhananda Auditorium in Mumbai on December 16 and culminating at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi on December 18. It will see the 7-time Grammy-nominated artiste presenting 'The Anushka Shankar Project' which she has been performing live since 2007.

Anushka will be seen navigating through experimental and exciting new sonic vistas throughout her performance and presenting an invigorating perspective on

Indian classical music.

Elaborating on the India tour and her new music releases, Anushka Shankar shared, "In the first half of the evening, I will be joined by British electronic musician Gold Panda (aka Derwin Decker) in interpreting the legacy of the legendary Pandit Ravi Shankar. The duo will form a collaborative bridge between the electronic and classical instrumental worlds inspired by and referencing several of the late maestro's compositions. In the second half of the evening, a quintet of musicians comprising clarinetist Arun Ghosh, Carnatic percussionist Pirashanna Thevarajah, drummer Sarathy Korwar and upright bassist Tom Farmer will accompany Anushka for an inventive exploration of selected works from her own repertoire including her recently released digital album 'Between Us'. As a mark of respect and as a reflection of her outrage, on December 16 - the 10th anniversary of the horrific Nirbhaya gang rape, Anushka will be releasing a reimagined version of her 2013 track 'In Jyoti's Name' from her album 'Traces Of You'. Titled 'In Her Name', she will be performing the world premiere of this new song on its release day at the Mumbai show. This extended arrangement will include other, powerful female voices and has a specially written poem by acclaimed poet Nikita Gill.



Varun on Shraddha cameo: We all are very grateful to Shraddha for taking out her precious time

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The thrilling trailer of Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon's Bhediya has been the talk of the town ever since it is out. And now the makers have unveiled the first track of the film 'Thumkeshwari' which is choreographed by Ganesh Acharya. The song was launched at a grand event in Mumbai amidst the presence of cast, makers, fans, and media in Mumbai. Talking about featuring in Param Sundari and now Thumkeshwari, the actress said, "Param Sundari was the biggest track of my career. When it came to Thumkeshwari, Ganesh Acharya told that it will be bigger than Param Sundari and I am hoping that. Varun and I thoroughly enjoyed shooting for it." The song also features Shraddha Kapoor in a

teeny-weeny cameo. Actor Varun who has earlier shared screen space with her in ABCD 2 and Street dancer, spoke about collaborating and grooving for the third time. He said, "In this (Thumkeshwari), I was not dancing with Shraddha, it was with Stree. Shraddha's demeanour was very different as she got into the skin of the character effortlessly. We all are very grateful to Shraddha for taking out her precious time and doing this song. Dinesh Vijan wishes to create a successful horror-comedy universe but that is only possible when the audience loves us. Our only main is to entertain the audience." Bhediya is produced by Dinesh Vijan and directed by Amar Kaushik. It is all set to hit the big screen on November 25, 2022.

## Tanya to perform a dance number in Aayush Sharma starrer

Team Absolute | Mumbai

South Indian actress Tanya Hope is set to make her Hindi debut with an appearance in a dance number for the recently announced yet-to-be-titled fourth film of Bollywood actor Aayush Sharma. The action thriller film is tentatively titled 'AS04' and was announced by Aayush, with a teaser of the film on his social media.

Talking about the dance number in the Aayush Sharma-starrer, the actress said, "The song we danced to is a banger and I can't wait for the audiences to hear it. The great Jani master has choreographed this track, and we all really enjoyed shooting it and performing it. Without a doubt this will be the next banger at all the weddings." The actress also spoke about the pattern of Bollywood remaking content from South India. She said that it helps reach local stories to a wider set of audience. She said, "There are some great stories being made in different languages too and they are reaching a bigger audience. I have also done a remake of a Bollywood film in Tamil. It was a remake of 'Vicky Donor', which was titled 'Dharla Prabhu' where I played the character that was played by Yami Gautam in the Hindi version."



"I personally believe that if the film is good, why not remake it":

Tanya Hope



## Rubina bounces back after neck injury on reality show

you can't tell. I'm nervous as we are now entering the final leg of the competition."

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Television star Rubina Dilaik has recovered from her neck injury and will be seen performing on the dance based reality show 'Jhalak Dikhla Jaa', said her choreographer Sanam Johar.

Bringing interesting themes every passing week, this week marked the war between two teams, Madhuri ki Rockstars & Karan Ke Johars.

Previously, Rubina took to her social media to share a video of sustaining serious neck injury during her dance rehearsals with choreographer-actor Sanam Johar.

But as per sources the power duo stole everyone's heart with their performance this week. This week's theme is international dance styles. Rubina and Sanam were a part of Madhuri ke Rockstars.

Sanam shared: "Rubina had been injured but she's a thorough sport & bounced back in no time and you'll see for yourself in our performance. This was the best so far and also the fastest we've practiced and performed." "We were one of the last one's to perform so we did our act somewhere close to midnight but

## Rakul Preet Singh's vacay pics from Maldives have set mercury soaring

Mumbai | Actress Rakul Preet Singh, who has had back-to-back releases this year with 'Thank God' being her latest, has jetted off to Maldives for a brief vacation after a busy schedule of promotions, shoots, and juggling multiple projects. Talking to her social media, the actress dropped a super hot photo from her vacation in the Maldives. She can be seen rocking an orange swimsuit, with her hair tied up in a high bun while sitting by the beach. She captioned the picture as, "#thankgod for a holiday" A source close to the actor also revealed that this is Rakul's first vacation in the last 8 to 10 months as she has been continuously shooting, promoting and working on her films and brands. So, this time around she squeezed in time for a 4-day vacation for herself. After having impressed everyone with her role as a pilot, robotics engineer, teacher, Rakul is garnering positive response for her work in 'Thank God'.



## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Kritika Kamra