



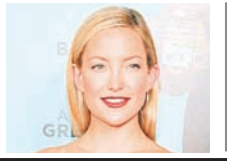
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'Chinese hackers targeted AIIMS server, OPD functioning online partially'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The cyber attack on servers of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences was carried out from China, a top source said on Wednesday. However, all the data has been successfully retrieved.

According to the Health Ministry source, the hackers targeted five physical servers of the hospital, but the data from these five servers have been retrieved now.

Meanwhile, the hospital has also started functioning on online mode partially in some departments. The OPD appointment has been started through the online mode to some extent, a hospital source said.

The source said that some online and offline new and follow-up registrations have started being made at the new Rajkumari Amrita Kaur (RAK) OPD.

However, the online co-ordination between the ward admission and the discharge process has not been started yet. Therefore, the discharge is being done on the manual mode. The Smart Lab has also not been connected online yet in the hospital. The AIIMS servers were reported hacked for the first time on November 23. A case of extortion and cyber terrorism was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police two days later.

However, police had denied any random demand from the hospital. Delhi Police in a statement had said that no such demand has been brought to the notice of AIIMS administration.



HACKERS IDENTITY TO REVEAL AFTER NIA PROBE: IT MINISTER

New Delhi: The identity of those responsible for the cyber attack on the server of Delhi's AIIMS would be known once the NIA completes its investigation in the matter; the Parliament was told on Wednesday. Responding to a question on the incident by BJP MP Sukanta Majumdar during Question Hour, IT and Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that in the case of AIIMS, its network had grown as a flat network over a period of time, and is now getting fully updated into a hierarchical system in which the users' login password, privileges of administrator and other aspects are being redefined. About the identity of the cyber attackers, Vaishnav



said: "That as and when the investigation by the NIA is complete, we would actually come to know who the attackers were. But definitely, we have taken all the required measures for making sure that the network is protected." On December 12, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor had sought a thorough investigation into the matter while speaking in Lok Sabha.

NUMBER OF CYBER ATTACKS STEADILY RISING, 12.67 LAKH DURING NOV 2022

New Delhi: The number of cyber attacks in India has recorded a steady growth over the past few years, and the total number as reported to and tracked by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in the current year stands at 12,67,564 (till November), the Parliament was told on Wednesday.

The corresponding number of such incidents in 2018 was 2,08,456 which increased to 3,94,499 in 2019, to 11,58,208 in 2020 and 14,02,809 in 2021, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar told the Lok Sabha in a written reply.

He said that with the borderless cyberspace coupled with anonymity, along with rapid growth of Internet, rise in cyber attacks and cyber security incidents is a global phenomenon and the government is fully cognisant and aware of various cyber security threats. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is mandated to track and monitor cyber security incidents in India. In the recently notified cyber security direction, CERT-In has now made it mandatory for all incidents to be mandatorily reported to it. Further, the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued National Information Security Policy and Guidelines to the Central Ministries as well as state governments and Union Territories with the aim of preventing information security breaches and cyber intrusions in the information and communication technology infrastructure.

'PLA was planning to set up observation post near Arunachal's Holy waterfalls'



Team Absolute | Kolkata

Like in Galwan, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) was planning to set up an Observation Post (OP) on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) at Yangste in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, when the Indian Army personnel intervened. This was revealed by a senior army officer posted in Arunachal Pradesh. As per laid down guidelines, no OP or similar structure can be set up close to the LAC by either side.

"It is already extremely cold there. Within the next couple of weeks, all areas close to the LAC will be under several feet of snow. On the Indian side, final preparations are being made to stock our forward positions with adequate supplies. There is a lot of troop movement as well. The PLA is certainly interested to learn more about our preparations for the winter, hence the decision to set up the OP," the army officer said.

While the PLA does have surveillance cameras, they are at a distance from the LAC. Drones are also used but a direct view is always considered the best to plan any move. In Galwan, the clash with the PLA started after the Indian Army demolished an OP that the Chinese refused to dismantle.

Locals at Tsechu, a small town closest to the point where Indian and Chinese troops

clashed on Friday are extremely unhappy with the PLA for disturbing the peace of the region.

"This happened barely a few hundred metres from Chumi Gyatse, a waterfall (a collection of 108 smaller waterfalls) that is considered holy by us Monpas from both sides of the LAC. The Indian Army respects our sentiments and never does anything to disturb the sanctity of the place. This is the second time that the PLA has created a ruckus here," one of them said.

The PLA has cause for concern. Over the last few years, the Indian Army, with help from the Arunachal Pradesh government, has created a lot of infrastructure in that region.

While this has helped locals, it has also aided in quicker and easier movement of soldiers and equipment to the border.

"In Galwan, our brave soldiers were taken by surprise. But we were prepared this time. As soon as we detected movement by the PLA towards the LAC, we knew how to react. They were trying to access higher ground to set up the OP but we stopped them and forced them to return. The Chinese kept on saying that the whole region is their territory but we were not interested. The injuries suffered by a few of our soldiers are minor ones," the army officer added.

ED attaches assets worth Rs 78.63 crore in PMLA case

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday said it has attached immovable and movable assets worth Rs 78.63 crore in connection with an investment fraud case in which one Nowhera Sheikh, and others have been named as accused.

The current attachment included properties worth Rs 37.58 crore of a Hyderabad-based firm SA Builders & Developers wherein Syed Akhtar is partner, and the bank balance of Rs 41.05 crore of a Bangalore based builder, Neelanchal Technocrats Pvt. Ltd. (Sallarpuria Group).

Prior to this, the ED had provisionally attached properties worth Rs 300 crore in the same case.

In 2018, the ED registered the money laundering case against Nowhera Sheikh and others who had collected more than Rs 5,000 crore from public as investment against false promise of unreasonably high 36 per cent annual return on investment but failed to repay even the principal amounts. Thus, they

duped thousands of innocent investors.

The ED learnt that Sheik and her Heera Group of companies had transferred Rs 148 crore to one SA Builders and Developers for purchasing properties situated at Tolichowki, Hyderabad but properties only worth Rs 70 crore were actually registered which were earlier attached in the hands of Heera Group.

The remaining funds of Rs 78 crore which were part of crime proceeds were found to be parked with the SA Builders and Developers.

The ED also learnt that SA Builders and Developers had transferred Rs 41 crore out of above Rs 78 crore to Neelanchal Technocrats Pvt. Ltd and 4 other shell entities in Kolkata and Shillong. All these funds were ultimately routed back to Sallarpuria Sattva group as loans.

The ED had in November conducted searches at the office of the Sallarpuria Sattva group in Bangalore and unearthed the above money trail and subsequently attached immovable properties and bank balances of Rs 78 crore as equivalent value of the crime proceeds.

OVER 1K FAMILIES ON STREETS AS ILLEGAL HOUSES DEMOLISHED

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Over 1,000 Muslim families living barely half a km away from the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal have been made to survive on their own under the open sky as their homes built in an illegal colony were recently demolished by the administration.

These families, who were living on the Railways' land for the last 30 years, were supposed to be rehabilitated using Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief funds.

In February this year, the administration had issued notice for demolition of homes and, the process began on December 12.

Rachana Dhingra, an activist working for the gas leak-affected victims claimed that around 400 families were shifted to the Waqf Board's land, while approximately 1,100 families were left with no choice but to survive along the railway tracks. "They were living here for the last 30 years. The area is



located around 400 meters away from the Union Carbide factory. The area where they were living is highly contaminated due to hazardous waste of the factory. The state government had received Rs 40 crore in funds from the Centre in 2010. The fund was allocated for

rehabilitation purpose of these poor families but that amount was left unutilised," Dhingra claimed. Two of the affected persons said that they have approached the district administration, local MLAs and the ministers.

"However, we were mostly left with empty hands," one of them said, adding "poor families have become victim of politics."

"Around 400 families were shifted to a land belongs to Bhopal Waqf Board, but they have to find an alternative place in the coming days," he said. Sources said that the colonies -- Annu Nagar and Sriram Nagar are illegal, and have come up on Railways' land.

The Railways has planned extension of tracks and therefore, the constructions located on its land would be demolished.

When reporter tried to contact Bhopal district collector Avinash Lavania and SDMs to get official confirmation on this issue, no response was received.

India among top three countries originating IoT malware: Microsoft

Team Absolute | New Delhi

India is among the top 3 countries originating Internet of Things (IoT) malware infection in 2022, a Microsoft report said on Wednesday.

IoT devices offer significant value to organisations in the country looking to modernise workspaces, become more data-driven and ease demands on staff through shifts like remote management and automation. "Therefore, the cyber-threat landscape is real and security is the need of the hour. Microsoft aims to help incident responders and security specialists better understand their environments and prevent potential incidents," said the tech giant.

The International Data Corporation (IDC) estimates there will be 41.6 billion connected IoT devices by 2025, a growth rate higher than traditional IT equipment. With increasing connectivity



across converging IT, Operational Technology (OT) and IoT, organisations and individuals need to rethink cyber risk impact and consequences, said the report.

Microsoft observed a spike in threats across traditional IT equipment, OT controllers and IoT devices

like routers and cameras fueled by the interconnectivity many organisations have adopted over the past few years. It identified unpatched, high-severity vulnerabilities in 75 per cent of the most common industrial controllers in customer OT networks. "As OT systems underpinning

energy, transportation, and other infrastructures become increasingly connected to IT systems, the risk of disruption and damage grows as boundaries blur between these formerly separated worlds," said Vasu Jakkal, corporate vice president, security, compliance, identity, and management at Microsoft.

For businesses and infrastructure operators across industries, the defensive imperatives are gaining total visibility over connected systems and weighing evolving risks and dependencies, Jakkal added.

Modern threats like sophisticated malware, targeted attacks, and malicious insiders are difficult for traditional security measures to contain.

Microsoft also observed over 1 million connected devices publicly visible on the Internet running Boa, an outdated and unsupported software still widely used in IoT devices and software development kits (SDKs).

CSMIA LAUNCHES 'FASTAG CAR PARK' FOR SEAMLESS VEHICLE MOVEMENT AT TERMINAL 2

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), scaled up its multi-level car parking (MLCP) with a FASTag solution.

This up gradation to its parking system is being introduced by CSMIA for all passengers, people who come to see their families off, and people coming down to the airport for meetings, and parking their vehicles at Terminal 2. FASTag is an electronic toll collection system in India. It is an addition to CSMIA's best-in-class technology that benefits passengers & enhances their travel experience. To facilitate quick movement, CSMIA has designated one lane at entry and one lane at the exit for passengers using the FASTag option. With FASTag, the movement of the vehicle at MLCP will be fast and reduce the dwell time for passengers waiting to enter or exit the terminal, thus helping in saving time and fuel. One of the main advantages of FASTag is that it eliminates the need for cash transactions, which would mean quicker parking



options for all. "Now, passengers can experience parking without manual intervention such as waiting for a parking receipt or making cash/credit payments at the entrance or exit, thus making the overall experience seamless. Travellers using MLCP with FASTag are required to ensure that their FASTag is active with sufficient balance for an exit. Additionally, passengers entering through the designated FASTag lane will be required to follow the same lane for the exit as well. Passengers are expected to pay the standard rate and no additional cost is included for the new parking facility. CSMIA regularly upgrades its technology offerings to help improve the day-to-day operations within the airport," said an airport spokesperson on Wednesday.



PEACE IS THE FIRST REQUIREMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: CM SHIVRAJ

Team Absolute | Bhopal

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the first requirement of development is peace. Madhya Pradesh is an island of peace, riots and hooliganism will not be allowed here. The elements that create disturbance will not be left out under any circumstances. In view of the peace system, special armed force will be deployed in Khargone and a new police station will be opened.



Volunteer bikers. He visited the exhibition of products of women self-help groups and also released a book focusing on the historical, religious and cultural heritage of Khargone. CM Chouhan said that Khargone is the pride of Nimar. The Navagraha temple here is divine. Navagraha temple and corridor will be developed.

A medical college will also be opened in Khargone. Renovation work of Mahadev temple located in Sirvail will also be done. Bistan block in Khargone will be named after Tanya Mama Bhil, Bawdi bus stand area will be named after Maharana Pratap Nagar and post-office will be named after Guru Nanak.

Shah Rukh-Deepika starrer runs into trouble over saffron costume

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone's upcoming Bollywood flick 'Pathaan' may face problem in Madhya Pradesh as both the ruling and the opposition have objected to the saffron costume worn by the actor in the film.



Responding to the film promos, State Home Minister Narottam Mishra on Wednesday termed the costumes and scenes in the film "obscene and condemnable". It should be corrected, or the state government will be forced to take a decision the screening of the film.

Objection has been raised over Deepika Padukone's saffron costume in a song titled 'besharam rang'. Released on Tuesday, the song is trending on social media.

Reacting on the controversy, state home minister Narottam Mishra said, "Actress Deepika Padukone's costume is highly objectionable and the song has been shot with a dirty mindset. The scenes and costumes of the songs should be changed, or we will have to take a decision on its screening in Madhya Pradesh," Mishra said while accusing the actress of supporting the 'Tukde Tukde' gang.

Notably, leader of opposition in Madhya Pradesh Assembly Govind Singh has also expressed his anger on costumes in the song. "The scenes of the song and costumes are highly objectionable. Such things are not acceptable in Indian culture," Singh said while

talking to the reporters on Wednesday.

The right wing Sanskriti Bachao Manch also joined the bandwagon and staged a protest against the film calling "saffron a shameful colour with obscenity." The members of Sanskriti Bachao Manch protested against Deepika Padukone's dress, as she was seen wearing saffron-coloured clothes.

Chandrashekhar Tiwari said, "This is an insult to our saffron dress, which Sanskriti Bachao Manch will not tolerate. Shahrukh Khan, when Hindus started boycotting your film, you remembered Vaishno devi. You will have to apologise to all Hindus and remove the song from this film because the people of India have made you a superstar. Shahrukh Khan, why are you always degrading your image by doing such acts? You should apologise to all Sanatan Dharma believers."

'For love's sake': Muslim man converts for his Hindu wife

Team Absolute | Mandasaur

A Muslim man in Mandasaur district has converted to Hinduism for his wife whom he had married five years ago at a temple after falling in love with her.



Pandit Naresh Trivedi of 'Gayatri Parivar' conducted some rituals including bathing Mansoori with cow dung, cow urine, curd, milk and honey, and chanting

mantras. After becoming 'Krishna Sanatani', he said that he had met Radha while he used to transport patients to medical camps in Rajasthan's Udaipur. Radha used to work there as a caregiver.

Gradually, they exchanged phone numbers after which conversations became more frequent between Mansoori and Radha. They eventually fell in love with each other, and decided to get married.

Meanwhile, his wife Radha said: "People usually become crazy when they fall in love... and they can go to any extent for the sake of love. And now, my husband has become Hindu."

Afsar Mansoori, a driver by profession and a resident of Kachnara village in Mandasaur, has changed his name to 'Krishna Sanatani'. Mansoori, after marrying Radha, stopped living along his family. As he kept following most Hindu customs including observing fast on Tuesdays, he eventually decided to turn Hindu.

Cong warns Pateriya of expulsion from party over remarks against PM

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) has warned senior party leader Raja Pateriya of expulsion from the party over his alleged remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Issuing a notice to Pateriya on Tuesday, Congress sought an explanation why he should not be expelled from the party's membership.

The MPCC, while terming the alleged act as 'indiscipline', condemned the controversial remarks made against Prime Minister Modi. It has said that alleged remarks made against the Prime Minister were 'offensive' and 'condemnable'.

"You have used offensive and condemnable words against PM Modi during a meeting in Panna district on December 12. You should explain why you should not be terminated from the party's membership," reads the notice issued by MPCC.



Earlier on the day, Pateriya was arrested from his residence in Panna and was produced before a court. During the hearing, the former minister maintained that he used the word 'killing' in the sense of 'defeat' and pleaded for bail, however, his bail plea was rejected and he was sent to 14-day judicial custody.

However, Pateriya, who is also the Congress vice-president in Madhya Pradesh, maintained that he didn't use 'offensive' words and is a 'follower of Mahatma Gandhi'. "It's a fight of ideology. I haven't

said those words. I am a follower of Mahatma Gandhi," he told reporters outside the courtroom and showed a victory sign. Pateriya was minister in Digvijaya Singh-led cabinet in the state (1993-2003) and is considered close to Singh. The state Congress unit including former chief minister Kamal Nath has condemned Pateriya's alleged remarks, however, some senior leaders stood in his favour. Though the Congress leaders who favour Pateriya did not make any official statement, they unofficially claimed that he was politically targeted.

Veteran Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Madhya Pradesh Assembly, Govind Singh has opposed Pateriya's arrest. "I oppose Raja Pateriya's arrest, BJP should not hype false incidents. Raja in his speech firstly clarified that he meant defeating Modi and he apologised later. His arrest is not justified. BJP wants to end and harass oppositions, I am standing strong with him," Singh said.

Congress to bring no-confidence motion against Shivraj govt

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Madhya Pradesh's opposition Congress has decided to table a no-confidence motion against Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government during the winter session of the Assembly set to begin from December 19.



and therefore the opposition has decided to table a non-confidence motion during the winter session." Sharma also expressed that Assembly Speaker Girish Gautam and Chief Minister Chouhan will agree to hold a discussion

Senior Congress MLA and former minister P.C. Sharma handed over a letter signed by the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Govind Singh in the Assembly in this regard.

After submitting the proposal, Sharma said: "The manner in which Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's cabinet has functioned in the last two years, people of all sections have faced injustice. The people of the state have lost confidence in the present BJP government

during the session, which has been called for a short period of five days.

Govind Singh said: "The government does not want its failures to be discussed. The strategy will be finalised after meeting with the MLAs."

The step has been taken strategically in view of the Assembly elections to be held next year. For its preparations, state Congress President Kamal Nath had first entrusted the responsibility to former Leader of Opposition Ajay Singh and then to Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Govind Singh.

Singh appointed former MLA Paras Saklecha to probe and 180 points related to various departments were sorted out. Facts were also asked from the MLAs for this, but this did not work due to Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

MAN STABBED TO DEATH NEAR ITWARA POLICE OUTPOST, INVESTIGATIONS ON

Bhopal: A 25-year-old youth was stabbed to death near the Itwara police outpost on late Tuesday evening, the Talaiyya police said. The victim was rushed to Hamidia hospital, where the doctors declared him brought dead on arrival, the police added.

The Talaiyya police have identified the victim as Waseem Khan (25), a resident of Sagar. The police stated that Khan used to work as a food caterer and was residing in the Rain Basera locality from the past four years. Continuing the statements, the police stated that on Tuesday evening, at around 8 pm, Khan was heading somewhere on foot when an unidentified man stabbed him with a knife several times, in front of the Haji hotel of the locality and fled the spot swiftly.

The locals arrived at the spot, who, on witnessing Khan lying in a pool of blood, informed the police and rushed him to the Hamidia hospital, where he was declared brought dead on arrival by the doctors. Doctors stated that Khan had sustained grievous injuries on his neck, due to which he bled profusely and died due to excessive blood loss.

State to ban hookah lounges, issue new youth policy

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The Madhya Pradesh cabinet has approved a bill banning hookah lounges in the state, a minister said. "The cabinet has approved the State Amendment Bill-2022 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 to ban hookah lounges in Madhya Pradesh," state Home Minister and government spokesperson Narottam Mishra said after the cabinet meeting.



essary. Mishra also said that the chief minister will issue a new Youth Policy on January 13 next year.

He said the recruitment process for 88,750 vacant posts in Madhya Pradesh is progressing towards comple-

On October 2 this year, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced that hookah lounges will not be allowed to function in the state and will be razed, if nec-

tion. "By August 15, 2023, the recruitment process of one lakh posts in government services will be completed," he said, adding that this issue was also discussed in the cabinet meeting.

POLICE BUST PROSTITUTION RACKET AT AGARWAL ENTERPRISES SHOP IN JABALPUR, 3 ARRESTED



Jabalpur: Police here on late evening, busted a prostitution racket operating for a long time in an Agarwal Enterprises shop running in the Cherital area of the Jabalpur. "During the raid, one man and two girls were found there in an objectionable condition, said the Kotwali Police. The director of Agarwal Enterprises, Harish, fled from the spot.

The deal was finalized with the two girls. As soon as the deal was finalized, the police constable informed the team, after which the team laid siege and arrested 3 people from the spot, while the main accused running the brothel escaped from the spot.

At present, the police are interrogating all the accused involved in prostitution.

Bailable warrant issued against Sahara chief Subrata Roy

Madhya Pradesh High Court issued a bailable warrant against Sahara chief Subrata Roy and directed SP Lucknow to execute the warrant.

Team Absolute | Jabalpur

Lawyer Ankit Mishra of Madhya Pradesh High Court said, "There are 20 petitions registered against Sahara Chief Subrata Roy. Madhya Pradesh High Court issued bailable warrant of Rs 5 lakh against him." Subrata Roy had been in troubled waters after the group failed to return Rs 85,000 crore to its investors by August 31, 2012, as directed by the court.

Roy, who is out on interim bail, has already spent two years in jail regarding the matter and the Sahara group is yet to return Rs 9,000 crore to the investors.

Earlier the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) also made a complaint to the apex court and sought contempt proceedings against the Sahara group for obstructing the auctioning process, initiated



under the court's direction. Ankit Mishra has said, "Vishnu Prasad Sahu and his family from Sagar had invested Rs 2300000 in Sahara. After maturity, Sahara did not return the money. After a lot of trouble, they took the matter to the High Court and today the High Court has issued a bailable warrant."

THREE WOMEN LABOURERS, TWO CHILDREN DEAD AS TRACTOR FALLS INTO CANAL

Madhya Pradesh: Three women sugarcane workers and two children were killed after the tractor-trolley in which they were traveling fell into a canal in southern Maharashtra's Solapur district, police said on Wednesday. The deceased hailed from Madhya Pradesh's Barwani district.

The incident took place on Tuesday night near Karkamb village when a group of migrant workers engaged by local farmers for sugarcane harvesting were returning to their camp after the day's work, said a police official. "Due to the driver's error, the tractor-trolley veered off the road and fell into the dry canal. While four persons died on the spot as the trolley fell on them, one person died in hospital," said Shirish Sardeshpande, Superintendent of Police, Solapur.

The bodies of the deceased were sent to their hometown in Madhya Pradesh after the post-mortem, he said. MP Congress chief Kamal Nath tweeted about the incident and requested the Maharashtra government to provide all possible help to the victims immediately.

CM Chouhan plants Ashoka, Gulmohar and Khirni saplings



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Along with CM Chouhan, Sarvasashi Shanu Dhurve, Atul Vadiva and Sandeep Kulaste, who walked on foot 200 kilometers from Gadwarara to Bhopal to thank the CM for imple-

menting the PESA Act in the state, planted Ashoka sapling with him in the Smart City Garden.

Sarvshri Kuldeep Khare, Kaushalendra Pandey, Aditya Khare, Sushri Shalu Srivastava and Sushri Bulbul Khare of Pure Welfare Society

planted a sapling of Khirni along with Chief Minister Chouhan. The society conducts activities to provide information and guidance related to self-employment, computer education and finance management to women.



EDITOR'S SPECS

UN recognises India's Namami Gange initiative

The United recognised 10 ground-breaking efforts, including the cleaning of the Ganga from around the globe for their role in restoring the natural world. The initiatives were declared World Restoration Flagships and are eligible to receive UN-backed promotion, advice, or funding. In revealing the World Restoration Flagships, the UN Decade seeks to honour the best examples of large-scale and long-term ecosystem restoration, embodying the 10 Restoration Principles of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. The UN Decade acknowledges the time needed for restoration efforts to deliver results. Until 2030, regular calls for World Restoration Flagships will be launched. In expectation of increased funding to the UN Decade's Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF), additional submissions are being considered, including restoration drives from Pakistan, Peru, and an initiative focusing on Somalia and other drought-affected countries. India's ground-breaking initiative is restoring the health of the Ganga, India's holy river. The focus of a major push to cut pollution, rebuild forest cover and bring a wide range of benefits to the 520 million people living around its vast basin. Climate change, population growth, industrialisation and irrigation have degraded the Ganges along its arcing 2,525-kilometre course from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal. Launched in 2014, the government-led Namami Gange initiative is rejuvenating, protecting and conserving the Ganga and its tributaries, reforesting parts of the Ganga basin and promoting sustainable farming. It also aims to revive key wildlife species, including river dolphins, softshell turtles, otters, and the hilsa shad fish. Investment by the Indian government is up to \$4.25 billion so far. The initiative has the involvement of 230 organisations, with 1,500km of river restored to date. Additionally, there has been 30,000 hectares of afforestation so far, with a 2030 goal of 134,000 hectares.

IS NITISH KUMAR LOSING POLITICAL RELEVANCE IN BIHAR?

In Bihar, there are three political forces -- RJD, BJP and JD(U) -- and whenever two have come together, they have formed the government in the state. It was proven in 2010, 2015 and 2020. Now, such a situation is changing in Bihar as Nitish Kumar-led JD(U) and Tejashwi Yadav-led RJD are jointly running the government in Bihar, but they are failing to convince the voters. Is the myth of the two-party-making government breaking now? Are Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav losing relevance in Bihar -- these are the big questions in Bihar these days. After the formation of the Mahagathbandhan in Bihar in August this year, three by-elections took place and the BJP, which is the lone opposition party in the state, has managed to win two seats of Gopalganj and Kurhani. Even the Mokama seat was not won due to RJD or Tejashwi Yadav. It was the impact of Bahubali leader Anant Singh, who helped his wife Neelam Devi to win the bypoll. Prashant Kishor, who is currently in East Champaran for his Jan Suraj Padyatra, said: "You are talking about uncle (Nitish Kumar) and nephew Tejashwi Yadav but they are only cheating the people of Bihar. What is the capacity of the uncle-nephew government in Bihar, they lost two out of three bypolls. The seat of Mokama was won due to Bahubali leader Anant Singh. They are unable to win bypolls and teach me." "Tejashwi Yadav had promised to give 10 lakh jobs from the first signature when he came to power. Is the ink of his pen dried up or the pen is broken? Why is the cabinet meeting not taking place on jobs?" Kishor asks. "Tejashwi Yadav is nothing without Lalu Prasad Yadav. What is the knowledge and understanding Tejashwi has? He became MLAs for



the first time in 2015. Who knows him before? I helped Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad Yadav in 2015 and then Mahagathbandhan came in power," Kishor said. The result of the Kurhani bypoll has given a clear message that the anti-incumbency factor is creeping against Nitish Kumar and it is rising. He is the longest serving chief minister of Bihar, still the development works are not taking place as it was expected. "The voting patterns in Bihar are changing now. The Mahagathbandhan government promised 20 lakh jobs and youths of Bihar are expecting jobs from Nitish and Tejashwi. Unfortunately, they are not giving jobs in accordance with the promises they have made in the past. Caste factor is relevant in Bihar, but if the political parties

would only depend on it and make a plan accordingly to win the election, it is the biggest mistake in the current situation. You cannot fool the people, you have to deliver. I personally believe that the anti-incumbency against Nitish Kumar is affecting Tejashwi Yadav," said Rajan Sharma, a retired government employee of the education department. "Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav were claiming in the past that they are giving joining letters in various departments is also a big fraud. The people are not fools, they knew the game of joining letters. The joining letters they are giving to the people are old employees and the jobs were given during the tenure of the NDA government," said another person Kamal Kant Sahani, a resident of Boring road Patna.

"The Mahagathbandhan government is failing on several issues like liquor ban, inflation, crime, corruption, issues of farmers, Industries, food processing units and others. When Tejashwi Yadav was the leader of opposition in the Bihar Assembly, he used to raise the issue of unemployment, lack of industries and food processing units. We have not seen any industry or food processing unit installed in the last three months. The last major industrial development was the Pepsi bottling plant installed in Begusarai. We have not seen a fresh food processing unit, sugar mill, rice mill or other industrial development take place in Bihar," Rajesh Kumar, a resident of Danapur said. "The political parties of

Bihar are only thinking about how their own goals would be achieved through permutation and combination of caste and community factor and through vote 'Katwas'. This is actually a negative politics the RJD, JD(U) or the BJP are doing. No one thinks about the actual development of Bihar. They just use blame game politics to pass the poll examinations. The Mahagathbandhan leaders blame the BJP for running communal agendas to polarise the voters and while the saffron leaders blame them for the return of Jungle Raj, corruption, scams, etc. None of the political parties have public oriented blueprints to improve their lives," said Sanjay Kumar Pandey, a resident of RK Puram Patna. "Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav campaigned jointly in Kurhani but the result did not come according to their expectation. The poor people of Bihar are not pleased with the ill policies of Nitish Kumar. Liquor ban has penalised the poor people more than the middle class and high-earning people of Bihar. In every liquor tragedy, 95 per cent of the people are poor who consume the country-made liquor. Various leaders like Jitan Ram Manjhi pointed out that over four lakh people have been serving jail term and majority of them are below poverty line people, Dalit people who are against Nitish Kumar," Pandey said. "We have learnt from childhood that the crime or criminals have no caste and religion. Similarly, a person served jail term in liquor violation, how could their families give votes on the basis of caste and communities. This is a simple logic and explanation Nitish Kumar has to understand for his survival in the politics of Bihar," Pandey said.

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US 'CLOSELY MONITORING' LAC SITUATION AFTER TAWANG CLASHES

Washington | Agencies

The US said that it "strongly opposes" any unilateral attempt to advance territorial claims, adding that it is "closely" monitoring the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the aftermath of clashes between militaries of India and China in the Arunachal Pradesh sector. US State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at the daily briefing that the US is in "close contact" with its Indian "partners". Price declined to detail conversations with India. "We are glad to hear that both sides appear to have quickly disengaged from the clashes," Price said and went on to appeal to the two countries to discuss their boundary disputes utilising the existing bilateral channels. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre also expressed similar sentiments. "We are glad to hear that both sides appear to have quickly dis-



engaged from the clashes," she said, adding, "We are closely monitoring the situation. We encourage India and China to utilise existing bilateral channels to discuss disputed boundaries." Price was responding to questions about clashes between contingents of the Indian Army and the People's Liberation Army (PLA - as the Chinese military calls itself) in the Tawang sector last week. The Chinese, numbering about 300, came armed with tasers, knuckle dusters and other weapons - but not guns. The Indian military

personnel responded, with swiftly deployed reinforcements, to the transgression and "compelled" the intruders to return to their posts. The largely unmarked LAC has seen several such clashes, triggered by Chinese intrusion. The most egregious of them took place in Galwan in Ladakh region in 2020. About 20 Indian soldiers were injured at the time and many Chinese soldiers, though Beijing never said how many. Raja Krishnamoorthi, an Indian American member of the House of Representatives, expressed concern over the clashes. "I'm disturbed to learn of the latest show of aggression by the Chinese Communist Party through its violation of Indian territory with its armed forces," he said in a statement. "While I'm grateful that this clash led to no serious casualties to Indian forces, it serves as another reminder of the growing belligerence of the Chinese Communist Party and the need

for the United States to continue to work with India and all our security partners in the region to counter Beijing's aggression," he added. These border clashes are more than mere clashes over intrusions. They are seen as "low-level" coercion to unsettle India in view of its growing ties with the US. "China tracks India's relations with the United States very carefully and is concerned at the synergy between them. Chinese scholarly writings and official statements make the point that the United States is pursuing an anti-China strategy and that India should keep a distance from it," Vijay Gokhale, former Indian foreign secretary and ambassador to China, writes in a paper published on Tuesday. "China uses coercion on the LAC to warn India while keeping the possibility of geopolitical backlash low," he writes, citing a recent study by a Chinese scholar based on interviews with Chinese officials and scholars.

United Airlines places largest 787 Dreamliner order in Boeing history



Washington: Boeing announced that United Airlines has ordered 100 787 Dreamliners, with the option to purchase 100 more. The deal is the largest 787 Dreamliner order in Boeing's history, reports Xinhua news agency. United Airlines is also purchasing 100 737 MAX jets, exercising 44 existing options and placing 56 new orders. The airline's current orders for Boeing jets have surpassed 530, including more than 430 737 MAX airplanes. "With this investment in its future fleet, the 737 MAX and 787 will help United accelerate its fleet modernization and global growth strategy," said Stan Deal, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

PANEL PROBING US CAPITOL RIOT TO RELEASE FINAL REPORT NEXT WEEK

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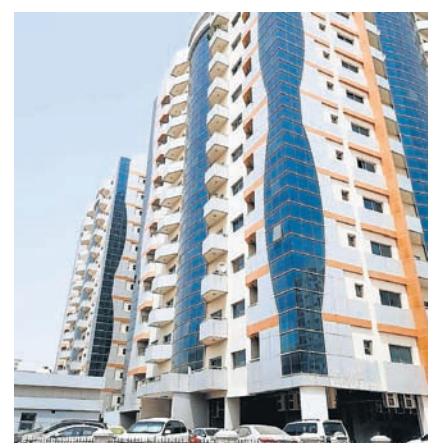
two Republicans. On January 6, 2021, Trump's

The US House select committee investigating the January 2021 Capitol riot will release its final report next week, the panel's chair Bennie Thompson announced. In a statement late Tuesday, the Democrat Congressman said the panel will approve the report on December 19 and release it to the public two days later, reports Xinhua news agency. He had previously said that they would make "criminal referrals" to the Department of Justice (DOJ). It would be up to the DOJ to determine whether it would pursue any prosecution based on the committee's recommendations. Former President Donald Trump has repeatedly lashed out at the panel and its members made up of seven Democrats and



supporters stormed the Capitol in Washington, D.C., and disrupted a joint session of Congress to affirm the 2020 presidential election results. Approximately 140 police officers were assaulted. Authorities have linked at least five deaths to the mayhem. Over 900 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the Capitol, including more than 275 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement.

5 year-old Indian kid falls to death from Dubai high-rise



Dubai | Agencies

A five-year-old child of Indian descent died after falling from a high-rise building in Al Qusais, east of Dubai, police

said. The girl fell through a tiny window that opened from the ninth floor of the family's apartment near Al Bustan centre at around 9.30 p.m. on December 10, the Khaleej Times reported. "It is a very small window and almost physically impossible for a child to get through," a neighbour said. "I am not sure how it happened, but it is heartbreaking," he said, adding that the child "was an active and sweet girl who always smiled". After finishing official documentation in the UAE, the family is expected to fly the child's body back to India for last rites, the paper reported. The five-year-old's death is a third such mishap to occur this year in UAE. Last month, a three-year-old child of Asian descent died in Sharjah after falling from the 14th floor of a building in the Al Taawun area. In February, a 10-year-old Asian child died after falling from the 32nd floor of a residential tower located on King Faisal Street, Sharjah.

Biden signs bill on same-sex marriage

Washington | Agencies

US President Joe Biden has signed a new landmark bill which establishes statutory authority for same-sex and interracial marriages. Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act on Tuesday before thousands of guests on the South Lawn in the White House. "Marriage is a simple proposition. Who do you love? And will you be loyal to that person you love? It's not more complicated than that," CNN quoted the President as saying. He said the law recognises that "everyone should have the right to answer those questions for themselves without the government interference", and secures the federal "protec-

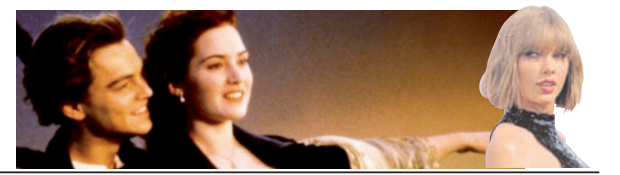


tions that come with marriage". "For most of our nation's history, we denied interracial couples and same

sex couples from these protections... "It failed to treat them with equal dignity and respect." And now, this law

requires an interracial marriage and same-sex marriage must be recognized as legal in every state in the nation,"

Biden was quoted as saying. The House of representatives had passed the legislation in a 258-169-1 vote on December 8, with 39 Republicans joining the Democrats in support, after getting through the Senate a week before with 12 Republican senators. The new law officially voids the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman. It mandates that states honour the validity of out-of-state marriage licenses, including same-sex and interracial unions. The legislation was introduced this summer after a conservative Supreme Court justice signaled that rulings on marriage equality and contraception should be reconsidered.



KATE HUDSON TO RELEASE DEBUT MUSIC ALBUM

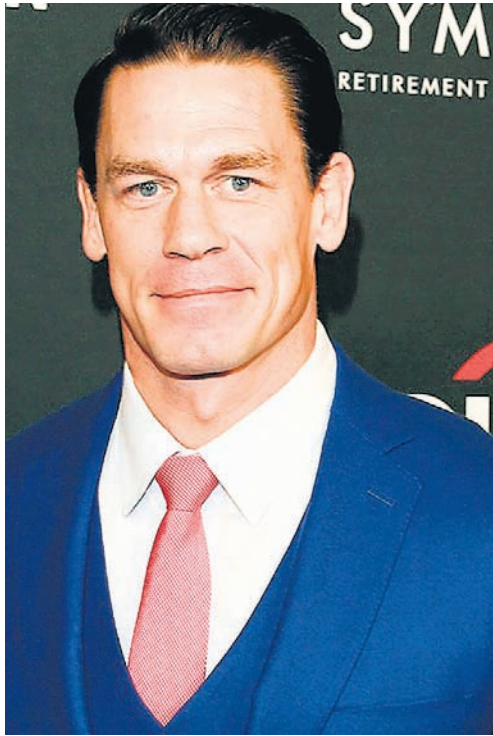
Los Angeles | Agencies

Bride Wars' actress Kate Hudson is venturing into music and dropping her debut album next year. During an appearance on 'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon', Hudson said that during the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, she was determined to live her life with no regrets, reports. "You know, I had this thing (during) COVID ... Every time you're doing interviews, people are like, 'Do you have any regrets?' I go, 'I'm early 40s... not yet.' But during COVID, I was like, 'You know, what am I doing?'"

According to the reports, she explained that she's been a songwriter since she was 19, but "never shared" her work. "I just thought that would be one of my great regrets. I have no expectations," said the star of her forthcoming project. "I just want to put a record out, and so I'm doing it. And I'm really proud of it. I can't wait."

Asked when her music will be available, Hudson confirmed that it will be released "next year."

Hudson first revealed that she was taking her talents to the recording studio in April. At the time, the Golden Globe winner shared an Instagram photo of her singing in a rehearsal space and announced plans to record her first album.



John Cena & Jason Momoa together for an action comedy

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood stars John Cena and Jason Momoa will be starring in the rowdy new action comedy 'Killer Vacation'. Warner Bros. has recruited the muscle bound actors for the feature project, plot details for which are currently under wraps. The pair met on the set of the upcoming conclusions to the 'Fast and the Furious' franchise and were looking to take their natural chemistry to another film, reports. Those familiar with

the project compared it to fun, splashy adventures like 'True Lies'. Momoa, of course, is a major ingredient in all things DC, having appeared as Aquaman in several films. He is set to reprise his role as the King of Atlantis in 'Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom.' Momoa also recently starred in another Warner Bros. release, 'Dune.' Cena appeared in 'The Suicide Squad' and its HBO Max spinoff, 'Peacemaker' (his dance sequence in tighty whities

was a highlight of this or any TV season). Safran and Gunn were intimately involved in all things Peacemaker with Gunn creating the character for Cena and then conceiving of the spinoff. Cena next stars in 'Freelance', an upcoming American action-comedy film directed by 'Taken's' Pierre Morel.

I was certain I was from another planet: Nicolas Cage

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood actor Nicolas Cage thought he was an alien when he was a child, only to be surprised when doctors revealed he was in fact human. The Hollywood star said he was shocked to find he had "normal organs and a normal skeleton" during a check-up. Prior to his visit, he said he believed he was from another planet. The star said he had trouble relating to people and was socially awkward, reports. He revealed: "My father told me he felt like he had to introduce himself to me because I was such an alien. I was shocked the day I went to the doctor's office as a child and found out that I had normal organs and a normal skeleton because I was certain I was from another planet." He continued: "I had difficulties connecting with other people. When I saw David Bowie in 'The Man Who Fell to Earth', I realised I needed to do something. So I became an actor." In September, Cage had a child with new wife Riko Shibata, who is 30 years, his junior. It's the pair's first child together and the actor's third - he also has two sons from previous relationships. Daughter August was born on September 7.



Patty Jenkins on 'Wonder Woman 3'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Filmmaker Patty Jenkins has broken her silence over the news that she parted ways with Warner Bros. on a sequel to 2020's 'Wonder Woman 1984'. "I never walked away," Jenkins shared in a post on Twitter, reports. "I was open to considering anything asked of me. It was my understanding there was nothing I could do to move anything forward at this time. DC is obviously buried in changes they are having to make, so I understand these decisions are difficult right now." Jenkins' statement comes almost a week after news first broke that Warner Bros. leadership had passed on her treatment for a third "Wonder Woman" movie, which set off a torrent of speculation about what the news might indicate about the future of DC. In her statement, Jenkins said that story is "simply not true": "I'm not one to talk about private career matters, but I will not allow inaccuracies to continue." Roughly an hour after Jenkins posted her statement, Gunn supported her on Twitter, replying, "I can attest that all of Peter and my interactions with you were only pleasant and professional." "When I did, Lucasfilm asked me to consider coming back to ('Rogue Squadron') after ('Wonder Woman 3'), which I was honored to do, so I agreed," Jenkins wrote. "They made a new deal with me. In fact, I am still on it and that project has been in active development ever since. I don't know if it will happen or not. We never do until the development process is complete, but I look forward to its potential ahead."



Catherine Zeta-Jones unsure if 'Wednesday' will get Season 2

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones doesn't know whether 'Wednesday' will be renewed for a second season on Netflix. The actress portrays matriarch Morticia Addams in the Netflix series that stars Jenna Ortega in the title role of the gothic teenager but admitted that the cast is unaware if more episodes are on the horizon, reports. "We have no idea!" she said when asked if there will be a season two. She said, "People have been telling me I look like her since I was six years old. And I have a pretty dark sense of humour but I had to do things a bit different with my physicality and the way I carried myself. She almost has a social awkwardness. So when she does toxic, manipulative things, you know it's not coming out of malicious intent." The actress said: "When Jerry Bruckheimer called, I was thinking, 'What am I gonna play in it? And then they told me that I will be playing this badass antiques dealer, black market trader who is looking for this treasure and is in a cat and mouse game with the leading lady. I was like, 'Yo, stop, this sounds like fun.'"



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Salma Hayek

AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER: IS A DELIGHT WITH SOME DENTS

FILM REVIEW
BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI
Director:- James Cameron
Cast:- Sam worthington (Jake) & Zoe Saldana (Neytiri)
Duration:- 3hr 12 mins
Rating:- 3/5

Synopsis
Ney'tiri and Jake Sully have started a family and are working hard to stay together. However, they must go from their house, travel throughout Pandora. When a long-forgotten menace reappears, Jake is forced to engage in a challenging fight with humans.
Review
A film that the entire globe has been awaiting, Avatar: The Way of Water, the film that has been on our wish list ever since the release of its first instalment, is finally here. But is this chapter of Avatar as compelling as the first? No, sadly.
The film leads us to Jack Sully's universe after opening in a very beautiful place, a jungle. Jack Sully now lives happily with his family and other members of his tribe following the defeat of the Sky People.
The clan is presently headed by Jack. How will the residents of Pandora survive? What is Jack's strategy for taking down the sky people? These are all questions that the film will answer.
Perhaps up to a point. The same story, in my opinion, could have been



completed in two hours with far better editing.
To be clear the film is not entirely bad. There is much more to this movie than just what makes us sad. From the new-borns to the long gone-s this movie has it all. When it comes to the "way of water", Oh good god the way is so beautiful and charismatic that for once you will wish to be a mermaid and play in it.
Speaking of water, the Sully family had to flee their own house and took refuge in the Na'vi's village. The Na'vi's are aquatic creatures that depend on it for their own existence.
The theme of "Sully's remain together" permeates the entire film; there is even a dialogue that reads, "No matter where we go, this family is our fortress."

Although there are flaws in the story, you will laugh, cry, fall in love, and occasionally experience all of these emotions at once while watching the film. Regarding the film's technical aspects. Without a doubt, the VFX are mind-blowingly stunning. You want to be one of the avatars and live in their world because they are so captivating. The background music for the movie is fairly good and fits the scene. The songs are touching and well put.

Conclusion
It is acknowledged that this film has flaws, yet nothing prevents one from finding it entertaining. It has been a movie that all Avatar fans have been awaiting, therefore it is only the justice to go and watch the film on big screen.





I badly wanted to work with Ajay Bahl: Taapsee Pannu

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Taapsee Pannu, who is receiving a lot of positive response to her recently released streaming movie 'Blurr', "badly" wanted to work with the film's director Ajay Bahl, who is known for films like 'B.A. Pass' and 'Section 375'.

Taapsee, as once mentioned by director Anurag Kashyap, is known for chasing projects with potential and putting them together - 'Badla', 'Dobaaraa' and 'Blurr' are some of the examples. For 'Blurr', the actress approached Ajay through her co-producer Vishal Rana and asked him to work on 'Blurr' as a director with herself serving as the co-producer.

Talking about the same, she said, "Ajay sir is one of those directors I badly wanted to work with! I remember messaging him after watching 'Section 375' about how much I

admired his work and craft. After becoming a co-producer on 'Blurr', I recommended Vishal (co-producer) to reach-out to Ajay Bahl and crossed my fingers that he agrees to direct it."

She further mentioned, "So many times I have reached out to directors whose work I am fond of but not every time it materialises into a film. This was the first time I managed to do it because now I am in the capacity of a producer. I am so glad he gave it a nod because he was my top choice for this kind of a film." She shared, "I think the rest of the cast including Gulshan Devaiah are the people who actually made it lighter for me. There was so much intensity in front of the camera, I really needed some happy moments off screen and Gulshan and my supporting cast did help me bring about that off the camera", she added.

SHEEN DAS OPENS UP ON JOINING THE CAST OF TURKISH DRAMA

Team Absolute | Mumbai

'Piyaa Albela' actress Sheen Das, who is currently seen playing parallel lead in the show 'Kathaa Ankahee', shares why she decided to take up the project and how she feels about playing part of a remake of Turkish drama.

Sheen says: "Although I had never worked in a remake, there was no turning back once I was offered this role. I was moved by the core concept of the show that revolves around a repentant love story."

As Katha, played by Aditi Dev, is facing a number of challenges and difficulties because of her son's illness and has no money for the treatment, Rewa is doing everything to support her.

"My character Rewa is a very endearing character and you can easily relate to her because of her friendly and considerate nature. Like, I can relate to Rewa, and the bond she has with Katha is one of those relationships that goes beyond blood ties and is beyond what the audience is yet to see. Being Katha's closest friend, Rewa understands the pain she is going through

seeing Aarav's critical condition; therefore she is always there for Katha as a shoulder to lean on," she adds.

The actress continues to share about her on-screen personality and how she does everything for Katha and considers her problem as her own.

"She treats Katha's struggle as her own struggles; hence she always advises and motivates Katha with ideas so that she doesn't give up. She truly is an example of a perfect friend who is always there by your side whether it's in your good or bad times. I am really happy to be working along with such a talented team and it's been a great experience so far," concludes Sheen Das. 'Kathaa Ankahee' is a remake of the Turkish drama 'Binbir Gece' (1001 Nights in English) featuring Aditi Sharma and Adnan Khan.



WILL POWER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN ANY WEIGHT-LOSS: PIA BAJPIEE

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Pia Bajpiee, who is better known for her work for South Indian cinema, talks about her eating habits and workout schedule that help her maintain a proper figure and stay fit.

Talking about her diet, Pia said: "I am a hardcore vegetarian and I am blessed with a great dietitian who helps me regulate my intake according to my feasibility and keeps me hooked on a simple yet practical diet. I have two options for each meal, one to follow if I'm at home and the other if I'm ever out. This makes it really easy to keep steady. I eat only healthy, home cooked meals and avoid junk food altogether." Sharing a little bit about her workout patterns, she said: "Different workouts work for different people and it took me a little time to understand that for me heavy weight training has always made me look muscular which is not the look I'm going for. So what suits me is crossfit training with cardio and

functional training." Pia wraps up with a piece of advice for her fans: "Will power is the most important element in any weight-loss and if that is missing, no diet or workout will work because being steady and determined on a task requires a lot of effort and control over your eating habits."



Rohit Shetty, Ranveer Singh recalls their "circus" experiences

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Filmmaker Rohit Shetty and Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh shared their childhood memories associated with circus on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'. If Rohit enjoyed watching lions, Ranveer was scared to see hippopotamus in the circus as a kid.

Rohit revealed: "I have been to many circuses during childhood. There used to be lions which are now banned, lots of jokers and my favourite 'maut ka kuan' used to be there in which there were bike and car stunts as well." Ranveer also added: "I have seen a hippopotamus in a circus! I am not even kidding, in the Rambo circus and Reclamation circus there used to be hippos. It used to be scary as they are aggressive creatures because if something goes wrong, they can be very dangerous." Furthermore, the filmmaker also talked about his movie and expressed his happiness on looking at Kapil's mother on the show. Rohit said: "I am sure along with Kapil's mother and her friends, they are surely going to enjoy the film. We have tried our best to recreate the 60s era because we as filmmakers usually make films meant for the mass audience or the youngsters but this film is for all, especially for people at our home like our mothers, grandparents, uncles and aunts. We have tried experimenting with this and I have a strong feeling that everybody will love the film."

Shehnaaz Gill says she ran away from her home to fulfill her dreams

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Shehnaaz Gill revealed that she ran away from home to fulfill her dreams during the "Senior Citizen Special" episode of singing reality show "Indian Idol 13". She also talked about taking her mom, Parminder Kaur Gill for her first international trip to Dubai. When contestant, Debosmita Roy told Shehnaaz about her family and how her parents supported her in her singing career, the former "Bigg Boss 13" contestant said that she is lucky to have supportive parents. She shared: "There are very few families in our country who support working women. 'Main apne sapnon ko poora karne ke liye ghar se bhaag gayi thi (I ran away from my house to fulfill my dreams). Debosmita, you are very lucky to have such supportive parents. Always stand by them and make them proud."

Shehnaaz, who recently featured in the music video "Ghani Syaani" with the popular rapper MC Square, also said: "I recently took my mother for her first international trip to Dubai and the feeling was surreal. It always feels great to do something for your parents."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Rashi Khanna