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प्रज्ञासूर्याला, मानवतेच्या मूर्त स्वरूपाला!

- भारतरत्न डॉ.बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांच्या इंदू मिल येथील स्मारकाचे काम प्रगतिपथावर.
- स्मारकाचे प्रवेशद्वार, इमारत, व्याख्यान वर्ग, ग्रंथालय, तळमजल्यामधील वाहनतळाचे ५० टक्क्यापेक्षा अधिक काम पूर्ण.
- या स्मारकात भारतरत्न डॉ.बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांचा भव्य पुतळा त्याशिवाय सुसज्ज वाचनालय, वाहनतळ व बसण्याची व्यवस्था, मोठे सुसज्ज सभागृह तयार करणार.
- डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांच्या २५ फूट पुतळ्याच्या प्रतिकृतीस लवकरच मान्यता देणार.
- ४.८ हेक्टर क्षेत्रफळ जागेवर डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांचे स्मारक साकारत असून या प्रकल्पाचा अंदाजित खर्च रु.१०९० कोटी.
- भारतीय संविधानाचे शिल्पकार, भारतरत्न डॉ.बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांचे वास्तव्य असलेल्या दादर येथील हिंदू कॉलनी परिसरातील 'राजगृह' निवासस्थानाच्या ऐतिहासिक ठेव्याचे जतन.



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मा. प्रधानमंत्री



श्री. देवेंद्र फडणवीस
मा. उपमुख्यमंत्री

श्री. एकनाथ शिंदे
मा. मुख्यमंत्री



THE AIM OF EDUCATION IS TO REVEAL THE NATURAL TALENTS OF THE STUDENTS: CM CHOUHAN

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the aim of education and religion of teachers is to reveal the natural talent of the students. The "Anugoon" program organized by School Education serves this purpose very well.

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I am overwhelmed to see the children's works of art in the exhibition here. The clay toys, paintings, photographs and other works made by them are amazing. These children will become the best photographer, artist, scientist, musician etc.

CM Chouhan attended the closing ceremony of "Anugoon" organized by the School Education Department at Government Subhash Excellent School on Monday. He enjoyed and appreciated the presentations of the students and also blessed the children.

CM said that new education system has been implemented in the state. We will create a new history in the field of education. Earlier Madhya Pradesh was at 17th position in the country in the field of education, now it has come at 5th position. Children of government schools in Madhya



Pradesh are performing excellently in every field. The day will come in Madhya Pradesh when people will take children out of private schools and

send them to government schools.

CM said that soon 50 thousand teachers will be recruited in the Education Department and Scheduled Tribe Welfare Department. They will be given respectable remuneration and other facilities. In the next 3 years CM Rise School will beat other schools.

CM said that apart from providing laptops to the students who have scored more than 75 percent marks in class 12th in the state, the government is also paying the fees for higher education of such students on admission to various professional courses.

CM told the parents that they should not only ask their children to study, but also motivate them in the field of sports and arts according to their interest. He concluded by raising slogans along with the children - We will play, we will touch the sky. We will study and we will touch the sky.

Surprise inspection of newly constructed access road and bridge at Chhipaner done by CM

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reached Chhipaner in Sehore district on Monday and conducted a surprise inspection of the newly constructed access road and bridge. CM obtained information about the construction work from Executive Engineer Public Works Subhash Patil. He instructed that the construction of the access road should positively be completed by the end of December. Strict action will be taken if the work is not completed on time. CM said that the access road and bridge will be dedicated on January 5. He also listened to the problems of the villagers present on the spot and directed the officials to resolve them.

CM Chouhan said that this bridge connecting Sehore and Harda is my ambitious project. A three kilometer long approach road is being constructed from Chhoti



Chhipaner to Narmada river bridge at a cost of Rs. 6 crore 41 lakh. Its construction will be completed by the end of December. With the construction of this road, the distance from Harda to Bhopal will be reduced by about 35 kilometers, which will provide a lot of convenience to the residents of Harda district. A long bridge of 840 meter has been constructed on the border of Harda and Sehore districts at a cost of Rs. 38 crore 66 lakh. With the

construction of this access road, the use of this bridge will also start.

Chouhan discussed with Collector Rishi Garg and inquired about disposal of applications received under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva Abhiyan. He also inquired about other roadways in Harda district. He instructed to give top priority to solving people's problems. Bhopal Divisional Commissioner Mal Singh and other officers were present.

Stray dogs seen on hospital bed, probe ordered

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A couple of stray dogs were seen occupying hospital beds in a Madhya Pradesh government hospital, showed a video shot by a local who was visiting the facility with his pregnant wife, calling into question the state of health infrastructure in the state.

The incident, which took place in Jabalpur inside a government hospital located in Shahpura, was filmed by local resident Sidharth Jain. Swinging into action, the district health department has ordered a probe.

In the video clip, which has since been widely shared on social media, strays can be seen atop hospital beds.

"We have issued notice to the BMO Dr C K Atraulia. The matter is serious; strict action will be taken against hospital staff on duty and people responsible for the negligence," said Jabalpur chief medical officer Dr Sanjay Mishra.

In September, a video of a dog sleeping on a hospital bed in Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh went viral on social media, inviting criticism from the opposition Congress.



2 WOMEN GUARDS DANCE AT MAHAKALESHWAR TEMPLE, SACKED

Ujjain: Two women security personnel at Mahakaleswar Temple in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain were removed from service after they posted a video clip of themselves dancing to a film song on the premises of the famous shrine, an official said on Monday.

The security personnel have been directed to use only keypad mobile phones and not smartphones during duty hours at the temple, the official from the shrine said. The services of two women security personnel, who were employed by a private agency, were terminated on Sunday after their video surfaced on social media, the temple's administrator Sandip Soni said. As many as 390 personnel are engaged in the security of the temple and they work in three shifts, he said. At least 75 security personnel, including women, work in a shift, he said. The two women personnel had posted a video on Instagram, in which they were dancing to a Bollywood song playing in the background.



Man shot dead outside house in Gwalior, motive unknown

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A man was shot dead by unknown persons outside his residence on Sunday late evening. According to the information received from the deceased's cousin Sattar Usmani, Azim was talking to four to five unknown people outside his house in Teli ki Bajaria before being shot by one of them. Azim was a driver by profession.

Later, the family members took Azim to the hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Chief Superintendent of police Vijay Bhadoria reached the spot after being reported about



the incident. The police have registered a case against the unknown assailants and have begun an investigation. The reason for the murder is said to be unknown yet, CSP Bhadoria

said. He also said that the police are scanning the CCTV installed around the spot to get any clue about the killers. The body is sent for post-mortem.

CAR OCCUPANT CHARRED TO DEATH AFTER VEHICLE'S COLLISION WITH TRUCK

Rewa: A car occupant was charred to death when the vehicle caught fire after colliding with a truck in Rewa district on Monday, police said. The accident took place at around 1.30 am on a bypass road, located eight kilometres from the district headquarters, under Chhorhata police station limits, an official said.

Both the vehicles caught fire after the accident, Additional Superintendent of Police Anil Sonkar said.

A charred body was found in the car and a forensic examination will reveal how many persons were travelling in the vehicle, he said. The fire probably started due to oil in the transformers which the truck was carrying, the official said. Efforts were on to identify the deceased, he said. The truck driver fled from the spot after the incident, he added.

3 miscreants held for attempting loot with elderly woman in Shajapur

Team Absolute | Shajapur

Three miscreants were arrested for allegedly attempting loot with an elderly woman in Aditya Nagar locality of Shajapur district, the police said on Monday.

The accused attempted the loot in the evening on December 1 and the incident was captured in the CCTV cameras installed at the spot.

Shajapur Superintendent of Police (SP) Jagdish Davar said, "The complainant Sheela Bai (52) lives with her mother, Shanta Bai in Aditya Nagar. During the evening, three accused entered her house and they tried to snatch chain. The woman bravely faced the



accused as a result they failed in their attempt and escaped from the spot." Acting on the complaint, the police registered a case and started investigation into the matter. The police checked the CCTV footage and

interrogated the suspicious persons on which they confessed the crime. The police arrested them and confiscated the weapons used in the crime, SP Davar added. Further proceedings are underway.

SARPANCHS CHEATED OF RS 20K EACH ON PRETEXT OF 'NAL-JAL SCHEME' IN SHAJAPUR

Shajapur: Cyber fraudsters duped two village sarpanchs of Rs 20,000 each by luring them with monetary benefits under the Central government-run Nal-Jal scheme. Public health engineering department has asked the sarpanch and other village officials to be aware of such cyber crooks. Executive Engineer Vijay Singh Chauhan said that two village Sarpanch of the district have been duped of Rs 20,000 each on the pretext of providing monetary benefits under the scheme. Unknown person had contacted sarpanchs over the phone and asked them to share account details. The two sarpanch lured with monetary offers, shared the bank details and also the OTP. However, soon they found that Rs 20,000 were deducted from their account. Sarpanch have been cautioned against sharing their bank account and other details with unknown persons. They have been asked to verify the credentials of the caller before transacting money for any governmental scheme. The online fraudsters have been contacting people over phone assuring monetary benefits under government schemes Nal Jal Scheme. The crooks ask for bank account number and OTP by giving an impression they would be transferred the amount under the scheme.

Warm welcome accorded to the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam train on its arrival in Itarsi

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Warm welcome accorded to the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam train on its arrival in Itarsi on Monday. On the arrival of train number 22536 Banaras-Rameswaram (Kashi-Tamil Sangamam) at Itarsi station on Monday at 08.40 a.m., on behalf of the railway administration, station manager Devendra, the distinguished citizen of Itarsi city reflecting north-south Indian culture, RPF staff including supervisor personnel welcomed the delegates coming with flower garlands. Overwhelmed by the welcome, all the delegates looked happy. Kashi-Tamil Sangamam 2022 is an initiative of the



Government of India as part of the "Amrit Mahotsav of Independence". It is a celebration of the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and

Indian culture is being celebrated along with the Tamil language. A sight of which was also seen at Itarsi station today.

12 MORE CHEETAHS FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO ARRIVE AT KUNO NATIONAL PARK



Sheopor: South African Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Barbara Creecy has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to bring 12 cheetahs from South Africa to Kuno National park under Cheetah Project. Previously, eight cheetahs were brought to Kuno National Park from Namibia. Now, for welcoming the 12 cheetahs in Kuno National Park that were quarantine from last three months in South Africa, preparation is going on. In July 2022, India appealed South Africa to send 12 cheetahs to Kuno National Park for Cheetah Project. At the same time when eight cheetahs were brought from Namibia, 12 cheetahs were also selected but due to lack of approval in MOU, cheetahs were remaining quarantine.

According to DFO Prakash Sharma of Kuno National Park within two or three days the President of South Africa will give the allowance to Cheetah Project. Prakash said, "we all are set for welcoming the 12 cheetahs", eight new enclosures are nearly constructed".

Foundation Course for the newly batch inaugurated at AIIMS Bhopal by CMET

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The Academic session for the newly admitted batches of MBBS & B.Sc. (Nursing) students has started at AIIMS, Bhopal. The 4-week Foundation Course for this 2022 Batch of Undergraduate (UG) students was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal on 5th December 2022, in presence of Professor Rajesh Malik (Dean, Academics), Professor Debasis Biswas (Dean, Research), Professor Balakrishnan S., (Dean, Student Welfare), Dr. Ashwani Tandon (Associate Dean, Academics), Dr.T.Karuna (Associate Dean, Exams), Heads of various Departments, and Faculty Members. Delivering the inaugural address on the occasion



Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh emphasized that the students must maintain respectful behaviors towards all co-workers and members of society irrespective of their class or creed, and without any discrimination. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline, integrity and honesty in professional and personal life. In his address, he encouraged and inspired the students to dream big and work hard to achieve their dreams. He urged the stu-

dents to make the best of their training at the institute, and assured them that they will receive the best of education and support from the teachers at AIIMS, Bhopal. Professor Rajesh Malik, Dean Academics gave an overview of the MBBS and BSc. (Nursing) courses and details of the Academic Calendar for the 2022 batch of students. Professor Debasis Biswas, Dean Research talked to the students about the various research opportunities and

guidance available for the UG students at AIIMS Bhopal. Professor Balakrishnan, Dean Student Welfare spoke about the zero-tolerance Anti-ragging policy at the institute, and the Anti-ragging support measures in place. He also talked about the various facilities for the students on campus, hostels, and the student counseling services. Dr. T. Karuna, Associate Dean, Exams discussed the details of the Assessment plan of the UG courses.

This 4-week Foundation Course has been organized by the Centre for Medical Education Technology (CMET) at AIIMS, Bhopal under the leadership of Professor Rehman Ul Haq, Chairman, CMET, and coordinated by Dr. Jyoti Nath Modi, Member Secretary, CMET along with the Faculty members of CMET.

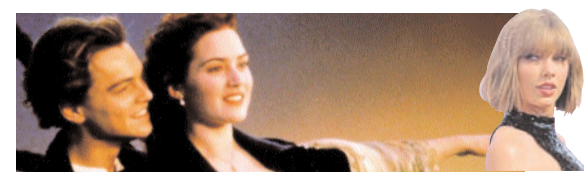
CM Chouhan to launch Panchkarma Super Specialty Centre and Auditorium today

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CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan will dedicate the Panchkarma Super Specialty and Wellness Centre Today, December 6 at 10 am in the premises of Pt. Khushi Lal Sharma Government Ayurveda Institute. CM will also dedicate the Silver Jubilee Auditorium building of Ayurveda Institute on this occasion. CM Chouhan will also lay the foundation stone of the academic building of the institute and office building of the Madhya Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani System of Medicine and Naturopathy Board in the program. Silver Jubilee Auditorium is located at Pt. Khushilal Sharma Government Institute of Ayurveda Science Hills, Behind MANIT, Kolar Nehru Nagar Road. Minister of State for AYUSH Kawre inspected the Silver Jubilee Auditorium building on Monday. The



auditorium has a seating capacity of 500 persons. Besides, modern equipments of electricity and sound have been used. Shri Kawre inspected the newly constructed 50 bedded Panchkarma Super Specialty and Wellness Centre built in collaboration with the Central Government's National AYUSH Mission. This centre has been completed at a cost of 9 crores. This centre has the facility of personalized medicine, Ayurveda diet, yoga and meditation, physiotherapy and rehabilitation along with Panchkarma. Along with this, the centre will also have the facility of Ayurveda's special pulse test, natural test, modern lab test, sonography and CT scan.



I GET INSPIRED BY ARTISTS THAT HAVE SELF-DOUBT:

DUA LIPA

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Singer Dua Lipa, who found fame after posting songs on YouTube, said she finds artists who have been stricken with self-doubt inspiring. The pop star said: "A lot of the time I get so inspired by artists that have quite a lot of self-doubt or darkness. I'm like, 'Oh my God, do I have to feel this much pain to be good at what I do?' That is sometimes what I think, sometimes imposter syndrome can get the better of me. Especially when I'm writing."

Lipa added that she also fears her acting won't be up to scratch when she is under pressure to portray emotional states on camera, reports.

Lipa said: "It was really exciting. But for me it is baby steps. That's the best way to discover yourself as well, rather than throwing yourself in the deep end with something you can't completely tackle head on. My biggest fear would be taking on a really big role and to be like, 'Now I have to be an actor and feel all these emotions on camera'. Where I haven't brought myself up to that point yet."

She added about trying to enjoy her work, "While you are creating it, have fun with it. It only gets scary when it is time for release and you're like, 'Oh f. are people going to love it?' That's how I feel about my music. While I'm making it it's all great and I am in my own world, making something I am proud of. You want to do something that you haven't done before and you want to challenge yourself, explore this different range. I can shut out social media. I'm doing it for me, I'm making something I love."



Kanye West calls Elon Musk 'half Chinese'

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Rapper Kanye West has resurfaced on social media after he was suspended from Twitter for "inciting violence" following more antisemitic messages. The rapper and presidential hopeful posted a new message on Instagram where he alleged that Elon Musk was a clone and also mentioned former president Barack Obama, as per the reports. "Am I the only one who thinks Elon could be half-Chinese? Have you ever seen his pics as a child? Take a Chinese genius and mate them with a South African super model and we have an Elon," he wrote.

"I say an Elon because they probably made 10 to 30 Elon's and he's the first genetic hybrid that stuck... Well, let's not forget about Obama."

West continued, "I'm sorry for using curse words in church but I don't have another word for Obama yet." In the caption of the post, Kanye added, "On Jay Z's birthday Future president of the United States Ye uses Mark Zuckerberg's platform to incite a mass investigation of Elon Musk's childhood photos in the midst of Balenciagagate I call this The Theory of everything Problem solved Praise God." Ye got into trouble again after an appearance on InfoWars with conspiracy theorist Alex Jones where he went on to praise Hitler and continued his antisemitic remarks on Twitter. "I tried my best," Musk tweeted. "Despite that, he again violated our rule against incitement to violence. Account will be suspended."

Following West's post going viral, Musk had a reaction on Twitter where he said, "I take that as a compliment!"

I WAS ASHAMED OF BEING A GIRL: SHANIA TWAIN

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Singer Shania Twain warned "you didn't want to be a girl in my house" as she opened up about her difficult childhood, growing up poor in Ontario with four siblings living with her mum Sharon and stepdad Jerry Twain, who legally adopted the children. Shania told the about her tactics to dodge his abuse: "I hid myself and I would flatten my b**bs. I would wear bras that were too small for me, and I'd wear two, play it down until there was nothing girl about me. Makes it easier to go unnoticed," reports. "Because, oh my gosh, it was terrible... You didn't want to be a girl in my house."

Twain added about her subsequent struggle on leaving the house: "But then you go into society and you're a girl and you're getting the normal other unpleasant stuff too, and that reinforces it. "So then you think, 'Oh, I guess it's just s***** to be a girl. Oh, it's so s***** to have boobs'. I was ashamed of being a girl." The singer said she started to be abused at home when she was around 10, telling The Guardian in 2018: "I feel the sexual abuse goes hand in hand with the physical and psychological abuse when it's somebody you know. I learned to block it out. 'Abusers need to manipulate you, whether it's before or after, and what I said to myself is: 'OK, there's something wrong with this person and that person is not well.'"

Twain did not know her biological father and her stepfather Jerry and mum Sharon were killed in a car crash in 1987.



Kate Winslet shares how her agent was being asked about her weight

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Actress Kate Winslet is opening up about being in the limelight and the pressure she had to look a certain way. With Winslet's daughter gaining notoriety for her acting work, the "Titanic" alum talks about how much more difficult it is now.

"When I was younger my agent would get calls saying, 'how's her weight?'," she told in an interview. However, Winslet says that she cares "about being that actor who moves their face and has a body that jiggles" and feels things in the industry have changed.

Winslet's daughter Mia Threapleton is 22 years old and with social media ever present in everyone's daily life, it represents a new difficulty for celebrities as they have to be more guarded. "It was

hard enough having the flipping News of the World on my doorstep, but that doesn't even cut it now," she said.

"That phrase about 'today's news being tomorrow's fish and chip paper' doesn't exist. The thing you did when you were drunk or foolish? It may come back to haunt you. Needing to be on one's guard for young actors is just a different thing. It must be extraordinarily hard."

Winslet stars with her daughter in 'I Am Ruth' where they play mother and daughter where self-identity issues are at the centre of the story.



Baron Cohen brought Borat back to mock rapper Kanye and Donald Trump

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actor Sacha Baron Cohen brought his comedy character Borat back to mock rapper Kanye West and former US President Donald Trump at the Kennedy Center Honors.

He joked: "I am told the president of U.S. today is here. Where are you Mr. Trump? You don't look so good. Where has your blown a** big belly gone? And your pretty orange skin without fail. I see you have a new wife. Whoa whoa whoo what! She is very erotic." Cohen as Borat went on to reference his character's home nation of Kazakhstan and mock Trump's theories about the 2020 presidential election as he needled rapper Kanye West over his recent anti-Semitism scandal.

He went on: "I must say I'm very upset about the antisemitism in the U.S. today. It's not fair. Kazakhstan is the number one Jew crushing nation. Stop stealing our hobby. Stop the steal. Stop the steal. Your Kayne. He tried to move to Kazakhstan and even tried to change his name to Kazakhstan-ye West. But we said no. He's too anti-semitic even for us."

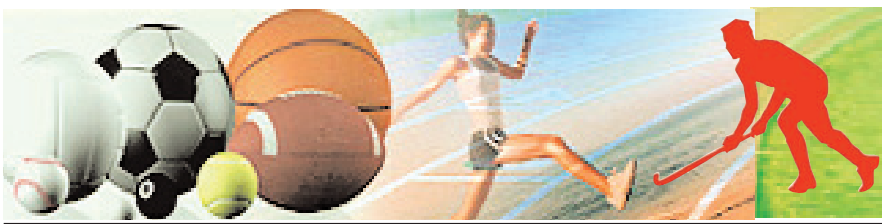
Cohen went on to pay tribute to U2 - referring to the band as "Me Too" - and giving a nod to their 2014 album 'Songs of Innocence' which was automatically installed in iTunes accounts without users' consent. Cohen read a message in Kazakh and then said: "It translates to mean 'Please remove your wretched album from my new iPhone 6.'"



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Hilary Duff



FIFA World Cup

ENGLAND DOWN SENEGAL 3-0 TO REACH QUARTERS



Doha | Agencies

A goal apiece from Jordan Henderson, Harry Kane and Bukayo Saka helped England to an impressive 3-0 win over African champions Senegal and move into the quarterfinals of the FIFA World Cup.

England netted a third one 13 minutes into the second half to take the game away from Aliou Cisse's side and set up a quarter-final clash with France, which earlier on Sunday defeated Poland 3-1.

On Sunday, England made just one change for the game as Bukayo Saka was preferred in attack to three-goal scoring

Marcus Rashford, while Raheem Sterling was unavailable for England, as he was dealing with some family issues back home. Saka, who netted a brace against Iran, was rested against Wales, where Rashford also scored twice in a 3-0 victory. Southgate also preferred to retain Phil Foden and Henderson in the side.

England seemed to be temporarily on the back foot in the face of the growing pressure from Senegal very early in the first half.

England looked primed for the counter whenever Senegal afforded them a chance, making their two opportunities count to giving them a decent lead going into the half time break. England added a

second one three minutes into injury stoppage time with Kane's right footed shot from inside the box to the centre of the goal ending in the back of the nets, after set up by Phil Foden following a fast break. England doubled the lead in a move which started from their own half, went on a blistering run towards the Senegal goal, and closed in, spotted Foden on his left side, with Kane not too far on his right. The Manchester City forward seeing Kane peeling away from his marker sends in a quick pass with the last named player able to get enough space inside of the box to send in a powerful shot at the net, with Mendy having no chance of stopping it.

MBAPPE FOCUSED ON WORLD CUP 'DREAM'

Doha | The player has already scored five times this tournament, taking his overall World Cup tally to nine goals.

"I'm not thinking about the Golden Ball or Golden Boot awarded to the World Cup's best player and highest scorer, (respectively)," the Paris Saint-Germain forward said, reports. "The only objective for me is to win the World Cup. Right now, the quarterfinal is the most important thing. It's the only thing I dream about. I came here to win the World Cup and help the national team, not anything else."

Mbappe also explained why he hadn't spoken to the media during the tournament until Sunday.

"I have nothing personal against journalists. I've just needed to focus on football and the tournament. When I want to concentrate on something that's the way I function. I learned that the French football association would get fined and I said I would pay it because I don't think they should pay on my behalf."

The former Monaco player, added: "I wanted to be ready for this tournament and so far things are going well. But we are still a long way from our objective and now we have to focus on the quarterfinal."

"We are delighted to get through to the quarterfinals. It was a difficult game (against Poland). We played a tough side and managed to score goals at important times during the match. Even though we didn't play as well as we could have, we won and we're delighted."

U19 Women's T20 World Cup

Shafali Verma named as the captain of India

Right-handed opener Shafali Verma on Monday was named as the captain of Indian team for the inaugural edition of the U19 Women's T20 World Cup and for the upcoming bilateral away T20 series against South Africa U19 side.

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A part from Shafali, wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh has also been included in the squad selected by the All-India Women's Selection Committee, with Shweta Sehrawat to be the vice-captain.

Shafali and Richa's selections for the U19 Women's T20 World Cup are surprising considering the duo were not in India's U19 team preparations through the quadrangular series featuring Sri Lanka and West Indies U19 teams in Visakhapatnam as well as in the ongoing five-match series against New Zealand development side in Mumbai.

Shafali and Richa will join the India U19 side after playing in senior women's upcoming five-match T20 series against Australia, starting from December 9 in Mumbai. In 2019, at the age of 15, Shafali became the youngest cricketer to play in a Women's T20I match for India by debuting in the home series against South Africa.



The India U19 squad has other impressive players like

right-handed batters Soumya Tiwari and G Trisha, pace all-rounder Hurley Gala, left-arm spinner Mannat Kashyap, wicketkeeper-batter Hrishita Basu among others, who have displayed magnificent performances in the ongoing series against New Zealand Development side.

Will don the wicketkeeper's role as per the requirement: KL Rahul



Mirpur | Agencies

India's top-order batter KL Rahul is looking forward to continuing with his role of keeping behind the wickets in the remaining two One-day Internationals (ODIs) against Bangladesh here, with saying he had done it before and would readily do it whenever the requirement arises.

It was the first time Rahul had kept wickets in India's ODI side for more than a year, but

the experienced right-hander is keen to continue in that role should the selectors believe that is the best option.

"We haven't played a lot of ODIs in the last six or seven months, but if you look at, since 2020 or 2021, I have kept wickets in the one-day format, and I have batted at No.4 and No.5 in the middle-order," Rahul said post-match.

"It's a role the team has asked me to be ready for. I've done it before, and whenever the team wants me to play this role, I play this role."

Rahul added he has been working hard on his batting since the T20 World Cup and was glad to be back among the runs at international level with yet another white-ball half-century.

"It was just one of those days where, out of everybody else, I looked like I was timing the ball better and the shots that I picked, fortunately for me, went to the boundary, or every option that I took went my way," Rahul said. "Something that I've been working on even in the last couple of sessions that we've been here in Bangladesh. The pitches, even at the back (nets), have been quite similar to what we got in the middle today, so I tried to challenge myself."

SUKANT KADAM SMASHES GOLD AT THE PERU PARA BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL



New Delhi | World No 3 Sukant Kadam smashed his way to gold medal at the recently concluded Peru Para Badminton International. The ace shuttler defeated Singapore's Chee Hong Ang.

Sukant maintained his dominance right from the word goes in the finals. He defeated Chee Hong Ang in straight sets with a score line of 21-14 and 21-15. The match lasted 32 minutes. The ace shuttler didn't put a foot wrong and had a great final. Talking about the same Sukant Kadam said, "I am really happy with the result, I have been training hard. I have had a good year and I hope that I continue with the same consistency next year."

Stokes-led England seal famous 74-run victory over Pakistan

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All-rounder Ben Stokes was rewarded for his daring second innings declaration and attacking field placement as England sealed a famous 74-run victory over Pakistan in a thrilling Day Five of the first Test at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium for one of their famous wins.

The 74-run win is England's third Test victory in Pakistan, with Stokes becoming just the third visiting skipper after Ted Dexter in 1961 and Nasser Hussain in 2000, to win a Test match in Pakistan.

It was all made possible after Stokes' bold declaration at tea on Day Four on Sunday, which gave Pakistan a stiff target of 343 for an improbable win. But an



inspired bowling performance from fast bowlers James Anderson (4-36) and Player of the Match Ollie Robinson (4-50) forced a heroic victory to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

On Day Five, Saud Shakeel and Mohammad Rizwan had kept Pakistan in the hunt

produced the breakthrough yet again, sending back Rizwan for 46 with a perfect outswinger, to end the 87-run partnership.

Azhar Ali (40) and Agha Salman (30) survived through till tea to stitch a stand of 61 for the sixth wicket and put some sort of resistance for Pakistan. But Robinson struck soon after, trapping Salman lbw with an inswinger and then had Azhar, who came out to bat after retiring hurt on Day Four due to taking a nasty blow on the finger, glancing straight to leg slip to firmly put England on the path to victory.

Brief scores: England 657 and 264/7 dec beat Pakistan 579 and 268 (Saud Shakeel 76, Imam-ul-Haq 48; James Anderson 4-36, Ollie Robinson 4-50) by 74 runs.

The IPL is a huge step forward for women's cricket: Harmanpreet Kaur



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India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur feels the upcoming Women's IPL, scheduled to begin in March next year, will be a major boost for women's cricket in India, adding that the tournament will help bridge the gap between international and domestic cricket.

"The IPL is a huge step forward for women's cricket because, before this, we have witnessed the Australia Board, England Board; they have looked after the WBBL and The Hundred. I think we as athletes have discussed it as well, that there's a big gap between domestic and international cricket which some cricketers were not able to

match, because even if you play well in domestic cricket and then suddenly play international games, you're not able to understand what to do and how to do it."

"And someone like me, I was lucky you know, I had Jhulan (Goswami) di, Anjum (Chopra) di who were guiding me as to what to do, how I can perform better. So, some players, they are shy, they cannot open up, so, for them, it's very difficult to play both domestic and international cricket."

"So, the IPL will be a great platform for players that are really good, but you know for them, international cricket is still something that they cannot change their approach and mindset overnight," said Harmanpreet.

India not scoring 70-80 runs more is the reason why they lost: Sunil Gavaskar

Legendary India batter Sunil Gavaskar believes the Rohit Sharma-led side not scoring 70-80 more runs is the chief reason behind them losing the first ODI to Bangladesh by a solitary wicket at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium (SBNCS) in Mirpur.

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Gavaskar also refused to believe that Rahul's dropped catch of Mehidy Hasan Miraz when the batter was on 15 in the 43rd over played a decisive role in India's loss. "You can't really say that was it. Because yes, I think that was the last wicket. That should have made the match over."

"But the fact that India scored 186, I think you are going to look at that as well. I think India didn't score 70-80 more runs is the reason why they lost," Gavaskar said to broadcasters Sony Sports Network after the match ended.

"The bowlers did wonderfully well, to get themselves in a position where they were 136-9. And then Mehidy Hasan Miraz came, they had a bit of luck with



that drop catch, but he played really well. He played sensibly. They took the attack to the opposition and played some bold shots," observed Gavaskar.

He further felt that with the required run-rate not being so high, Bangladesh also made things difficult for them by being over-cautious in the middle, before Mehidy and Mustafizur took them over the line with four overs to spare.

"When you are asked to chase less than 4 runs an over. Like Bangladesh was asked to chase, automatically, the pressure comes down. Bangladesh made it difficult for them by playing ultra cautiously. That's what got them into trouble." Bangladesh now has a 1-0 lead in three-match series, with the second match to be played at the same venue on Wednesday.

Pune Mariners crowned champions of MLB Cup India 2022



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The final day of MLB Cup India 2022 came to a close with an enthralling final between the Satara Blue Jays and Pune Mariners at the Noida Cricket Stadium. The defending champions, Satara Blue Jays were beaten by the hard-hitting Pune Mariners, as the final ended 16-6 in favour of the latter.

The two teams reached the final after gruelling semi-finals. The Pune Mariners beat the Kolhapur Braves 14-8 in the first semifinal of the day. The second semi-final took place between Ahmednagar Dodgers and Satara Blue Jays

and ended, 8-7 in the Blue Jays' favour.

Dinesh Patel, a former pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates organisation conducted a clinic for the three teams that are a product of MLB First Pitch, a program designed to implement baseball in school's physical education programs.

"I had great fun watching the games today. I was here last year too and the level of these young athletes has gone up considerably. All I can hope now is that they keep improving at this rate because then very soon India will start producing the next generation of Baseball stars," he said.



Hansika Motwani, Sohael Kathuriya tied the knot in Jaipur

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Telugu and Tamil actress Hansika Motwani and her long-time boyfriend, businessman Sohael Kathuriya, tied the knot at Jaipur's Mundota Fort and Palace on Sunday evening. Their wedding pictures went viral on social media in which Hansika can be seen wearing a red bridal lehenga and Sohael looks dashing in his ivory-hued sherwani. From her entry to the wedding venue to the 'varmala' ceremony, the couple can be seen enjoying every moment. The couple can be seen holding each other's hands after the wedding ceremony. The amazing fireworks and grand decorations amped up the glamour quotient of the entire occasion. Earlier, the couple was seen changing their attire for the day party and haldi ceremony. They stunned everyone with their all-white outfits for the pre-wedding ceremony. Hansika opted for a glittery white gown and Sohael stood out in a white tuxedo. For the haldi ceremony, they chose white floral outfits. Before heading to Jaipur for the wedding, Hansika had her share of fun with friends during her bachelorette party in Greece. She danced her heart out with her girl gang.

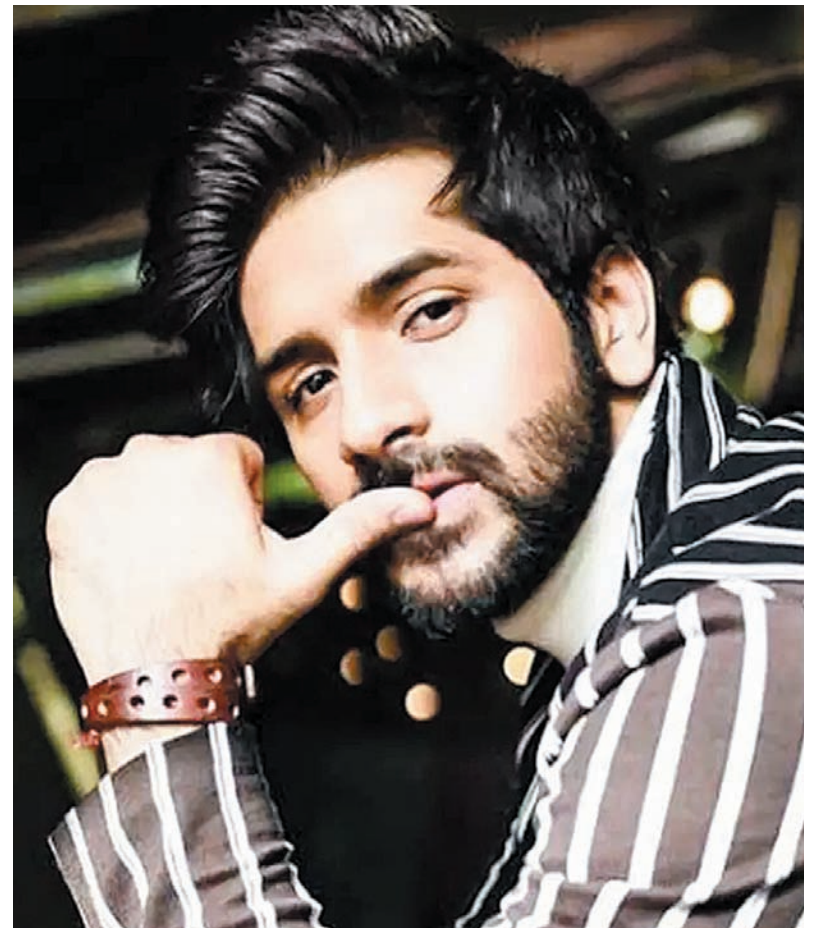
THE SUCCESS OF KANTARA PROVES THAT PEOPLE SEEK WONDERFUL STORIES: VARDHAN PURI

Shachi Chaturvedi | Mumbai

Amrith Puri's grandson, Vardhan Puri, is a rising actor. Vardhan recently spoke up about his thoughts on Bollywood, his experience, and much more in an exclusive interview with Absolute India news.

Vardhan started the interview by sharing how he decided to be a part of the industry, "My family and I at a very young age knew that I would do something artistic. I wanted to sit with my grandfather but back then I wasn't in that position so I promised myself that one day I would achieve that kind of status and experience."

Being Amrith Puri's grandson is a great responsibility for Vardhan. The actor while talking about it shared, "I take no pressure. I believe it is a great responsibility to keep the families' flag flying high and carry on his legacy, and all I have to do is make the perfect film, do incredible work and give my 500%. Just make sure he's smiling at me from above, and I'll be OK." Later while sharing his opinion on how this year has been tough on Bollywood, Vardhan said, "It's been difficult, but thanks to Drishyam 2, things are great again. After seeing the success of even a film like Kantara in Hindi, you realise that the public doesn't have money to spend on a ticket, which is why movies don't succeed, just flats. People would not have made Kantara a block-



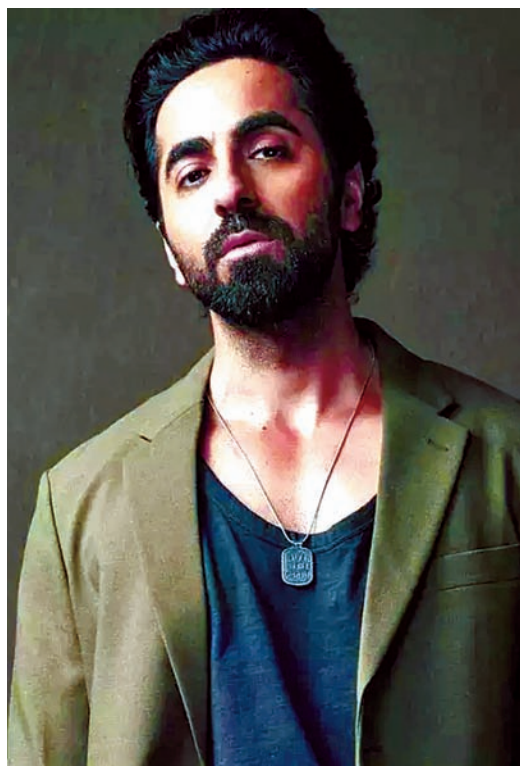
buster if they did not have money, as the film does not even belong to our state. It is from another state, which shows that people would seek out wonderful stories." Later while sharing if the boycott trend made him consider the OTT release of his film, the actor said, "I believe that OTT and cinema releases have nothing to do with the boycott trend, but

rather with the goal of the producers. Some high-concept films should only be available on OTT, while others provide giant-size experiences that can only be appreciated in a theatre. There is also the actor, studio, and popular appeal to consider, therefore I don't believe the release of any film in theatres or on OTT has anything to do with the boycott trend."

WE HAVE TRIED TO GIVE AUDIENCES SOMETHING NEW TO SAVOR: AYUSHMANN

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana's recent movie 'An Action Hero' may not have opened well at the box-office but the 'word of mouth' seems to be bringing some respite to the film which also stars Jaideep Ahlawat. On Monday, Ayushmann took to his Instagram to share a long note talking about how the film has been put together by first time storytellers and how it deserves audience love. The note then progresses into showing how the duo of Ayushmann and Aanand have always tried to break the clutter with their cinematic efforts. It reads, "As a team, we are always aligned and inclined to try and cause creative disruption. From 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan', 'Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan' and now 'An Action Hero', we have tried to give audiences something new to savour and discuss through our brand of cinema. So, we are humbled with all the positivity and the 'strong word of mouth' surrounding 'An Action Hero'. We hope this snowballs into more and more people coming to the theatres." The note further spoke about their knack for bringing fresh stories to the fore, "We have always wanted to tell stories differently and back projects that are fresh, that are unique & clutter-breaking. We are grateful for the love that's coming our way for 'An Action Hero'. It validates our stance of walking the road less travelled, to take risks and hopefully contribute to making our industry a more diverse storytelling entity." "For us, 'An Action Hero' is a rare script, a film that was meant to push the envelope of creativity and we hope you continue giving it love and appreciation in the days to come. Keep loving and supporting," the statement read.



Kavita Banerjee all set to play a negative role in a TV show

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TV actress Kavita Banerjee has been roped in to play a negative role in the show 'Bhagya Lakshmi'. The actress talked about her role and said that though again she is playing a negative character but she has no regrets as she enjoys doing such characters as they are fun and challenging at the same place. She shared: "I have played negative role in the shows, 'Teri Meri Ikk Jindri' and 'Rishton ka Manjha'. Playing Sonal in 'Bhagya Lakshmi' is like a wish being ticked off my acting bucket list. Performing a negative character is extremely challenging and fun at the same time." The 'Naagin 6' actress added every character has different shades, similarly this is different from the previous ones and she just hopes to do justice to her role. "Although I have mostly played negative characters on TV so far, but every character has been so very different from the other, and hence the challenge/fun never ceases. I just hope that I am able to do justice to my character and the fans of the show give me the same love they do to the show," she said.

My relatives were like girls shouldn't be working in this field: Niharika Chouksey

Team Absolute | Mumbai

TV actress Niharika Chouksey, who is playing the titular role in the show 'Faltu', said like the lead character, she also faced similar kind of situation in her real life and felt discriminated against by her family members being a girl child. She shared: "I had a similar experience in a way like Faltu when I told my parents that I want to make my career in acting. They were pretty supportive but my relatives weren't. They were like girls shouldn't be working in this field, this clearly shows their lack of knowledge about this and how discriminative they are." Now, she is playing the lead in 'Faltu' which is all about the attitude of people living in rural parts towards girl child and how certain times they end up giving them names like 'Faltu' with a belief that the next child will be a boy. The actress added that she would not have faced those kinds of differences with the family, had she been a boy and expressed desire of becoming an actor. "They wouldn't have reacted in the same way if my brother wanted to do it, so as we can see we all face this kind of discrimination in our day-to-day lives and we don't even know," she added.



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