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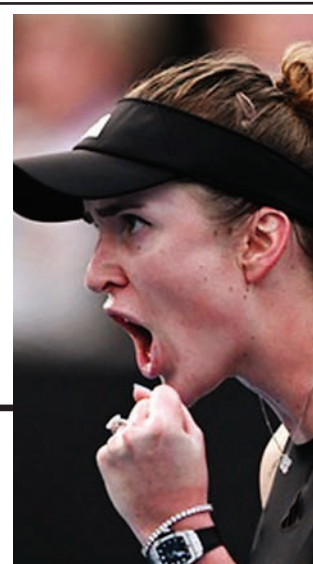
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## COLD DAY CONDITIONS TO CONTINUE IN PUNJAB, HARYANA, UP, RAJ FOR NEXT 2 DAYS: IMD



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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday said that Cold Day to 'severe' Cold Day conditions are likely to continue over some parts of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during next two days and decrease thereafter. The IMD further predicted that dense to very dense fog is likely to continue over some parts of plains of Northwest and East India during the next three days and gradually decrease, while a fresh spell of rainfall with isolated heavy rainfall is likely over extreme south Peninsular India during next four to five days. The weather forecast agency said the

minimum temperatures ranged between 4-8 degree Celsius over most parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, West Uttar Pradesh and north Rajasthan and in range of 9-12 degree Celsius over Delhi, East Uttar Pradesh, north Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and south Rajasthan. "These are above normal by 2-4 degree Celsius over many parts of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Gujarat. Today, the lowest minimum temperature of 1 degree Celsius was reported in Sikar (East Rajasthan)," the weatherman said in its daily bulletin. The IMD said that dense to very dense fog conditions are very likely to prevail for a few hours at night/morning in some parts over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh,

Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan during Thursday to Saturday and in isolated pockets on Sunday. "Dense to very dense fog conditions are very likely to prevail for a few hours in the morning in isolated pockets over West Rajasthan on Friday and Saturday and in isolated pockets on Sunday," said the IMD. "Dense to very dense fog conditions are very likely to prevail for a few hours in the morning in isolated pockets over Bihar on Friday and dense fog in some parts on Saturday and Sunday."

The IMD also predicted that dense fog conditions very likely to prevail for a few hours in morning in isolated pockets over Jammu division, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura during Friday and Sunday and over north Madhya Pradesh on Friday. "Cold Day to severe Cold Day conditions are very likely to continue in some parts over Punjab, Haryana Chandigarh during Thursday and Saturday and Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan on Thursday and Friday," said the IMD. It further predicted light to moderate rainfall at some places is very likely over south Tamil Nadu, south Kerala and Lakshadweep during the next four to five days.

### INTENSE DRY COLD WAVE GRIPS KASHMIR AS PEOPLE PRAY FOR SNOWFALL



Srinagar: With the weather office giving little hope of snowfall in sight, Kashmiris on Thursday started looking up to the heavens for a beautiful snowfall. The Meteorological (MeT) Department outlook for the next 10 days does not give any hope of snowfall in the plains of Kashmir and this has forced locals to look to the heavens for help. "If it does not snow sufficiently during the remaining part of the 'Chillai Kalan' then we are heading straight for a disaster," said Shabir Ahmad Bhat, who lives in Ganderbal district. With most water bodies partly frozen in the Valley, potable water demand has gone up manifold. Srinagar had minus 3.8 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature on Thursday while Gulmarg and Pahalgam had minus 4.2 and minus 5.1 respectively. Leh town in Ladakh region had minus 14.1, Kargil minus 14.3 and Drass minus 12.1 as the night's lowest temperature. Jammu city had 4.7, Katra 6.2, Batote 3.1, Bhaderwah 1.1 and Banihal minus 0.4 as the minimum temperature. A 40-day long period of harsh winter cold known locally as the 'Chillai Kalan' started on December 21 and will end on

### SA vs IND Cape Town Test scripts history to become shortest-ever red-ball match



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The Cape Town Test between South Africa and India created history on Thursday as it became the shortest-ever red-ball match. India won the match by seven wickets as the game concluded in just one and a half days with just 107 overs (642 balls) being bowled. South Africa lasted 24 overs for 55 runs in their first innings and 37 overs in their second essay for 176. India scored 153 in 35 overs and then raced to 80 runs in 12 overs.

### SHORTEST DECIDED TEST MATCHES IN TERMS OF OVERS

642 balls (107 overs): South Africa v India, Cape Town 2023/24  
656 balls (109.2 overs): Australia v South Africa, Melbourne 1932/33  
672 balls (112 overs): West Indies v England, Bridgetown 1934/35  
788 balls (197 four-ball overs): England v Australia, Manchester 1888  
792 balls (198 four-ball overs): England v Australia, Lord's 1888

## Gold prices likely to move towards a new high of Rs 70,000

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Gold prices are likely to move towards a new high of Rs 70,000, as per a report by ICIICI Direct, while silver, remaining supported amid rising industrial demand, may edge higher towards Rs 85,000. Gold prices are likely to rise further on the back of weak dollar and decline in US treasury yields. Dollar and yields have nosedived in anticipation that US Fed will start cutting rates as soon as March 2024. Concerns over slower global economic growth and



escalating geopolitical tensions in Middle East may continue to make gold valuable as hedge against uncertainties, the report said. Additionally, central banks are likely to continue with their buying spree, diversifying their reserves. Crude oil to face hurdle near \$90 on weaker demand, the report said.

Crude oil prices are likely to remain in a range of \$60-\$90 as market may remain in balance as it is less likely that OPEC may extend the voluntary output cuts combined with rising production in non-OPEC countries. Additionally, global oil demand growth is likely to slow given uncertainty over economic growth. Escalating tension in Middle East may prevent oil prices from dipping below \$60. MEX Crude oil prices may dip further towards Rs 5,000 levels in coming month, the report said.

## GWALIOR TRADE FAIR WILL GET INTERNATIONAL FORMAT: CHIEF MINISTER MOHAN YADAV

Gwalior: While inaugurating the Madhavrao Scindia Trade Fair which has been going on for almost a hundred years in the historical city of Gwalior of Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that the Gwalior Trade Fair will be given an international format. Necessary steps will be taken for this. The country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also taken interest in encouraging trade fairs.



He said that the fair is a symbol of our civilization and culture. Fairs also connect us with ancient times. This fair will be made more historical. Former Union Minister Madhavrao Scindia has made an important contribution in the development of Gwalior Fair. Provided a new direction and Gwalior Trade Fair became a symbol for the people of the area. There will be 50 percent discount on sales tax in the fair.

## I am a Ram bhakt; will organise Ramotsav: K'taka Cong MLA Ansari

Ramanagar | Agencies

Stated on Thursday that he was a Ram bhakt and would organise the Ramotsav ceremony in Ramanagar with all devotion. Speaking to reporters in Channapatna town, Ansari stated, "I am also a devotee of Lord Ram. I worship all gods. From childhood, I have been worshipping all gods. Likewise I also worship Ram." "Others might use the issue of Ram mandir for political reasons. We will not use it for political gains. A few are pursuing politics by dividing people," Ansari stated. "The Congress party has its own ideology and commitment. It is left to the BJP to use it for Lok Sabha elections. But, we worship Lord Ram like a family deity. The worshipping of Ram might be new to them, but not for us. They are using it politically for the same reason," he stated, slamm

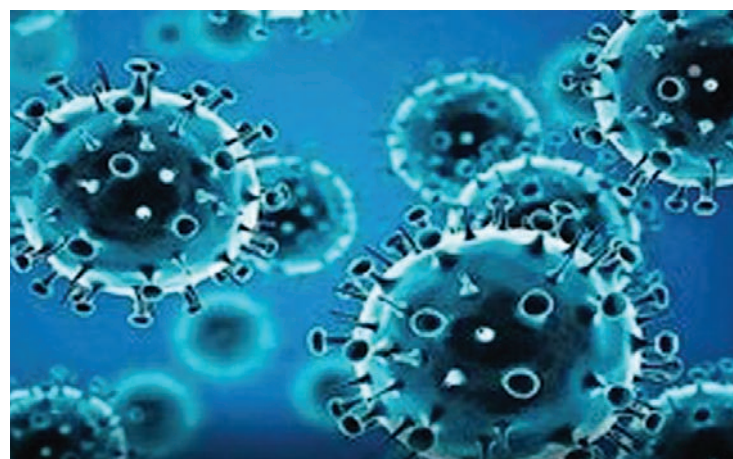


ming the BJP. Ansari represents Ramanagar constituency dominated by the Vokkaliga community. He defeated former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy as the Vokkaliga community votes shifted to the Congress from the JD(S) in the backdrop of Dy Chief Minister Shivakumar being projected as the chief ministerial candidate during the Assembly election.

## India reports 760 new Covid cases, two deaths

Team Absolute | New Delhi

India has recorded 760 new Covid-19 cases and two deaths in the past 24 hours, said the Union health ministry on Thursday. Two new fatalities -- one each from Kerala and Karnataka -- were reported in the span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data. On Wednesday, five deaths were reported, one each from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Punjab, two from Kerala. The number of new Covid infections reported in the last 24 hours was 158 more compared to a day before, however, the total number of active cases marginally fell to 4,423 from Wednesday's 4,440. The country had recorded 865 new cases on May 19, 2023. As of now, the total number of coronavirus cases in India, since the outbreak in January 2020, has reached 4,50,15, 843. The death toll related to



Covid cases in the country has risen to 5,33,373. The new variant, JN.1 subvariant is descendent of the Omicron subvariant known as BA.2.86 or Pirola, with Kerala being the first state to report a case.

Kerala and Karnataka continue to witness JN.1 variant cases, with other affected states being Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Telangana, Odisha, and Haryana, as per the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG).

These states collectively reported 511 cases of the sub-variant by Tuesday, with Karnataka leading with 199 cases, followed by Kerala with 148 cases. INSACOG's data revealed that 239 Covid cases in December 2023, and 24 in November 2023, were identified with the presence of the JN.1 variant. "A total of 511 cases of the JN.1 series variant have been reported from 11 states till January 2. Karnataka has reported 199 cases of the sub-variant. Kerala has reported 148 cases. 47 cases have been reported from Goa, 36 from Gujarat, 32 from Maharashtra," the health ministry has said. The overall recovery from Covid has reached over 4.4 crore individuals, reflecting a national recovery rate of 98.81 per cent. The country has administered a total of 220.67 crore doses of Covid vaccines, as per the available data.

## Kuki groups ask centre to remove Manipur Cops, re-impose AFSPA

Guwahati | Agencies

Kuki groups have refuted Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh's allegations that foreign insurgents could be involved in the attacks on police commandos and the Border Security Force (BSF) in the border town Moreh. After a 24-hour shutdown in areas where the Kuki tribes live, the Kuki groups led by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) and the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) have demanded the Centre to remove the Manipur Police and keep only central



forces in the hill areas, where the Kukis are settled. The Kuki groups have alleged the Manipur Police of bias in how they operate. They appealed to Home Minister Amit Shah to reimpose the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the entire Imphal valley. The Chief Minister has said he was "highly upset" with the

ongoing violence in Manipur and elements who engage in it will be held responsible for any stringent government action, including reimposition of the AFSPA. Meanwhile, the Manipur government on Thursday constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a probe into the firing incident on January 1 in the minority community-dominated Lilong area in Thoubal district that resulted in casualties, an official said. The death toll from the incident has risen to five as one of the injured succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday night.

## AYODHYA TO HOST INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL FROM JAN 9 TO 21

The Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) has initiated preparations for the festival, which is likely to take place between January 19 and 21, providing renowned kite flyers from both within the country and around the world with an opportunity to showcase their art. The ADA will engage a private agency to give concrete shape to the event, said a government spokesman.

Ayodhya | Agencies

The Uttar Pradesh government is formulating a plan to host the International Kite Festival in Ayodhya, ahead of the consecration ceremony scheduled for January 22. The Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) has invited applications through the Request for Proposal format to appoint an agency for the conceptualisation, designing, execution, and supervision of event management, as well as the development of temporary structures and related infrastructure for hosting the International Kite Festival in Ayodhya. The agency that will carry out this programme will be chosen based on the applications received



through this process. The entire selection process is scheduled to be completed by January 8, following which a comprehensive plan for organising the International Kite Festival will be formulated. It is

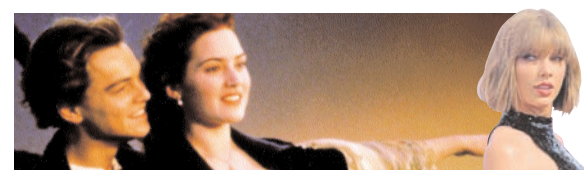
noteworthy that to organise this event on a grand scale, inspiration is being taken from various kite festivals being held in the country and abroad. A visitor area will be made with seating arrangements for 750 people. A lounge with 50 VVIP sofas will be constructed to accommodate the special invitees at the event. Arrangements for 350 cushioned chairs and 350 other chairs will also be made in the programme. Volunteers will be deployed to ensure that the competitors and spectators have a pleasant experience. The food counter will feature dishes made from millet with local flavours. Attendees will have the opportunity to savour Awadhi cuisine. Precautionary measures will be taken to safeguard tents and equipment from monkeys during the event.











# Heidi Klum removes bikini top during beach outing with husband Tom Kaulitz

Los Angeles | Agencies

**H**eidi Klum went topless in the sea on a lavish break with her husband. The former supermodel hit the beach in the luxury destination of St Bart as she and Tom Kaulitz, 34, made the most of their break in the celebrity holiday hotspot.

Heidi, 50, flaunted her toned figure in just a pair of leopard print bikini bottoms for the trip as she strutted her stuff around the golden sand, reports Mirror.co.uk.

Heidi was seen wearing a large pair of black and gold sunglasses as she oozed sex appeal on the beach, later adding a white bikini top and a baseball cap as she walked beside her far younger spouse.

As per Mirror.co.uk, the pair were also seen kissing and cuddling in the water as she snapped selfies of them on her phone with the duo looking blissfully happy as they enjoyed their day.

Tom meanwhile opted for a pair of blue and white polka dot swim shorts as they shared a special day on the expensive getaway. Heidi first met Tom in February 2018 when they both attended a birthday party.



## Open to date a woman

Los Angeles | Agencies

**A**ctress Kyle Richards has said that she is open to love in all forms.

In a sneak peek of what's to come on 'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills', the Bravo mainstay, 54, asks her fellow housewives if they would consider "dating a woman" during a particularly rowdy lunch.

While Dorit Kemsley nearly spits out her wine, Crystal Kung Minkoff turns the question back onto Kyle, who answers her query with a simple "yeah" and a little nod, reports People magazine.

Elsewhere in the teaser, Kyle is seen struggling with a looming decision. With her gaze fixed with a problem on her phone, she admits to pal Morgan Wade, "I'm so anxious," as she bites her lip pensively. "I really don't know if I can do it," she continues before the country singer assures her, "You got it."

As per People, Kyle's declaration comes as rumours of a romance with Morgan have been swirling amid her separation from husband Mauricio Umansky. The two first became friends after connecting on social media and since then, they've spent a lot of time together from joint workouts to vacations with other Housewives stars.

In this season of 'RHOBH', fans even saw Kyle tattooing her initials onto Morgan's arm -- a gesture that had her co-stars raising their eyebrows.

Los Angeles | Agencies

**R**apper Iggy Azalea has shared a lengthy post on X explaining that she wouldn't be finishing her 4th album, and would be pursuing different creative endeavours.

"I've always been someone who finds my joy in being creative & seeing my ideas come to life. For a long time I used music to deliver my big crazy ideas to the world," Azalea wrote, reports People magazine.

She continued: "I know a lot of people have this idea that I was 'bullied away from music' and that's something I've always laughed at because I'd never be bullied out of anything! In fact, I'm too stubborn. I think I've even resisted changes within myself at times, purely because I don't like being viewed as someone who quits."

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## Jacob Elordi's bath water is now a candle

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## LEONARDO DICAPRIO, CAMERON DIAZ, BRUCE WILLIS, KEVIN SPACEY NAMED IN EXPLOSIVE JEFFREY EPSTEIN LIST

Los Angeles | Agencies

**T**he entertainment world has been rocked with the revelations from the sealed court documents related to prolific sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The document includes a bunch of names from Hollywood. Michael Jackson and Leonardo DiCaprio are some of the big names in the document along with politicians Bill Clinton and Donald Trump, reports Mirror.co.uk.

Stars such as Cate Blanchett, Cameron Diaz, Bruce Willis and Kevin Spacey have also been name-dropped. However, simply their mention doesn't not imply that they have been party to any wrongdoing. The claims and association of the names to the crimes are yet to be proven in the court of law.

As per Mirror.co.uk, the judge said a handful of names should remain blacked out in the documents because they would identify people who were sexually abused. Before the unsealing, the names were listed in court papers as variants of J Doe. Many of the names on the list are people who

had been publicly identified as Epstein associates prior to this unsealing through years of coverage of the case. Dozens of previously sealed court documents related to Epstein were made public late Wednesday after US Judge Loretta Preska ruled last month that documents naming more than 170 people who were either associates, friends or victims of Epstein should be made public.

The documents are part of a 2015 US defamation case by Virginia Giuffre against Ghislaine Maxwell, the disgraced British socialite who supplied Epstein with underage girls. Giuffre claimed the now deceased and heavily disabled physicist Stephen Hawking participated in an "underage orgy".

In 2015, photographs showed Hawking was hosted on Epstein's private Caribbean island before the billionaire was first charged in 2006, while it is alleged magician Copperfield had dinner with Epstein and asked a "victim" if she knew girls were getting paid to find other girls. Prince Andrew has also been named in the tranche of names, despite Buckingham Palace previously saying the allegations are "categorically untrue."

## ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Kendall Jenner





## Janhvi Kapoor recounts the moment she learnt about Sridevi's death

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor, who recently appeared on the streaming chat show 'Koffee With Karan' along with her sister Khushi Kapoor, shared the heart-breaking moment when she came to know that her mother, the legendary

actress Sridevi suddenly died.

The 'Bawaal' actress revealed that it was her younger sister, Khushi who comforted her and calmed her down in the face of the tragedy.

The actress recounted the moment to the show host Karan Johar: "When I got the call, I was in my room and I could hear wailing from Khushi's room. I think I barged into her room,

howling and crying but what I do remember is she looked at me and the minute she looked at me, she just stopped crying. She just sat next to me and started comforting me and I've never seen her cry about it since."

Khushi shared: "I felt like I had to hold it together for everyone because I feel like I've always been the strong one."

Sridevi passed away in February 2018 in Dubai. The family had gone to Dubai to attend the wedding of her husband, Boney Kapoor's nephew Mohit Marwah. Sridevi decided to spend a couple of days in Dubai to shop for her elderdaughter Janhvi's 21st birthday, after the wedding. The cause of her death was revealed to be accidental drowning.

## Aamir's daughter Ira to take pheras with Nupur Shikhare on Jan 8 in Udaipur

Team Absolute | Jaipur

Ira Khan, the daughter of Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan, is set to take the traditional route with pheras in lake city Udaipur after signing the marriage registration document on Wednesday in Mumbai.

The couple, which is legally married now, will head to Udaipur for a round of traditional festivities lined up for family members.

The traditional wedding ceremony will take place at Taj Aravali Resort located on Kodyat Road in Udaipur with festivities taking place from January 8 to 10. All 176 rooms of the hotel have been booked for around 250 guests including Bollywood stars and family members of the bride and groom.

The wedding festivities will be a family affair and will see relatives attending the functions. The couple will then head to Mumbai and host a reception at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre on January 13.

Nupur Shikhare proposed to Ira in 2022 and is the official fitness trainer of Ira and Aamir. The pre-wedding festivities started with a Haldi ceremony on Tuesday. The couple made it official on the night of Wednesday.

They signed the marriage registration document in the presence of friends and family at the Taj Lands End in the Bandra area of Mumbai.

On Thursday, Ira shared the first picture of her with her hubby after they became husband and wife.

The ceremony on Wednesday was thoroughly entertaining as Nupur ditched the traditional choice of a horse and jogged for to the wedding venue from Santacruz to the Bandra area in Mumbai



## Arti Singh says 'silence is the mantra for 2024'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Arti Singh, who was in the Gulmarg, Kashmir for her New Year vacation, has shared her mantra for the year 2024, and it is 'silence'.

Known for her work in shows like 'Maayka', 'Uttaran', 'Devon Ke Dev Mahadev' among others, Arti took to her Instagram, and shared her holiday album, wherein she can be seen posing against the snow clad mountains of picturesque Kashmir.

Arti also shared a Reel video, in which she is donning a pink bathing suit, and is swimming in a pool.

The video has a dialogue which says, "ab is naye saal me ek kaam to karna hai mujhe, ki apne sukoon ke sath koi compromise nahi karna. Jo galtiyon ho



gayi unhe repeat nahi karna... apne par kaam karna hai.

(Now this year I have to do one thing, that is not to compromise with my peace. I won't repeat the mistakes I have made... I will work on myself)."

The video was captioned as: "Reel says it all new year new goals. Silence is the mantra #gulmarg #khyber". Mean while, on the work front she is currently seen in the show 'Shravani'.

In 'Shravani', Arti portrays the antagonist, Chandra Taiji, who consistently creates trouble for Shravani. Even while playing the villain on-screen, Arti's off-camera fun and playful side is something her fans enjoy.

The show airs on Shemaroo Umang.



Team Absolute | New Delhi

Actress Kajal Aggarwal on Thursday shared her 'motto' of the year 2024, and it is 'sweat, sacrifice and success'.

The actress is known for her work in the movies like 'Chandamama', 'Om Shanti', 'Darling', 'Singham', 'Special 26' and many others. Kajal, who enjoys massive fanbase of 27 million followers on Instagram, shared a mirror selfie, wherein she can be seen posing in a gym, wearing a black T-shirt and

Kajal Aggarwal's 2024 'motto' is 'sweat, sacrifice & success'

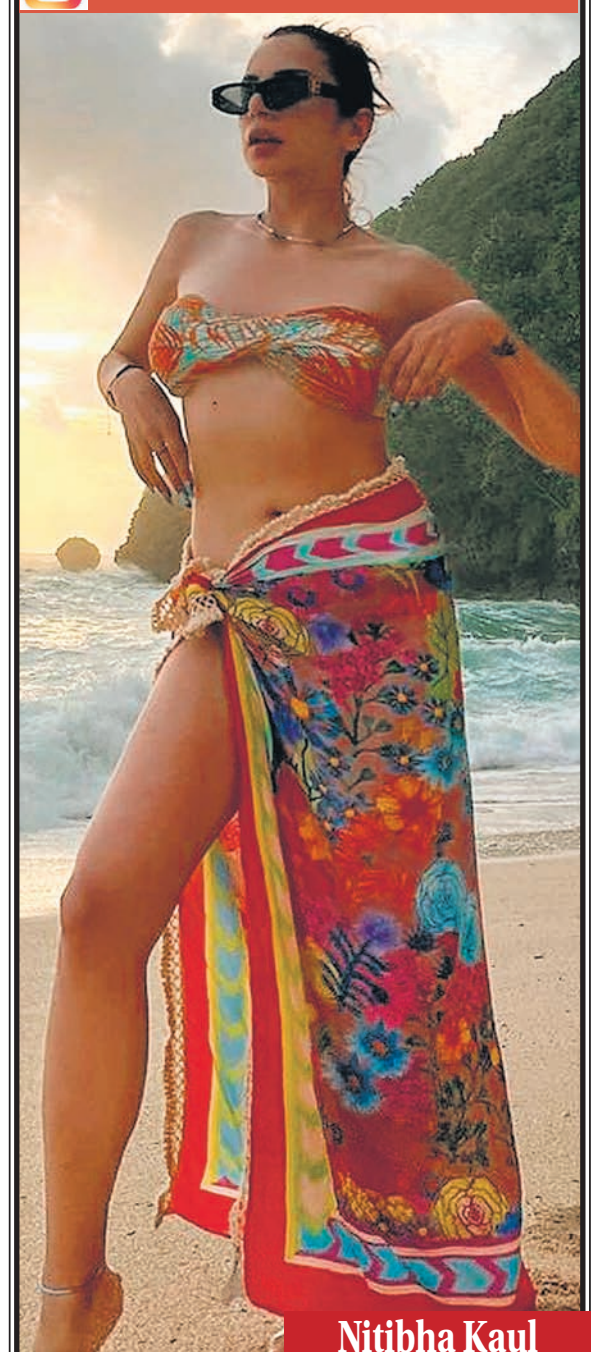
matching leggings. The backdrop shows a message written on the wall, which reads as: "Sweat, Sacrifice, Success".

The 'Hey Sinamika' actress captioned the photo as: "Motto".

On the personal front, Kajal had tied the knot with Gautam Kitchlu in October 2020. The couple have a baby boy Neel.

While, on the work front, she next has 'Indian 2', 'Uma', and 'Satyabhama' in the pipeline.

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Nitin Kaul

## Naqiyah Haji draws inspiration from Nina Dobrev

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Naqiyah Haji, who plays the character of Nikki in the upcoming wedding fantasy thriller 'Shaitani Rasmlein', revealed that her character draws inspiration from Nina Dobrev's portrayal in the American series 'Vampire Diaries'.

Naqiyah shared insights into her preparation for the role.

Talking about the same, the actress expressed: "Our show's concept is very unusual, and it's the first time that the Indian audi-

ence will experience something of this nature. With fictional characters, supernatural powers, and a unique storyline, it bears a resemblance to the American show 'Vampire Diaries'."

"My character, Nikki, mirrors Nina Dobrev's character, where the line between good and bad becomes blurred. Similarly, Nikki enters a new world where the boundaries between good and bad are not so clear for her. Nina's character was adored by many, and I hope the viewers will shower the same love on

Nikki and the show," added the actress. For the unversed, Nina plays the character of Elena Gilbert in the supernatural drama 'The Vampire Diaries'.

The show marks the television debut of actress Shefali Jariwala, who will be essaying a pivotal role alongside Naqiyah and Vibhav Roy.

'Shaitani Rasmlein' promises a distinctive blend of suspense, fantasy, and romance, offering the audience a fresh and intriguing viewing experience.

The show will air from January 15 on Star Bharat.

