



GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING EDUCATION, EFFORTS TO CURB ARBITRARY FEES IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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The special emphasis of Dr. Mohan Yadav government of Madhya Pradesh is on the education system. Efforts are underway to improve everything from school education to college education. On the other hand, necessary steps are being taken to curb the looting in private schools.

The education system in the state, from government to private schools, is always under question. Whereas college education has always been a cause of concern for the government. CM Mohan Yadav has been the Higher Education Minister in the Shivraj government and education is also considered to be his favorite subject. After taking command as the Chief Minister of the state, Mohan Yadav's special emphasis is on improving the education system. He is engaged in efforts to bring changes and improvements in school and college education. The state government is also taking necessary steps to stop the looting in private schools.

Action has been taken against many schools and apart from imposing fine on those private schools which have collected arbitrary amount from the students in the name of books and fees, the amount



is also being returned to the affected people. On one hand, there are efforts to improve school education, on the other hand, the state government is going to start Prime Minister's College of Excellence in 55 districts. All these colleges will start together

on July 14 and the country's Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate them. Experts believe that the education and health system of the state is in a severe state of disrepair. There are a large number of schools where there is not even a single teacher and

the number of schools with one teacher is also not less. Apart from this, the condition of higher education is also not good. There is talk of implementing dress code in the Prime Minister's College of Excellence.

'CM should clean up the mess in governance'

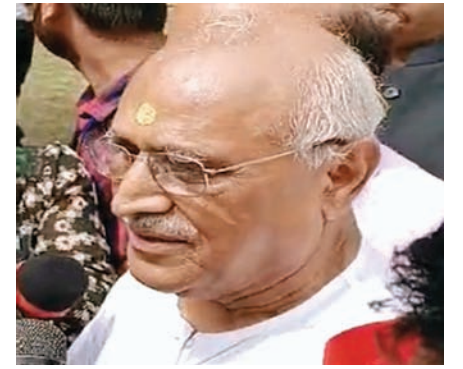
Former MP Raghunandan Sharma clarified on his statement

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Former BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Madhya Pradesh Raghunandan Sharma has clarified his statement in which he had asked Chief Minister Mohan Yadav to clean up the mess in governance and administration.

Former Rajya Sabha MP Raghunandan Sharma, while clarifying his statement, said that there are people in Madhya Pradesh government who are sitting at their desired place due to selfishness. They are filling their houses, harassing people, taking services instead of serving people. There is a need to examine such people thoroughly and throw them out, hence I have made a symbolic request to CM Mohan Yadav.

He said that many outsiders enter power as brokers and agents. After coming into power, these people become middlemen between the government and the public. Those middlemen also need to be removed. Such elements have become very active in Madhya Pradesh through politics. These people have got shelter, opportunity, and they take advantage of that opportunity for their personal interests. By doing this the public gets upset and consumers get upset. Efforts should be made to ensure that everyone gets easy service and wherever there is any hindrance or obstruction, it is the responsibility of the Chief Minister to remove it, hence I have requested him. Let us tell you that BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha MP



Raghunandan Sharma, while giving advice to CM Mohan Yadav from an open forum, said that he should clean up the filth present in the governance. Questioning this, he said that when will the cleanliness campaign be launched against the brokers sitting in the government? He had further said that those who are filling their houses and harassing people need to be thrown out. Many outsiders have also entered power as brokers and have become middlemen in power. Actually, CM Mohan Yadav inspected the renovation works of Jawahar Lake Children's Garden in Bhopal on Friday. During this time he also launched the Neer Navjeevan project. Meanwhile, former Rajya Sabha member Raghunandan Sharma had given advice to the CM from the stage.

Entry gates will be built for cities: CM Dr. Yadav

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Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav highlighted the importance of constructing entry gates in all cities across the state. These gates, reflecting the culture, history, and unique identity of each city, should be built alongside the development of national and state highways. Dr. Yadav noted that these entry gates will not only enhance the cities' identity but also serve as useful structures for monitoring and security. He made these remarks during a review meeting on National Highways at Samatva Bhawan. Chief Secretary Veera Rana, Additional Chief Secretary Shri Barnwal, Principal Secretary of Public Works D.P. Ahuja, and other officials were present at the meeting as well.



Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that roads have an important role in upgrading and strengthening the economy of the state and speeding up the process of development. It should be ensured that there is no delay in the road construction process due to land acquisition, departmental permissions, land availability etc. The proposals for the roads to be built to directly connect the remote areas of the state to the capital Bhopal should be

implemented within the time limit. In the meeting, under the review of National Highway projects, discussions were held regarding separate construction levels of Damoh to Shahgarh, Morena-Sabalgarh, Dhar-Gujari, Bamitha-Satna, Satna to Chitrakoot, Jabalpur-Damoh and Obedullaganj-Betul-Nagpur roads and converting the Ujjain to Jhalawar road from two lanes to four lanes.

New arrangements will be implemented regarding the operation of night markets and business institutions

COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE ASHISH SINGH CANCELED THE ORDER ISSUED EARLIER

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On the instructions of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, new arrangements will be implemented in the operation of night markets and business institutions in Indore. In this regard, a new action plan will soon be made and markets and business institutions will operate at night. Collector Ashish Singh has canceled with immediate effect the order regarding 24 hours operation for various commercial/industrial/office etc. institutions in the BRTS corridor from Niranjapur intersection to Rajiv Gandhi intersection in Indore city.

It is noteworthy that today Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav held a meeting with ministers, MLAs and other public representatives of Indore division through video conferencing. In this meeting, Urban Development and Housing Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya had raised the issue regarding effectively stopping



the illegal drug trade and implementing new arrangements regarding the operation of night markets

and business establishments in Indore. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav immediately gave instructions

that a detailed action plan will soon be made in Indore and new arrangements will be implemented regarding night market, industrial institutions, office operations etc. Illegal drug trade will also be effectively stopped. Strict action will be taken against big culprits.

On the instructions of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, Collector and District Magistrate Ashish Singh, on 13 September 2022, M.P. Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973, M.P. Shops and Establishment Act 1958, M.P. Labor Laws (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2015 Amended Factory Act 1948 And under the Madhya Pradesh Excise Act 1915, 11.45 kilometers from Niranjapur intersection to Rajiv Gandhi intersection in Indore city, B.R.T.S. The order issued for permission to operate 24x7 i.e. night services (24 hours) to various commercial/industrial/office etc. institutions in the corridor has been canceled with immediate effect.

Immediate Treatment Saves Lives of Seriously Injured Bus Passengers at AIIMS Bhopal

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The Trauma and Emergency Medicine Department at AIIMS Bhopal promptly provided life-saving treatment to 13 bus passengers injured in a late-night accident on July 11. The passengers, who were on a bus traveling to Bareilly, were brought to the hospital around midnight following a severe accident that caused the bus to overturn. Thanks to the swift and efficient action of the medical team, all patients are now out of danger.

Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, Professor (Dr.) Ajai Singh, extended his congratulations to the entire Trauma and Emergency Medicine team for their quick response and effective management of the situation. The head of the department, Dr. Yunus, immediately



mobilized the team upon learning of the incident. Within just 10 minutes, the entire team was present at the hospital, ready to handle the emergency. The 13 injured passengers included four women and nine men, with most sustaining head injuries along with injuries to their hands, shoulders, and legs. Six patients were discharged after receiving first aid, while seven remain admitted, including two with serious head and facial injuries. Madhya Pradesh Government's Minister of State for Public Health and Medical Education, Narendra Shivaji Patel, visited AIIMS Hospital at midnight to assess the condition of the injured. He expressed his satisfaction with the treatment provided by the hospital's Trauma and Emergency Medicine team and congratulated them for their prompt and effective response.

Anger among employees after finding insects in food in Bhopal Railway canteen

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The incident of finding worms in food in Bhopal Railway Canteen today has created huge anger among the employees. This can be confirmed in the photo above. The employees have raised questions on the negligence of the canteen manager and said that a responsible person is needed to ensure the quality of food. The canteen manager has been accused of only performing lip service and a demand has been made to remove him immediately.

It is extremely disappointing to see such poor quality food being served to tired canteen workers. The employees say that the canteen



management is misusing government money and the quality of food is zero.

Employees are raising questions that if a railway employee commits a mistake during work, he is immediately punished, but no action is taken against the negligence of the canteen management. The employees

have spoken of raising their voice against this ineffective system and have requested that a befitting reply be given to the management in the upcoming canteen elections, so that the canteen management can be strengthened and the quality of food improved.

All preparations for counting of votes in Amarwada assembly constituency completed

Counting of votes will start from 8 am on July 13

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Additional Chief Electoral Officer Rajesh Kaul said that under the Assembly by-election 2024, the counting of votes for Assembly Constituency No. 123 Amarwada (ST) of Chhindwara district will start on Saturday, July 13 at 8 am. This counting of votes will be conducted in two halls in Government PG College Building, Chhindwara. All arrangements for counting of votes have been made. Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Collector and District Election Officer have been instructed to strictly follow the security param-

eters. In 332 polling stations of Amarwada assembly constituency, 17 tables will be installed for counting the votes cast by voters in EVMs and 4 tables will be installed for counting postal ballots. Counting of votes will be completed in approximately 20 rounds. Mobile phones, iPads, laptops, smart watches, cameras, other electronic devices, beedis, cigarettes and gutkha will be banned in the counting hall. No one is allowed to carry mobile phone in the counting hall. Only RO, ARO, Counting Supervisor connected with ETPBMS/INCORE will be able to carry mobile phone for OTP to open ETPBMS/INCORE only.

Public Representatives Must Be More Effective, Transparent, and Efficient in Their Duties : CM Dr. Yadav

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES SERVE AS A VITAL LINK BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE ADMINISTRATION. PREPARE A VISION DOCUMENT TO ELEVATE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF CITIZENS. REGULATION OF NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN CITIES MUST. DOCTORS AND COLLECTORS SHOULD COORDINATE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE TO AFFECTED PEOPLE. CHIEF MINISTER DISCUSSES WITH MLAS OF INDORE DIVISION

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Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav emphasized the crucial role public representative's play as a bridge between the public and the administration. He urged them to be more effective, transparent, and efficient in their duties, maintaining constant communication and better coordination between the general public and the administration. He encouraged representatives to strive to make their constituencies exemplary and to prepare a vision document for their assembly constituency, focusing on improving citizens' lives through advancements in education, health, agriculture, sanitation, infrastructure, and other vital sectors.

Dr. Yadav instructed the preparation and implementation of an action plan, formulated in consultation with public representatives and tailored to local conditions, to regulate nighttime activities in all cities, including Indore. Additionally, he highlighted the need



for doctors to remain in contact with district collectors to provide immediate PMSHri Air Ambulance services to affected individuals in case of a disaster. The Chief Minister conveyed these directives during a meeting with MLAs from the Indore division at Samatva Bhawan, discussing the action plan to achieve comprehensive development goals over the next four years.

In the meeting, Urban Development and Housing Minister Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya, Forest Minister Shri Nagar Singh Chauhan, MP Shri V.D. Sharma, former minister Smt. Archana Chitnis, former minister Smt. Usha Thakur, former mayor of Indore Smt. Malini Gaur, MLAs and officials were present.

Hire Retired Patwaris and Revenue Inspectors on Contract to Address Revenue Staff Shortage

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav emphasized the need to launch a campaign to resolve revenue cases within a set timeframe. To address the shortage of revenue staff in the districts, he suggested hiring retired Patwaris and Revenue Inspectors on a contract basis, providing relief to the public by clearing pending cases. Collectors have been instructed to ensure that the general public does not face issues due to pending revenue cases at any level and to guarantee that Patwaris are available at their headquarters.



EDITOR'S SPECS

Nothing sells 1 lakh units of India-made CMF Phone 1 in 3 hours

London-based technology company Nothing on Friday announced that 1 lakh units of its sub-brand's debut smartphone CMF Phone 1, which is being manufactured in India, was sold in just three hours across various channels. "The overwhelming demand for CMF Phone 1 further solidifies Nothing's reputation for delivering cutting-edge technology and unique design," Nothing said in a statement. The company launched the device in two variants (6GB+128GB and 8GB+128GB) at a starting price of Rs 15,999. The smartphone comes with a 50MP rear camera, a MediaTek Dimensity 7300 5G processor, a 6.67-inch Super AMOLED display, a 5000 mAh battery, and a 16 MP selfie camera. It also features a 120 Hz adaptive refresh rate for seamless interactions. Meanwhile, Nothing said that by manufacturing the device in India, the company aims to harness the rich manufacturing ecosystem of the country while investing in the local economy, fostering technological innovation within the country and creating job opportunities. "This underscores the brand's recognition of India as a key market in its global strategy and alignment with the 'Make in India' initiative," the company said. In addition, Nothing mentioned that this move exemplifies their dedication to delivering "high-quality, locally-produced products that cater to the unique preferences and needs of the Indian market and their expertise in locally manufacturing such a unique adaptable design".s

Need of third party and role of Apna Dal(s) in Madhya Pradesh

Atul Malikram

Madhya Pradesh, a key state in Indian politics, has traditionally been a battleground between two major parties: the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress. However, Congress's influence in the state has been waning with each successive election, primarily due to a lack of strong and effective leadership capable of advancing the party's agenda. In this context, there is a growing recognition of the need for a robust third party in Madhya Pradesh - a party that can impartially advocate for the rights and issues of Dalits, the exploited, the deprived, and the backward classes.

This is where the significance of Apna Dal (S) comes into play. The party, under the leadership of Union Minister of State Anupriya Patel, has consistently championed the fundamental issues of the PDA (backward, Dalit, and minority communities) from the streets to the Parliament. Her political journey has not only raised these critical issues but has also solidified her reputation among other backward classes. Her dynamic and impactful leadership has created a formidable image for Apna Dal (S), enhancing its potential to emerge as a strong alternative force in Madhya Pradesh's political landscape.

The Congress party, which once dominated Madhya



Pradesh politics, is now losing its grip on the state. Leaders like Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh find themselves struggling to maintain influence. Due to a lack of strong leadership and internal conflicts, Congress is failing to meet public expectations effectively. Simply put, the Madhya Pradesh Congress clearly lacks a decisive and robust leader, leading the public to seek alternative political forces.

Given that the public cannot fully support the ruling party alone, there is a growing need for a third party in Madhya Pradesh. Such a party would offer an alternative option to the public, allowing them to voice their issues more effectively. This need is especially pertinent as discussions about reservation, the constitution, and the democratic system are intensifying across the country. A third party would provide the necessary platform for addressing these critical issues, ensuring that diverse voices are heard and represented in the political landscape of Madhya Pradesh.

Apna Dal (S), which has been impartially raising the voice of Dalits and backward classes, has seen significant success under the leadership of Anupriya Patel, who has secured record victories. This party can play a crucial role as a third party in Madhya Pradesh. The example set by Apna Dal (S) during its tenure in Uttar Pradesh demonstrates its commitment to effectively addressing the issues of Dalits and backward classes and safeguarding their rights.

Nearly 6,500 adolescent girls die in childbirth in South Asia every year: UN

Nearly 6,500 adolescent girls die in childbirth in South Asia every year, said UN agencies on Friday, calling for prioritisation of the health of girls and adolescents in South Asia.

Experts from the agencies discussed this at a two-day regional dialogue on adolescent pregnancy jointly organised by the SAARC, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (UNICEF ROSA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Kathmandu, Nepal.

At the event, officials and civil society representatives from India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka reaffirmed their commitment to prioritise health for over 2.2 million adolescent girls that give birth yearly in South Asia; and to provide better opportunities to learn, set up their businesses, and earn a living. The experts noted that most of these girls were child brides who have limited power over their reproductive health or lives.

The South Asia region "has a long way to go. I call upon everyone to resolutely address the root causes including child marriage,



access to adolescent health education, and removing social stigma in managing the teenage population of SAARC region," said Ambassador Golam Sarwar, the Secretary General of SAARC. South Asia accounts for 290 million child

brides -- nearly half of the world's burden. These girls are forced to drop out of school and face stigma, rejection, violence, unemployment as well as lifelong social challenges. About 49 per cent of young

girls in South Asia are not in education, employment, or training - the highest in the world, the experts noted. With poorer health coverage adolescent mothers are also at increased risk of early deaths, and the babies born also face a significantly higher risk of death.

"It is high time that we reverse this trend," said Saima Wazed, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia. She stressed adolescents' "unique physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and sexual development" needs to be given "special attention in national and international policies".

She also called for "cross-sectoral collaboration and equitable access to a variety of services", and an increase in "investments" to tackle adolescent pregnancy and promote their healthy socio-economic development.

"This supports the well-being of the youth of today - who are the human capital of tomorrow," the Regional Director said.

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UN projects world's population to peak within this century

United Nations | Agencies The United Nations has released a report projecting that the global population will peak this century.

According to the World Population Prospects 2024: Summary of Results, it is expected that the world's population will peak in the mid-2080s, growing over the next 60 years from 8.2 billion people in 2024 to around 10.3 billion in the mid-2080s, and then returning to around 10.2 billion by the end of the century. Xinhua news agency reported on Thursday.

The size of the world's population in 2100 is now expected to be six per cent lower or 700 million fewer than anticipated a decade ago.



"The demographic landscape has evolved greatly in recent years," said Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

"In some countries, the birth rate is now even lower than previously anticipated, and we are also seeing slightly faster declines in some high-fertility regions."

The earlier population peak is due to several factors, including lower levels of fertility in some of the world's largest countries. Globally, women are having one child fewer, on average, than they did around 1990, according to the report.

In more than half of all countries and areas, the average number of live births per woman is below 2.1—the level required for a population to maintain a constant size over the long term without migration—and nearly a fifth of all countries and areas now have "ultra-low" fertility, with fewer than 1.4 live births per woman over a lifetime.

Early pregnancies remain a challenge, particularly in low-income countries.

Civilian aeroplane crashes outside Moscow



Moscow | Agencies A Sukhoi Superjet 100 passenger jet crashed in the Moscow Region on Friday, officials said. However, the plane had reportedly only three crew members on board, RT reported.

According to local authorities, the plane, which belonged to Russian gas giant Gazprom, crashed in the Kolonna district, southeast of Moscow and emergency services had been dispatched to the scene. The plane was undergoing repairs and had taken off as part of a test flight, they added.

A regional jet designed by Russian aircraft company Sukhoi Civil Aircraft, a division of the United Aircraft Corporation, the Sukhoi Superjet's development began in 2000, and it made its maiden flight in May 2008 and its first commercial flight in April 2011. It has a capacity of around 100 people.

However, the operations of most of the aircraft in service with various Russian operators have been hampered by a shortage of spare parts due to the Western sanctions.

Plane catches fire on landing in Pakistan, passengers safe



Islamabad | Agencies A Saudi Airlines plane caught fire upon landing at the Bacha Khan International Airport in Peshawar city of Pakistan's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the Civil Aviation Authority of Peshawar confirmed. All people on board were evacuated in time, and flight operations were suspended until further notice at the airport, officials told Xinhua on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

The Riyadh-Peshawar flight caught fire as soon as it touched the ground for landing, the officials said, adding that the firefighters promptly responded and the fire in the left landing gear had been doused in time, without causing any major harm to the aircraft, Xinhua news agency reported. The 276 passengers and 21 crew members on board the flight were safely evacuated with an inflatable slide, the officials added.

Israeli ban on entry of raw materials causes losses to Palestinian economy: Ministry

Ramallah | Agencies The Israeli ban on the entry of more than 100 raw materials into the Palestinian market has caused huge losses to industries, the Palestinian Ministry of Economy said.

The banned materials are utilised across various sectors, including food, leather, textiles, construction, engineering, and chemicals within the country, said the Ministry on Thursday in a press statement.

Among the prohibited substances are sulfuric and nitric acids, which have inflicted significant losses on relevant industries, even prompting some to shutter operations, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Ministry said Israel uses restrictions on dual-use goods-items and technologies capable of serving both civilian and military purposes-



es-as a pretext to impede Palestine's economic recovery, thereby increasing the Palestinian territory's reliance on the Israeli economy. The Palestinian economy is facing an unprecedented economic shock, the severity of which escalated after October 7, 2023, when Israel launched an offensive on the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian Minister of National Economy Mohammed Alamour warned in May that the Palestinian economy was expected to contract by 10 per cent by the end of this year.

Over three million foreign tourists arrive in Philippines since January



Manila | Agencies Over three million international tourists have visited the Philippines since January this year, according to the Philippines' Department of Tourism (DOT) data. Tourism Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco said tourism revenue from January to June reached 282.17 billion Pesos (about 4.83 billion US dollars), 32.81 percent higher than the earnings recorded in the same period last year. As of July 10, Frasco said the Philippines welcomed 3,173,694 inbound tourists. Of the tourist arrivals, she said 92.55 percent, or 2,937,293, were foreign tourists while the remaining 7.45 percent, or 236,401, were overseas Filipinos. South Korea remains the Philippines' top source of foreign tourists, with 824,798, or 25.99 percent of the total number of visitors entering the country, reports Xinhua news agency. The United States came second with 522,667 (16.47 percent), followed by China with 199,939 (6.30 percent), Japan with 188,805 (5.95 percent), and Australia with 137,391 (4.33 percent). The Philippines aims to welcome 7.7 million international visitors this year. In 2023, over five million international visitors entered the country.

African people support Russia, Putin, admits top EU diplomat

Washington | Agencies EU's top diplomat Josep Borrell has admitted there is a high level of support for Russian President Vladimir Putin among African nations and people, as he stressed the need to augment information warfare capabilities to win the battle for perception.

"In Africa, people support Putin. They say Putin saved Donbass," Borrell, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, said at the NATO Public Forum on Thursday, RT reported. His remarks came amid closer ties between Russia and various African nations in several fields,



including security. Some West African nations have ended their counter-terrorism security agreements with Western nations and turned to Russia for assistance.

He called for a new approach to defence, focusing on information warfare rather than traditional military tactics. "We need a different army.

We need people watching the network and people explaining what is going on, reprogramming the listeners, giving them the correct information, in order to prevent intervention in electoral processes," he maintained.

Borrell, who was in Washington to participate in NATO's 75th anniversary summit, contended that it was important to focus on the "information battle", conducted not on a physical battlefield but within the people's minds.

"We don't need to drop bombs or deploy tanks; we need to disseminate news and occupy cyberspace. The EU is very active in this area," he claimed.



Serena Williams Slams Harrison Butker at the 2024 ESPY Awards

Serena Williams did not hold back from sharing how she feels about Harrison Butker's past controversial comments. While hosting this year's ESPY Awards on Thursday, July 11, the 42-year-old former tennis pro dissed the 28-year-old Kansas City Chiefs player as she pointed out women's accomplishments in sports.

"So, go ahead and enjoy women's sports like you would any other sports, because they are sports," she said, before adding, "Except you, Harrison Butker. We don't need you."

Although Harrison attended the award show, cameras didn't capture his reaction to Serena's comment. Two months prior, the football player made headlines for his commencement address at Benedictine College in Kansas. Throughout his speech, Harrison

made comments about women's careers and reproductive rights, the LGBTQIA+ community and President Joe Biden's policies. "For the ladies present today, congratulations on an amazing accomplishment," he said. "You should be proud of all that you have achieved to this point in your young lives. I want to speak directly to you briefly because I think it is you, the women, who have had the most diabolical lies told to you. How many of you are sitting here now about to cross this stage and are thinking about all the promotions and titles you are going to get in your career? Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world, but I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world."

Will Ferrell reveals James Caan's initial misgivings about his performance

Los Angeles | Agencies

Will Ferrell recently shared insights about his 'Elf' co-star James Caan and some of the late actor's initial criticisms of his performance. Ferrell talked about Caan on the 'Messy' podcast, revealing that Caan initially had some criticism for Ferrell's performance as Buddy the Elf in the Christmas film.

During production, Caan would often tease Ferrell, saying, "I don't get you. You're not funny."

Ferrell would reply playfully, "I know! I'm not Robin Williams." Despite these humorous exchanges, Ferrell shared that Caan's annoyance with Buddy's on-screen behaviour actually helped strengthen the comedic dynamic between their characters.

The late star had planned to gradually escalate his character's frustration, but he chose to use it for the climax scene, reports Aceshowbiz.com. Ferrell praised Caan's strategic approach, acknowledging that he was "completely right." Caan's perception of Ferrell's performance changed dramatically after seeing the final film at its premiere. While leaving the theater, Caan told Ferrell: "I thought everything you were doing while we were filming was way too over-the-top, but now that I see it in the movie, it's brilliant."



What The Hell Was I Thinking? : Winona Ryder

Winona Ryder, 52, has had her fair share of star-studded affairs over her long career, but according to her interview for Harper's BAZAAR August 2024 Performance Issue, she doesn't look back on all of them fondly. "In my 30s, I had two disastrous relationships that were—they weren't wrong, but this was before you would ever think to Google someone," she said.

"When I look back, I'm like, 'What the hell was I thinking?' I was dating the type of person who only lets you know a few weeks in that they're in a relationship with someone else. And you're just like, 'What the fuck?'" She didn't acknowledge which relationships she was referring to, but Ryder was previously engaged to Johnny Depp, who she was with from 1990 to 1993. She also previously dated Matt Damon, Rilo Kiley guitarist Blake Sennett, and Helmet singer Page Hamilton.

The Reality Bites star only mentioned her more juvenile romances after talking about her iconic character that is being revived for the upcoming movie Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice.

Lydia Deetz, once the teen daughter who could see ghosts in the original 1988 film, has now become a pill-popping widow. She's dating—but not in love with—her obsequiously slimy manager, Rory (played by Justin Theroux). And her teenage daughter Astrid (played by Jenna Ortega) states, "My mom is a very broken person."



Blake Lively dresses up in hubby Ryan Reynolds' shirt

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Actress Blake Lively dressed up in her husband Ryan Reynolds' button-up shirts while promoting her upcoming film 'It Ends with Us', based on the 2016 novel of the same name. Lively took to Instagram and posted a picture of herself wearing the complete outfit, featuring flared brocade shorts, a button-up shirt, a black crop top, and strappy heels, reports People.com.

"A month of flower fashion has begun. Let's be real, I only do these press tours, so I have an excuse to scrapbook, bake, and make flower arrangements while laughing with my friends. Let the joy begin..." wrote Lively.

"@bode thank you for the coolest short suit. And @vancityreynolds thank you for donating your @bode shirt for me to layer with said suit. Givin' you all the full Lily Bloom style in real life. Yes," she continued, referencing her film character.

The actress ended the caption by making a playful reference to Reynolds' upcoming film, 'Deadpool & Wolverine'.

"@vancityreynolds, @gigihadid, a little of myself, a sampling of @pierceandward & @houseofhackney and a heavy splash of young Atlas as a combo platter was my Lily inspo. Now you can't unsee it... Feminine and masculine. Maximalist and minimalist."

"Excessive and utility. A woman who is all things, all at once. But it's fair bc I hear I was his inspo for Wade Wilson in @deadpoolmovie 3 I guess we'll just have to wait and see..." wrote Lively.

The couple has often harmlessly poked fun at each other on social media and publicly expressed their love and support for one another.

Scarlett Johansson, Channing Tatum talk about each other's

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Hollywood stars Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum's latest release is "Fly Me To The Moon" and the two have talked about their roles in the film, which is directed by Greg Berlanti.

"Fly Me To The Moon" tells a love story between Kelly and Cole while also addressing the highs and lows of the Apollo mission to the Moon.

Speaking about Channing's character, Johansson shared, "I don't think Cole really understands what Kelly has to offer the project." The actress added that Tatum's character is a very pragmatic person and sees her as an obstacle.

"The process of how this project is funded, what kind of support it needs, how he has to play along - it's just not at all in his vocabulary. He just does not understand her purpose there at all. She's the secret weapon he doesn't



know he needs to win."

Tatum shared that his character is much more concerned with what is real and doesn't have time in his life for what he feels to be the silliness of public relations.

"She's just the last thing that he thought he was gonna

have to deal with," said Tatum.

Tatum added: "Kelly comes in like a hurricane and, in his mind, she wrecks everything and creates more problems than solutions - when really, she's the linchpin to the whole thing."

Nicolas Cage's Son Weston Reportedly Arrested on Charges of Assault

Nicolas Cage's eldest son, Weston Coppola Cage, was reportedly arrested in Los Angeles on Wednesday, July 10, on a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon. According to PEOPLE, the 33-year-old turned himself in and was released on a \$150,000 bond.

The charge relates to an alleged incident that took place on April 28 between Weston and his mother, Christina Fulton. The two argued, then their dispute became physical, according to the outlet. Law enforcement also informed the publication, "During the incident, Cage punched two victims multiple times, causing injury. LAPD responded, and after meeting with all parties, a police report was completed."

According to the publication, Christina released a statement the next day, describing what had allegedly happened between her and Weston.



April 28, 2024, around 5:30 p.m., I received urgent messages from friends of my son, Weston Cage, regarding his deteriorating mental state, urging me to come help," her statement read. "When I arrived to offer support and console him, he was already in the midst of a manic rage. Within minutes, I was brutally assaulted and sustained

serious injuries. Despite my desperate pleas to the responding police officers to detain him for a mental-health evaluation, the police officers refused my request." Nicolas and Christina welcomed Weston in December 1990. The former couple dated in the 1990s before breaking up following Weston's birth.

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Chloe Meadows



Zeenat Aman recalls she got pregnant early on during 'Daku Hasina' shoot

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Veteran actress and diva Zeenat Aman has shared an anecdote about working on the 1987 film 'Daku Hasina', directed by Ashok Rao.

The actress said that this was one of the last films she did before taking a hiatus due to her pregnancy early on during the shoot.

Zeenat took to Instagram and shared a black-and-white picture of herself holding a rifle and dressed as a dacoit for the film.

The actress also posted two posters of 'Daku Hasina'.

"Daku Hasina was your classic story of vengeance. Roopa, orphaned when her parents are killed by powerful village overlords, seeks the help of infamous dacoit Mangal Singh (The iconic Rajinikanth in one of his few Bollywood cameos) to extract revenge," she wrote.

The diva added: "Under his guidance, she transforms into the ruthless Daku Hasina, and so begins her reign of terror. The police scramble to apprehend her, but ah! There is a twist in the tale. What is the relationship between SP Ranjit Saxena (played by none other than @rakesh_roshan9) and the lady dacoit?"



Sharing an interesting anecdote, Zeenat penned: "This was one of the last films I did before my extended hiatus. I became pregnant early on in the shoot, and by the end of filming, I was well into my third trimester!"

The 72-year-old star said that to hide her baby bump, the crew came up with "creative shots."

"My svelte figure had naturally ballooned, so to hide my belly, the crew came up with various creative shots. Some of these involved me riding a horse, which brought its own concerns." The actress also suffered a scare while shooting for the film, which stars Rakesh Roshan and

Rajinikanth in an extended cameo.

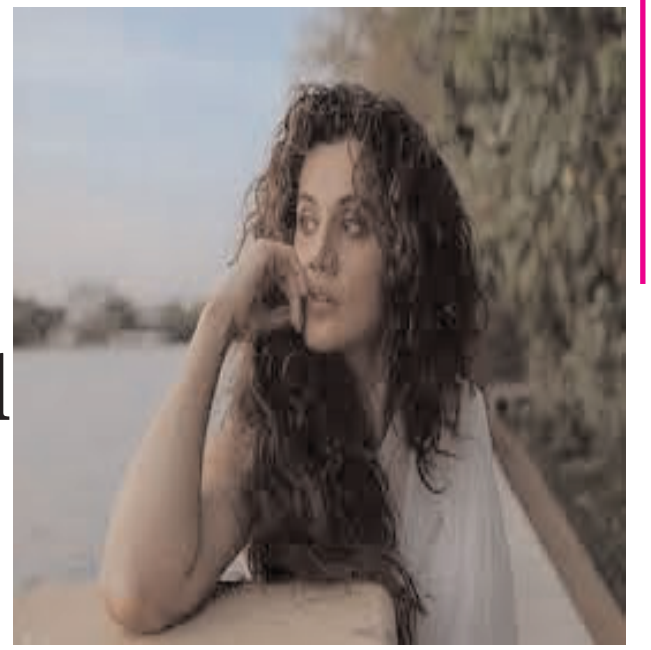
I had had a scare on horseback during a previous shoot when the poor animal had bolted because of the artificial rain and blaring speakers on set," she wrote.

Zeenat shared that she "wasn't nervous about my own safety, but the safety of the child in my womb was of utmost importance."

"Luckily, we were able to shoot these scenes without any incident. One's memory is such a slippery thing. While looking up clips from the film, I found that Mazhar, the father of my children, also had a special appearance in it," she shared.

The best revenge is no revenge. Move on. Find inner peace : Taapsee

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It seems actress Taapsee Pannu believes that "revenge is best served cold," but she's also open to working on it to "find inner peace," going by her recent post on social media. Taapsee took to Instagram and shared a quote in her stories section that read: "The best revenge is no revenge. Move on. Be happy. Find inner peace. Flourish."

However, it was her own reflection that garnered attention. Directly below the quote, she wrote: "Hm... This will take a while to accept but ho jana chahiye."

The 36-year-old star is an avid user of social media, where she often shares her love for sarees.

Recently, on July 7, the actress channelled her inner poet as she posed in a pristine white saree.

On the professional front, Taapsee is gearing up for the second instalment of the romantic thriller 'Haseen Dilluba', titled 'Phir Aayi Haseen Dilluba'. The film also stars Sunny Kaushal and Vikrant Massey, with the first part released in 2021.

let's smile more, 'ain't giving up' : Hina Khan

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Actress Hina Khan is not giving up, as she believes in seeing the silver lining in the clouds, as per her recent post on social media. Hina took to Instagram and shared a clip of herself first flaunting her long locks and then transitioning to showcasing her pixie haircut, which she opted for before her hair could start falling out due to chemotherapy. "On a lighter note, this transition suits my situation the best, why you cut your hair bro... Sorry yaar breakdown ho reya si menu broooo... Let's smile more, please... Aint giving up... My faith in ALLAH (S.W.T)



is unshakable," she wrote as the caption. Hina, who announced the news about her diagnosis on June 28, is currently undergoing chemotherapy for stage three breast cancer. On July 4, she shared a

video of herself getting a haircut, marking a step in her treatment journey. In an Instagram note, the actress had shared: "I have been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. Despite this challenging

diagnosis, I want to reassure everyone that I am doing well. I am strong, determined, and fully committed to overcoming this disease."

"My treatment has already begun, and I am ready to do everything necessary to emerge from this even stronger."

The actress asked for privacy during this time. "I, along with my family and loved ones, remain focused, determined, and positive. With the grace of the Almighty, we believe I will overcome this challenge and be completely healthy. Please send your prayers, blessings, and love. Love, Hina," the note ended.

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Singer Kumar Sanu took a trip down memory lane as he recalled a remarkable moment in his career when he recorded 28 songs in a single day.

Kumar Sanu appeared on the latest episode of the kids' singing reality show, 'Superstar Singer 3'.

In a heartfelt tribute to the music maestro, the young contestants brought alive the magic of his iconic songs with their performances in a special episode titled 'Namaste 90's'.

Among the captivating performances, 14-year-old Khushi Nagar from Uttar Pradesh and Laisel Rai from Chandigarh left everyone awestruck with their soulful renditions of the songs 'Tere Dar Par Sanam' and 'Teri Umeed Tera Intezaar'. Completely mesmerised



and in awe of their singing, the 'king of melody' Kumar Sanu praised the duo, saying, "Khushi and Laisel, both of you sang so well; it was beautiful, and your singing filled my heart with joy. Especially the 'aye sanam' line, it was amazing, and you guys hit the note perfectly."

"The words, the lines, and the emotions you delivered

were out of this world. You took me back in time when I was recording this song. Fantastic job. Kudos to your captains, Salman and Pawandeep; you guys trained them really well. God bless," he shared.

Kumar Sanu then further shared an interesting anecdote about his glorious musical journey in Bollywood.

The singer said: "I remember back then I was going for a 40-day US tour around 1993. At that time, most of the music directors and producers wanted me to finish all my recordings before leaving for the US.

So, I called everybody to my studio one day and got all the songs recorded right from morning to night. I recorded all the songs in a day's time."

"In the industry, everybody knows that Kumar Sanu is the fastest singer. I could grasp things quickly, maybe it's a blessing that I have got; hence, I was able to make a world record. I remember I sang the song 'Sochenge Tumhe Pyar' in nine minutes, and 'Aankhon Ki Gustakhiyan' in 20-21 minutes. Your ability to grab and deliver is what counts. I truly thank God for giving me this gift," he added.

Divyanka's money issues sorted, to get emergency certificate from embassy after theft in Europe



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Actress Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya, who shared on July 11 that she and her actor husband Vivek Dahiya were robbed in Europe, has provided an update on their situation. The actress said that their 'money situation' is now sorted, and they will be heading to the embassy in another city on Friday to obtain emergency certificates. Divyanka took to her Instagram stories and posted a note updating her followers on the situation.

"Dear all, Thanks for your immense love and support. It truly means a lot! After losing so much, thankfully, the much-needed love is not lost! Giving our loved ones and the concerned people an

update as we are unable to reply to everyone personally."

Updating about their situation, she said: "Currently, our money situation is kind of sorted as we've got some help from a dear friend. We've replaced the rented car, as it was thankfully insured. We'll be heading towards the embassy in another city today to get the emergency certificate sorted."

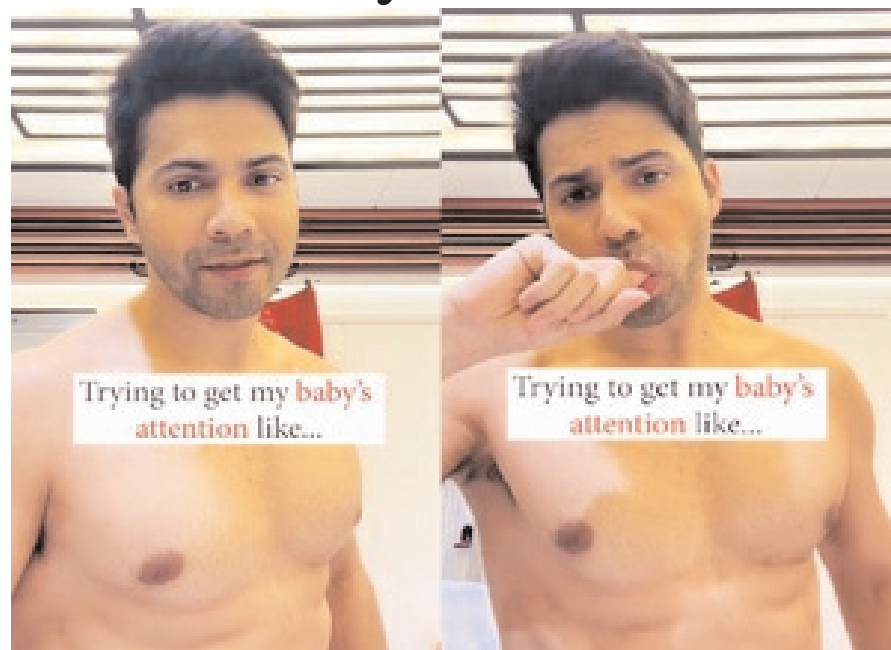
"Also, we have not lost everything as being reported. We have a few things left that were in the boot of the car. Also, left with our spirit intact! No one can snatch that away! On July 11, the actress revealed that most of their essentials, including passports, bank cards, and expensive goods, were taken. Divyanka had earlier post-

ed details about the incident on her Instagram stories, confirming, "Vivek and I are safe and sound, but most of our essentials, passports, bank cards, and expensive goods are gone from our car in a resort property. Just hoping for prompt help from the embassy."

"The car was parked in a secured resort property when the break-in happened. Please do not trouble us suggesting how the care should have been taken. The resort knew about the 'luggage in car' status, and they were cool about it."

"This can happen to anyone... But I hope it doesn't! Be of help if you can, or empathise. If that's seemingly difficult... Please go ahead doing your business," she added.

Varun Dhawan hilariously shares how he tries to get his 'baby's attention'



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Actor Varun Dhawan has shared a glimpse into how he tries to catch his newborn baby's attention through a viral reel trend. Varun joined the 1-second reel trend on Instagram and posted a clip of himself making a finger pop sound with his mouth.

In the clip, he wrote: "Trying to get my baby's attention like."

For the caption, Varun dropped a "Hi" emoji. Varun and his wife

Natasha Dalal, childhood sweethearts who married in January 2021 in Alibaug, welcomed their first child on July 3. They formally announced the arrival of their daughter on June 4 through social media. An ardent social media user, Varun initially shared the news with a post featuring his beagle Joey holding a placard that read "Welcome Lil' Sis... June 3, 2024." The actor wrote alongside the post: "Our girl is here. Thank you for all the good wishes for the mama and the baby. Hare Rama,

Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Hare Hare."

On June 16, Varun shared the first glimpse of his daughter along with a picture of Joey on Father's Day, expressing joy in becoming a father to a daughter.

"Happy Father's Day. My father taught me that the best way to celebrate this day is by going out there and working for your family, so I'll be doing just that. Couldn't be happier to be a girl dad," he wrote.

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Anu Saini