





# MOHAN BHAGWAT'S SUPERMAN, DEVTA, BHAGWAN STATEMENTS MAKES CONGRESS TAKE JIBE AT PM

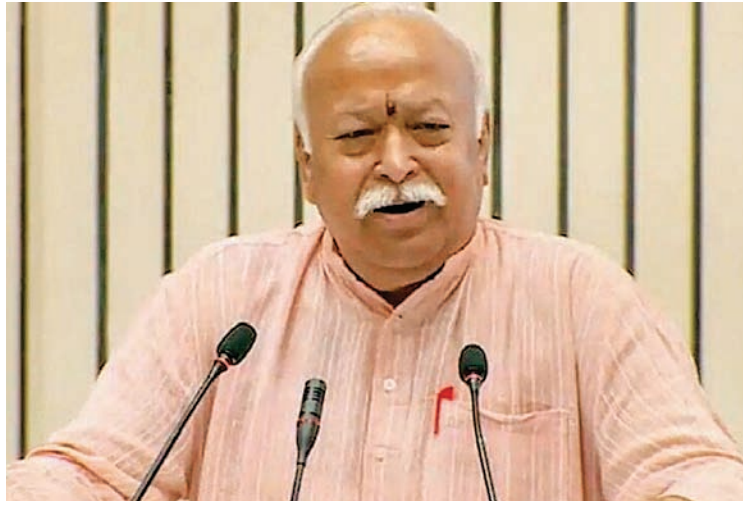
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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday asserted that people should work relentlessly for the welfare of mankind, since there is no end to the pursuit of development and human ambition.

In the course of self-development, a man may want to become 'superman', then 'Devta' and 'Bhagwan' and aspire for 'vishwaroop', but nobody is certain what lies ahead, Bhagwat said.

Addressing a village-level workers meeting, organised by a non-profit organisation Vikas Bharti here, he also said that some people, despite being human, lacked human qualities and they should inculcate it first.

"After achieving human qualities, man aspires to become superman with supernatural powers and then attain the status of 'Devta' and 'Bhagwan'. He then aspires for vishwaroop (the supreme power's all-pervading form). What is beyond that, no one is certain," Bhagwat said.



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The RSS head said people of India have their own nature and many are working for the welfare of the country without a desire for name or fame.

"When we work for the betterment of anyone, our development also takes place. Human beings never live alone and they are not scared of death. If he is made to live alone in a closed room, he will get mad in a few months. If humans live together they have sentiments attached to them," the RSS chief said.

Bhagwat added that these days so called progressive people believe in giving back to society which was ingrained in Indian culture.

"It is nowhere written in the scriptures but generation by generation it is there in our nature," he said.

He asserted that after the Covid-19 pandemic, the entire world came to know that India has the roadmap to peace and happiness.

"Various experiments were made in the past 2,000 years, but they failed to provide happiness and peace that are ingrained in India's traditional way (of life). After Corona, the world came to know that India has the roadmap to peace and happiness," Bhagwat said.

# Tribals from different states gather in Rajasthan demanding Bhil Pradesh

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The Rajasthan tribal community has demanded the creation of a new state called 'Bhil Pradesh', a demand which the state government has already rejected.

The tribal society has demanded the formation of the new state by combining 49 districts of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. There is also a demand to include 12 districts out of the old 33 districts of Rajasthan in the new state.

Thirty five organizations including Adivasi Parivar, the largest organization of Bhil society, had called a mega rally on Thursday. Maneka Damor, founder member of the Adivasi Parivar Sanstha, said at the rally that tribal women should not follow the instructions of the Pandits.

The Adivasi Parivar Sanstha is spread across the four states. Bharat Adivasi Party (BAP) MP Rajkumar Roat from Banswara said "the demand for Bhil Pradesh is not new. The BAP is raising this demand strongly. After the mega rally, a delegation



will meet the President and the Prime Minister with the proposal." Apart from Rajasthan, tribal people from Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra gathered for the meeting held at Mangarh Dham in Banswara. The security agencies of the state were on alert over the meeting and the internet was also shut down in the area of the mega rally.

will meet the President and the Prime Minister with the proposal." Sources said that the tribals staged a show of strength before the start of the monsoon session of Parliament. Meanwhile state minister Madan Dilawar on Thursday apologised for his DNA remark on tribals' genealogy. He said, "Hindus are the best part of the society. If my speech has caused any pain to the opposition or to my tribal brothers, I apologise, "Dilawar said in the Assembly amid a ruckus by the Opposition. On June 21, Dilawar while responding to a question on the tribal leaders' remarks that they and their supporters were not Hindus said: "We will ask his ancestors whether he is a Hindu or not ... and if he says that he is not a Hindu, then we'll get his DNA tested whether he is his father's son or not."

# NDRF use two helicopters to rescue 28 people caught in floods in Telangana

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National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel, with the help of two helicopters, rescued 28 people stranded in floods in Telangana's Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Thursday.

The people were trapped in a temple in Narayanapuram village after the discharge of flood water from the Peddavagu Medium Irrigation project in the Godavari basin following heavy rains. As the water level was rising, they had climbed the trees and were waiting for help to arrive. After receiving the distress call, Agriculture Minister



Tummala Nageswara Rao contacted the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), seeking help. A NDRF team with helicopters from Eluru in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh rushed to the village and rescued the stranded

people. Officials said three gates of Peddavagu were opened and as a result, water entered four villages. Some villagers were trapped in flooded agriculture fields. They were shifted to safe places.

# Manipur tribal bodies slam Assam Police for the death of 3 youths in 'fake encounter'

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Several tribal organisations in Manipur on Thursday accused the Assam Police of "whimsically orchestrating extra-judicial killings of three youths" belonging to the Hmar tribal community on Wednesday.

According to officials in Assam, at least three suspected militants, belonging to Assam and Manipur, were killed while three police personnel were injured during an encounter in Cachar district on Wednesday.

The tribal bodies in Manipur have now demanded an impartial probe into the incident besides urging the National Human Rights Commission to take suo motu cognizance of the deaths.



Cachar's Superintendent of Police Numal Mahatta said on Wednesday that the "militants", belonging to a Hmar extremist outfit, were part of a larger group, which was reportedly planning to carry out "subversive activities" along the Assam-Manipur border areas.

Several tribal organisations in Manipur, including the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), the apex body of the Kuki-Zo tribals, Hmar Inpui, the apex body of the Hmar tribe, and the Hmar Students' Association, among others, have separately condemned the "brutal custo-

dial deaths" of Lallungawi Hmar, Lalbiokkung Hmar, both residents of southern Assam, and Joshua, a resident of Manipur's Pherzawl district, "by the Assam Police". The ITLF claimed in a statement that a video shot by the police clearly shows that the three victims were apprehended by Assam Police while they were traveling in an auto-rickshaw in Cachar district on Wednesday without using any force. "The police also shot other videos which went viral on social media, showing the trio tied with ropes being taken to an undisclosed location in a forested area. Later, their bullet-riddled bodies turned up at the Silchar Medical College Hospital morgue. The police version of the event is full of inconsistencies," the statement claimed.

# First vessel of China Calcutta Service enters Kolkata Port

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The maiden vessel of the weekly China Calcutta Service (CCS) entered the Kolkata Dock System (KDS) on Thursday amidst much fanfare.

An official said that the Singapore-flag 143.93 metre-long MV Kota Rakyat was received by Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairman at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) in the presence of KDS traffic manager R S Rajhans and other officials.

He said that the aim of this direct weekly service from China to



Kolkata is to address the increasing demand for reduced transit time from ports in the Far East to Kolkata.

"The MV Kota Rakyat and her sister ships MV Kota Ria and MV Kota Rukun are specially designed for navigation in shallow waters with average parcel loads of 622 TEUs. TEU stands for Twenty Ton Equivalent Unit," the official said.

As per Marine Traffic, the last known draught that the MV Kota Rakyat negotiated was a mere 6.9 metres, just about what KDS has to offer.

# Assam to repeal Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act: CM

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The Assam government in a Cabinet meeting on Thursday decided to repeal the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act and Rules 1935, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has informed.

Taking to social media platform X, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote, "We have taken a significant step to ensure justice for our daughters and sisters by putting additional safeguards against child marriage. In the meeting of the Assam Cabinet today we have decided to repeal the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act and Rules 1935 vide the Assam Repealing Bill 2024." The government informed that to bring parity in the registration of marriage and divorce, the state Cabinet has accorded approval to The Assam Repealing Bill, 2024



which aims to repeal the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorces Registration Act, 1935 and Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorces Registration Rules, 1935. The Bill will be placed before the next Monsoon session of Assam Legislative Assembly for consideration.

# Udhayanidhi Stalin Could Be Elevated As Deputy Chief Minister, Say Sources

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Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK is thinking of elevating Udhayanidhi Stalin - son of Chief Minister MK Stalin - as the Deputy Chief Minister. He would be the second-in-command in the government, senior party sources have said.

The elevation would be a key step in strengthening the second-rung leadership in party, sources said. A news agency reported that Stalin Junior will be elevated before the Chief Minister travels to the US on August 22.

It is also reported that Udhayanidhi Stalin will be the face of the DMK in the 2026 Assembly elections as his father is unlikely to contest. DMK Organising Secretary R S Bharathi, however, made it clear that party president and CM Stalin will take the final call on the matter. "Chief Minister M K Stalin has to decide on the elevation of Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin as Deputy CM. This will definitely be announced when it happens," Bharathi said.



Udhayanidhi Stalin has played a key role in the recent Lok Sabha election campaign that was swept by the DMK in the state. Stalin had earlier denied that his son was being considered for elevation. "Rumours were being spread with an intention to create a sensation, that deputy CM post (for Udhayanidhi) was going to be given," he had said in January this year.

# Jaipur Bar Association seeks removal of Illegal Construction of Hotels and Resorts in Protected Forest Areas

Lalit Sharma | Jaipur

Advocate AK Jain Associates have sent a legal notice to the Chief Secretary, Chief Conservator and the District Collector. The request has been made on behalf of Bar Association, General Secretary, Rajkumar Sharma. The notice alleges that an illegal hotel and resort have been built in the Jamwa Ramgarh Sanctuary area and demands the removal of construction work and immediate cessation of activities.

The Jamwa Ramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, located in the forest block Amer 54 of Gram Ghata Jaldhari, was officially declared a reserved forest in 1982 and subsequently a wildlife sanctuary under the provisions of Section 18 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The said area has also been declared as Eco Sensitive Zone under the notification dated December 4, 2018.

Although the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Wildlife has clearly instructed, in the guidelines dated 19.08.2012 File No. 6-10/2011 WL that no commercial activity should be carried out within the limits of the National Park and



Wildlife Sanctuary or within the Eco Sensitive Zone without prior permission of National Wildlife authorities. The same has been reaffirmed by Honorable Supreme Court in Order dated 04.12.2006 in Writ Petition 407/2004. Antagonizing to these regulations, businessmen Mukund Goyal and Ravindra Pratap Singh have been accused for illegal and unauthorized construction of Resort and Hotel Ananta. The accusations say that the illegal construction is being carried out in the eco-sensitive zone located in the village of Ghata Jaldhari. The construction of 'Ananta Spa & Resort', illegally without the permission of the Central Government

Forest and Environment authority, allegedly violates Section 20 of the Forest and Wildlife Conservation Act 1972. Mukund Goyal for whom direction of Khasa Kothi Flyover has been changed and Ravindra Pratap Singh who is in market of property, in the name of 'Ravi Surya Group,' are both influential persons and used their clout both have constructed 'Ananta Spa & Resort'. They both have been accused of colluding with officials from Jaipur Developmental Authority.

Even the state authorities, inspite of putting a halt to the illegal activities and unauthorised construction, they just issued a notice to 'Ananta Spa and Resort' which was just a mere formality done by them. This inaction highlights a neglect of duty by both state and local authorities, who should be prioritizing public interest over personal gains. The public will face irreplaceable harm due to this illegal activity, as reserved forests are essential for maintaining ecological balance. The forests are an integral part of our life and should be preserved at all cost. The destruction of these forests endangers not only human life but also the existence of all life forms on Earth.







## REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONCLAVE TO FOSTER GROWTH IN LOCAL INDUSTRY AND TRADE: CM DR. YADAV

► EMPLOYMENT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIES TO BE PROMOTED ALIGNING WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS. CHIEF MINISTER HOLDS A VIRTUAL DIALOGUE WITH ENTREPRENEURS OF MAHAKAUSHAL REGION. PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR THE SECOND REGIONAL INDUSTRY CONCLAVE TO BE HELD IN JABALPUR

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Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has affirmed the state government's commitment to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of transforming India into a developed country by 2047. To prioritize investment promotion, the state will celebrate 2025 as an Industry Year. The upcoming Regional Industrial Conclave in Jabalpur aims to enhance entrepreneurship's role in the state and national economy by addressing local industry challenges and fostering growth. This event will stimulate industrial activities in Jabalpur and nearby districts. The government is dedicated to ensure equal development across the entire



state by connecting external and local entrepreneurs. Employment-oriented activities, tailored to local conditions, will be especially encouraged in agriculture, trade, tourism, and sectors. Dr. Yadav was communicating with officials and industrialists from Jabalpur, Katni, Mandla, Dindori, and Narsinghpur at Samatva Bhavan through video conference. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav emphasized the importance of providing

comprehensive skill training to youth in addition to state's mineral wealth and natural resources. He highlighted plans to improve their linkage to trade and business, ensuring maximum benefit for local communities. In Jabalpur district alone, over 640 hectares host 5 developed industrial areas and one under development, housing 514 MSME units. The recently established IT Park offers significant employment opportunities,

complementing prospects in furniture clusters, new garment clusters, food processing industries, mining, mineral processing, and pharmaceutical units. The Regional Industry Conclave aims to showcase tangible industrial progress to local residents, fostering ongoing development. Invitations have been extended to industrialists nationwide to invest in the region, with similar conclaves planned for Sagar, Gwalior, and Rewa.

## BJP's preparation for by-elections, in-charge-cum-in-charge appointed

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has started preparing for the assembly by-elections in Madhya Pradesh. The party has also appointed in-charge and co-in-charge for the by-elections of Budhni and Vijaypur assembly constituencies.

State President of Bharatiya Janata Party Vishnudutt Sharma has declared in-charge and co-in-charge for Budhni of Sehore district and Vijaypur assembly by-election of Sheopur district.

State Government Minister Karan Singh Verma and former Minister Rampal Singh have been declared in-charge of Budhni Assembly. Similarly, State Government Minister Andal Singh



Kansana has been made in-charge of Vijaypur Assembly and former MLA Narendra Bithare has been made co-in-charge. Former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, who was MLA from Budhni Assembly, has been elected from Vidisha

parliamentary constituency. At the same time, Ramniwas Rawat, the former Congress MLA from Vijaypur, had changed sides and joined BJP. He has resigned from the membership of the Assembly and is a minister in the Mohan Yadav government.

## Khandwa: Police launch probe after pro-Palestine slogans & flag in Tazia procession

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Madhya Pradesh Police has launched an investigation after it received complaints of the raising of pro-Palestine slogans and waving of the Palestine flag during a Tazia procession in the Khandwa district.

The complaint was registered by Bajrang Dal, alleging that the 'Palestine flags' were waved during the Tazia procession at Shivaji Chowk in Khandwa city on Wednesday.

Bajrang Dal members have also met the Superintendent of Police (SP) Manoj Kumar Rai and demanded action against those who waved the Palestine flag and raised pro-Palestine slogans during the Tazia procession. Bajrang Dal has also threatened a protest march in



different parts of the state.

"A written complaint has been received from Bajrang Dal members and the in-charge of the concerned police station has been directed to investigate the matter and submit the reports to district police headquarters," Khandwa SP Manoj

Kumar Rai told the media persons. Sources told reporter that the police have also interrogated some Muslim youths, who attended the Tazia procession at Shivaji Chowk in Khandwa city. The police have also checked CCTV footage to find more evidence.

## Leaders who call themselves symbols of youth are doing injustice to students: Digvijay Singh

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In Bhopal on Thursday, Congress leaders cornered BJP over the nursing scam. Speaking to reporters, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijay Singh said that our leaders raised the issue of nursing scam effectively in the Assembly and the government could not give any answer.

He said that students have enrolled in colleges of Madhya Pradesh by paying fees. He has been troubled for three years. No studies are taking place in colleges. After the examination is done, the results are not out. Why are leaders who call themselves symbols of youth doing injustice to students?

Digvijay Singh said that the High



Court has handed over the investigation of this case to the CBI. In this case only CBI officers were found involved in corruption. Some CBI officers were also dismissed. We cannot trust any investigating agency within Madhya Pradesh. After 2006, BJP government is the brain behind everything from Vyapam scam to nursing scam. The brain behind this is the then Chief Minister at the time of the scam.

He said that at present he has become a Union Minister. Now only Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who used to say "Neither will I eat, nor will I allow you to eat", will answer this scam. And I am with the youth and people of the state fighting against this scam.

## STATE CABINET APPROVES "MADHYA PRADESH CLOUD POLICY 2024"

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The State Cabinet, which met here today under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, approved "Madhya Pradesh Cloud Policy-2024" in order to provide cloud services to the departments. The cloud services will be made available to the departments through Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation (MPSEDC).

Budget will be provided to the Department of Science and Technology for payment of cloud services. The expenses incurred by the departments in purchasing the services directly, setting up the data center and availing the cloud services will be saved as they would be provided by the MPSEDC. Such arrangement will lead to savings in overall expenditure due to economy of scale and better management of cloud services.

For the smooth operation of the processes of Cloud Adoption Framework, a Cloud Monitoring Unit (CMU) will be established in State Electronics Development Corporation (MPSEDC). Human resource services will be procured to manage Cloud Monitoring Unit (CMU) for effective implementation of the Cloud Adoption Framework.

Under MPSEDC, one post of Cloud Manager and two posts of Cloud Technical Expert will be created. MPSEDC has been authorized under the Department of Science and Technology for human resource services or other service terms and contracts etc. for CMU under Cloud Adoption



Framework.

Implementation of Smart-PDS

The State Cabinet approved implementation of Smart-PDS (Scheme for Modernization & Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System). Under this, Rs. 8.35 crore will be spent in 3 years under Targeted Public Distribution System. This will address the difficulties relating to implementation, expansion and storage of software applications, database variations, data recovery and cyber security. Through One Nation-One Ration Card, eligible families have been provided the facility to get ration from any fair price shop in the country by the Government of India.

Extension of Special Recruitment Drive

The Cabinet has extended the timeline for Special Recruitment Drive for filling up of backlog / carry forward posts of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Persons with Disabilities by one year from 01.07.2024 to

30.06.2025. Out of 17 thousand backlog posts, 7 thousand posts have been filled.

Cabinet approved Proposal for Conservation and Management of Sirpur Wetland, Ramsar Site at Indore. The Cabinet decided to forward the proposal for conservation and management of Sirpur Wetland, Ramsar Site at Indore under AMRUT scheme to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India. Proposal seeks to bear 40% of Rs.61 crore 95 lakh 70 thousand under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems - NPCA.

It may be noted that the objective of AMRUT Heritage Scheme is to preserve unique ecological values of all Ramsar sites in the country. A proposal is sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change for financial assistance.

The Cabinet approved increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief payable to Government servants and pensioners in the Seventh Pay Scale by 4% making it to 46% with effect from 1st July, 2023 (Payment Month August, 2023). In the sixth pay scale Dearness Allowance, in the Fourth and Fifth Pay Scales of Government servants working in the Sixth Pay Scale of the State Government and on deputation to State Government undertakings / Corporations / Govt aided Institutions, the order of the Chief Minister for increase in the rate of Dearness Relief payable to State Pensioners was approved.

## 'CASE SHOULD BE REGISTERED AGAINST VISHWAS SARANG'

CONGRESS DEMANDS REGARDING NURSING SCAM IN MADHYA PRADESH

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The politics of Madhya Pradesh is heated over the alleged nursing scam. Congress is in aggressive mode regarding this issue. Due to this, Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee has opened a front against Cabinet Minister Vishwas Sarang in the Mohan government.

Congress leaders on Thursday surrounded the Ashoka Garden police station in the state capital Bhopal and demanded registration of an FIR against Cabinet Minister Vishwas Sarang for the alleged nursing scam.

In fact, a foot march was taken out under the leadership of Congress State President Jitu Patwari, Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar and former Chief Minister Digvijay Singh. During this time he approached Ashoka Garden police station.

However, tight security arrangements were made around the police station, after which the police stopped the Congress workers outside the police station. After this the Congress workers sat on strike.

Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh targeted the Mohan government over the alleged nursing scam. Speaking to reporter, he said, "There has been corruption in all the recruitment examinations conducted since Vyapam till now. The head of this corruption has been Shivraj Singh Chauhan and his cabinet members."

He said that the way nursing colleges were recognized and there has been corruption here, they have done injustice to the nursing students by giving recognition to the colleges in an ineligible manner. Therefore, Minister Vishwas Sarang should resign

and a corruption case should be registered against him and he should be arrested.

Digvijay Singh alleged that the Madhya Pradesh government is steeped in corruption. From Vyapam scam to nursing college scams. We have come here to lodge an FIR, but Vishwas Sarang's goons are trying to stop us. He said that Minister Vishwas Sarang should apologize to the students and resign himself. Let it be known that CBI is investigating the nursing scam in the state. In this matter, cases have been registered against many college operators and arrests have also been made. On the other hand, Congress is continuously blaming the then Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang. Congress had also created a ruckus in the Assembly on this issue and after that, on the call of the Indian National Student Organization, Congress leaders took to the streets.

## "STOMA CARE WORKSHOP" INAUGURATED AT AIIMS BHOPAL

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Prof. (Dr) Ajai Singh, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Bhopal inaugurated the two days workshop on "Stoma Care" today. The Workshop is organized by the Department of General Surgery. In his inaugural address, Dr. Ajai Singh emphasized the significance of the workshop, stating, "The 'Stoma Care Workshop' is an incredible opportunity for healthcare professionals to learn the basics of stoma care. The hands-on experience provided during the workshop will help the participants to be better equipped for future surgical procedures."

Dr. Singh urged the faculty of the Department of General



Surgery to take a leading role in stoma care research and patient care, highlighting the importance of continued education and skill development in enhancing patient outcomes. The workshop is being attended by around 50 participants, including surgeons, nurses, and other healthcare professionals, all eager to gain practical knowledge and expertise in stoma care. The hands-on training sessions are designed to provide partici-

pants with real-world experience, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

The organization of the Stoma Care Workshop underscores AIIMS Bhopal's commitment to delivering quality education and training opportunities for healthcare professionals. By hosting such workshops, AIIMS Bhopal aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of medical professionals, ensuring they are well-prepared to provide the highest standard of care to their patients. AIIMS Bhopal plans to continue offering similar workshops in the future, reinforcing its dedication to fostering continuous learning and professional development in the medical field.

## The infighting is raging in Madhya Pradesh Congress

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Hurt by the defeat in the first assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh and then the defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress has now started burning in the fire of infighting. Fingers are being pointed openly at the organization.

Congress lost in the recently held by-election of Amarwada assembly constituency. Congress had contested the elections with full force but factionalism was visible even during the election campaign. Now Congress leaders have also started openly attacking.

In the meeting of Mahila Congress, there was an altercation between National President Alka Lamba and General Secretary Madhu Sharma. Not only this, the matter even reached the point of hitting shoes.



Now the party has issued a notice to Madhu Sharma only. Now Congress spokesperson Dr. Aminul Suri has also raised questions. People associated with Congress say that fac-

tionism within the party has still not ended. The result of this is that even the state executive is not able to be formed. Senior leaders are not ready to listen to the workers and it should

not be surprising if there is a big explosion in the future. The result of the working style of the big leaders of the party is that a large number of mass base leaders are leaving Congress and joining BJP.

He said, the major identity of the state Congress has been factionalism and due to this the Congress has been weakening at the grassroots level. When the command of Congress was handed over to Kamal Nath before the assembly elections held in the year 2018, the situation gradually started changing. The result was that Congress won the assembly elections and came to power. Then the winds of factionalism gained momentum. As a result the government itself fell. The party is no longer in power, but factionalism and infighting are not stopping.



# OZZY OSBOURNE IS 'FED UP' WITH BRITNEY SPEARS' VIRAL DANCING VIDEOS



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**B**lack metal legend Ozzy Osbourne has issued a brutal swipe at the viral dancing videos of pop icon Britney Spears. The Black Sabbath frontman recently spoke about Britney's popular dance videos during a recent episode of 'The Osbournes' Podcast, reports 'People' magazine. The Osbourne family opened the episode by answering listeners' questions. The first question was directed to Ozzy's daughter, Kelly, asking whether she would ever post TikTok dances. "I don't know how to do TikTok dances. I don't know why anyone would ever think that I would," the 39-year-old replied before her parents

added their own thoughts. According to 'People', Sharon remarked, "It seems to me that TikTok, when it first started, was about people doing silly dances, but now it's developed into so much more." Quickly, Jack, 38, added: "You're just saying that because you're the biggest TikTok junkie, and you're just trying to be like, 'But there's more to it than that.'" "There is," Sharon, 71, claimed. "I'm fed up with seeing poor old Britney Spears on YouTube," said Ozzy before Sharon clarified he was discussing her "dancing." "Every f\*\*\*\*\* day," Ozzy added. "It's sad, very, very sad." "Save Britney," Jack commented, apparently referencing Spears' former conservatorship. "I know. I feel so sorry for her," Kelly chimed in. "Poor little thing," Sharon said, with Jack quickly adding, "Very sad indeed." His mother then said, "It's heartbreaking." After the family expressed their concerns, they quickly moved on to the next question. Britney later addressed the podcast comments in her Instagram post. She wrote: "I'm gonna tell the Osbourne family, who is the most boring family known to mankind, to kindly f\*\*\* off."

**Selma Blair on being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis: I became much happier**



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**H**ollywood actress Selma Blair says she became "much happier" after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, as she could finally deal with her health sensibly. Multiple sclerosis is a condition that can affect the brain and spinal cord. Before being diagnosed with it in 2018, Blair underwent a risky two-month hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) to try and kickstart her immune system. The actress told Us Weekly: "Once I knew I had MS -- which I'd had for a while -- things made so much more sense. And I actually became much happier. I'd had these jerks and spasms for many years, and I'd try to suppress them or keep moving, or drink excessive amounts of alcohol to stop big things that I thought were mental. I honestly thought I was making it up before I was diagnosed. I just thought, 'Jesus, Selma, you're very broken inside. Admit it.' I didn't know I wasn't broken and that I had brain tissue damage." The 'Cruel Intentions' actress said that she was "living a lie" until the diagnosis and has now realised that her condition is more about how she deals with others than about herself, reports femalefirst.co.uk. The actress added: "I'm so much happier. Yes, there are setbacks, and my heart breaks when life goes off the rails. I was a sad person. I wanted joy and good things, but I was living a lie because I didn't know I was sick." "I convinced myself I was just that dramatic, weird girl who needed alcohol to not stutter. I could've been kinder to myself. I realised it's not about me. It's about how I deal with people in the world. My stutter or dystonia, or lack of ability to function in the sun -- if that happens to me, it happens to others."

## 76th Primetime Emmy nominations: 'Shogun' leads the charge followed by 'The Bear'



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The Television Academy has announced nominations for the upcoming 76th edition of the Primetime Emmy Awards. The list of nominations includes historic choices and several critically acclaimed titles that had been overdue for recognition, reports 'Variety'. 'Shogun' leads the pack with a total of 25 nominations (including limited series). It also scored first-time acting nominations for stars Hiroyuki Sanada and Anna Sawai. As per 'Variety', the television network FX landed 93 nominations altogether -- helped also by the record-breaking 23 nominations (the most in Emmy history) for its comedy series 'The Bear'. 'The Bear' was already an Emmy superstar, having landed 10 wins in 2023 -- making it the most Emmys won by a series in its first season. This time, 'The Bear' stars Jeremy Allen White, Ayo Edebiri, Ebon Moss-Bachrach, Lionel Boyce and Liza Colon-Zayas all received acting nods. FX's surge made it the second-most nominated network this year, behind only Netflix (107). And that put it above HBO and Max (91), which wasn't one of the top two networks for the first time in multiple decades. "This one really caught us by surprise and in the best possible way," said FX chief John Landgraf. "You just feel this overwhelming sense of pride for the artists for the nominees," he added. Besides 'Shogun' and 'The Bear', FX pulled off a comedy series nomination for 'Reservation Dogs', something that fans and TV critics had been pushing for years. In its third season, 'Only Murders in the Building' finally landed an acting nomination for star Selena Gomez. The most-nominated limited/anthology series this year was HBO's 'True Detective: Night Country', with 19. NBC's 'Saturday Night Live' was the most-recognised broadcast entry, with 17 nominations. Other outlets having a landmark year included Apple TV+, which scored 70 nominations -- thanks to a surging 'The Morning Show' (16 nominations), comedy newcomer 'Palm Royale' and the limited entry 'Lessons in Chemistry'. The 76th Emmy Awards will air live on September 15. Indian audiences can stream the award ceremony on Lionsgate Play.



## NEIL PATRICK HARRIS SHARES HEARTFELT TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF HIS GOLDEN RETRIEVER

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**A**ctor Neil Patrick Harris has lost one of his beloved family dogs. He mourned the death of his golden retriever, Ella. The actor, who is also the founder and editor-in-chief of Wondercade, opened up about the "terrible" loss in his newsletter. Harris informed readers that while Wondercade typically avoids heavy-hearted content, he noted that he simply wasn't sure how to process his grief other than by sharing, reports 'People' magazine. "Something terrible happened," the actor wrote. Harris explained that "late last week," he and his husband, David Burtka, were vacationing in New Hampshire while their 13-year-old twins, Harper and Gideon, were away at summer camp. Michael, a close friend, was watching the family's four dogs. Harris shared that he received an early morning phone call from Michael during his trip with the gut-wrenching words, "Ella is dead." According to 'People,' he was told that the four-year-old golden retriever died in a freak accident involving a tree branch. "I found her in the front yard, lying in the grass. It seems like a tree branch had somehow gotten caught in her collar, and in trying to get it free, she rolled around on the ground and it wrapped around her neck," the family friend said. "She must have choked or been strangled or something. Part of the branch is stuck in her mouth. But she's dead. Ella's dead." Harris recalled how the canine got her name. Eleanor Menopée Burtka-Harris, better known as Ella, was named after Burtka's maternal grandmother, Eleanor Zajas. Her middle name was chosen by Harris's father.

## Payal Kapadia, Tim Blake Nelson join jury of Locarno Film Festival

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**I**ndian filmmaker and Cannes Grand Prix winner Payal Kapadia, along with US actor Tim Blake Nelson, Italian actor Luca Marinelli, and Belgian producer Diana Elbaum, have joined the jury of the Locarno Film Festival. They will be part of the main jury of the prominent Swiss festival dedicated to indie cinema, which, as previously announced, will be headed by Austrian auteur Jessica Hausner, reports Variety. In other Locarno jury announcements, the jury panel for the Filmmakers of the Present section, which focuses on emerging directors in their first or second feature, will include Nigerian filmmaker C.J. "Fieri" Obasi and French-Palestinian-Algerian filmmaker and actor Lina Soualem, among others. The 'Leopards of Tomorrow' short film jury panel will consist of Italian multi-hyphenate Licia Eminentin, Malagasy curator and filmmaker Laza Razanajatovo, and French producer Juliette Schrameck. The winner of the fest's Swatch First Feature Award will be decided by Moroccan producer-director Khalil Benkirane, rising Finnish star Alma Poysti 'Fallen Leaves', and Swiss-Italian make-up designer Esme Sciaroni. The fest's Pardo Verde Jury, dedicated to climate crisis films, will include Swiss-Rwandan artist, writer, and director Kantarama Gahigiri, French programmer and film



critic Cedric Succivalli, and Swiss sustainability adviser, journalist, and arts manager Daniel Wiener. "It is a tremendous privilege to welcome these talented artists and programmers to Locarno and to entrust them with the films our selection committees handpicked from the thousands that were presented to us," said Gioma A. Nazzaro, Locarno's artistic director. "It is through their creative gazes that this year's official selection will be introduced to the world." The 77th edition of the Locarno Film Festival will take place from August 7-17.

## Whoopi Goldberg faked sneezing to spread mother's ashes on Disneyland ride

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**O**scar-winning actress Whoopi Goldberg recently shared how she spread her mother's ashes at Disneyland, which involved a sneeze. During an appearance on 'Late Night with Seth Meyers', Goldberg talked about how she honoured her late mother, Emma Harris, at the theme park after her death in August 2010. Goldberg began by cautioning the audience, "No one should do this," which caused the crowd to laugh. The actress then stressed: "Don't



do it." To spread her mother's ashes, Goldberg said she would "scoop some of her up" and pretend she had a cold by faking a big sneeze.

## ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Hailey Bieber





# RICHA CHADHA, ALI FAZAL 'TICKLED PINK' AS THEY WELCOME DAUGHTER



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**B**ollywood couple Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal have announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter. In a joint statement, Richa and Ali confirmed that they welcomed a "healthy baby girl" on July 16. "We are tickled pink with joy to announce the arrival of a healthy baby girl on 16.07.24! Our families are overjoyed, and we thank our well-wishers for their love and blessings! Love, Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal," the couple shared in their statement. In February, Richa and Ali announced on social media that they were expecting their first child. "A tiny heartbeat is the loudest sound in our world." Their Instagram announcement read, "1+1=3," and was captioned, "A tiny heartbeat is the loudest sound in our world." Richa and Ali first met on the sets of 'Fukrey' in 2013 and decided to get married in 2020 during the pandemic.

## JANHVI KAPOOR HOSPITALISED FOLLOWING FOOD POISONING

**B**ollywood star Janhvi Kapoor, who was recently seen in the sports drama 'Mr. & Mrs. Mahi', has been hospitalised. The actress has been feeling unwell for the last few days. As per a media report, the actress had cancelled all her appointments for Wednesday in order to rest and recuperate.

However, when her health deteriorated on Thursday, her family rushed her to the hospital. The media reports have stated that it's a case of severe food poisoning.

As Mumbai battling torrential rains, the city has witnessed a spike in infections and ill-health. The actress will be in the hospital for 1-2 days till her condition improves under the observation of doctors.



*Love celebrating my birthday but this year I've kept it very simple : Bhumi*



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**A**ctress Bhumi Pednekar, who turned 35 on Thursday, celebrated her birthday, saying that she loves celebrating it but this year she kept it very simple.

"I brought in my birthday on set. I cut my cake at 12 with friends and family and everybody from my set, from my Daldal set and it was incredible because that's my happy place and it just felt like the right start to my new year," Bhumi told.

"Otherwise I'm just gonna spend the day at

home with my mother, with my family and just people that love me," the actress added.

Asked if she is big on birthday parties or if she likes time with her family on her big day, Bhumi said: "So this year my birthday is going to be different because usually I'm very very big on birthday parties."

"I love going all out, I love celebrating my birthday but this year I've kept it very easy, simple, just like me with my closest friends and people that I really really love. Gonna eat one massive, large, phenomenal meal and just keeping it easy."



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**A**ctress and fashionista Sonam Kapoor shared that while she bought a lot of clothes when she was younger, borrowing them from designers proved to be more practical, something which was common internationally but not in India.

Talking about her love for fashion and clothes, Sonam said: "I just wanted to wear what I liked from the designers I knew. It was just me being myself, influenced by the education I got from my mom and my passion for fashion."

The 39-year-old actress, who is the daughter of veteran star Anil Kapoor,

revealed she considered designers as "stars."

"I considered fashion designers, both international and Indian, as stars because I grew up admiring them through my mom. This wasn't about projecting an image; it was about my genuine love for fashion," she said.

The actress added: "I realised people didn't often borrow clothes, so I started borrowing them. It didn't make sense to buy everything all the time. I did buy a lot, but borrowing was more practical."

Being fashionable wasn't a "strategic intent" for Sonam.

Sonam said: "This practice was common internationally but not in India, so I

## Sonam Kapoor: I did buy a lot, but borrowing clothes was more practical

just did what felt right at the time. I was a 20-year-old girl, just following my passion for fashion without any strategic intent."

The actress said she is privileged to represent the richness and diversity of Indian culture, whether through art, cinema, or fashion.

"To represent India to the world is something I am very proud of. South Asians I've met abroad also love representing their culture and appreciate when people recognise and understand it," she said.

The actress added: "Whether it's through museums, red carpets, or any platform, I take every opportunity to showcase the beauty and richness of Indian culture."

## 'LOOKING PRESENTABLE MAKES LOT OF DIFFERENCE: CHARRUL MALIK

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**A**ctress Charrul Malik believes it's important to look presentable at all times, however, she emphasises that one should do it for themselves, not for others.

The 'Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hai' actress said: "You must look presentable; you don't have to do it for anyone else; you should do it for yourself. When you look presentable, wearing good clothes and having your hair done well, you get a different kind of confidence. Also, people notice you. So it makes a lot of difference, and you must do it for yourself."

The actress also highlighted the importance of grooming, saying, "It is very important, whether in a professional or personal setting. I always say that before going anywhere, half your mission is completed; your work is complete if you groom yourself."

Charrul believes that people are impressed by those who speak well and look good.

"It is human tendency; we judge and look at the person in front of us. In fact, I even look at their shoes, and from that, I understand whether the person is well-groomed or not. My eyes judge those who take care of themselves because the person who is looking good by taking care of themselves, flies high in my eyes," she said.

For Charrul, it is important that her vibe matches the person she is meeting; otherwise, it doesn't go beyond the first meeting.

"I like to meet again, but only with those whose vibe matches mine; otherwise, there is no point," she said.

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Shehnaaz Kaur Gill