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Measures taken by the govt in northeast, including pacts with tribes after 2019, responsible for AFSPA being lifted from over 66% area in the region, says Union home minister Amit Shah, P7

PSG forward Kylian Mbappe is the most valuable soccer player in the world followed by Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr & new Manchester City recruit Erling Haaland, says Swiss research group CIES Football Observatory, P22

India is expected to reintroduce cheetahs in the country by August with South Africa agreeing to its request to relocate 4-5 of them in MP's Kuno-Palpur national park

Johnny Depp, who recently won \$15m in damages in a defamation case against ex-wife Amber Heard, spent ₹48L in Birmingham's largest Indian restaurant on Sunday, gorging on samosas and chicken tikka masala, P18



4 terrorists shot; drone bombing plot foiled in J&K

Two Pakistanis were among four terrorists killed in two encounters while security forces foiled a plot to carry out a series of explosions in the Valley as drones were being sent to drop explosive devices. The payload dropped was 1kg each. Akg-2000 contained three-mm-long IEDs packed inside tiffin boxes. The drone, however, could not be shot. P13

WB cuts growth forecast to 7.5%

The World Bank on Tuesday cut India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5% as rising inflation, supply chain disruptions & geopolitical tensions taper recovery. This is the second time that the WB has revised its forecast. P17

Gyanvapi case: Judge gets threat

Civil judge R K Diwakar, who ensured court-appointed panel to hear inquest of women seeking rights to worship deities in the Gyanvapi mosque, got a threat letter from 'Islamic Aghaz Movement'. The case is now with the district judge. P10

Viagra overdose leads to 2 ops

A newly married 28-year-old man who overdosed on Viagra pills had to undergo two surgeries in a Prayagraj hospital — to ease a painful, persistent erection, and months after, penile prosthesis to deal with erectile dysfunction. PAGE OPP

Centre tweaks rules to widen CDS choice pool

Serving & Retd 3-Star Officers Also Now Eligible

Rajat Pandit | TNM

New Delhi: Serving or retired three-star military officers, apart from the present Army, IAF and Navy chiefs who are four-star Generals, will now also be considered for the chief of defence staff (CDS) post, which has been lying vacant since Gen Bipin Rawat's untimely death in a helicopter crash on December 8 last year.

The government has tweaked the Army, IAF and Navy rules to widen the "pool of selection" for the country's top military post to include even retired three-star Generals, Air Marshals and Vice Admirals, provided they are under 62 years. With the June 5 amendments to the service rules specifying the age cutoff at 62, recently retired military chiefs like Gen M M Naravane, Admiral K B Singh and Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria won't be eligible.

> The 3 current chiefs — Gen Manoj Pande, Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari and Admiral R Hari Kumar — will be

eligible for the CDS post.

The three chiefs serve till the end of their three-year term, whichever is earlier, while the CDS can go up to 65.

The amendments are an

indicator that the government is moving ahead to appoint the next CDS after an inexplicable delay of six months. Gen Rawat's death has slowed down the entire process to build an integrated war-fighting machinery within budgetary constraints through the creation of theatre commands.

> Unified commands, P 10

Gold smuggling case accused names Kerala CM

Swapna Suresh, prime accused in the case related to gold smuggling through diplomatic channels, levelled allegations against Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan for the first time, saying currently he was involved during his Dubai trip in 2016 and "brought ni vessels" containing "metal objects" were sent to the CM's house from the UAE consular general's residence.

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Her life cut short in crash, Neelima's eyes will live on

New Delhi: Just 100 metres from a board warning of an "accident prone zone" in northwest Delhi's Kanjhawala, Neelima Tiwari's bicycle was hit by a pick-up van, killing the 16-year-old on her way to her school on Monday morning.

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2 Gupta bros, wanted in SA, arrested in UAE

Indian-origin fugitive businessmen Rajesh and Atul Gupta, who were among South Africa's most wanted suspects in a corruption case that led to the removal of President Jacob Zuma from power, have been arrested by Dubai Police. The Interpol had issued red notices against Rajesh, 51, and Atul Gupta, 53, who fled South Africa with their families. P7

Teen stabbed to death in city over ₹10, 4 held

In yet another murder in the capital over a petty issue, a 17-year-old boy was allegedly beaten and strangled to death by a group of youths after he refused to give them Rs 10 for a cigarette in central Delhi's Anand Parbat police said. Four people have been arrested in the case. All four were nabbed while preparing to flee the city, police said. P2

All rectal cancer patients 'cured' in US drug trial

A rectal cancer drug trial showed astounding results when the disease vanished in a small group of 30 patients who were all given the same drug. The cancer was undetectable by physical exam, endoscopy, positron emission tomography, PET scans or even MRI scans in each of the patients. The results were sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline. P15

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Only ₹2.79L in cash found, all legal: AAP

After raiding car of CM for trying to implicate Satyendar Jain in a "false case", CM Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said PM Modi was on a "witch hunt" against AAP government. AAP alleged the agency could barely manage to find cash of Rs 2.79 lakh and did not seize that since it all accounted for. Manish Sisodia said BJP was trying to showcase some close person as close to Jain. P3

against the AAP minister.

The ED said it has searched the premises of several accused who "assisted" Jain in money laundering, identifying Anupash Jain, Vaibhav Jain, Naveen Jain and Yogesh Jain (all directors of Ram Prakash Jewellers), G S Mathur chairman of Lal Shershingh Vigyan Trust which runs Prudence Group of Schools.

> Being questioned, P 3

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Hyd rape: MLA's son, nephew held; govt used in crime

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad police on Tuesday detained the minor son of an AIMIM MLA in the alleged gang rape of a 17-year-old in October. In the premises of Delhi minister Satyendar Jain and his family members, the ED on Tuesday said it has confiscated Rs 2.85 crore in unaccounted cash and 133 gold coins weighing 1.8 kg. It also seized various "incriminating documents and digital records" in connection with the laundering allegations.

> Sonia not Covid - we yet, to skip ED date, P 7

In all, six people have been arrested — five of them minors. At a press meet, Hyderabad police commissioner C V Anand said the MLA's son has been booked under Sec 354 (assault or use of criminal force with intent to outrage a woman's modesty) of the IPC and PoCO Act, and not for gang rape. Anand said the Innova in which the crime happened was a government vehicle.

> Parents to be booked? P10

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players as members of two communities indulged in brick-batting during a protest against "insulting" comments about Prophet by Nupur Sharma. Police said Srivastava had

tweeted a controversial post on the violence and asked people to recite Hanuman Chalisa on Saturday.

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- **China on mind, Rajnath visits Vietnam to boost defence ties** [Wed, 08 Jun 05:07]

Defence minister Rajnath Singh reached Vietnam on a three-day visit on Tuesday to further crank up bilateral defence ties, in the backdrop of both countries being wary of the aggressive moves by China in the Indo-Pacific region.

- **ED attaches Rs 11cr Choksi stake in Japanese firm, kin's NY flat** [Wed, 08 Jun 05:10]

Enforcement Directorate (ED) attached a flat in New York of fugitive diamond merchant Mehul Choksi's daughter-in-law and his shares worth Rs 11 crore in a Japanese company, in lieu of the properties that he had purchased through defrauded Punjab National Bank (PNB) money but remained untraceable.

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The active cases comprise 0.07 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was 98.72 per cent, the ministry said.

An increase of 1,881 cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The seven new fatalities include five from Kerala and one each from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

A total of 5,24,715 deaths have been reported so far in the country

including 1,47,866 from Maharashtra, 69,801 from Kerala, 40,108 from Karnataka, 38,025 from Tamil Nadu, 26,213 from Delhi, 23,523 from Uttar Pradesh and 21,205 from West Bengal.

The ministry stressed that more than 70 per cent of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.67 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 1.12 per cent, according to the ministry. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,26,36,710, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.21 per cent.

(With agency inputs)

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India moots 26 more sites under Ramsar Convention; Thane Creek and Goa's Nanda Lake in the list

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NEW DELHI: India has proposed 26 more wetlands to be designated under Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental global treaty to preserve ecological character of selected wetlands across the globe. Once accepted, the total number of such wetlands in India will be 75 this year when the country completes 75 years of its independence. So far, 49 wetlands from India are designated as sites of global importance under the Convention, signed in Ramar, Iran in 1971. The proposed new sites include Thane Creek from Maharashtra, Nanda Lake from Goa, 12 wetlands from Tamil Nadu, four from Odisha and three from Madhya Pradesh among others.

"We have sent our proposals for 26 new sites to the Ramsar Convention secretariat. We have been pushing for it as the identified sites fulfil all required criteria," said a senior environment ministry official.

Member countries under the Convention identify the sites which can be of significant value for their eco-services and rich biodiversity. The wetlands - land areas covered by water, either seasonally or permanently - play a key role in flood control and as sources of water, food, fibre and raw materials. Besides, such land areas also

support mangroves that protect coastlines and filter pollutants.

India's space agency, ISRO, has mapped the country's wetlands, covering 15.98 million hectares which is around 4.86% of the total geographic area of the country. A total of 2,31,195 wetlands (area >= 2.25 ha) have been mapped at 1:50,000 scale during 2017-18.

Any kind of encroachment, setting up of industry, expansion of existing industries, solid waste dumping, discharge of untreated wastes and effluents, poaching and any construction of a permanent nature are among the activities which are prohibited within the wetlands.

Wetlands in numbers

* No. of wetland sites in India under Ramsar Convention: 49

* No. of Ramsar sites globally: 2,439

India's prominent wetlands in the list

Chilika lake areas (Odisha), Wular lake (J&K), Renuka (Himachal Pradesh), Sambhar lake (Rajasthan), Deepor Beel (Assam), East Kolkata wetlands (West Bengal), Nal Sarovar (Gujarat), Harika (Punjab), Rudra Sagar (Tripura) and Bhoj wetland (Madhya Pradesh)

26 proposed to be included in the list

***12 from Tamil Nadu** include Chitrangudi, Koonthankulam, Udayamarthandapuram, Vaduvur, Vellode, Kanjirkulam and Karikili bird sanctuaries.

***4 from Odisha:** Satkosia Gorge, Tampara Lake, Hirakud Reservoir and Ansupa Lake.

***3 from Madhya Pradesh:** Sirpur wetland, Sakhya Sagar and Yashwant Sagar.

***2 from Jammu & Kashmir:** Hygam and Shallbugh wetland conservation reserves.

***2 from Karnataka:** Ranganathituu and Suchindram Theroor wetland complex.

***1 each from Goa (Nanda Lake), Maharashtra (Thane Creek) and Mizoram (Pala wetland).**

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Prophet row: After threats to life, Sharma gets police security

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THANE: Suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma has been summoned by Mumra police on June 22 to record her statement in connection with a case registered against her for allegedly making objectionable remarks against Prophet Muhammad. Delhi Police have, meanwhile, provided her with security after she received death and rape threats.

Sharma on Tuesday said she “accepts and respects” the party’s decision. BJP on Sunday had suspended Sharma and expelled its Delhi unit’s media head Naveen Kumar Jindal.

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Prophet row: Qaida threatens suicide blasts in Indian cities

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[Prophet row: BJP youth wing leader held for inflammatory remarks in Kanpur](#)

A BJP youth wing leader was arrested and sent to jail in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday for allegedly making inflammatory comments about Prophet Muhammad on social media platforms.

This is the second instance in two months that the outfit has waded into India-centric events. In April, it had tried to exploit the hijab controversy.

[Why BJP was forced to act after the outrage in the Arab world](#)

The reason for India's ruling party suspending and firing a party member each over their controversial remarks on Islam, apparently under pressure from Gulf countries, may seem political but the reason is more economic. Here's why

"We also remind our brethren in the subcontinent that our Prophet told us about the battle of India (Ghazwa-e-Hind) and predicted the victory for Muslims in India," it added.

Prophet Comment Row: Amid growing chorus in Gulf, India slams 'unwarranted' OIC attacks

India on Monday slammed the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) and Pakistan for their attacks over the controversial remarks made by BJP spokespersons against Prophet Muhammad even as the UAE, Oman, Bahrain and Jordan joined the chorus of denunciation.

Meanwhile, a pro-al-Qaida channel on Telegram also shared a video exhorting followers of the terrorist group to vow revenge.

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Home minister Shah: Govt pacts with tribals gave Northeast AFSPA relief

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NEW DELHI: Asserting the Centre's commitment to tribal welfare, Union home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said it was because of the measures taken in the Northeast by the Modi government, including agreements reached after 2019 with many tribes, that the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) has been lifted from more than 66% of the areas in the region.

He also said that in the eight years of the Congress-led UPA government from 2006-14, there were 8,700 untoward incidents in the Northeast, whereas in the past eight years of BJP regime, the number has come down to 1,700. "A secured Northeast and secured central India will pave the way for the development of tribals," he said.

Shah highlighted that the number of districts affected by Left-wing extremism has also come down by 70%.

He made these remarks at the inauguration of the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in Delhi on Tuesday. Labelling the NTRI as the backbone of future planning for tribal welfare, data collection and settling legacy issues of tribals, Shah outlined the government's focus on tribals who account for 8% of the country's population.

Shah said the NTRI would provide policy inputs to the government. A national knowledge centre for the conservation and promotion of cultural heritage would also be set up here. There are 27 tribal research institutes across the country and now the NTRI, under the ministry of tribal affairs, will be coordinating and monitoring their projects.

Shah said the government has taken several measures in the Northeast after 2019 and restored peace in the region. He said 87 security personnel have lost their lives in the Northeast during the Modi government's tenure, as against 304 during the Congress governance, and the number of civilian deaths in 1990 was 2,000, which has come down to 217.

Shah also said as far as incidents of Left-wing extremism are concerned, the number was 2,258 in 2009, which is down to 509 in 2021. The number of civilian deaths related to them was 1,005 earlier and this has come down to 147.

The home minister said in 2014, Rs 21,000 crore was allocated for tribal schemes which was increased to Rs 86,000 crore in 2021-22 and 93% of it was also spent.

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Weeks after trio was run over, exam success story brings gloom to Assam town

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GUWAHATI: On a day the education department of Assam declared its Class X board exam results, a pall of gloom descended on bustling Sipajhar town, as three boys from here, who died in a road accident on May 24, had easily cleared the exams.

For the families of Rekib Ali, Imdadul Hussain, and Jintumoni Ahmed, Tuesday was still a day spent in mourning. Just two weeks ago, the trio, along with two others, were killed in a road accident on their way back home after jogging at the Sipajhar high school playground. A speeding truck rammed into them on NH 15, killing them on the spot.

While Rekib cleared the exam with 72% marks, Imdadul scored 52%, and Jintumoni 61% marks.

Their family members said they were practising running after finishing the examinations, with an aim to serve in the Assam police. "They were good friends and did a lot of hard work. Jintu was confident that he would pass the exam with good marks. We're very unfortunate that they are not alive to taste the fruits of their hard work," Jintu's mother said.

Teachers of their school went to the houses of the trio on Tuesday morning to inform them of the results.

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In fresh jolt to Punjab Congress, ex-minister held in graft case

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CHANDIGARH: In yet another setback to Congress in Punjab, the vigilance bureau on Tuesday arrested ex-forest minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and his two aides over their alleged "organised corruption" in issuing permits for cutting Khair trees, transferring government officials, purchases and issuing no-objection certificates.

Dharamsot's then media adviser Kamaljit Singh and his then OSD Chamkaur Singh too, were arrested along with him. Dharamsot's successor as forests minister in the then Congress government, Sangat Singh Gilzian, who is yet to be arrested, is among the nine accused named in the FIR.

Dharamsot, considered close to ex-Punjab CM Amarinder Singh was arrested from Amloh in Fatehgarh Sahib. He was also embroiled in the Scheduled Caste post-matric scholarship scam, in August 2020, but Amarinder gave him a clean chit.

"CM Bhagwant Mann didn't find anything against me in the scholarship scam and, now, he has framed me in a false case," he said after he was produced in a Mohali court on Tuesday. The court remanded him in police custody for three days.

The vigilance bureau had on June 2 arrested DFO Mohali, Gurmanpreet Singh, and forest contractor, Harmohinder Singh for accepting bribe from coloniser Davinder Singh Sandhu, in lieu of not demolishing farm houses developed by his company, WWICS, in Mohali.

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Won't accept attempts to change borders: Foreign minister Jaishankar

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NEW DELHI: Foreign minister S Jaishankar said Tuesday India will never accept any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo on India's borders. While he didn't name China, he said any departure from established understandings will evoke "its own responses". Speaking at an event to mark eight years of the Modi government, Jaishankar also said India was looking forward to joining the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) despite the "political impediments" involved. China continues to oppose any exclusive membership for India and seeks a criteria-based approach for the expansion of the group instead of one based purely on merit.

"Our borders also need safeguarding & we'll never accept any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo. A posture that departs from established understandings will evoke its own responses," said Jaishankar.

"When it comes to security, we'll do what it takes to ensure national well-being. I acknowledge role of trusted partners who work to help keep India safe and secure every day. We've overcome the hesitations of history and won't allow anyone a veto on our choices," he added.

On the threat from terrorism, Jaishankar said diplomacy has contributed to addressing the challenge by delegitimising it and denying support and sustenance to terrorism.

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China on mind, Rajnath visits Vietnam to boost defence ties

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NEW DELHI: Defence minister Rajnath Singh reached Vietnam on a three-day visit on Tuesday to further crank up bilateral defence ties, in the backdrop of both countries being wary of the aggressive moves by China in the Indo-Pacific region.

"India and Vietnam share a comprehensive strategic partnership and defence ties is a key pillar of this partnership. Vietnam is an important partner in India's 'Act East' policy and Indo-Pacific vision. I am looking forward to further strengthening the bilateral defence engagements," he said.

Singh will hold extensive talks with his Vietnamese counterpart General Phan Van Giang, with a focus on exploring new initiatives to further strengthen the defence engagements, besides exchanging views on regional and global issues of shared interest, the defence ministry said.

The defence minister is also scheduled to call on Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc and PM Pham Minh Chinh. "At the

Hong Ha Shipyard in Hai Phong, the minister will preside over the handing over ceremony of 12 high-speed guard boats constructed under the Indian government's \$100 million defence line of credit to Vietnam," an official said.

"Bilateral defence engagements have expanded over a period of time to include wide-ranging contacts between the two countries, including defence policy dialogues, military-to-military exchanges, capacity building and training programmes," he added.

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ED attaches Rs 11cr Choksi stake in Japanese firm, kin's NY flat

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MUMBAI: Enforcement Directorate (ED) attached a flat in New York of fugitive diamond merchant Mehul Choksi's daughter-in-law and his shares worth Rs 11 crore in a Japanese company, in lieu of the properties that he had purchased through defrauded Punjab National Bank (PNB) money but remained untraceable.

"It has been revealed during the investigation that huge amount of proceeds of crime (POC) generated in this case has been siphoned off by Mehul Choksi abroad...," the ED said in its supplementary chargesheet filed before the special court.

The chargesheet said, "It has been revealed during the probe that huge amount of POC generated in this case has been siphoned off by Mehul Choksi abroad and the same was not available for attachment. Hence, the above detailed shares beneficially owned by Mehul Choksi representing property equivalent in value of proceeds of crime was attached."

The ED said that in 2015, Choksi transferred the Rs 5.72 crore (flat value when he purchased it in 2010) in Manhattan, New York, to his daughter-in-law Snagdha Talreja. The flat was transferred in the name of Talreja's company My Tree, 1211, LLC without any payment received by Choksi. The ED has alleged the flat is still beneficially owned by Choksi.

Similarly, the ED in its investigations has found that one of Choksi's companies owns 22.6% of the shares worth Rs 11 crore of a Japanese company M/s GSTV Company Ltd.

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SC recognises putative father's right to visit child

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NEW DELHI: If a child is born without marriage and is illegitimate as per law, could the biological father be given visitation rights when the Hindu Marriage Act recognises mother as the sole guardian of the offspring?

Faced with this question by a man, a vacation bench of Justices M R Shah and Aniruddha Bose struck a balance between provisions of the law and emotions of a filial relationship, and decided to recognise a putative father's right to visit his offspring.

In the process, the bench maintained a Delhi HC order fixing a time schedule for the man to meet his three-year-old child, even though the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act (HMGA) gave sole custody of an illegitimate minor to the mother.

Section 6(b) of HMGA provided that "The natural guardians of a Hindu minor are, in the case of an illegitimate boy or an illegitimate unmarried girl, the mother, and after her, the father." But section 6(a) mandated that if the child is not illegitimate, then the first right of guardianship rested with the father and after him the mother.

However, Section 6(a) clarifies that custody of a child up to five years should preferably be with the mother.

To overcome Section 6(b) legal impediment, the man through

advocate Nalin Kohli told the bench that his client admits to be the biological father and hence the child is not illegitimate. He was satisfied with the Delhi HC order granting him visitation rights for two hours thrice a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and six hours on Sunday.

However, Kohli said that the weekday visitation was confined to a Defence Colony flat, which was a floor above the mother's residence and where the man earlier stayed. Since he has shifted to another place, he should be allowed to take the child there during the scheduled hours of meeting, the counsel said.

The bench did not agree and said that he could meet the child at the Defence colony flat as long as the mother resided there. It also directed both the putative father and the mother not to create any untoward situation when the man meets the child. SC told both parties to move the HC for any variation of the order regarding visitation rights, as and when the need arises.

The mother through senior advocate Geeta Luthra had argued before the Delhi HC that the legitimacy of the child flows from marriage and that the man is a putative father, not akin to a biological father, hence disentitled to visitation rights under HMGA. The mother had also argued that where the child is born outside of wedlock, the maternity is established in the woman who gives birth to the child, however the paternity remains nebulous and in such cases the preference is given to the mother over the father.

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To check 'lost votes' of migrants, EC eyes remote voting pilot

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NEW DELHI: Acknowledging 'lost votes' during an election on account of migration of voters from their registered polling station area to other places for purposes like employment and education, the Election Commission on Tuesday said the time has come to explore the possibility of "remote voting", starting possibly with a pilot project. It has accordingly decided to set up a committee to examine the issues relating to migrant voters and will also hold wider consultations with all the stakeholders including political parties. The decision to explore the option of remote voting follows chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar's trek over the weekend to some of the farthest polling stations in Dumak and Kalgoth villages of Uttarakhand's Chamoli district. Based on a first-hand assessment by Kumar of the difficulties faced by polling officers and voters in remote polling stations as well as election commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey's added insights from his past assignment as Pithoragarh district magistrate, the EC on Tuesday also decided to double the remuneration for polling officials going to polling stations three days in advance, from the existing uniform, per diem remuneration; update route maps to polling stations requiring 2-3 day, arduous trek (there are 440 such polling stations) to ensure the shortest and safest route; ask district election officers (DEOs) and returning officers (ROs) to visit all such polling stations a year before polls,

along with select visits by the chief electoral officer; and develop special, water-and-shock-proof, extra protective backpacks or cases for EVMs and VVPATs that enable hands-free movement of poll staff in difficult terrain.

During his interactions with the voters and poll officials in Uttarakhand, CEC was informed that Dumak village had a 71.14% voter turnout and Kalgoth village 80.45%, in the recent assembly elections. However, 20-25% registered voters in the two villages were unable to vote as they were required to move out of their village/state broadly on account of their jobs or educational pursuits. "This situation opens up the opportunity to explore possibilities of much awaited leap forward to facilitate remote voting by migrant voters," an EC note stated on Tuesday.

Sources told TOI that the proposed panel on remote voting will look at both the procedural changes required as well as the feasible technical solutions to enable migrant voters to vote from where they are, rather than having to forgo their democratic right due to their inability to travel back to their registered polling stations to cast their vote, as required by the current rules. Once the committee submits its suggestions, a concept note will be prepared and circulated among the political parties and other stakeholders for consultation. Depending on the consensus, the EC will take a call on a pilot project to roll out 'remote voting'.

EC had earlier taken up a research project on remote voting, in consultation with IIT Madras and eminent technological experts from other institutions. The panel is said to have favoured allowing voters to vote at designated polling stations away from they are registered, "using a two-way electronic voting system in a controlled environment with white-listed IP devices on dedicated internet lines, enabled with biometric devices and a web camera", said sources. A senior EC functionary on Tuesday told TOI that the new committee on remote voting will have a wider mandate, including looking at the need to revise rules and processes as also going beyond the technical solutions suggested by the earlier research team.

Meanwhile, also concerned at the low voter turnout, EC on Tuesday

directed the DEOs and ROs to identify at least the 5 lowest voter turnout booths in each assembly constituency and visit them to identify factors for low voting turnout and take targeted interventions to mitigate these factors.

To address voting apathy in urban areas, the Commission will undertake focused voter awareness activities. Noting how many government employees do not vote despite declaration of a public holiday on polling day, EC asked all Central and state-run entities including PSUs with over 500 employees, to appoint a nodal officer to ascertain leave-availing but non-voting employees. Special voter education sessions would be held for such government staff, as also young voters.

As per EC voter turnout data for parliamentary constituencies (PCs) for 2019 LS polls, urban centres like Hyderabad PC witnessed the lowest voting at 44.84%, ranking fourth after the terror-prone PCs of Anantnag, Srinagar and Baramulla in J&K. Kalyan PC in Mumbai saw 45.31% polling, Patna Sahib 45.8%, Secunderabad 46.5%, Thane 49.39%, Pune 49.89%, Mumbai South 51.59%, Kanpur 51.65% and Allahabad 51.83%.

At its meeting on Friday, EC noted noted with concern the abysmally low voter turnout in some of the metropolitan/city areas despite the fact that polling stations are set up within 2 km for any voter in urban areas.

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Prophet row: More nations from Islamic world slam India

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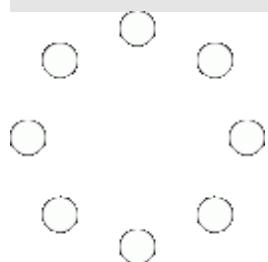


NEW DELHI: The blowback from the Islamic world over the remarks against Prophet Muhammad by BJP functionaries continued on Tuesday with Malaysia, Turkey, Libya and Iraq also joining others in condemning the controversial remarks against the Prophet. While Malaysia and Iraq summoned Indian ambassadors to lodge a protest, the spokesperson of the ruling party of Turkey condemned the comments saying these were an insult not only to Muslims in India but also to Muslims all over the world.

From Saudi Arabia, the UAE to Pakistan, how countries reacted to Nupur Sharma, Naveen Jindal's controversial statements

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"We expect the Government of India to take the necessary measures in the face of increasing Islamophobia and strengthen the religious freedom of Muslims," said the spokesperson.

Qatar satisfied with BJP action on leaders who made 'controversial' remarks against Prophet: Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Modi

While condemning what it described as derogatory remarks against the Prophet, Malaysia called upon India to work together in ending

"Islamophobia and cease any provocative acts in the interest of peace and stability".

Egypt-based Arab Parliament also expressed its strong condemnation of, and rejection of the "irresponsible remarks issued by the spokeswoman of India's ruling (party BJP) against Prophet Muhammad". In a statement, the Arab Parliament said such remarks fully contradict the principle of tolerance and interfaith dialogue, and lead to hate.

An Iraqi parliamentary committee said in a statement that "these abuses, malicious and disgraceful acts will have serious repercussions and, if not contained, may lead to dire consequences that will have unimaginable consequences for the peaceful coexistence, as well as increase strife and tensions between peoples".

The Indian embassy said in response that "in line with our civilisational heritage and strong cultural traditions of unity in diversity, government of India accords the highest respect of all religions".

Prophet row: BJP youth wing leader held for inflammatory remarks in Kanpur

A BJP youth wing leader was arrested and sent to jail in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday for allegedly making inflammatory comments about Prophet Muhammad on social media platforms.

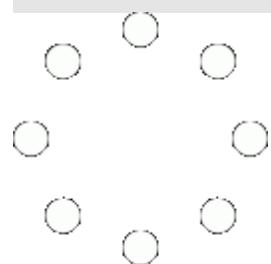
Libya's ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation in a statement "strongly condemned" the "insulting remarks" and called for the consolidation of the values of tolerance and coexistence and the rejection of the discourse of violence and hatred.

On Monday, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, the Maldives, UAE, Jordan,

Bahrain, Oman and Afghanistan condemned the controversial remarks against the Prophet, underlining the importance of respecting all religious beliefs.

Why BJP leader Nupur Sharma's suspension is more about economics than politics

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Qatar satisfied with BJP action on leaders who made 'controversial' remarks against Prophet: Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Modi

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Modi, who accompanied Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu to African and Arab countries, on his return on Tuesday confirmed that Qatar officials were satisfied with the action taken by BJP against its leaders and they suggested that the two countries should have stronger ties in future.

"After accompanying Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, I returned from an eight-day state visit to the West African country (sic) of Gabon, Senegal and the Arab country of Qatar... Qatar diplomats looked satisfied with the stand of the government of India and the action taken by BJP on the objectionable statements of some BJP leaders," Modi tweeted.

He said that 27% of Qatar's 2.7 million population were of Indian origin.

"Naidu urged the Prime Minister of Qatar to provide places of worship and land for the cremation of Indians," Modi said, adding that in case of death, a body has to be either buried or brought back to India because cremation is not allowed there.

Sources said the issue of controversial remarks against the Prophet had prominently figured in discussions with Qatar diplomats and leaders, who expressed strong objections against the comments of the two BJP functionaries, one of them now expelled.

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The country of 22 million is suffering its worst economic crisis in seven decades, battling a shortage of foreign exchange that has stalled imports of essential items such as fuel, medicine and fertilisers. Sri Lanka has more than 2 million farmers and up to 70 per cent of its 22 million people are directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture.
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Sievierodonetsk has become the main target of the Russian offensive in the Donbas, comprising Luhansk and Donetsk provinces, as the invasion grinds on in a war of attrition that has seen cities laid waste by artillery barrages. "In the city, fierce street fighting continues," Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address on Monday.

- [Australian KFC patrons clucking mad over lettuce-cabbage switch](#) [Tue, 07 Jun 12:14]

The local price of the verdant leaf has soared by as much as 300 percent in recent months, forcing the fast-food chain to tweak the Colonel's recipe in some stores. "We're currently experiencing a lettuce shortage. So, we're using a lettuce and cabbage blend on all products containing lettuce until further notice," the company told customers.

Johnson faces UK parliament for first time since no-confidence vote

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LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson faces a boisterous parliament Wednesday in his first appearance before lawmakers since narrowly fending off a damaging no-confidence vote from his own Conservative MPs.

His backers are likely to stage a noisy show of support when he steps up for his weekly Prime Minister's Questions.

Critics, however, have warned the political crisis is not over for the embattled prime minister after more than 40 percent of his own MPs voted against him in Monday's no-confidence vote.

Johnson, who called the 211-148 vote a "convincing result", has vowed to plough on, saying it was time to "draw a line" under questions about his leadership and the "Partygate" controversy over lockdown-breaking events at Downing Street.

The prime minister's team has tried to regain the offensive by pointing to a set piece speech expected in the coming days on new economic support measures, as Britons struggle with a cost-of-living crisis.

But many question whether Johnson can recover voters' trust, as the party braces for two Westminster by-elections this month and an upcoming investigation by MPs into whether he lied to parliament over "Partygate".

Even without any obvious candidate to succeed him, former Tory party leader William Hague this week argued that Johnson should now "look for an honourable exit".

Comparing Monday's margin to votes that ultimately toppled Johnson predecessors Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May, Hague said it showed "a greater level of rejection than any Tory leader has ever endured and survived".

"Deep inside, he should recognise that, and turn his mind to getting out in a way that spares party and country such agonies and uncertainties," Hague wrote in *The Times*.

The *Guardian* reported Wednesday that rebel Conservative MPs were drawing up plans for "vote strikes" to paralyse the government's legislative agenda, as happened at the end of May's stint in office.

The *i* newspaper also said the prime minister now faces a "war of attrition", with the rebels pushing to remove him despite his narrow victory in the no-confidence vote.

Johnson, 57, needed the backing of 180 of the 359 Conservatives MPs to survive the vote.

Most of Johnson's cabinet publicly backed him in the secret ballot. But more than 40 percent of the parliamentary party did not.

The scale of the revolt "constitutes a crisis for Downing Street", King's College London politics professor Anand Menon said.

"I think there's very little doubt that the vulnerability of the prime minister is going to be the single greatest factor shaping what this government does for the foreseeable future," Menon told AFP.

Under current Tory rules, the prime minister cannot be challenged again for a year, which leaves little time for any new leader to emerge before the next general election due by 2024.

But the party's "1922 committee" of MPs, tasked with overseeing leadership challenges, says it could easily change the rules if a majority backs it.

The Liberal Democrats are now pushing for a parliamentary no-confidence vote after Johnson survived the Tory revolt.

"Liberal Democrats are tabling a motion of no confidence in the prime minister so Parliament can finally put an end to this sorry mess," party leader Ed Davey said.

"Every Conservative MP with a shred of decency must back our motion and give Boris Johnson the sack."

If the government lost a no-confidence motion in the House of Commons it would have to call a snap general election.

That appears unlikely at present given the Conservative majority, but Johnson could face a challenging period in the months ahead.

Senior backbencher Tobias Ellwood, who voted against Johnson, said the prime minister was living on borrowed time.

"I think we're talking a matter of months, up to party conference (in October)," he told Sky News.

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China encourages public to help with national security with cash for tip-offs

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BEIJING: Chinese citizens can get rewards of more than 100,000 yuan (\$15,000) and special certificates for tip-offs on breaches of national security under measures introduced this week, state media reported on Tuesday.

Rewards for exposing foreign spies or other security violations have existed for years in China. The new measures are aimed at standardising rewards and motivating the public at a time of intensifying threats from foreign intelligence agencies and other hostile forces, a Ministry of State Security representative said, according to a state media outlet.

"The formulation of the measures is conducive to fully mobilising the enthusiasm of the general public to support and assist in national security work, widely rallying the hearts, morale, wisdom and strength of the people," the ministry representative said, according to the Legal Daily.

Citizens can get "spiritual rewards", in the form of certificates, or "material rewards" of cash from 10,000 yuan to more than 100,000 yuan, depending on the value of the tip-off, the ministry said in a notice.

State security agencies would check the report to see if it was true and whether it offered new information before deciding on the reward, it said.

People can lodge reports through a hot line or website, by post, in person, or any other way. When more than one person offers the same tip, the one who reported it first would be first in line for a reward but others could also qualify.

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Sri Lanka seeks \$55 million loan from India for buying fertiliser

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COLOMBO: Sri Lanka has sought a \$55 million loan from India for the procurement of urea amidst its worst economic crisis threatening a severe food shortage, an official said on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had recently warned of a food crisis in the island nation due to the ongoing economic crisis.

The Cabinet has approved a proposal by the Prime Minister to sign an agreement with India to purchase urea for agriculture, an official said.

The government said that the Indian government has agreed to provide the \$55 million loan through the Export-Import Bank of India.

The loan is being obtained for the procurement of urea for the 2022/23 'Maha' harvest season.

Wickremesinghe has said that within five to six months, the current agriculture shortages could be salvaged if swift action was taken to address the shortages faced by the farmers.

The country is facing a near 50 per cent crop loss due to a decision

of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last year to ban chemical fertiliser imports.

The decision led to widespread farmer protests which the government ignored, saying it was the policy to turn to green agriculture with organic fertiliser.

Sri Lanka is going through the worst economic crisis since its independence from Britain in 1945.

The economic crisis has prompted an acute shortage of essential items like food, medicine, cooking gas and other fuel, toilet paper and even matches, with Sri Lankans for months being forced to wait in lines lasting hours outside stores to buy fuel and cooking gas.

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Sri Lanka PM Wickremesinghe hints at opting for fuel rationing amid economic crisis

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COLOMBO: The next three weeks are going to be "tough" for Sri Lanka over fuel supplies, PM Ranil Wickremesinghe warned on Tuesday, indicating that the cash-strapped country, which needs some \$3,300 million for fuel imports in the next six months, may opt for its rationing.

Addressing Parliament, Wickremesinghe said that India, China and Japan are leading the list of countries that provided Sri Lanka with loans and assistance during the worst financial crisis faced by the island nation.

"Relations with these countries, which have always been strong, are now broken. Those relationships need to be rebuilt," he said.

"The country spends \$500 million per month on fuel. It should be kept in mind that the current global crisis risks raising oil prices.

Some estimate that global oil prices will rise by as much as 40 per cent by the end of this year. "

"In this context, the idea of introducing a coupon system for fuel cannot be ruled out. Somehow we have to find \$3,300 million for fuel for the next six months," he said.

"The next three weeks will be a tough time for us related to fuel. It is time we all must use fuel and gas as carefully as possible. Unessential travel should be limited as much as possible. After these difficult three weeks, we are trying to ensure the shortage of fuel and gas will have ended. Let's face these difficult three weeks united and patiently," the prime minister said.

Wickremesinghe said although the primary focus was on achieving economic stability, the effort must be to revive the economy.

"This is not something that can be done in two or three days. This challenge cannot be faced by miracles, slogans, magic or emotions. Implementing intelligently thought-out projects requires hard work and dedication," he said.

On cooking gas queues, Wickremesinghe said it costs \$40 million a month to import gas.

"We are currently using multilateral assistance, local currency and Indian loans to import gas. We will require \$250 million over the next six months for gas," he said.

Wickremesinghe said the country's annual rice requirement is 2.5 million metric tonnes.

"But we have only 1.6 million metric tonnes of rice in stock, we need \$5 billion to ensure our daily lives are not disrupted for the next six months," he said.

"We need to strengthen the rupee in line with the daily requirements of the citizens. Another \$1 billion is needed to strengthen the rupee. That means we need to find \$6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months," he said.

Wickremesinghe said the United Nations has arranged for a worldwide public appeal on June 9 to provide humanitarian

assistance to Sri Lanka. "They are seeking support to provide humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka. Through this project, they plan to provide \$48 million over a four-month period to the food, agriculture and health sectors," he said.

Sri Lanka has been grappling with unprecedented economic turmoil since its independence from Britain in 1948. The economic crisis has also created political unrest in the country.

Sri Lanka in mid-April declared that it was unable to meet its foreign debt payments and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) classified Sri Lanka's debt as unsustainable. Therefore debt restructuring was key for an IMF programme.

Wickremesinghe was appointed prime minister last month after days of violent protests forced his predecessor Mahinda Rajapaksa, the brother of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, to step down.

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'Gone in front of my eyes': Bangladesh firefighter's unit decimated by blast

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SITAKUNDA: Firefighter Rakibul Hasan Bappy's engine was the first to arrive at a blazing Bangladeshi container depot. After a devastating explosion, everyone else in his 15-man crew is now either dead, missing or injured.

The 22-year-old -- who joined the fire service three years ago -- had been ordered to increase the water pressure moments before the monumental blast lit up the night sky for miles around.

He stepped away to the fire truck, only to be confronted when he returned by carnage and the bodies of friends and crewmates.

"I will never forget this till my death," Bappy told AFP, trembling as he recalled the scene at the weekend's disastrous blast.

"All those colleagues, gone in front of my eyes. We were energised to work, but when I saw them dead, I don't know how to express it. I am not feeling right anymore.

"God has gifted me a second life," he added. "I can't believe I'm alive."

Firefighters in Bangladesh are badly equipped and poorly paid -- salaries start at \$200 a month -- compared to some in private jobs or

army soldiers, who can be sent on lucrative UN peacekeeping missions.

But for rural families, a government job is one-way ticket out of poverty, bringing with it steady and regular pay hikes and pensions for the employee and their spouse.

Tens of thousands of people apply every year for the firefighter test and Bappy, the only child of a farming family in the rural northern district of Mymensingh, thought he was the "luckiest" man in his village when he got the job.

"For my parents and me, it was the proudest moment," he said. "I felt proud because I know I could serve the nation."

Posted to Kumira, in Chittagong, he made friends with fellow new recruits Mohammad Rana Mia and Moniruzzaman. Both of them were killed at the weekend, their bodies ripped apart by the explosion.

"They are my best friends, and we were more than a family," said Bappy.

"We worked so many nights together. They are also from the same background as I have. I know how devastating their deaths are to their poor families."

Kumira is only eight kilometres (five miles) from the B.M Container Depot in Sitakunda, where the blaze broke out late Saturday night.

Authorities have accused the facility operators of not telling firefighters volatile hydrogen peroxide was stored on site, and when they unwittingly doused it with water, the cache of chemicals detonated.

Five of Bappy's crewmates have been confirmed dead, two are missing and feared dead, and the other seven are all critically

injured, flown in military helicopters to Bangladesh's best hospital for burn victims.

Local media said the Kumira firefighters did not have any training in chemical fires, which require sophisticated fire-fighting equipment -- not available at their station -- and careful handling.

"The depot did not tell us that there were chemicals close to the garment containers," said Purnachandra Mutsuddi, a regional fire official.

Had they known, he added, "We would never send our firefighting team to splash water on the fire. Now our young brothers are dead."

More than 40 people were killed in total, among them at least nine firefighters, making it the nationwide service's worst-ever single disaster.

Bangladeshi infrastructure has long been poor but its economy is now booming, a combination that keeps firefighters busy with frequent blazes in factories and multi-storey buildings.

Notoriously, the Rana Plaza garment factory complex in Dhaka collapsed in 2013, killing more than 1,100 people. Authorities later found it had been built flouting building and fire safety laws.

More recently, 54 people died in a factory fire last July.

Bappy was still on duty at the station on Monday, where colleague Riad Hossain -- part of a reinforcement crew for the blaze -- recalled chatting to Rana immediately before he responded to the distress call and went to his death.

"I don't believe they are now gone," said Riad, breaking down in

tears.

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Crisis-hit Sri Lanka gets \$55-million credit line from India for fertilisers

Agencies | Jun 7, 2022, 12.50 PM IST



COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's cabinet has approved a \$55-million credit line from India's Exim Bank for the crisis-stricken Indian Ocean nation to buy fertilisers, a cabinet spokesman said on Tuesday.

The country of 22 million is suffering its worst economic crisis in seven decades, battling a shortage of foreign exchange that has stalled imports of essential items such as fuel, medicine and fertilisers.

Sri Lanka has more than 2 million farmers and up to 70 per cent of its 22 million people are directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture.

Sri Lanka's cash-strapped government will need at least \$5 billion in the next six months to maintain basic standards of living, including some \$3.3 billion for fuel imports, the country's prime minister told parliament on Tuesday.

"Only establishing economic stability not enough, we have to restructure the entire economy," said Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is working to prepare an interim budget to balance Sri Lanka's battered public finances.

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Street fighting, constant shelling as Russia pushes for control of Ukraine's Donbas

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KYIV: Ukrainian troops were engaged in fierce street fighting with Russian soldiers in the industrial city of Sievierodonetsk, while other towns were under constant shelling, as the Kremlin pushed for control of the eastern Donbas region.

Sievierodonetsk has become the main target of the Russian offensive in the Donbas, comprising Luhansk and Donetsk provinces, as the invasion grinds on in a war of attrition that has seen cities laid waste by artillery barrages.

"In the city, fierce street fighting continues," Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address on Monday. "They outnumber us, they are more powerful," Zelenskyy told reporters at a briefing. But Ukraine's forces have "every chance" of fighting back, he added.

Ukraine's defence ministry said Russia was also throwing troops and equipment into its drive to capture the largest remaining Ukrainian-held city in Luhansk.

Luhansk Governor Serhiy Gaidai said earlier on Monday the

situation had worsened after Ukrainian defenders had pushed back the Russians over the weekend as they seemed close to victory.

In its nightly update, the Ukrainian military said two civilians were killed in Russian shelling in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions on Monday and that Russian forces had fired at more than 20 communities.

In addition to artillery shelling, the enemy fired from planes and helicopters in the Donetsk region, Ukraine's general staff said on Tuesday.

Reuters could not independently verify the battlefield reports. Russia denies targeting civilians in the conflict.

Russia says it is on a mission to "liberate" the Donbas - partly held by separatist proxies of Moscow since 2014 - after Ukrainian forces pushed its troops back from the capital Kyiv and Ukraine's second city Kharkiv in the war's early stages.

Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, but calls its action a "special military operation" to stamp out what it sees as threats to its security. Ukraine and its Western allies call this a baseless pretext for a war to grab territory that risks turning into a wider European conflict.

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Ukraine's defence ministry said on Monday that Russian forces were also advancing towards Sloviansk, which lies about 85 km (53 miles) to the west of Sievierodonetsk.

"The front line is under constant shelling," Donetsk regional governor Pavlo Kyrylenko told Ukrainian television.

"The enemy is also shelling near Lyman with the aim of wrecking our defensive positions and advancing on Sloviansk and Kramatorsk. There is also shelling of Svyatohirsk with the same aim," he added.

Kyrylenko said efforts were underway to evacuate people from several towns, some under day and night attack, including Sloviansk which has about 24,000 residents still there.

"People are now understanding, though it is late, that it is time to leave," he said.

Britain's defence ministry said on Twitter on Tuesday that Russia's broader plan likely continues to be to cut off the Sievierodonetsk area from both the north and the south.

Russia's progress made through May on the southern Popasna axis has stalled over the last week, while reports of heavy shelling near Izium suggests Russia was preparing to make a renewed effort on the northern axis, the ministry said.

"Russia will almost certainly need to achieve a breakthrough on at least one of these axes to translate tactical gains to operational level success and progress towards its political objective of controlling all of Donetsk Oblast," it said.

Reuters could not immediately verify the ministry's report.

In a move coordinated with the United States, Britain said it would supply Ukraine with multiple-launch rocket systems that can strike targets up to 80 km (50 miles) away, providing the more precise, long-range firepower needed to reach Russian artillery batteries.

Zelenskyy said Kyiv was gradually receiving "specific anti-ship systems", and that these would be the best way to end a Russian blockade of Ukrainian Black Sea ports preventing grain exports.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Moscow would respond to Western deliveries of long-range weapons by pushing Ukrainian forces further back from Russia's border.

On Sunday, President Vladimir Putin said Russia would strike new targets if the West supplied longer-range missiles. The same day, Russian missiles hit Kyiv for the first time in more than a month.

The United States, which reopened its embassy in Kyiv in May after an almost three-month closure, said its embassy posture in the Ukrainian capital remains unchanged.

Western countries have imposed sanctions of unprecedented sweep and severity on Russia over its invasion.

On Monday, Russia's foreign ministry said it had slapped personal sanctions on 61 US officials including the treasury and energy secretaries and leading defence and media executives. The move, it said, was in retaliation for "constantly expanding US sanctions".

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Australian KFC patrons clucking mad over lettuce-cabbage switch

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SYDNEY: Fried chicken chain KFC said Tuesday that high lettuce prices in Australia have forced it to switch to a cabbage mix in burgers and other products, prompting customers to complain the result is less than "finger lickin' good".

The local price of the verdant leaf has soared by as much as 300 percent in recent months, forcing the fast-food chain to tweak the Colonel's recipe in some stores.

"We're currently experiencing a lettuce shortage. So, we're using a lettuce and cabbage blend on all products containing lettuce until further notice," the company told customers.

The company blamed widespread flooding in the country's east for the problem.

But supply chain expert Flavio Macau of Edith Cowan University said Russia's invasion of Ukraine was also a factor, pushing up diesel and fertiliser prices.

A single head of iceberg lettuce in Sydney or Melbourne that once sold for about \$2 now goes for close to \$8.

The company told customers: "If that's not your bag, simply click 'customise' on your chosen product and remove lettuce from the recipe :)"

The change was certainly not the "bag" of some social media users.

"The fact that you are replacing lettuce with cabbage makes me rethink my whole meal at KFC. There's 4 or 5 other things I would eat before cabbage. It's such a weird choice," said one disgruntled tweeter.

"Feels like a sign of the apocalypse," said another.

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Edtech platform PW (PhysicsWallah) has raised \$100 million from Westbridge and GSV Ventures. The transaction values the companies at \$1.1 billion, a good rise in valuation at a time when most edtech firms are under pressure and laying off employees.
- **SpiceJet extends ESOP scheme to mid-level employees** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:35]
Budget carrier SpiceJet has extended its employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) scheme to certain mid-level employees as well as "critical resource" staff for the role they played in the company amid the Covid-19 crisis, sources said on Tuesday.
- **Retail investors acting like shock absorbers in stock market: FM** [Tue, 07 Jun 14:37]
Amid continuing volatility in the stock market, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said retail investors seem to act as shock absorbers even when foreign portfolio investors went away.
- **HDFC Bank hikes lending rates by 0.35%; 2nd hike in two months** [Tue, 07 Jun 14:02]
The hike, which comes a day ahead of the RBI's scheduled policy review, is the second such move from the lender in as many months, taking the cumulative hike to up to 0.60 per cent. The RBI had surprised all with a 0.40 per cent hike in key interest rates on May 4 to tame the inflation situation and is widely expected to follow up with further tightening of the policy on Wednesday.

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RBI hikes repo rate by 50 bps to 4.90%

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NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday hiked key repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.90 per cent in a bid to tame the soaring inflation in the country.

This the second straight hike by the central bank in 2 months and is expected to hike borrowing costs for corporates and individuals.

Amid the rising inflationary pressure in India, the RBI had in an off-cycle move hiked repo rate by 40 bps in a surprise meet of the MPC in May.

The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate were adjusted higher by the same quantum to 4.65 per cent and 5.15 per cent, respectively.

The government has tasked RBI to ensure CPI-based inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

It mainly factors in consumer price index (CPI) based inflation while arriving at its monetary policy decision.

Retail inflation accelerated to an eight-year high of 7.79 per cent in

April, remaining above the central bank's tolerance limit for a 4th month in a row, and is likely to stay elevated.

All six members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by RBI governor Shaktikanta Das, unanimously voted for the latest rate hike.

It retained real GDP projection of 7.2 per cent for the year FY 2022-23.

"RBI has retained the real GDP projection of 7.2 per cent for the year FY 2022-23. With Q1 at 16.2 per cent, Q2 6.2 per cent, Q3 at 4.1 per cent and Q4 at 4 per cent with risk broadly balanced," the RBI Governor said in a press conference here.

Citing the provisional estimates released by the National Statistical Office on May 31, Das said India's GDP growth in 2021-22 is estimated at 8.7 per cent which has exceeded the pre-pandemic, that is, 2019-20 level.

With the assumption of a normal monsoon, in 2022 and the average crude oil price in the Indian basket of 105 dollars per barrel, the RBI Governor said inflation is now projected at 6.7 per cent in 2022-23.

"Limits for individual housing loans extended by urban cooperative banks and rural cooperative banks, last fixed in 2011 and 2009 respectively, being revised upwards by over 100 per cent taking into account increase in house prices. It'll facilitate a better flow of credit to the housing sector," he said.

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These are the world's 20 most expensive cities for expats

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NEW YORK: Hong Kong is the world's most expensive city to live in as an expat for the second year in a row, according to a new study. New York and Geneva took second and third place in the rankings. Higher prices and a stronger currency over the past year kept the Asian city at the top of the tree, according to ECA International, which carried out its research in March this year. London and Tokyo round out the top five.

Soaring rental costs were part of the reason London and New York took their positions in the top five, with rent in those cities rising 20% and 12% respectively.

Elsewhere in the Cost of Living report, Singapore stayed in 13th place despite significant rises in rent, petrol prices and utilities. Those were offset by the Singapore dollar weakening against other regional currencies during the latter part of the survey period, ECA said. Japanese cities all fell down the ranks as the yen weakened, while Chinese cities rose — with Shanghai and Guangzhou taking 8th and 9th positions respectively — on a stronger yuan.

Here are some more of the survey's findings:

*Petrol prices climbed on average 37% compared to a year earlier across all cities, while Beirut recorded a 1,128% increase

*Turkey's Ankara is the cheapest city in the world for expats, after falling five spots to 207th place

*War in Ukraine saw cooking oil prices rise an average of 25% last year across cities in the ranking

*Tehran's fuel prices were cheapest, with a liter of petrol costing just \$0.09

*A cup of coffee at \$5.21, a liter of petrol at \$3.04 and a kilo of tomatoes at \$11.51 were just a few of the prices that took Hong Kong to the top of the list

"Although Hong Kong has been impacted by rising global inflation less than other regional and global locations in the past year, it nonetheless remains the most expensive location in the world," a press release quoted ECA International's Regional Director for Asia, Lee Quane, as saying.

"It has been the strength of the Hong Kong dollar, which is pegged to the US dollar, in the past year which has enabled it to maintain its position as the most expensive location worldwide as other currencies have weakened."

ECA International analyses the cost of consumer goods and services in more than 490 locations worldwide, while accommodation data is also factored in, comparing rental costs in areas typically inhabited by expatriate staff in over 410 locations worldwide. The latest report ranks 207 cities in 120 countries.

Here are the world's top 20 most expensive places for expats (with the March 2021 ranking in parentheses):

1. Hong Kong (2021 ranking: 1)
2. New York, US (4)
3. Geneva, Switzerland (3)
4. London, UK (5)

5. Tokyo, Japan (2) 6. Tel Aviv, Israel (7)

7. Zurich, Switzerland (6)

8. Shanghai, China (9)

9. Guangzhou, China (10)

10. Seoul, South Korea (8)

11. San Francisco, US (15)

12. Shenzhen, China (12)

13. Singapore (13)

14. Beijing, China (16)

15. Jerusalem, Israel (18)

16. Bern, Switzerland (17)

17. Yokohama, Japan (11)

18. Copenhagen, Denmark (14)

19. Oslo, Norway (19)

20. Taipei, Taiwan (21)

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World Bank cuts growth forecast to 7.5%

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NEW DELHI: The World Bank on Tuesday cut India's GDP growth forecast for 2022-23 to 7.5% from the earlier estimate of 8%, citing the impact of high inflation, supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions.

"Growth will also be supported by fixed investment undertaken by the private sector and by the government, which has introduced incentives and reforms to improve the business climate. This forecast reflects a 1.2-percentage-point downward revision of growth from the January projection. Growth is expected to slow further to 7.1% in FY24 back towards its longer-run potential," the World Bank said in its latest report.

UNDER PRESSURE

India's growth forecast (in %) for 2022-23

● Earlier ● Current



Why the downward revisions

- Impact of high inflation
- Supply chain disruptions
- Geopolitical tensions

In April, the World Bank had cut India's growth estimate to 8% for FY23 from the earlier 8.7% due to the impact of supply chain disruptions and soaring inflation. India's economy has staged a sharp recovery from the impact of lockdowns that were imposed to prevent the spread of Covid but the war in Ukraine has dealt another blow, resulting in surging price pressures, which have prompted the RBI to raise interest rates sharply. The Indian economy grew 8.7% in FY22 after contracting 6.6% in the previous fiscal year.

The RBI has also lowered its GDP growth forecast to 7.2% for 2022-23 from the earlier estimate of 7.8% due to the impact of geopolitical tensions and the impact on prices. The central bank will unveil its monetary policy statement on Wednesday and there are expectations that it will again raise interest rates to tame inflation.

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Why some companies have not raised prices yet

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In the last few months, following high inflation, many consumer goods companies gave in to price hikes to protect their margins. But there are a few outliers who decided to hold on to the price line to expand their market share.

One of the companies that decided to absorb shocks of inflation is Gits Food Products. While the company took a hit in terms of its margins, sales grew in strong double-digits in April-May this year, resulting in market share gains as well. Gits Food Products director (sales & marketing) Sahil Gilani said, "We are trying to deal with inflation in the best possible way we can. Usually, most companies would raise prices of their products in such an inflationary scenario. We haven't done that. We haven't reduced the grammage either."

The price of skimmed milk powder, a key raw material for Gits, has risen due to higher transportation costs. Even while this is hurting Gits' margins, Gilani said it's a conscious decision not to pass on cost increases to consumers so as to further improve upon Gits' market share. "Consumers are taking note of how they're losing value with companies reducing grammage and how product prices

have gone up. Since we have held on to the price line, we hope to gain some amount of share in the market across our portfolio. Our primary sales are up 35% in April-May as compared to the previous year, which was hit badly due to the second Covid wave. New products have also contributed well to this growth," said Gilani.

Rasna Group had increased prices on an average 7-8% way back in January. This, obviously, did not factor in the war that broke out subsequently. "We have not taken any price increase after January. We cannot take any more price increases even as our margins are getting squeezed. We are holding on to the price line so that consumer offtake does not get impacted," Rasna Group chairman Piruz Khambatta said.

Rasna's strategy of not taking price hikes has paid off. Its sales in April and May, the peak summer months, grew in double-digits as compared to the previous year.

With the festive season not too far away, and monsoon expected to provide some relief from commodity cost escalation, companies are hoping to make up on margins for what was lost in the last few months. But consumers may find fewer offers from these companies during the upcoming festive season. "We may relook at our festive offers this year to maintain our margins as well as deliver value to consumers," said Gilani.

Khambatta said, "Given that we are already absorbing cost inflation and we are not passing it on to consumers, we will not be running any consumer offers except some standard ones in modern trade." Khambatta believes now is the time to rationalise the GST on price packs of less than Rs 50 MRP to benefit consumers. "During high inflation, it's these small price packs that consumers rely on," he added.

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New card info storage rules to hit international online payments

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MUMBAI: With the June 30 deadline nearing for online businesses to tokenise cards to enable recurring use, Indian consumers are likely to face problems with e-subscriptions for international magazines and other payments that require card information storage. For tokenisation, companies have to tie up with payment service providers and put systems in place so that they can debit payments to customers' cards without having to store the card information on their servers.

In May, Apple informed customers that it will no longer accept Indian credit and debit cards for app purchases or subscriptions, citing new norms from the RBI. Customers can use UPI and also store money in their Apple wallet that can be used for payments. The problem is not just with Apple but most subscriptions-based online services. Some of these firms require card numbers to be stored even if the customer wants to make a one-time payment as the process is automated.

Earlier, some players - including streaming services and Google - came up with the required workarounds to comply with card storage guidelines. This is because they have a sizeable Indian market. In addition to magazine and other content subscriptions, the payments that are likely to be hit are online software services, and pay-as-you-go charges for some advertisements.

According to a source, the RBI took the tough stance after complaints from that cancelling international subscriptions was a major challenge. In some cases, customers had to cancel their cards to stop debits. Also, the number of online transactions outstripped those on card-swipe machines during Covid. While the RBI can impose multi-factor authentication for domestic transactions, international merchants are outside its jurisdiction.

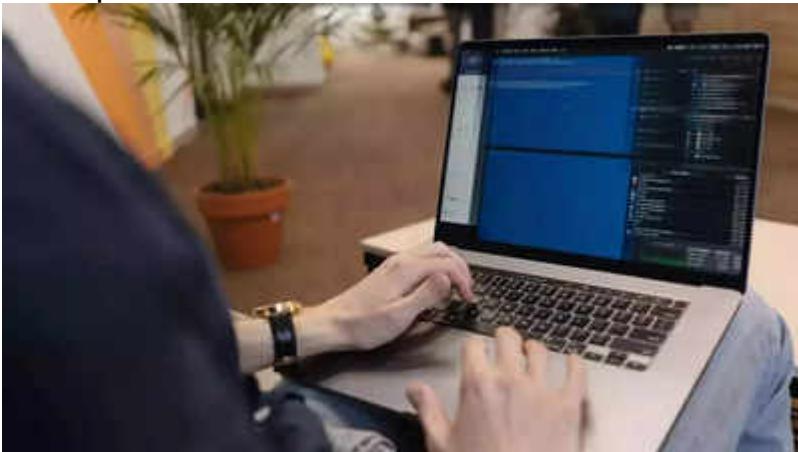
As far as domestic payments are concerned, most Indian firms have achieved compliance. In December 2021, the RBI had extended the year-end deadline for storing 'card on file' data to June 30, 2022. The RBI has suggested businesses can use other options, such as recurring e-mandates and EMIs in addition to tokenisation. Payment companies such as Razorpay, PayU, PhonePe, Worldline, Pine Labs and Cashfree Payments provide the bridge for these services between banks and e-commerce firms.

According to Razorpay SVP & head (payments product) Khilan Haria, as the deadline is fast approaching, the firm is witnessing a considerable uptick in the number of merchants enabling its tokenisation solution TokenHQ.

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Only 5% techies want full-time office: Report

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CHENNAI: Amid attempts by companies to get their staff back to office after two years of a break due to Covid, a report has found that hardly 5% of tech employees are willing to return full time to workplaces.

The Nasscom-BCG report reveals that the hybrid working model was the most preferred choice with 70% opting for it, while 25% of employees wanted to continue remote working completely.

The report was released at the Nasscom's 'Future of Work 2022' summit in Chennai on Tuesday. When given a choice on how people in digital fields want to work, 70% opted for a combination of remote and on-site (work from office), followed by 25% preferring completely remote and just 5% choosing the completely on-site option.

MOST PREFER WFO FOR 1-3 DAYS A WEEK

80% of IT services & global capability centres prefer hybrid work



40% of employees expect to work from office premises between one to three days a week

► Just 25% tech employees want to **work remotely full time** as most miss **social interactions, in-person collaboration, meetings and better work setups**

33% employees expect to work from workplace more than three days a week after their office reopens

70% of buyers of tech services are comfortable with hybrid model

► Cos too have said that **hybrid is the way forward**. They have started **redesigning workplaces and expanding access to talent pools** to shape the new work model

Stressing that hybrid is the way forward, it said different elements - including redesigning workplace and expanding access to talent pool - are currently being experimented by organisations to shape the new work model. On the other hand, employees also miss the informal and social interactions, in-person collaboration or brainstorming, in-person formal meetings and better work set-up, according to the report.

The report is based on a survey conducted during the third quarter (July-September) of 2021 involving about 2 lakh respondents from across the globe. Of this, 500 were from India, said BCG managing director & partner Nitin Chandalia. "The way companies define their version of hybrid operating model will actually become the core part of the employee value proposition. We actually see a time when people will switch jobs for a better or more refined hybrid working model and not just compensation," he told TOI. Global trends were similar to India.

Nasscom SVP Sangeeta Gupta said that companies were expanding

office spaces, creating micro-hubs in new cities and re-modelling existing office spaces. "New companies are coming into India with all digital transformation taking place and there is a need for more office space. So, hybrid does not mean that office spaces will shrink. Office spaces are increasing in the country and IT is a leading player," she said.

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Amazon asks Future not to enter into any deal with RIL

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NEW DELHI: E-commerce major Amazon has sent a notice to Future Group promoters, asking them to refrain from entering into any kind of transaction with Reliance Industries group either directly or indirectly, sources aware of the development said on Tuesday. The notice follows reports that the Future Group is in the midst of negotiations with the Mukesh Ambani-led group for sale of its supply chain and logistics businesses.

In the notice dated June 6, Amazon said that the scheme of arrangement between Future Group and Reliance was rejected by the creditors of Future Retail (FRL), but still "FRL has through a fraudulent and convoluted stratagem already handed over as many as 835 retail stores to the MDA (Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani) Group and now intends to transfer the entire supply chain, warehousing and logistics business by way of the proposed transaction to the MDA Group".

It said that the "proposed transaction is in continuation of a larger fraudulent stratagem to give effect to the impugned transaction". It said FRL had claimed that the MDA Group had "forcefully" taken over the retail stores. "It is telling to note that the Future Group has

not taken any action against the takeover of the retail stores. On the contrary, the Future Group is now intending to enter into a fresh commercial transaction for sale of its supply chain and logistics businesses, which are ancillary and supplementary to the operations of the retail stores to the same entity, that is, the MDA Group," Amazon said.

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US stocks: Wall Street jumps as tech, energy shares end high

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NEW YORK: US stocks rallied late on Tuesday to end higher for a second straight day as technology and energy shares gained, while Target Corp's warning about excess inventory weighed on retail stocks for much of the session.

Apple Inc shares climbed 1.8% despite news earlier in the day that the company must change the connector on iPhones sold in Europe by 2024 after EU countries and lawmakers agreed to a single charging port for mobile phones, tablets and cameras.

The S&P 500 technology index rose 1% and gave the benchmark index its biggest boost. Microsoft Corp shares added 1.4%.

The S&P 500 energy sector index jumped 3.1% to end at its highest level since 2014, with oil prices sharply higher.

At the same time, shares of Target Corp fell 2.3% after the retailer said it would have to offer deeper discounts and cut back on stocking discretionary items.

Equity trading was choppy, with indexes down early in the day, but

the market has been recovering from recent steep losses.

Recently, "we've had a nice bounce ... and in general investors are feeling better right now. But we are very much in a seesaw market as we've seen all year," said Tim Ghriskey, senior portfolio strategist at Ingalls & Snyder in New York.

"At some point, we will put in a bottom, and the market will move higher. We have a hard time believing that's any time soon, given a number of fundamental issues overhanging the market," he said. "Certainly what we've seen today from Target isn't good news in terms of the consumer."

Long-dated US Treasury yields tumbled after the Target news, however, as it fueled some speculation that the worst of inflation may be in the past.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 264.36 points, or 0.8%, to 33,180.14, the S&P 500 gained 39.25 points, or 0.95%, to 4,160.68 and the Nasdaq Composite added 113.86 points, or 0.94%, to 12,175.23.

Shares of Walmart fell 1.2%, and the S&P retail index was down 1%.

Consumer price data on Friday is expected to show that inflation remained elevated in May, though core consumer prices, which exclude the volatile food and energy sectors, likely ticked down on an annual basis.

Not all retailers were in the red. Kohl's Corp shares jumped 9.5% after news the department store chain entered exclusive talks with retail store operator Franchise Group Inc over a potential sale that would value it at nearly \$8 billion.

Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones on the NYSE by a 2.36-to-1 ratio; on Nasdaq, a 1.69-to-1 ratio favored advancers.

The S&P 500 posted 3 new 52-week highs and 30 new lows; the Nasdaq Composite recorded 35 new highs and 121 new lows.

Volume on US exchanges was 10.38 billion shares, compared with the 12.50 billion average for the full session over the last 20 trading days.

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Retail investors are like 'shock absorbers': Finance minister

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NEW DELHI: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday that retail investors have been acting like "shock absorbers" in countering the impact of withdrawal of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian market. FPIs have pulled out around \$24 billion so far in 2022.

"During the pandemic, there is a very significant increase in retail investor numbers in India. If FPIs are going away and giving us the feeling that funds are going out of India, retail investors have come in a big way, they seem to act like shock absorbers. If FPIs went away, our market did not really have to go through ups and downs in a very distinct way, because the small investors have come in, in a big way, trickling into the country," the FM said at an event organised by the ministry of corporate affairs.

In recent years, retail investors have flocked to the stock markets, either directly, which is reflected in the rise in the number of demat accounts, or via systematic investment plans (SIPs) run by mutual funds or unit-linked insurance plans (ULIPs).

Indian stock markets have remained choppy, given the global uncertainty as well as the inflation situation domestically. Sitharaman further added that regulators need to be ahead of the curve in dealing with challenges.

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WTO meet may take up food products export ban

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NEW DELHI: The export ban on food products imposed by India and around 20 other countries is expected to figure during the WTO ministerial meeting that kicks off on Sunday with several members seeking checks on such curbs.

The issue is part of the security discussions that is currently under way, given the shortages being faced by several countries, particularly for wheat, as the Ukraine-Russia conflict has hit supplies from the two nations.

Following a crucial meeting of the General Council in Geneva, a WTO spokesperson said that members of the multilateral agency that sets global trade rules are trying to ensure that markets are kept open, while ensuring rights of members to meet their domestic needs.

The spokesperson said the rules permit members to impose restrictions to the extent they need to meet their critical food shortage, but it has emerged as a concern that may be addressed.

While several WTO members, led by Singapore whose airline moves the grains, are seeking that food security concerns are addressed through the World Food Programme, India believes that the plan will not meet the requirements. Besides, New Delhi has said that it is being unduly attacked for the restrictions imposed by it last month, which were meant to meet domestic requirements in the wake of lower output and a fall in procurement via the Food Corporation of India.

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Airtel claims its payments bank arm is unicorn

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MUMBAI: Telecom giant Bharti Airtel has told investors that it believes its subsidiary Airtel Payments Bank (APBL) is a unicorn - a term used to refer to startups with over \$1 billion valuation. The payments bank recorded its first full-year profitability at Rs 9 crore for FY22. Revenues went up by 50% to over Rs 941 crore for the fiscal.

Speaking to TOI, CEO Anubrata Biswas said that a key driver of profitability was the ability to onboard many customers at a relatively low cost compared to the banking industry. The payments bank has also built a large fee income pipeline from B2B (business-to-business) services, fees on transactions, customer subscriptions and interest spread. The unicorn claim was made by the bank's management in a call with analysts.

"Our dream state is to be one-third bankers, one-third startup and one-third FMCG distributors. If we were to operate fully as a bank, we would not be able to scale up," said Biswas. The other advantage for the payments bank is the distribution network of Airtel, which the

bank has been able to onboard as banking correspondents. It now has five lakh banking points.

APBL is one of the six payments banks that are licensed. Although the RBI had cleared 11 applications, five had wound up. Of the six that hold the licence, only three other than APBL - India Post Payments Bank, Paytm Payments Bank and Fino Payments Bank - have significant operations. NSDL Payments Bank commenced operations in October 2018 but is yet to scale up. Reliance Industries-Jio Payments Bank is yet to launch its operations.

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PhysicsWallah raises \$100mn, turns unicorn

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Bengaluru: Edtech platform PW (PhysicsWallah) has raised \$100 million from Westbridge and GSV Ventures. The transaction values the companies at \$1.1 billion, a good rise in valuation at a time when most edtech firms are under pressure and laying off employees.

PW will use the funds for business expansion, branding, opening more PW learning centres, and introducing more course offerings. Alakh Pandey, founder and CEO of PW, said the funds will help the company implement new initiatives to augment the learning journeys of students. "Our commitment remains 'every dollar spent in PW is for the greater good of learners'," he said.

Founded in 2020 by Pandey and Prateek Maheshwari, the platform prepares students for engineering and medical entrance examinations by providing them affordable guidance from

distinguished teachers. PW specialises in giving comprehensive lectures and sessions on YouTube, the PW app, and the website for students aspiring for NEET and JEE mains. The firm has 1,900 employees, including 500 teachers and nearly 100 tech experts. It also has 200 associate professors available to answer student queries.

“The company has been profitable since inception with positive cash flows and reserves,” he said. “Our revenue grew nine-fold in the year 2021-2022 vis-a-vis 2020-2021. Our current run rate for the 2023 financial year is at \$65 million,” he added. PW is gearing up to launch educational content in nine vernacular languages. The firm is aiming to connect with over 250 million students by 2025.

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SpiceJet extends ESOP scheme to mid-level employees, critical resource staff

PTI | Jun 7, 2022, 06.35 PM IST



NEW DELHI: Budget carrier SpiceJet has extended its employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) scheme to certain mid-level employees as well as "critical resource" staff for the role they played in the company amid the Covid-19 crisis, sources said on Tuesday.

Critical resource staff is a set of employees who are not easily replaceable. Under the ESOP scheme, employees get company shares that vest over a period of time. Till now, SpiceJet's ESOP scheme was for the top management only.

SpiceJet has been going through a tough time for the last few years. The airline reported a net loss of Rs 934.8 crore and Rs 998.3 crore in 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively.

The airline's decision to grant ESOP scheme to mid-level employees as well as critical resource staff comes at a time when two airlines -- revamped Jet Airways and new carrier Akasa Air -- are planning to start flight operations this year. The entry of these carriers has created more job opportunities in the aviation market.

According to sources, the airline sent an e-mail to select mid-level and critical resource staff, telling them that "in the last three years,

you all have been outstanding and have demonstrated great dedication and resilience" and the management of SpiceJet will like to express highest gratitude for the "hard work done by each one of you".

Therefore, to express sincere appreciation, the airline is launching ESOP scheme for employees, the e-mail said, the sources mentioned.

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Retail investors acting like shock absorbers in stock market: Nirmala Sitharaman

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NEW DELHI: Amid continuing volatility in the stock market, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said retail investors seem to act as shock absorbers even when foreign portfolio investors went away.

Speaking at an event of the corporate affairs ministry as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Sitharaman said that during the pandemic, there has been a very significant increase in retail investor numbers.

"Retail investors have come in a big way that they seem to act like shock absorbers... if FPIs went away, our markets did not really have to show their ups and downs in a very distinct way because small investors in the country have come in a big way," she said.

Sitharaman is also in charge of the corporate affairs ministry. In March, the Central Depository Services (India) Ltd said the number of active Demat accounts opened with it touched the six crore mark.

In recent months, the stock market has been witnessing significant

volatility and foreign portfolio investors going on a selling spree amid tightening monetary policy actions to curb rising inflation and geopolitical tensions.

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HDFC Bank hikes lending rates by 0.35%; 2nd hike in two months

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MUMBAI: The country's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Tuesday announced a 0.35 per cent hike in lending rate.

The hike, which comes a day ahead of the RBI's scheduled policy review, is the second such move from the lender in as many months, taking the cumulative hike to up to 0.60 per cent.

The RBI had surprised all with a 0.40 per cent hike in key interest rates on May 4 to tame the inflation situation and is widely expected to follow up with further tightening of the policy on Wednesday.

HDFC Bank increased its Marginal Cost of funding based Lending Rate by 0.35 per cent from June 7, as per the new rate structure published on its website.

The one-year MCLR, on which a bulk of consumer loans are pegged, will be 7.85 per cent after the newest review as against 7.50 per cent earlier.

The overnight MCLR will be 7.50 per cent against 7.15 per cent, while the three-year MCLR will be 8.05 per cent compared to 7.70 per cent.

It can be noted that the rate hikes come at a time when credit growth is not very high and banks are keen to accelerate on the same. There have been hikes in deposit rates as well, which have preceded the lending rate hikes, along with the change in the policy environment.

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Jyotiraditya Scindia unveils air sports policy; country to become hub for same by 2030

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NEW DELHI: In a major push to aero-sports in India, the government on Tuesday announced a policy in this regard. Union aviation minister J M Scindia launched the National Air Sports Policy 2022 that covers activities like air-racing, aerobatics, aeromodelling, hang gliding, paragliding, paramotoring and skydiving.

"India has the potential to be among the leading nations in the world of air sports by 2030. It has a large geographical expanse, diverse topography and fair weather conditions. However, all the activities will need to be performed under strict safety norms as there is an element of risk involved. We will also develop India as the manufacturing hub for material used for aero-sports," Scindia said. He said currently Rs 80-100 crore is generated annually as revenue from air sports and the figure can rise 10 times soon.

The policy as of now covers: aerobatics, aeromodelling and model rocketry, amateur-built and experimental aircraft, ballooning, drones, gliding and powered gliding, hang gliding and powered hang gliding, parachuting (including skydiving, BASE jumping and wingsuits), paragliding and paramotoring (including powered parachute trikes), powered aircraft (including ultralight, microlight and light sports aircraft) and rotorcraft (including autogyro).

“The list of air sports may be modified from time to time, as may be deemed necessary by the competent authority. The coverage of NASP 2022 will include vintage aircraft in each air sport, where applicable,” the policy says.

There will be a four-tier governance structure for air sports in India with the Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) as the apex governing body under the aviation ministry”, followed by national associations for individual air sports or a set of air sports. Then there will be regional or state/UT level units of the national air sports associations. District-level air sports associations will be the fourth level.

“The long term funding for development of air sports in India shall come from corporate investors, sponsors, membership fees, events and media rights. ASFI may seek financial support from government for promotion of air sports, especially in the initial years,” it says.

“The armed forces of India, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and various state police forces have excellent training facilities, equipment and instructors for air sports. ASFI will engage with the ministries of defence and home affairs and State police forces to explore opportunities for extending their facilities to the public on a reasonable fee basis; without compromising on quality, safety, national security and operational requirements of the forces,” the policy says.

It calls for laying down safety guidelines as “air sports involve a higher level of risk than flying a regular aircraft” along with punishment for violating the same. “No person or entity involved in air sports shall violate the right of way of a civil or military aircraft.”

The GST rate on purchase of air sport equipment is between 18% and 28%. Balloons, gliders and other non-powered aircraft and their spares are levied a GST rate of 18%. “To make air sports affordable

to the common public, the Government may request the GST Council to consider rationalising the GST rate on air sports equipment to 5% or less. The Government may consider a PLI Scheme for domestic manufacturing of air sports equipment under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The PLI may be linked to value addition made in India,” it adds.

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- **[Team India seeks consistency amid rotation ahead of T20 World Cup](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 08:04]

In seven months as Team India's head coach, Rahul Dravid has made it clear that he prefers consistency in selection. Though the IPL has thrown up a wide range of options and probable combinations, Dravid is not one to fall into the trap and make knee jerk changes to his plans. He has made it clear that he is against casting his net too wide in the run-up to the T20 World Cup later in the year.

- **[With Asian Cup spot up for grabs, India face their moment of truth](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:26]

Since taking charge of the Indian national team three summers ago, the Blue Tigers under Igor Stimac have blown hot and cold, setting a high standard with some spectacular defensive shows against Asian powerhouses but also embracing inconsistency failing to get it over the line against relatively easier opponents.

- **[IPL media rights: 'It's about the price at which you let it go'](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:05]

The question to ask before the much-anticipated Indian Premier League (IPL) media rights auction starting Sunday is not about the price at which you win it. It's about the price at which you let it go.

- **[Zverev undergoes surgery on torn ligaments in ankle](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:01]

German world number three Alexander Zverev underwent surgery on torn ligaments in his right ankle on Tuesday after he was forced to retire from his French Open semi-final against 22-times major champion Rafa Nadal last week.

- **[Norway chess: Viswanathan Anand beats Teimour Radjabov](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 10:28]

Indian maestro Viswanathan Anand defeated Azerbaijan's Teimour Radjabov in the Armageddon in the seventh round of the Norway Chess tournament to remain in the second spot behind world one Magnus Carlsen.

- **[Valbuena 'turns the page' on Benzema sex tape scandal](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 08:32]

Ex-France midfielder Mathieu Valbuena said on Tuesday he has "turned the page" after the sex tape scandal involving former team-mate Karim Benzema.

- **SL vs Australia: Wicket was slow, says Josh Hazlewood** [Wed, 08 Jun 08:16]

Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood, who contributed to Australia's impressive win against Sri Lanka in the first T20I with his immaculate bowling, said the wicket was slow and he improvised his bowling.

- **Avani wins gold with world record in Para Shooting World Cup** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:03]

Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para Shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 in Chateauroux, France on Tuesday.

- **Umran might have to wait for his debut, hints Dravid** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:27]

India head coach Rahul Dravid has always maintained that he likes continuity and gave clear hints on Tuesday that pace sensation Umran Malik might have to wait for his turn.

- **Australia thrash Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in first T20I** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:25]

Reigning Twenty20 world champions Australia sealed a dominant 10-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the first T20 international in Colombo on Tuesday after fast bowler Josh Hazlewood took four wickets and their openers comfortably chased a modest target.

- **Understand my game lot better and that's how I handle pressure: Miller** [Tue, 07 Jun 17:38]

The intensity is still the same as it was more than a decade ago, when he made his debut, but what has changed for David Miller is his ability to "understand the game a lot better" and handle pressure with consummate ease.

- **We know our top three's quality and will give them lot of clarity: Dravid** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:15]

The troika of skipper Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and the peerless Virat Kohli might have faced a lot of flak for their dated T20 batting approach but coach Rahul Dravid understands their quality and expects them to give "good, positive starts" going into the World Cup.

- **Tiger Woods withdraws from next week's US Open** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:43]

Tiger Woods said on Tuesday he has decided to withdraw from next week's US Open outside Boston, citing a need for more time to get his body ready for major championship golf.

- **Olympic-style torch relay to be introduced ahead of 44th Chess Olympiad** [Tue, 07 Jun 17:36]

The 44th Chess Olympiad to be held in July-August near here will mark the introduction of Olympic-style torch relay which will be run ahead of the showpiece every edition, the world governing body of the sport announced on Tuesday.

- **Ranji: Gharami, Anustup and Tiwary power Bengal to massive total** [Tue, 07 Jun 19:08]

Sudip Gharami hogged the limelight for the second day running with a 186-run knock as Bengal reached 577 for five in their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal against Jharkhand on Tuesday.

- **Have full trust in HI but every federation has to abide by sports code: FIH** [Tue, 07 Jun 17:03]

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Tuesday said it continues to have "full trust" in Hockey India but expects its member associations to abide by the sports code of their respective countries.

- **Ranji Trophy: Shubham slams unbeaten ton to put MP in driver's seat** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:28]

After a splendid show from their bowlers on the opening day, it was the turn of Madhya Pradesh batters, led by Shubham Sharma (102 not out), to respond strongly against Punjab on Day 2 of their Ranji Trophy quarter-final game on Tuesday.

- **Mithali maintains 7th spot; Smriti remains at 9th in ODI Rankings** [Tue, 07 Jun 16:48]

Talismanic Indian batter Mithali Raj continued to hold on to her seventh position while compatriot Smriti Mandhana also remained in the ninth position in the latest ICC Women's ODI batting rankings, released on Tuesday.

- **I don't look at rankings, have respect for Cambodia: Igor Stimac** [Tue, 07 Jun 16:14]

Indian team head coach Igor Stimac refused to read much into their higher ranking on the eve of the Asian Cup Qualifiers, saying it doesn't matter in present day football.

- **Ranji: 21 wickets tumble as Karnataka-UP quarterfinal hangs in balance** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:03]

Uttar Pradesh bounced back after conceding a first innings lead against home favourites Karnataka as their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal hung in balance on a day 21 wickets tumbled on Tuesday.

India vs South Africa: Team India seeks consistency amid rotation

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With Team India's big guns being rested often, coach Rahul Dravid doesn't want to cast his net too wide in run-up to Twenty20 World Cup

NEW DELHI: In seven months as Team India's head coach, Rahul Dravid has made it clear that he prefers consistency in selection. Though the IPL has thrown up a wide range of options and probable combinations, Dravid is not one to fall into the trap and make knee jerk changes to his plans. He has already made it clear that he is against casting his net too wide in the run-up to the T20 World Cup later in the year.

During the IPL, he has been quietly observing the talent coming through and the performances of his first-choice players. Back in charge of the Indian team barely a week after the IPL, Dravid is holding his ground and is against making sweeping statements on players. After all, he has been synonymous with the word "process" for a long time. Under the scorching sun at Ferozeshah Kotla on Tuesday, with the bulk of India's marquee players being rested for the T20I series against South Africa, Dravid is steadfastly sticking to this "process".

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Hardik put through the grind

Hardik Pandya, fresh from a triumphant return to competitive cricket as Gujarat Titans captain, was made to slog it out with his bowling on the main square for nearly 45 minutes before he could move to the nets for a hit with the bat. For all his exploits with the ball in the IPL, he still has to prove to the team management that he is ready to bowl at full tilt.

"At this point, it is a positive that Hardik has started bowling again. It is really about ensuring that we can get the best out of him as a cricketer in terms of contributions," was all Dravid said about Hardik two days ahead of the first T20I here.



*Hardik Pandya during a practice session at the Kotla on Tuesday.
(AFP Photo)*

Young sensations Umran Malik and Arshdeep Singh too toiled away in the nets. But Dravid was not going to raise their hopes either. "We just have to see how much playing time we will be able to give Umran. We have a big squad, not possible to have everyone in the playing XI," Dravid said.

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-Rahul Dravid

"I am someone who likes consistency and to give people time to settle in. Arshdeep has also done well. He is also an exciting player who bowls well. We have a little bit of experience in Harshal Patel, Bhuvneshwar and Avesh Khan, who played in the last series. It is exciting to have the young guys as well, it helps us broaden our pool

and see what they can do," he said.

#TeamIndia Head Coach, Rahul Dravid is excited to have someone of @hardikpandya7's quality in the side. 🙌 🙌 ...
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Working without all-format captain

Dravid's quest to maintain consistency in selection is hampered by a cramped schedule which forces frequent rotation of players. Rohit Sharma, for example, has sat out of every second series since taking up the captaincy in all formats. With the T20 World Cup barely five months away, Dravid will have very few opportunities to play his strongest XI in the lead up. But he is finding a way to work around it.

"KL Rahul has captained before and we are clear on a lot of things and we keep talking. Rohit is an all-format player and it is unrealistic to expect all (all-format players) to be available for every series," he said.

"We need to ensure that they are fit for all the big tournaments and are peaking then. We also have the Test match in the UK spilling from last year and we need to ensure we have the best side," Dravid explained.



Rishabh Pant speaks with Rahul Dravid during a practice session at the Kotla on Tuesday. (AFP Photo)

Backing senior batters

The IPL also triggered raging debates about India's top three batters' efficiency in the shortest format of the game. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, in particular, have done very little to inspire, while KL Rahul's strike-rate has drawn criticism.

"We know our top-three is quality. They are top class. There will be a slightly different top three in this series but what we are looking for (in general) is a positive start and playing according to the situation," a curt Dravid said.



*Indian cricketers during a practice session at the Kotla on Tuesday.
(AFP Photo)*

"In general, in T20 you want people to play positively and these people do that. As I said their roles might be slightly different to what we expect of them. We will be giving them a lot of clarity as to what their roles are. And I'm confident anyone in the top three will be able to play the role according to the situation of the match," he added.

There's not much time before the T20 World Cup but there's plenty of cricket till then. Dravid is torn between resting them and playing a full-strength team consistently. As of now, in Dravid's words, the plan is to keep rotating a set of players.

M. O. O. D in the camp ahead of the #INDvSA T20I series. ☺

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With Asian Cup spot up for grabs, 'favourites' India face their moment of truth

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KOLKATA: Since taking charge of the Indian national team three summers ago, the Blue Tigers under Igor Stimac have blown hot and cold, setting a high standard with some spectacular defensive shows against Asian powerhouses but also embracing inconsistency failing to get it over the line against relatively easier opponents.

Come Wednesday, the Stimac project in Indian football will be facing its moment of truth. As India take on Cambodia to begin their campaign at the third and final round of Asian Cup qualifiers at the Salt Lake Stadium, not only a place in the game's biggest stage in the continent will be up for grabs, but it is also expected to define the team's evolution under the former Croatian World Cupper.

The last training session for the #BlueTigers 🐯 before they face off against Cambodia KH#BackTheBlue ❤️ ...
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By Stimac's own admission, world No. 106 India - the highest among the opponents - will start "favourites" in the group, which also has Afghanistan and Hong Kong waiting in the wings to queer the pitch for the hosts.

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"We need to prove that we are favourites and we need to control as well as be ready to handle the counter-attacks (from Cambodia). I must say we are ready for that," Stimac said on Tuesday, the eve of India's Group D opener against Cambodia.

With 13 teams having already qualified for next year's Asian Cup, 11 spots are still to be filled --- by the six group winners and five best second-placed finishers.

India have an envious record against 171-ranked Cambodia, having won four of the five meetings between them. The India coach, however, warned his players against taking their foot off the pedal.

A sneak peek as we look at how the #BlueTigers 🇮🇳 train ahead of the AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers **2 0 2 3** opener ag...
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"I don't look at rankings. Cambodia have come here with the same desire to win the game as we do. We need to be ready, hungry and fully motivated for these games. Today, football doesn't have easy games anymore. That may have happened 50 years ago," Stimac said.

With qualifying for the World Cup still looking a distant dream, defensive mainstay Sandesh Jhingan set the tone for the team's

ambitions, saying that playing in the Asian Cup must be a case of regularity and not one of rarity.

"Everyone wants to be in the World Cup and everyone has a dream to play for that. We are not at that level. But it should be normal that India play for the Asian Cup regularly, that is a stepping stone we need to concentrate on," said Jhingan, who also scored in a 3-2 win the last time India played against Cambodia in a friendly in 2017.

Cambodia have turned to Japan and AC Milan icon Keisuke Honda to turn a corner and it remains to be seen whether the former Asian Cup winner - who supervised the Angkor Warriors' training session here on the match-eve - can produce an upset.

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"Previously we have lost to India in a couple of games, but we are not afraid of them. We will play our best to get a result," said Cambodia's joint-head coach Hirose Ryu, who is also from Japan.

Apart from injured Rahul Bheke, Stimac has everyone else available to pick his playing XI from. As battle lines are drawn in a likely full capacity stadium and with Sunil Chhetri back in the team, Stimac may explore the option of going for the kill early on.

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IPL media rights: 'It's not the price at which you win but the price at which you let it go'

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MUMBAI: The question to ask before the much-anticipated Indian Premier League (IPL) media rights auction starting Sunday is not about the price at which you win it. It's about the price at which you let it go.

In that lies the answer to who will end up winning the bouquet of cricket's most coveted rights anywhere in the world.

Every bidder that logs in for the e-auction process beginning this Sunday will have drawn up an exit strategy. That will mean, every bidder will bear a figure in mind beyond which the company will say 'it is not worth it'. This process will keep repeating until all players exit and only one bidder (or two, maybe) will remain.

'So, you see, an e-auction becomes a fascinating process by itself because it's not about the price at which you think you can take it away. It's the price at which you stop and say, 'I can't go any further' that makes all the difference. The higher that limit you set for yourself, the more you move closer to grabbing it," a top industry executive tells **TOI**.

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'Nobody will tell you this now, because nobody will talk and frankly nobody knows what that magical figure might be. But wait for the auction to get over and every single bidder who hasn't won it will remind you that the price at which it eventually went was not worth it. That will be the case because they did not see value in it," he adds.

Here's an attempt, after speaking to top select industry executives and number-crunchers, to see what kind of value can this auction process derive.

HERE'S A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S ON OFFER:



What's the bid for?

IPL media rights for 2023-27 cycle.

When?

Starts **June 12, Sunday, at 11 am.**

How's the bidding planned?

E-auction for four separate buckets of rights: a) TV (India); b) Digital (India); c) Non-exclusive set of **18 matches** for digital (India); d) Rest of the world.

Potential bidders

Viacom-led JV, Disney+Hotstar, Sony Pictures (Now Culver Max Entertainment), Zee Group, Amazon, and seven other companies.

Total number of matches on sale

For easier math, BCCI had asked bidders to work their numbers around **74 matches** per year over the next five years. They could revise this number to **84** but for easier math but let's consider **74** for now.

Reserve prices

Rs 32,890 cr is the collective reserve price from where the bidding starts (for **74 matches** per year, totaling to **370 matches** over five years).

Breaking down the reserve prices

a) Total of **Rs 18,130 cr** at **Rs 49 cr** per match for TV (India); b) **Rs 12,210 cr** at **Rs 33 cr** per match for digital (India); c) **Rs 1,440 cr** at **Rs 16 cr** per match for the cluster of 18 non-exclusive matches; d) **Rs 1,110 cr** at **Rs 3 cr** per match for Rest of the World.



'Now, if we're allowing logic and Star's numbers across TV and digital over the last five years to dictate this process, let's remind ourselves very clearly - these rights won't sell beyond Rs 42 or 43,000 crore at best. At a maximum, that's the price that any bidding party will manage to recover over the next five years. You bid a 100 Rs somewhere above that, you'll lose a 100 Rs," says another senior executive.

Even if Hotstar's subscription revenues and Star's ad revenues for the year 2020 - which rained well - are taken into consideration, multiplied by five years, and pushed high enough on the basis of how the pandemic changed digital consumption, the numbers don't match up purely from a business model based on the selling of cricket.

Then why are speculations so high that the winning bids could go past the Rs 50,000 crore mark?

The scale, say very few industry executives, rises when this entire process - which is, bidding for IPL rights - is seen as an exercise by which cricket remains merely a tool for a bidding party to engage with consumers and bring their other business models into play.

'Disney+Hotstar has a subscription battle going on with Netflix and other global players and the pressure is on retaining the numbers; **Sony** has to revive its television game and add quality content if it wants to negotiate the ad-markets more emphatically; **Viacom-led JV** is backed by Jio which wants to engage with telecom and e-retail consumers and also build its own OTT platform; **Amazon** wants to re-strategize engagement on prime and gain e-retail market footprint in its battle with Jio; **Zee** has long-term survival to consider and the upcoming merger with Sony where it wants to be an equal partner," say the industry players.

Each bidder may arrive for the auctions with a different gameplan.

'Add to it a dash of ego, a teaspoon of vanity, a large bowl of desperation and you might get a dish that nobody's bothering to savour right now. So going back to the exit strategy I was talking about - whoever sets the bar high and has enough bandwidth to commercially exploit this top-dollar engagement wins it. The others have to just walk away," says the executive.

In that lies the age-old theory driving this auction process forward:
Beauty will continue to lie in the eye of the beholder.

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Alexander Zverev undergoes surgery on torn ligaments in ankle after French Open exit

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German world number three Alexander Zverev underwent surgery on torn ligaments in his right ankle on Tuesday after he was forced to retire from his French Open semi-final against 22-times major champion Rafa Nadal last week.

Zverev was trailing 7-6(8) 6-6 against Nadal when he rolled his ankle and he screamed out in agony. The 25-year-old was fighting for his first Grand Slam title and would have taken over as world number one had he succeeded in his quest.

"Next week I'll reach a career-high ranking of number 2 in the world, but this morning I had to undergo surgery," Zverev said in a post on Instagram along with a photo of him on a hospital bed.

"After further examination in Germany, we received confirmation that all three of the lateral ligaments in my right ankle were torn.

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"To return to competition as quickly as possible, to ensure all the ligaments heal properly, and to reclaim full stability in my ankle, surgery was the best choice. My rehab starts now and I'll do everything to come back stronger than ever!"

Zverev's brother Mischa told German newspaper Bild that Wimbledon is "out of the question" for the 25-year-old, with the grasscourt major set to be held from June 27 to July 10.

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Norway chess: Viswanathan Anand beats Teimour Radjabov, Magnus Carlsen loses to Aryan Tari

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STAVANGER (Norway): Indian maestro Viswanathan Anand defeated Azerbaijan's Teimour Radjabov in the Armageddon in the seventh round of the Norway Chess tournament to remain in the second spot behind world number one Magnus Carlsen.

The 52-year old Indian grandmaster has 13 points after the seventh round, half a point behind Carlsen, who was shocked by Norwegian compatriot Aryan Tari in the sudden death tie-break.

Anand and Radjabov drew their Classical match in 42 moves in a Guicco Pianissimo game.

In the subsequent sudden death tie-break (Armageddon), the former world champion needed only 25 moves to beat the Azerbaijan player to secure a win early on Wednesday.

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Meanwhile, Carlsen went down to his countryman in 37 moves after the classical match had ended in a stalemate.

Azerbaijan star Shakhriyar Mamedyarov scored over Anish Giri to move to third spot with 11.5 points along with Maxime Vachier-Lagrange, who defeated Wesley So. Both scored wins in the classical for full three points.

In the other match of the day, China's Hao Wang edged veteran Veselin Topalov in the Armageddon.

In the ongoing tournament, the players take part in an Armageddon (sudden death) in case of a draw in the classical game.

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Mathieu Valbuena 'turns the page' on Karim Benzema sex tape scandal

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PARIS: Ex-France midfielder Mathieu Valbuena said on Tuesday he has "turned the page" after the sex tape scandal involving former team-mate Karim Benzema.

On Saturday, Real Madrid's Benzema, 34, dropped an appeal against a one-year suspended sentence, handed to him last November, for complicity in a bid to blackmail Valbuena with the video in 2015.

Benzema returned to the France fold last June following the incident but 37-year-old Valbuena last featured for his country seven years ago.

He now plays for Olympiakos after spells with Fenerbahce, Lyon and Dynamo Moscow.

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"I've turned the page after all these years," ex-Marseille playmaker Valbuena told RMC Sport.

"I hold no hard feelings, they were difficult moments that I managed to pick myself up from.

"I would have liked for my career to end in another way but that's that how it is."

Benzema was one of five people tried over the ultimately unsuccessful attempt to blackmail Valbuena with a sexually explicit video stolen from his phone.

He was not accused of being behind the extortion attempt, but of conspiring with the suspected blackmailers by putting pressure on Valbuena to pay them off.

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Sri Lanka vs Australia T20 2022: Wicket was slow, says Josh Hazlewood

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COLOMBO: Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood, who contributed to Australia's impressive win against Sri Lanka in the first T20I with his immaculate bowling, said the wicket was slow and he improvised his bowling.

A superb 4/16 by Hazlewood and fifties from David Warner and Aaron Finch guided the Aussies to a 10-wicket win over Sri Lanka as they chased down the target of 129 runs with ease. With this, Australia lead the three-match series 1-0.

"It is obviously quite hot here, quite sweaty. The wicket is slow, but you can use that to your advantage. The new ball flew off the bat a little bit, and we dragged it back (length). Have been working hard on my T20 game. Playing a lot of it. And we saw that tonight," said the pacer during a post-match conference.

Coming to the match, chasing 129, Australia were off to a solid start. Openers Finch and Warner maintained strike rotation with some occasional big hits and good running between the wickets.

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— Cricket Australia (@CricketAus) [1654650939000](https://twitter.com/CricketAus/status/1654650939000)

A four of spinner Maheesh Theekshana's delivery in the sixth over took Aussies to the 50-run mark.

At the end of six overs, Australia stood at a solid 59/0, with Warner (35*) and Aaron Finch (24*).

After the power play, the duo continued their onslaught on bowlers. At the end of 10 overs, Australia had reached 87/0 with Warner (49*) and Finch (38*).

A four of pacer Chamika Karunaratne's delivery in the 11th over brought up Warner's half-century of 32 balls. In the fourth ball of the over, the Aussies reached the 100-run mark.

The match was interrupted by rain, with Australia at 101/0. Following the resumption of action, Australia continued the run flow. A four towards the backward point of Nuwan Thushara's delivery in the 13th over brought Finch's first fifty in Lanka off 37 balls. Finch completed the formalities for the Aussies at the final ball of the 14th over with a six, winning the game for his side by ten wickets.

Put to bat, Sri Lanka made a decent start to their innings as their opening batters Pathum Nissanka and Danushka Gunathilaka smashed 35 runs in four overs.

Australia got their first breakthrough in the fifth over when

Gunathilaka was caught by Mitchell Marsh on Hazlewood's delivery and departed after scoring 26 runs off 15 balls. Charith Asalanka came to the crease and provided the momentum to Sri Lanka. Along with Nissanka, Asalanka took Sri Lanka across the 100-run mark in 12 overs and kept the scoreboard moving.

Their happiness was short-lived as Mitchell Starc bowled Nissanka out in the 12th over, leaving the team's total at 100/2.

It was followed by Kusal Mendis' dismissal in the 14th over after he was caught by Matthew Wade on Hazlewood's delivery. In the same over, Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Dasun Shanaka also departed without opening their run tally and leaving Sri Lanka struggling at 103/5.

In the 16th over, Asalanka was run out by Wade and departed after scoring 38 runs off 34 balls. Chamika Karunaratne was also run out in the 17th over by Steve Smith, with Sri Lanka's score at 118/7. It was followed by Dushmantha Chameera and Waninidu Hasaranga's wicket in the 19th over.

In the 20th over, Kane Richardson struck and sent Maheesh Theekshana back to the dugout and ended Sri Lanka's inning at 128 runs.

Brief scores: Australia 134/0 (David Warner 70*, Aaron Finch 61*) defeated Sri Lanka 128/10 (Charith Asalanka 38, Pathum Nissanka 36; Josh Hazlewood 4/16) by ten wickets.

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Avani Lekhara wins gold with world record in Para Shooting World Cup

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NEW DELHI: Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para Shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 in Chateauroux, France on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old shooter broke her own world record of 249.6 to secure her a spot at the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

Poland's Emilia Babska bagged the silver medal with a total of 247.6, while the bronze went to Anna Normann of Sweden after she shot 225.6.

SH1 category is for athletes with lower limb impairment for competition in rifle events.

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Lekhara bagged the top prize three days after being on the verge of missing the tournament as her coach and escort were initially denied

visas.

However, the issue was resolved after intervention of the Sports Authority of India and Sports Ministry.

"Proud to bring home the gold in the R2 10M Air Rifle SH1 event with a WR score & India's 1st Paris2024 Quota, at the Chateauroux2022. My 1st Int. event since the @paralympics. A big thank you to everyone who has supported me!" she tweeted.

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— Avani Lekhara अवनी लेखरा PLY (@AvaniLekhara)
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"Avani Lekhara, the new WorldRecord holder in the R2 - women's 10m air rifle standing SH1. The Indian shooter just crushed the former record (249.6) by scoring 250.6 in the Chateauroux2022 World Cup, in France!" Shooting Para Sport wrote on its Twitter handle.

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In August last year, Lekhara bagged a gold in the 10m air rifle

standing event in the SH1 category at the Tokyo Paralympics. She followed it up with a bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 event, making her the first Indian woman to win multiple medals at the Paralympics.

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Umran Malik might have to wait for his debut, hints Rahul Dravid

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NEW DELHI: India head coach Rahul Dravid has always maintained that he likes continuity and gave clear hints on Tuesday that pace sensation Umran Malik might have to wait for his turn.

Dravid was speaking ahead of the first of five-match T20 International series between India and South Africa here on Thursday.

[Success of Indian captains in IPL augurs well for national team: Rahul Dravid](#)

Success of Indian players as captains in a tournament like IPL will eventually benefit the national team since the leadership role helps in accelerating the growth of cricketers, head coach Rahul Dravid said on Tuesday.

"We just have to see how much playing time we will be able to give him. We have a big squad, not possible to have everyone in the playing XI," Dravid was categorical when asked about the 'Jammu Express'.

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"I am someone who likes consistency and give people time to settle in. Arshdeep has also done well, who is also an exciting player, who bowls well.

"We have a little bit of experienced guys in Harshal, Buvi and Avesh, who played in the last series. It is exciting to have the young guys as well, it helps us broaden our pool and see what they can do," he said.

We know our top three's quality and will give them lot of clarity: Dravid

The troika of skipper Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and the peerless Virat Kohli might have faced a lot of flak for their dated T20 batting approach but coach Rahul Dravid understands their quality and expects them to give "good, positive starts" going into the World Cup.

The coach, though, had words of praise for Umran and wants to see him more in Test cricket.

"He is exciting, certainly bowls quick and has pace. Another exciting thing in the IPL for me was to see the Indian players bowl really fast. The more he plays the better he gets. Very happy to have him in the mix," he said.

"As a coach I would love to see it translate to the longer format of the game," the purist in him said.

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Australia thrash Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in first T20I

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Reigning Twenty20 world champions Australia sealed a dominant 10-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the first T20 international in Colombo on Tuesday after fast bowler Josh Hazlewood took four wickets and their openers comfortably chased a modest target.

Put in to bat, Sri Lanka looked to be in control when they were 100-1 in the 12th over but the hosts were bundled out for 128 as Hazlewood took three wickets in an over to finish with 4-16, while Mitchell Starc bagged 3-26.

Dominant across the park as Australia take a 1-0 series lead
Scorecard and wicket replays:... <https://t.co/B6g2YDQAFN>

— cricket.com.au (@cricketcomau) [1654624209000](https://twitter.com/cricketcomau/status/1534624209000)

Australia captain Aaron Finch (61 not out) and David Warner (70 not out) then struck an unbeaten opening partnership as the visitors wrapped up the match with six overs to spare after the game was twice delayed by rain.

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The Australian cricket board announced before the match that fast bowler Sean Abbott, who was in their T20 squad, would return home after breaking a finger in the nets.

The second T20 will be held on Wednesday followed by the third on Saturday. The teams will then play five one-day internationals and two Tests.

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Understand my game lot better and that's how I handle pressure: David Miller

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NEW DELHI: The intensity is still the same as it was more than a decade ago, when he made his debut, but what has changed for David Miller is his ability to "understand the game a lot better" and handle pressure with consummate ease.

Miller is enjoying every bit of his new-found star status after playing a pivotal role in Gujarat Titans' IPL triumph with 481 runs. More importantly, he won at least four games in a finisher's role.

[India vs South Africa 2022: Tickets for first T20I almost sold out, golf carts for senior citizens](#)

The first T20 between India and South on Thursday is set to be a sell-out with 94 per cent tickets already sold at the 35,000 capacity Arun Jaitley Stadium. An international game is being held in Delhi for the first time since November 2019. Around 27,000 tickets were put up for sale.

"Scoring the amount of runs I did, closing out a couple of games is something I looked forward to before the start of IPL. Batting in the middle order, you do want to finish off games. So it was nice to tick

that box," Miller said on the eve of South Africa's five-match T20I series against India.

In the past, the lack of consistency has been Miller's bane despite his voluminous talent, but he feels that he hasn't tweaked his game much. But it's the understanding that has made the difference.

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"I wouldn't say I have done anything different. Being around for a long time now, one grows and matures in the role I play for so many years, I understand my game a lot better," he said.

"I still get nervous and go through negative thoughts but I can deal with that pressure a lot better. Understanding my game better in what I need to do has helped," he explained.

With five matches left to complete 100 games for South Africa in the shortest format, Miller feels that he brings calmness in the change-room.

"For me, I see myself trying to create that calmness in the change room, trying to just clarify a few things with younger guys to what they need to do better.

"Really enjoyable to be giving advice but along with that you are always developing as a player and also learning from youngsters about their mindset, how they approach the game," Miller added.

His IPL performance won't put any extra pressure on him.

"Not any extra pressure or weight on my shoulders. Every international game that I have played whether as senior or junior,

there has always been a sense of pressure. So I don't think it changes. Just with experience I deal with it a lot better."

The short vacation to Maldives also helped a lot.

"It's been pretty hard with so many games of the IPL but I have been working quite hard on the physical side of things. I feel fresh and good to go after a two-day break in Maldives. Pretty good for my mind," he concluded.

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We know our top three's quality and will give them lot of clarity: Dravid

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NEW DELHI: The troika of skipper Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and the peerless Virat Kohli might have faced a lot of flak for their dated T20 batting approach but head coach Rahul Dravid understands their quality and expects them to give "good, positive starts" going into the World Cup.

Rohit, Rahul and Kohli's approach in the powerplay overs during the last World T20 came under the scanner but Dravid gave clear hints that he is in no mood to tinker with the top three even though regular skipper and the team's No. 1 batter have been rested from the series against South Africa.

"We know our top three's quality. They are top class. There will be a slightly different top three in this series but what we are looking for (in general) is a good positive start and playing according to the situation," Dravid said on the eve of the first T20 International against South Africa.

Rahul and Kohli have faced some criticism for their powerplay strike-rate and while the coach didn't take names, he did mention the necessity for an improved strike-rate.

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"If it's a high-scoring game, then obviously you want your players to maintain the strike-rate. If wicket is more challenging, then they have to respond to that as well," he added.

He believes that role clarity will be paramount and might be different from what players are used in their respective IPL franchises.

"In general, in T20 you want people to play positively and these people do that. As I said their roles might be slightly different to what we expect of them.

"We will be giving them a lot of clarity as to what their roles are. And I'm confident anyone in the top three will be able to play the role according to the situation of the match," he added.

Need to ensure that Rohit stays fit for big tourneys

The head coach made it clear that it is unrealistic to expect an all-format player like Rohit to play in every series.

So is it difficult to give regular captain rest from time to time.

"It's not difficult at all," he replied.

"(KL) Rahul has captained before, we are clear on a lot of things. Rohit is an all-format player and it is unrealistic to expect all (all format players) to be available for every series," he said.

"We need to ensure that they are fit for all the big tournaments and are peaking then. We also have the Test match in the UK spilling from last year and we need to ensure we have the best side," Dravid said.

"With the kind of busy schedule we have there are times we need to rest our big players. It gives youngsters opportunities and increases the depth of our squad," he elaborated.

The key is to maintain the perfect balance, 'The Wall' said.

"It is a balance between managing the workload of some of the players, especially who have been a part of all three formats of the game for us in the last six months. We will do that over the next six months.

"We have rested a few players, that's part of the process. We'll continue to do that for a little bit till the T20 world Cup, till we freeze everyone. It is important to manage people through a very busy calendar," he said.

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Tiger Woods withdraws from next week's US Open

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Tiger Woods said on Tuesday he has decided to withdraw from next week's US Open outside Boston, citing a need for more time to get his body ready for major championship golf but still plans to play the British Open at St. Andrews in July.

Woods returned to competition at the Masters in April, 14 months after nearly losing his right leg in a car crash, then played in last month's PGA Championship where he withdrew in pain after posting a nine-over-par 79 in the third round.

Despite opting to sit out the US Open, an event he has won three times, Woods said he still plans to play in the JP McManus Pro-Am, a two-day event in Ireland, before hopefully competing in the July 14-17 British Open the following week.

"I previously informed the USGA that I will not be competing in the @usopengolf as my body needs more time to get stronger for major championship golf," Woods, 46, wrote on Twitter.

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— Tiger Woods (@TigerWoods) [1654616307000](#)

"I do hope and plan to be ready to play in Ireland at @JPProAm and at @TheOpen next month. I'm excited to get back out there soon!"

The 15-time major champion had been non-committal about playing in June 16-19 US Open at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts.

Woods made an encouraging start in his return to competition as he shot a one-under-par 71 in the first round of the Masters but went on to finish 13 over for the week and in 47th place as the demanding course took a toll on his body.

Woods next teed it up at the PGA Championship and despite his pre-tournament talk of having more strength and endurance since the Masters, he appeared to be in significant discomfort as he winced after many shots and battled to walk up hills.

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Olympic-style torch relay to be introduced ahead of 44th Chess Olympiad, every relay to start from India

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CHENNAI: The 44th Chess Olympiad to be held in July-August near here will mark the introduction of Olympic-style torch relay which will be run ahead of the showpiece every edition, the world governing body of the sport announced on Tuesday.

Such a relay will always begin from India -- the birthplace of chess -- and will travel across all continents before reaching the host city.

The torch relay will, however, be run only in India this time due to paucity of time and Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand will be one of the participants.

"50 days to go for Chennai Olympiad. Do watch, cheer and join me at the Olympiad Torch Relay," Anand tweeted.

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<https://t.co/ymNitNkxyf>

— Viswanathan Anand (@vishy64theking) [1654592856000](https://twitter.com/vishy64theking/status/1654592856000)

The dates and routes of the torch relay will be announced soon after consultation with the government, FIDE and other stakeholders, Olympiad event director Bharat Singh Chauhan said in a press release.

"This initiative will help in popularising the game of chess and galvanising the support of fans across the world," FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich said.

"Starting from the next edition of the Olympiad, in line with the traditions of the Olympic Games, the torch will travel across all continents visiting FIDE member territories, ultimately culminating in the host country and city ahead of the opening of the Chess Olympiad," he added.

Top Indian woman chess player Koneru Humpy said in a tweet, "What a time to be an Indian #chess player. Proud moment. Kudos @aicfchess #OlympiadFlame #ChessOlympiad #50 days to go."

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<https://t.co/GvwMs60j2T>

— Koneru Humpy (@humpy_koneru) [1654592709000](https://twitter.com/humpy_koneru/status/1654592709000)

India will be hosting the Chess Olympiad for the first-time ever.

"It is indeed a huge honour for the country. What Athens means for the Olympics is how India will be to the chess community," Chauhan said.

The 44th Chess Olympiad will be held in Mahabalipuram near here from July 28 to August 10. A record 343 teams in open and women's sections from 187 countries have already entered for the tournament.

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Ranji Trophy: Gharami's 186, Anustup's 117 and minister Tiwary's 54 power Bengal to massive total

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BENGALURU: Sudip Gharami hogged the limelight for the second day running with a 186-run knock as Bengal reached 577 for five in their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal against Jharkhand on Tuesday.

The seasoned Anustup Majumdar helped himself to a century (117) before Manoj Tiwary, a sitting minister for youth affairs and sports in West Bengal, walked back unbeaten on 54 at the end of second day's play at the Just Cricket Academy Ground.

Looking to accelerate the scoring rate, the 23-year-old Gharami's stay in the middle ended with a contentious decision after which Bengal looked to nudge the ball around for ones and twos, rather than going for quick runs and declaring their first innings.

There were no signs of urgency from Bengal and it remains to be seen how long do they bat on the third day.

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There was no contact between the bat and the ball on its way to wicketkeeper Kumar Kushagra on the leg side, but the umpire still adjudged Gharami out.

Gharami, who was 106 overnight, got out after scoring 186 off 380 balls, hitting 21 fours and a six during his long stay at the crease. The Gharami-Majumdar stand was worth 243 runs.

Opener Abhishek Raman, who retired hurt on 41 on the opening day, returned to make 61, while Abishek Porel, who was part of India's Under-19 World Cup-winning squad earlier this year, chipped in with a 111-ball 68, making full use of the opportunity he got after Wriddhiman Saha's departure following differences with the Cricket Association of Bengal.

Anustup made his runs in 194 balls and found the fence 15 times, while former captain Tiwary, who has so far appeared in three Ranji finals and still dreams about winning the elusive title in the country's premier domestic tournament, hit three fours and a six in his 146-ball undefeated knock.

Resuming the day on 310 for one, the duo of Gharami and Anustup added 65 runs before the latter fell to left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem's bowling.

Jharkhand managed to get two more wickets before veteran Tiwary found an able ally in young Abishek Porel, the two adding 109 runs for the fifth wicket to prop up their team that is hoping to bat just once in the game.

Gharami, who had a highest score of 27 in his four previous appearances, once again showed fine temperament and impressive technique but was unlucky to miss out on what would have been a well-deserved double ton.

With this knock, Gharami, son of a labour contractor who would borrow money from relatives to buy him cricket equipment, reposed the faith shown in him by head coach Arun Lal.

Brief Scores:

Bengal: 577/5 in 178 overs (Sudip Gharami 186, Anushtup Majumdar 117, Abhimanyu Easwaran 65, ABhishek Porel 68, ABhishek Raman 61, Manoj Tiwary batting 54) vs Jharkhand.

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Have full trust in HI but every federation has to abide by sports code: FIH

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LAUSANNE: The International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Tuesday said it continues to have "full trust" in Hockey India but expects its member associations to abide by the sports code of their respective countries.

The Delhi High Court last month placed HI under a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) following its observation that the federation has violated the National Sports Code.

The court ruling came on a petition filed by former India player Aslam Sher Khan, who had challenged Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra's appointment as life member of HI.

"It's 100% clear that every National Association (NA) has to make sure that its Statutes are compliant with the sports code of the local authorities. Therefore, if this is not the case for Hockey India at the moment, then this has to happen," said FIH's chief executive officer Thierry Weil.

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"However, this situation does not affect FIH's full trust in Hockey India."

The FIH CEO said HI will continue to play a pivotal role in the development of the game.

"Indeed, Hockey India has been and continues to be a key actor of the development of our sport, not only in the country, but also for the world, as an outstanding organiser of numerous FIH events," Weil said.

In its judgement, the Delhi HC held that the appointment of Batra as HI's life member and Elena Norman as CEO were illegal and thus the administrative setup of the national body was erroneous or illegal.

The HC constituted a committee headed by former Supreme Court judge AR Dave and has former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi and ex-Indian hockey team captain Zafar Iqbal as members.

The committee has been entrusted with making appropriate arrangements for the governance of HI until fresh elections are held.

Talking about the inaugural Hockey 5s held here last weekend, Weil said the FIH is all for its growth alongside the traditional format and would be hosting the first Hockey 5s World Cup in 2024.

"Hockey5s is a great lever to boost the growth of hockey at the global level. Thanks to its less restrictive infrastructure - smaller field - but also to the required number of players, the practice of Hockey5s can be a real development asset for many nations in the world," he said.

"Developing the sport is the number 1 mission of any international

federation. The same goes for FIH. This is why, among other things, the FIH has decided to create a Hockey5s World Cup (first edition in 2024).

"In addition, the size of the field also makes it possible to anchor the Hockey5s in the heart of cities, giving it an urban dimension that is very fashionable and attractive, especially among young people.

"Finally, Hockey5s is an excellent springboard, a 'gateway', to 11-a-side hockey," Weil added.

The Indian men's hockey team won the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s, while Uruguay won the crown in the women's section.

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Ranji Trophy 2022: Shubham Sharma slams unbeaten ton to put MP in driver's seat against Punjab

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ALUR (Karnataka): After a splendid show from their bowlers on the opening day, it was the turn of Madhya Pradesh batters, led by Shubham Sharma (102 not out), to respond strongly against Punjab on Day 2 of their Ranji Trophy quarter-final game on Tuesday.

Responding to Punjab's 219 on what appears to be a lifeless pitch, MP rode on a strong start to their innings to reach 238 for 2 at stumps, a 19-run lead with eight first innings wickets in hand.

Both the openers, Yash Dubey and Himanshu Mantri frustrated the opposition bowlers.

With the pacers failing to get wickets, Punjab had to wait for leg-spinner Mayank Markande for the breakthrough. The 24-year-old did just that by dismissing Yash Dubey (20).

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However, both Mantri and Shubham Sharma stitched a solid 120-run

partnership for the second wicket to put MP in command against a toothless Punjab bowling attack.

The duo batted for close to 48 overs and inflicted maximum damage to the Punjab bowlers in the process.

As Markande came to Punjab's rescue once again by removing Mantri (89), it was Sharma who continued with his brilliant and steady knock. The 28-year-old middle-order batsman slammed his sixth first class ton (102 not out), courtesy nine fours and a six, to put his side in command, with three days of play still to go.

For Punjab, the only consolation of the day was perhaps a tight bowling spell from Markande who also represented the Mumbai Indians in the recently concluded Indian Premier League.

Brief Scores:

Punjab: 219 all out in 71.3 overs (Abhishek Sharma 47, Anmolpreet Singh 47; Puneet Datey 3/48, Anubhav Agarwal 3/36).

Madhya Pradesh: 238/2 in 99 overs (Shubham Sharma 102 not out, Himanshu Mantri 89; Mayank Markande 2/70).

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Mithali Raj maintains 7th spot; Smriti Mandhana remains at 9th in ODI Rankings

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DUBAI: Talismanic Indian batter Mithali Raj continued to hold on to her seventh position while compatriot Smriti Mandhana also remained in the ninth position in the latest ICC Women's ODI batting rankings, released on Tuesday.

Australia's Alyssa Healy continued to lead the rankings chart followed by England's Natalie Sciver. Both the batters had a superb show at the Women's World Cup held in New Zealand earlier this year.

Veteran Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami also continued to be on the fifth position in the bowling list.

Veteran Pakistan opener Sidra Ameen has reaped rewards for her memorable series against Sri Lanka, which saw her make a big leap in the latest batting chart.

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Sidra scored 218 runs in the series at an impressive average of 72.66, including a match-winning 123 in the second ODI game against the Lankans. The 30-year-old has now moved up 19 places to a career-best 35th position.

Sri Lankan skipper Chamari Athapaththu also made notable progress, climbing six spots to be placed at the 23rd position. The 32-year-old had scored 101 in the second ODI against Pakistan and totalled 142 in the three-match series.

The bowling rankings was led by Englishwomen Sophie Ecclestone, while South African Shabnim Ismail, and Australia's Jess Jonassen took the second and third positions respectively.

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I don't look at rankings, have respect for Cambodia: Igor Stimac

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KOLKATA: Indian team head coach Igor Stimac refused to read much into their higher ranking on the eve of the Asian Cup Qualifiers, saying it doesn't matter in present day football.

Eyeing a second straight Asian Cup qualification and fifth overall, 106th ranked India start as favourites and rank way higher than their three group D opponents in Cambodia, Afghanistan and Hong Kong.

"I respect every opposition. I don't look at rankings. Cambodia didn't come here to participate, they came with the same desire to win the game," Stimac said on the eve of their group opener.

"When India were down 180 in rankings, we went to win the games and not lose them. I would also have more respect for each opponent. I'd never say we can win against anyone easily. That would be disrespectful. We need to be ready, hungry and fully motivated for these games."

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"There's no easy game anymore. That was some 50 years ago. From 100 positions until 180-200, there is a very small margin and difference in quality," he added.

The Croat, whose contract has been extended till the end of the Asian Cup Qualifiers, faces a big test as he outlined his strategy to press for an early goal.

"I'd say that we have prepared for any case scenario, but we intend to press for the first minute of the game and put Cambodia under high pressure.

"We need to prove that we are favourites and we need to control as well as be ready to handle the counter-attacks. I'd say we are ready for that."

Not worried about friendlies results

India's build-up to the Qualifiers has been far from impressive as they have lost three of their four practice matches, while the one against Zambia was cancelled.

Of the three losses, India have scored once against Bahrain (1-2) and the other two were lopsided defeats to Belarus (0-3) and Jordan (0-2).

Pointing out that he missed star Indian forward Sunil Chhetri in two matches, Stimac said: "I'm never worried about the friendly games, less worried than you. It's a learning process. It's more important how we do in these official games."

"Once we started together, we were very clear on what we needed to do in the future. We were clear that we needed to make sure that India participates in every edition of the AFC Asian Cup. These are the steps in football in our progress to make the World Cup."

Fit-again Jhingan upbeat

All eyes would be on defender Sandesh Jhingan, who made a comeback during their match against Jordan, after a long injury layoff.

"You have seen me play in the AFC Cup. Nothing changes much," said Jhingan.

Seen as a future India captain, the 28-year-old centre back however does not still consider his place "permanent" in the team.

"No one has a permanent place in the XI. The quality of competition is so high these days. You need to work very hard every day in training to earn the right to play."

"To play in the Asian Cup is massive and to qualify it on home soil at Kolkata is amazing. The experience in Kolkata is massive. Playing in front of a packed stadium is the stuff of dreams for us. The more the fans come, the better for us," he said.

Bheke to miss out

India will miss their right back Rahul Bheke, who is out with an injury, the coach said.

"Apart from Rahul, everyone is available for us. He's been out with a minor injury for the last 11 days," Stimac said.

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Ranji Trophy: 21 wickets tumble as Karnataka-UP quarterfinal hangs in balance

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ALUR (Karnataka): Uttar Pradesh bounced back after conceding a first innings lead against home favourites Karnataka as their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal hung in balance on a day 21 wickets tumbled on Tuesday.

On a difficult KSCA pitch, left-arm orthodox spinner Saurabh Kumar (14-4-32-3) relied on his tight bowling to fox Karnataka, which collapsed to 100 for 8 after taking a healthy 98-run first innings lead.

The 29-year-old India A bowler, who returned with 4 for 73 in the first innings, was well-supported by Ankit Rajpoot (8-2-15-2) as Karnataka lost eight wickets in the final session.

At stumps, wicketkeeper-batter Srinivas Sharath was unbeaten on 10 as the match headed for an exciting third day with the home side taking an overall 198 runs lead with two wickets intact.

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The Karnataka 'Big Three' -- Mayank Agarwal (22), Karun Nair (10) and skipper Manish Pandey (4) -- disappointed again leaving their second innings in disarray.

Indian Test opener Agarwal, who was ignored for the upcoming Edgbaston Test against England, batted with lot more positive intent and slammed five boundaries in his 29-ball knock before being dismissed by the left-arm spinner.

Rajpoot then dismissed Nair, while Pandey was run out by Karan Sharma as Karnataka suffered a middle-order collapse and lost six wickets for 33 runs.

Earlier, Karnataka were bundled out for 253 in the first innings with addition of 40 runs to their overnight total with Shreyas Gopal slamming a gritty unbeaten fifty.

Overnight 26, Gopal remained unbeaten on 56 from 80 balls (6x4, 2x6) which pushed their total past 250-mark.

In reply, Uttar Pradesh were skittled out for 155 inside 38 overs. Ronit More (3/47) caused the maximum damage, while the trio of Vijaykumar Vyshak, Vidhwath Kaverappa and Krishnappa Gowtham claimed two apiece.

Gowtham claimed the wickets of Rinku Singh (33) and Saurabh in successive overs while they lost another in Prince Yadav (0) without any addition to the total.

At 92 for 8, UP were looking down the barrel but Shivam Mavi then showed his exploits with the bat, slamming 32 off 35 balls (3x4, 1x6) to take their total past 150-mark.

He along with Rajpoot (18 not out from 16 balls) shared 44 runs for the last wicket, a partnership that brightened their hopes before the bowlers put Karnataka on the backfoot.

With two wickets in hand, it's up for the Karnataka lower-order to prop their overall lead for their spin duo of K Gowtham and Shreyas Gopal to exploit the conditions.

Brief Scores

Karnataka 253 (Shreyas Gopal 56 not out; Saurabh Kumar 4/73, Shivam Mavi 3/60) and 100/8 in 34 overs (Saurabh 3/32, Ankit Rajpoot 2/15).

Uttar Pradesh 155 in 37.3 overs (Priyam Garg 39, Rinku Singh 33; Ronit More 3/47).

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- **[HPU B.Ed results 2022 declared, check details and steps how to download@ hpushimla.in](#)** [Wed,

08 Jun 09:35]

HPU B. Ed exam results has been released on 7 June, 2022 by the Himachal Pradesh University. The Candidates who applied for HP B. Ed. Entrance Exams can now check their results on the official website -. However, the official notification was not released by the authorities before announcing the results. The Himachal Pradesh University conducted the B. Ed exam on May 27, 2022 across the state.

- **[Maharashtra Board HSC result 2022 today @ maharesult.nic.in; how to check](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 07:47]

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) results will be declared by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (MSBS HSE) on Thursday at 1 pm. Students can check their results on www.mahresult.nic.in.

- **[CGBSE schedule for 10th and 12th supplementary exam released](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:39]

Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) has released the class 10 and 12 supplementary exams date sheet for the 2022 board examinations. While the class 10 exam will begin from July 4 to 12, the exams for class 12 will be conducted from July 4 to 16.

- **[RBSE 10th Result 2022: Rajasthan Board likely soon, here's expected date](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:56]

Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer will release the Rajasthan Board 10th Result 2022 soon. If the dates as per the local media are to be believed, then RBSE officials have indicated to announce the Rajasthan Board Class 10 result 2022 by this week or at most by next week. For more details, read the article below.

- **[National Inter-School Crossword Contest: DPS Pune tops ranking after 1st online round](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:17]

Adya Singh of Notre Dame Academy, Patna, and Anushree Deo and Prathamesh Joshi of S.E.S. Gurukul, Pune, claimed 2nd and 3rd spots, respectively.

- **[Govt to hold induction training for newly appointed assistant professors](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:09]

The higher education department will hold a 5-day induction training programme for newly appointed assistant professors (teacher education). It will be conducted at Utkal University campus this month only. Around 385 assistant professors will be joining standalone teacher education colleges and some government colleges in the state soon. In a letter to the registrar of Utkal University, higher education department additional secretary Ramakanta Nayak has mentioned about this training programme.

- **Materials Management course is gaining popularity** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:02]

Being a subset of supply chain management the students studying this find jobs in several industries

- **JEE Main Hall Ticket 2022 likely this week, check important details** [Tue, 07 Jun 16:52]

Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2022 admit card is expected to be released soon. National Testing Agency (NTA) will be releasing the JEE Main hall tickets for the June session likely by this week. For more details, read the full article.

- **Maharashtra Class 12th Result 2022 today at 1 pm @ maharesult.nic.in; Marksheets on June 17**

[Tue, 07 Jun 16:35]

The results of class 12th board examinations held in March 2022, will be declared on June 8, tweeted state education minister Varsha Gaikwad on Tuesday. The results will be available online at 1 pm on websites officiated by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education.

- **TS CPGET 2022 notification released, apply here@ cpget.tsche.ac.in** [Tue, 07 Jun 16:18]

Osmania University of Hyderabad has released the notification of the online application process for the Common Post Graduate Entrance Tests (CPGET). The interested and eligible candidates can apply for the exam by visiting the official website -. The candidates can submit the application form till 4th July, 2022 without late.

- **AP Inter Result 2022: AP Class 12 result likely soon, here's expected date** [Tue, 07 Jun 15:27]

Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh is likely to announce the AP Inter Results 2022 soon. Recently, AP SSC Results 2022 were declared on June 4, 2022 and now the AP 12th students are also expecting the Intermediate result declaration most likely by the June end. For more details, read below the full article.

- **ECIL Recruitment 2022: 40 tradesman vacancies, steps how to apply @ careers.ecil.co.in** [Tue, 07 Jun 14:59]

ECIL Recruitment 2022: Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) has released the notification of recruitment process for the post of Tradesman B. The candidates can apply for the above mentioned post on the official website of ECIL -. There are total 40 vacancies

available under this recruitment for the post of Tradesman B are given below :- 1. Electronic Mechanic/R &T. V - 11 2. Fitter - 12 3. Electrician - 3 4.

- **MP Board Class 10, 12 supplementary exam schedule released; exams from June 20** [Tue, 07 Jun 14:02]

The Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education (MPBSE) has released the Class 10 and Class 12 supplementary exam date sheet for the 2022 board examinations. While the Class 10 supplementary exams will begin on June 21, 2022, the MP Class 12 exams will be conducted on June 20, 2022. For more details, check the full article.

- **SEBA Assam HSLC Result Toppers 2022: Raktotpal Saikia tops, check toppers' list here**

[Tue, 07 Jun 13:26]

Raktotpal Saikia of St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur topped the Assam HSLC exam 2022, results of which were declared by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam on Tuesday. Saikia scored 99.5 per cent aggregate marks. Bhuyashi Medhi of Little Flowers School, Nalbari came second with 99.33 per cent.

- **CBSE 12th Term 2 Maths exam 2022 review: Easy and from NCERT, say students; download paper here** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:53]

As per the initial reactions received from the students, the Maths Class 12th Term-II paper was easy. There was nothing out of the syllabus. Many questions were straight from NCERT Books.

- **CLAT Admit Card 2022 released @consortiumofnlus, check steps how to download** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:34]

CLAT Admit card 2022 :Consortium of National Law University has released the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) admit card 2022. The candidates can download the CLAT admit card by visiting the official website -. The CLAT admit card 2022 has been released for the candidates, who are going to appear for the CLAT law exam. The CLAT examination is scheduled to be conducted on June 19, 2022.

- **UPSC NDA 2022: Last Date for NDA 2 application form, Apply by 6 pm@upsconline.nic.in** [Tue, 07 Jun 11:47]

The Union Public service Commission (UPSC) is going to close the application form window for the NDA 2 today by 6 PM. The interested candidates, who have not applied yet, can still fill the application form and submit.

- **NATA 2022 Admit Card releases today @nata.in; check how to download** [Tue, 07 Jun 11:43]

Council of Architecture will release Admit Card for the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) today on its official website. The candidates, who have successfully registered online for the NATA 2022 examination, can check and download their Admit Card online on the official website - <https://nata.in/> - through candidate login.

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However, the official notification was not released by the authorities before announcing the results. The Himachal Pradesh University conducted the B.Ed exam on May 27, 2022 across the state.

Important Note :- The result has been released in the form of a PDF file and candidates have to use the same to check their roll numbers or registration number. The university has earlier notified the minimum qualifying marks for the unreserved and reserved categories.

The Categories and minimum qualifying percentage and marks are given below :-

Category	Total Marks	HPU B.Ed	HPU B.Ed
		Minimum Qualifying Percentage	Cut Off Marks
General	150	35%	53
SC/ST/OBC/PH	150	30%	45

In case, the two candidates score equal marks in the HPU B.Ed exam then the authorities would consider tie-breaking criteria for choosing the deserving one.

The tie breaking criteria is mentioned below :-

1. Marks scored in Teaching Aptitude & Attitude
2. Marks scored in Language & Comprehension (Hindi & English)
3. Marks scored in General Awareness(Mainly HP & India)
4. Marks scored in Logical Reasoning
5. The age of the candidate is considered and the senior candidate is preferred

The candidates, who cleared the HPU B.Ed exam, the universities will organize a counselling session for them. The candidates will be asked to provide all the documents so that the authorities can cross check them and proceed with the other formalities.

The important documents are mentioned below :-

1. HPU B.Ed Application form

2. Counselling Letter
3. Marksheets and Certificates
4. Caste Certificate
5. Candidate's photograph
6. PWD Certificate

[Here is the link to visit the official website](#)

A large number of candidates had appeared in the B.Ed Entrance examination for admission in two years B.Ed Programme in the Himachal Pradesh University affiliated college or institutes. The candidates are very curious to know their B.ed entrance exam scorecard according to their exam performance. The Candidates who had appeared in the HPU B.ed Entrance examination can able to check and download their HP University B.Ed Result

The candidates can follow these few simple steps to download the HP B.Ed result 2022 :-

- Step 1. Candidates first of all go official website - hpushimla.in.
- Step 2: Open the home page of Himachal Pradesh University (HPU).
- Step 3: Find the B.Ed Entrance Result link and click on it.
- Step 4: Open the Login web page.
- Step 5: Enter your Login Credentials details such as User ID & Password.
- Step 6: Then click on the login button your HPU B.ed Entrance Result will display on the screen.

Step 7: Download it and take a printout for future reference.

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Maharashtra Board HSC result 2022 today @ mahresult.nic.in; how to check

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MUMBAI: The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) results will be declared by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (MSBSHSE) on Thursday at 1 pm. Students can check their results on www.mahresult.nic.in.

Over 14 lakh students, including three lakh from the Mumbai division (Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Navi Mumbai, Palghar) had appeared for the written examination, the first after the March 2020 lockdown. Last year, it was near 100% results as students were awarded marks based on internal assessments.

Maharashtra HSC Result 2022: [Live Updates](#)

This year, students took their exams from their respective colleges from March 4 to April 7. The exams were based on the 75% reduced syllabus.

The mark sheets will be made available in colleges on June 17 at 3 pm

Students can apply for verification of marks from June 10 to June 20. Verification of marks will require photocopies which will be made available to students from June 10 to June 29. Students have to make payments for photo copying and verification online.

Meanwhile, ISC exams will conclude on June 12 and CBSE class 12 exams will end on June 15. Both ISC and CBSE have conducted two board exams as a special case. The results are expected in July. This is the first time MSBSHSE results will be out before non-state boards.

[Here's the direct link to check Maha HSC Result 2022](#)

How to check Maharashtra HSC Results 2022

Step 1: Visit the official Maharashtra Board websites -

<https://hscresult.mkcl.org/>, <http://maharesult.nic.in/>,

<https://www.mahahsscboard.in/>

Step 2: Click on the Maharashtra HSC Result link available on the homepage

Step 3: Enter your Maharashtra class 12 Registration number and password in the given box

Step 4: Your Maharashtra HSC Results 2022 will be displayed on the screen

Step 5: Check and Download the Maharashtra Class 12 Results 2022 for further reference

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CGBSE schedule for 10th and 12th supplementary exam released

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Raipur: Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) has released the class 10 and 12 supplementary exams date sheet for the 2022 board examinations. While the class 10 exam will begin from July 4 to 12, the exams for class 12 will be conducted from July 4 to 16.

According to the statement released by CGBSE, the supplementary exam will commence on July 4 in an offline mode. The timing scheduled for exams will be from morning 9 to 12.15, this year the exam will be conducted only in one shift. The statement also stated that the board will charge an amount of Rs. 200 for a single subject while 240 for double subjects meanwhile for more than 2 subjects the candidates will be charged an amount of Rs. 460 accordingly. The children who could not clear their exams will be able to appear for the supplementary exam.

The Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education's Secondary and Higher Secondary exams started on March two - three this year. The

results for the candidates were released on May 14. This year 6.5 lakh students appeared for the Board examinations. In the 10th examination, the passing percentage was 74.23 while in class 12th, the passing percentage was 79.30.

Due to the epidemic, the exams were not conducted in an offline mode for the last two years. This year on the decline in cases CGBSE decided to hold exams in a physical mode.

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RBSE 10th Result 2022: Rajasthan Board likely soon, here's expected date

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RBSE 10th Result 2022: Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer will release the Rajasthan Board 10th Result 2022 soon. If the dates as per the local media are to be believed, then RBSE officials have indicated to announce the Rajasthan Board Class 10 result 2022 by this week or at most by next week i.e. by June 15, 2022. Once released, students will be able to check their results on the official website of RBSE - rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in or rajresults.nic.in.

Students please note that there is no official confirmation yet on the date of RBSE 10th Result 2022. More than 10 lakh students are waiting for Rajasthan Board 10th Result 2022. Last year due to COVID-19, Rajasthan Board had cancelled the Class 10 exams and the students were promoted on the basis of internal assessment. However, this year, the board conducted the offline examination as usual.

Also Read: [LIVE updates on RBSE Class 8 Result 2022](#)

Also check RBSE Class 5 Result 2022: [LIVE Updates Here](#)
Rajasthan Board Class 10 Result 2022: How to check

1. Visit the official website - rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in.
2. Click on the result link available for RBSE Rajasthan Board 10th 2022 Result.
3. A new login window will appear, enter your login details such as roll number and registration number there.
4. Submit and your result will be displayed on the screen.
5. Check and download the RBSE Clas 10 Result 2022.
6. Take a printout of the same for future use.

Students can follow above-mentioned simple steps to download their results online after it is released by the Rajasthan Board.

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National Inter-School Crossword Contest: DPS Pune tops ranking after 1st online round

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PATNA: Kuhu Goel and Ashish M, students of Delhi Public School Pune, have topped the Leaderboard at the end of the first online round of Stage I of the 10th edition of the national inter-school CCCC Cryptic Crossword Contest.

Adya Singh of Notre Dame Academy, Patna, and Anushree Deo and Prathamesh Joshi of S.E.S. Gurukul, Pune, claimed 2nd and 3rd spots, respectively.

“The annual contest, CCCC 10.0 being the current edition, will have three stages. Stage I is going to be held in an online mode whereas II and III will have a hybrid mode. Stage I began with a Practice Round to familiarise participants with the format of the contest. The next two scoring online rounds in Stage I will be held on two successive Sundays on June 12 and 19, 2022. The top-performing teams from states and cities will qualify for Stage II. A team which tops the Leaderboard of any of the three online rounds in Stage I will qualify for the next one irrespective of the final cumulative Leaderboard ranking,” the chief operating officer of the Extra-C, a Patna-based civil society initiative which organises the contest said here on Sunday.

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Govt to hold induction training for newly appointed assistant professors

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Bhubaneswar: The higher education department will hold a 5-day induction training programme for newly appointed assistant professors (teacher education). It will be conducted at Utkal University campus this month only.

Around 385 assistant professors will be joining standalone teacher education colleges and some government colleges in the state soon. In a letter to the registrar of Utkal University, higher education department additional secretary Ramakanta Nayak has mentioned about this training programme.

"Government desires to impart induction training to newly appointed assistant professors (teacher education) in Utkal University. The university may offer its willingness to conduct the induction training with a tentative budget for the first batch of teachers," said Nayak in the letter.

According to the programme, the training will commence in batches. Each batch will comprise about 40 newly appointed teachers. Lodging and boarding facilities to the teachers will be provided by the university as per requirement. The expenditure incurred will be reimbursed by the higher education department.

The newly appointed teachers will get training from senior professors of Utkal University. They will benefit from discussions and lectures during the training session.

Meanwhile, the department has already started the admission process for bachelor in education (BEd), bachelor in Hindi education (BHEd) and master of education (MEd) courses in the teacher education colleges (TECs) of the state. It will hold OMR based entrance tests for selection of candidates to these teacher education courses. Last date to apply for these courses is June 27.

Tentative date for examination is July 31. The qualified candidates will get seats in 15 regular teacher education colleges and 12 colleges providing these courses on self-financed mode.

The department had started the process to recruit teachers for the TECs after the national council for teacher education (NCTE) withdrew recognition of the teacher education colleges. Finally, 385 assistant professors are ready to join the TECs.

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Materials Management course is gaining popularity

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Materials Management is emerging as an integrated functioning and distribution planning arm dealing with materials supply and logistics, for educational institutes or business organization. Being a sub-field in supply chain management, studied in Master of Business Administration (MBA), the course produces professionals who understand new technologies of storage, distribution to proper collection of quality raw materials, and management of payment.

Increasing demand

Shrivardhan Vasant Gadgil, vice chairman, Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM) says, “In supply chain management, the materials management was crucial and has lately evolved as plug-in course. A candidate from any academic background can pursue this course and get skilled in multidisciplinary aspect leading to an expanded scope of being hired.”

With the rise in Make in India initiative, more ports, airports, warehouses will come up and consequently a talent pool for handling the process, will be required. He adds, “A skill pyramid encompassing from low to middle to top-level professional has to be

in place ensuring a promising future in this field.”

Entering the field

Material management can be pursued at diploma, graduation, post-graduation and PG diploma level in India. Class XII passed students can apply for graduation or diploma course whereas graduate can pursue the PG, MBA or PG diploma course.

The admission route is university/institute conducted selection procedure. Other popular **entrance examinations offering seat to qualifying candidates for Materials Management course are:** Common Management Admission (CMAT), Delhi University Joint Admission Test (DUJAT), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

Depending on the course chosen by candidates, they will get enrolled for the academic session at these reputed institutes: Indian Institute of Materials Management (Kolkata, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai, Vadodara), Christ University (Bangalore), Birla Global University (Bhubaneswar), Sankalp Business School, (Pune), National Council for Cement and Building Materials, (Faridabad) among many other.

Diverse career choices

Materials management graduate enjoy a diverse range of career options matching their skillsets. An engineer, a BCom student, an architect with material management degree is considered fit to be managers with embedded technologies and get recruited as Materials Analyst, Strategic Planner, Warehousing/inventory Manager, Procurement Manager.

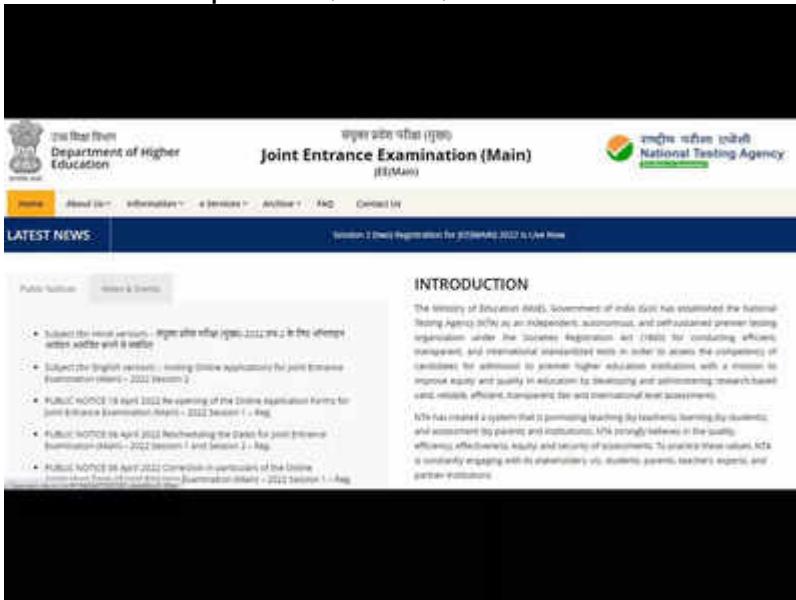
To understand the requirements of the modern and changing material management market, students must learn the research options. For this, IIMM Kolkata in collaboration with Techno India University has established ‘Centre for Research in Materials Management’ (CRIMM), where industry experts focus integration of research studies in the sector.

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JEE Main Hall Ticket 2022 likely this week, check important details

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JEE Main Hall Ticket 2022: Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2022 admit card is expected to be released soon. National Testing Agency (NTA) will be releasing the JEE Main hall tickets for the June session likely by this week. After the admit cards are released, students can access and download their hall tickets from the official website - jeemain.nta.nic.in. Check tentative JEE Main admit card release date and other important details below.

JEE Main 2022 June Session, which was earlier scheduled for April, would begin from June 20, 2022. NTA has set aside 10 days for conducting JEE Main examination. The final schedule is expected to be released before the admit card is released. Admit card, exam schedule and exam city would be released on jeemain.nta.nic.in.

JEE Main 2022 June session, which was earlier set to be conducted in April, would start from June 20, 2022. NTA has marked 10 days for conducting the JEE Main exam 2022. The final schedule of the examination is likely to be released before the hall tickets are

released.

JEE Main 2022 Admit Card: Important things to ensure

1. Once released, candidates will be able to download their JEE Main admit card from the official website - jeemain.nta.nic.in.

2. Students should ensure that they go through the information given on the admit card carefully. In case of any error, that must be communicated to NTA as soon as possible for rectification.

3. Admit cards would have details about the exam date, examination centre and shift. JEE Main exam would be held in two shifts. Candidates must check the shift and timing carefully.

4. Candidates would not be allowed to enter the examination hall without the admit card and the photo ID proof.

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Maharashtra Class 12th Result 2022 today at 1 pm @ maharesult.nic.in; Marksheets on June 17

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PUNE: The results of class 12th board examinations held in March 2022, will be declared on June 8, tweeted state education minister Varsha Gaikwad on Tuesday. The results will be available online at 1 pm on websites officiated by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education. Marksheets will be distributed to students through their respective schools and junior colleges on Friday, June 17 from 3 pm onwards.

A total of 14.85 lakh students had registered for the examination of which 8.17 lakh are boys and 6.68 lakh are girls. Once the results are out, students can apply for re-totaling of marks, re-evaluation, photocopy of answer sheets, and migration certificate at <http://verification.mh-hsc.ac.in> either on their own or through their respective school or junior college.

Maharashtra HSC Result 2022: [Live Updates](#)

Applications for re-totaling of marks can be submitted online from Friday, June 10 to Monday, June 20 while applications for the photocopy of answer sheets can be submitted between Friday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 29. Fees required for submitting various applications can be paid online. In order to apply for re-evaluation of the answer sheets, it is mandatory to first get the photocopy of the answer sheets and pay the prescribed fee. Students need to apply for a re-evaluation of the answer sheet within five working days of receiving the photocopy of the answer sheet. For any further information regarding the same, the students need to visit their respective divisional board offices.

For the regular students, there will be two opportunities available to appear in the class improvement scheme if they wish to. Application forms for the supplementary examination to be held in July-August 2022 will be available on the official website of the state board from June 10 onwards. A circular in this regard will be issued separately.

Generally, the HSC examination starts by February 20 but to ensure that students get enough time to prepare for the exam, for the academic year 2021-22 the examination was pushed back by at least two weeks and was held between March 4 and March 30. Looking at the lack of writing practice among students due to online classes, the state board had given 30 minutes extra time for a 70-100 marks exam and 15 minutes extra time for a 40-60 marks exam.

Another new feature of this year's examination was that there were no external examiners for conducting practical examinations and the respective school teachers conducted the exams based on 40% of the practical syllabus. The board had also increased the number of examination centers so that students could appear for the examination at their own schools/junior colleges instead of traveling to far-off centers.

Websites where the results can be accessed:

— mahresult.nic.in

— hscresult.mkcl.org

— mahresults.org.in

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TS CPGET 2022 notification released, apply here@ cpget.tsche.ac.in

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TS CPGET 2022: Osmania University of Hyderabad has released the notification of the online application process for the Common Post Graduate Entrance Tests (CPGET). The interested and eligible candidates can apply for the exam by visiting the official website - cpget.tsche.ac.in.

The candidates can submit the application form till 4th July, 2022 without late.

The last date for the submission of the CPGET 2022 application form is 11th July, 2022 with the late fee of Rs. 500/- and 15th July, 2022 with Rs. 2000/-

The entrance exam of CPGET 2022 is tentatively going to be held from 12th July, 2022. The entrance exam will consist of 100 multiple choice objective type of questions for 100 marks.

Registration Fee of CPGET 2022 :-

1. Registration fee for the single subject for SC/ST candidates is Rs 800/-

2. Registration fee for SC/ST/PH candidates is Rs 600/-
3. The fee for each additional subject for all categories is Rs 450/-

The candidates can follow these few simple steps to fill the application form of CPGET 2022 :-

- Step 1. Visit the official website to apply for CPGET - 'cpget.tsche.ac.in'.
- Step 2. Click on 'Application Fee Payment' on the homepage.
- Step 3. Fill the required details and pay the application fee.
- Step 4. Fill the CPGET application form and submit.
- Step 5. Download the form and take a print out of it.

Important Notice :- The candidates must go through the official notification before filling the application form of CPGET 2022.

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AP Inter Result 2022: AP Class 12 result likely soon, here's expected date

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Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh is likely to announce the AP Inter Results 2022 soon. Recently, AP SSC Results 2022 were declared on June 4, 2022 and now the AP 12th students are also expecting the Intermediate result declaration most likely by the June end. Once the result is declared, AP Inter Results 2022 will be checked and downloaded from the official website - bie.ap.gov.in.

BIE AP Class 12 Exams 2022 were held between May 6 to May 24, 2022. As you remember, one of the exams was postponed and was conducted later due to a cyclone warning in the state. Now the BIE is expected to release the AP Inter Result 2022 anytime soon.

If the past trends are to be believed then BIE AP usually takes about a month to complete the evaluation process of the answer sheets and announce the AP Inter results. Since this year the exams were conducted till May 24, candidates can expect the results to be out

after June 15, 2022 most probably. For more details regarding the same, students can also visit the official website.

Event	Date
AP Inter Results 2022 Date	Likely after June 15, 2022 (not confirmed yet)
AP Inter Results date confirmation	1-2 days prior to the result
Official website	bie.ap.gov.in

However, there is no official confirmation or statement from the board's side regarding the announcement of the AP Inter Results 2022. The Inter result date is only tentative and based on the past trends. Once the board issues any update, it would be released here.

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ECIL Recruitment 2022: 40 tradesman vacancies, steps how to apply @ careers.ecil.co.in

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ECIL Recruitment 2022: Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) has released the notification of recruitment process for the post of Tradesman B. The candidates can apply for the above mentioned post on the official website of ECIL -careers.ecil.co.in.

There are total 40 vacancies available under this recruitment for the post of Tradesman B are given below :-

1. Electronic Mechanic/R & T.V - 11
2. Fitter - 12
3. Electrician - 3
4. Machinist - 10
5. Turner - 4

Age Limit :- The candidates should not exceed the upper age limit which is 28 years old as on June 25, 2022.

Last Date :- Interested candidates can apply before the last date to apply for the same is 25th June, 2022.

The candidates can apply for the ECIL application form by following few steps given below :-

Step 1. Visit the official website of ECIL - careers.ecil.co.in .

Step 2. Click on the notification link 'Advt No: 11/ 2022' on the homepage.

Step 3. Fill the application form of ECIL with the required credentials.

Step 4. Upload the required documents.

Step 5. Pay the application fee.

Step 6. Save the PDF of submitted application form and keep a hard copy of it for future reference.

Important Note :- There will be no interview for the above mentioned posts. There will be only two stages of the exam :-

1. Written Exam

2. Trade test

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MP Board Class 10, 12 supplementary exam schedule released; exams from June 20

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The Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education (MPBSE) has released the Class 10 and Class 12 supplementary exam date sheet for the 2022 board examinations. While the Class 10 supplementary exams will begin on June 21, 2022, the MP Class 12 exams will be conducted on June 20, 2022. The MPBSE Class 10 & Class 12 supplementary exams will be conducted in the morning shift.

MP Board Class 10, 12 supplementary exam: Timing

The MP Board Class 10 & 12 supplementary exam will be conducted from 9 am to 12 noon.

As per the official schedule released, the MPBSE Class 12 supplementary exam 2022 will be conducted on a single day for all the subjects on June 20, 2022. On the other hand, MP Board Class 10 supplementary exams 2022 will be conducted from June 21 to June 30, 2022. The MP Board Class 12 supplementary exam 2022 for the vocational course will be held from June 21 to June 27, 2022.

MP Board Class 10, 12 Results 2022

The MP Board Class 10, 12 results were declared on April 29, 2022. The overall pass percentage in the MPBSE Class 10 was 59.54%, while Class 12 stood at 72.72%.

As Madhya Pradesh Board had revised the marking scheme this year. According to the revised marking scheme, for Class 10 and Class 12 exams, 80 marks were allotted for theoretical subjects and the remaining 20 marks were allotted for practical and project works.

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SEBA Assam HSLC Result Toppers 2022: Raktotpal Saikia tops, check toppers' list here

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Raktotpal Saikia of St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur topped the Assam HSLC exam 2022, results of which were declared by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam on Tuesday. Saikia scored 99.5 per cent aggregate marks. Bhuyashi Medhi of Little Flowers School, Nalbari came second with 99.33 per cent.

Mridupawan Kalita of Don Bosco High School, Kheroni (West Karbi Anglong), Labeeb Muzib of Don Bosco HS School, Boiragimath (Dibrugarh) and Partha Pratim Das from Lohit Dikrong HS School, Bihpuria (Lakhimpur) jointly shared the third rank by scoring 99.16 per cent.

Boys outshone girls with a pass percentage of 58.80 per cent. The pass percentage of girls stood at 54.49 per cent. Overall, 4.05 lakh students appeared in the HSLC examination, of whom 65,176 passed with first division, while 99,854 and 64,101 cleared with second and third division respectively.

Dhemaji district scored best pass percentage with 85.46, whereas Chirang district settled at the bottom of the tally with 34.27 per cent. Total 14,047 students secured star marks (450 and above out of 600),

whereas 8,373 excelled with distinction marks (510 and above) in the HSLC examination.

Rank	Roll No	Name	School	Marks	District
1st	B22- 0545 304	RAKTOTPAL SAIKIA	ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL	597	LAKHIMPUR
2nd	B22- 0651 488	BHUYASHI MEDHI	LITTLE FLOWERS SCHOOL	596	NALBARI
3rd	B22- 0876 273	MRIDUPAWAN KALITA	DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	595	WEST KARBI ANGLONG
	B22- 0281	108 LABEEB MUZIB	DON BOSCO H. S. SCHOOL	595	DIBRUGARH
	B22- 0537 45	PARTHA PRATIM DAS	LOHIT DIKRONG H S SCHOOL	595	LAKHIMPUR
4th	B22- 0009 317	SWAPNARAJ KALITA	ANUNDORAM BOROOAH	594	BARPETA
			ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL		

	B22- 0342	170 SNEHA SAIKIA	DAYANAND VIDYA NIKETAN	594	GOLAGHAT
	B22- 0362	242 SAMADRITA SARMAH	DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	594	JORHAT
	B22- 0737	230 ANNESHA BORAH	DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	594	TINSUKIA
5th	B22- 0048	26 JUBAER HUSSAIN	PALHAZI H S SCHOOL	593	BARPETA
	B22- 0204	186 PRANJIT BARDALAI	NAGAON ANCHALIK HIGH SCHOOL	593	DARRANG
	B22- 0382	123 SHANAJ ANJUM YASMIN	BENGARDEN HIGH SCHOOL	593	JORHAT
	B22- 0545	268 EQUIT ABBOT DUTTA	ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL	593	LAKHIMPUR
6th	B22- 0284	550 BITUPAN MEDHI	ST. SEBASTIAN'S SCHOOL	592	GOALPARA
	B22-	518 MURCHANA	LITTLE	592	NALBARI

	0651	BARMAN	FLOWERS SCHOOL		
7th	B22- 0009	241 JYOTIPAL TALUKDAR	ANUNDORAM BOROOAH	591	BARPETA
	B22- 0511	155 SARMISTHA BHAGAWATI	ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	591	LAKHIMPUR
	B22- 0678	116 PRIYANUJ BORDOLOI	JAWAHARJYOTI HIGH SCHOOL	591	SIVASAGAR
	B22- 0680	363 DIPSIKHA BORUAH	NEW LOOK ACADEMY	591	SIVASAGAR
	B22- 0789	230 ASHLESHA SARMA	DEMOW GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL	591	KAMRUP METRO
	B22- 0789	439 NISHA SARMA	ST MARY'S H S SCHOOL	591	KAMRUP METRO
8th	B22- 0052	268 HARSHIT BARMAN	T C GOVT GIRLS' HS & MP SCHOOL	590	BARPETA
			PATHSALA SIKSHAPITH		ADARSHA HIGH

SCHOOL					
B22- 0362	233 OLIVIA BORA	DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	590	JORHAT	
B22- 0619	222 RAJNANDINI BAIDYA	CHRISTJYOTI SCHOOL	590	NAGAON	
B22- 0619	246 TEJAL AGARWAL	CHRISTJYOTI SCHOOL	590	NAGAON	
B22- 0619	250 UDESHNA BORDOLOI	CHRISTJYOTI SCHOOL	590	NAGAON	
B22- 0703	59 NEHA UPADHAYAY	BARCHALA H S SCHOOL	590	SONITPUR	
9th	B22- 0052	DIVINE A.P SARMA	PATHSALA SIKSHAPITH	589	BARPETA
			ADARSHA HIGH SCHOOL		
	B22- 0217	AKASH DEEP BHUYAN	HAPPY CHILD	589	DARRANG
			ENGLISH SCHOOL		
	B22- 0261	471 DHRITISHMAN DUTTA	SALT BROOK SCHOOL	589	DIBRUGARH

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CBSE 12th Term 2 Maths exam 2022 review: Easy and from NCERT, say students; download paper here

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CBSE 12th Maths Term 2 Exam 2022 analysis: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Tuesday conducted the term 2 Class 12 Maths paper today from 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. As per the initial reactions received from the students, the Maths Class 12th Term-II paper was easy. There was nothing out of the syllabus. Many questions were straight from NCERT Books.

According to Ravi Kumar, a Delhi Govt School student, the paper was easy. "I found only one Probability question of 2 marks a bit difficult. The rest of the paper was easy," he said.

"The Maths question paper was straight from the NCERT books. All the questions asked were very easy. I finished the paper before time," said another student Divya, from the same school.

Priyanka Saryl, a student of a public school said, "I found the Case-Based/Data-Based question of Maths paper a bit difficult. According

to me, the overall question paper was easy. I hope to score good marks."

There are three sections in the question paper –

S. No.	Section	Type of question	Marks	Difficulty Level
1	Section A	6 Short answer questions	2 marks each	Easy
2	Section B	4 Short answer questions	3 marks each	Easy
3	Section C	4 Long answer type questions	4 marks each	Easy

A total of 14,54,370 students - 639202 females, 815162 males and 6 other candidates - are appearing for the CBSE term 2 exams which started on April 26 and will conclude on June 15, 2022. The Class XII examination will be conducted for 51 days. The CBSE is conducting the Class 12th examination in 114 subjects. The term 2 exams are being conducted in 6,720 centres across the country.

All Covid-19 norms are strictly followed for the examinations.

Students, who appeared for the CBSE Class 12th Maths examination 2022, can send their feedback on the paper in the comment box (Post A Comment). Your reaction may be used in this article.



General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper contains three Sections- A, B and C.
2. Each section is compulsory.
3. Section-A has 6 short-answer type-I questions of 2 marks each.
4. Section-B has 4 short-answer type-II questions of 3 marks each.
5. Section-C has 4 long-answer type questions of 4 marks each.
6. There is an internal choice in some questions.
7. Question 14 is a case study based question with two subparts of 2 marks each.

SECTION A

Question numbers 1 to 6 carry 2 marks each.

1. Find the vector equation of a line passing through a point with position vector

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$2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and parallel to the line joining the points $-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.

2. Find : $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}}$

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3. Find the general solution of the following differential equation :

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x-y} + x^2 e^{-y}$$

4. (a) Events A and B are such that

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$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}, P(B) = \frac{7}{12} \text{ and } P(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Find whether the events A and B are independent or not.

OR

- (b) A box B_1 contains 1 white ball and 3 red balls. Another box B_2 contains 2 white balls and 3 red balls. If one ball is drawn at random from each of the boxes B_1 and B_2 , then find the probability that the two balls drawn are of the same colour.

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5. Let X be a random variable which assumes values x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 such that
 $2P(X = x_1) = 3P(X = x_2) = P(X = x_3) = 5P(X = x_4)$.
Find the probability distribution of X .

6. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$ and $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, then find $\left| \begin{array}{c} \vec{a} \\ \vec{b} \end{array} \right|$

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SECTION B

Question numbers 7 to 10 carry 3 marks each.

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7. (a) Find :

$$\int e^x \cdot \sin 2x \, dx$$

OR

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- (b) Find :

$$\int \frac{2x}{(x^2+1)(x^2+2)} \, dx$$

8. Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the

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planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 10$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 4 = 0$ and passing through
the point $(-2, 3, 1)$.

9. (a) Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. If \hat{n} is a unit vector such that

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$\vec{a} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$ and $\vec{b} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$, then find $\left| \begin{array}{c} \vec{a} \\ \vec{b} \\ \vec{c} \end{array} \right|$.

OR

- (b) If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are unit vectors inclined at an angle 30° to each other, then

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find the area of the parallelogram with $(\vec{a} + 3\vec{b})$ and $(3\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ as adjacent

sides.

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10. Evaluate :

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{1 + (\tan x)^{2/3}} \, dx$$



SECTION C

Question numbers 11 to 14 carry 4 marks each.

11. (a) Solve the following differential equation : 4

$$(y - \sin^2 x)dx + \tan x dy = 0$$

OR

- (b) Find the general solution of the differential equation : 4

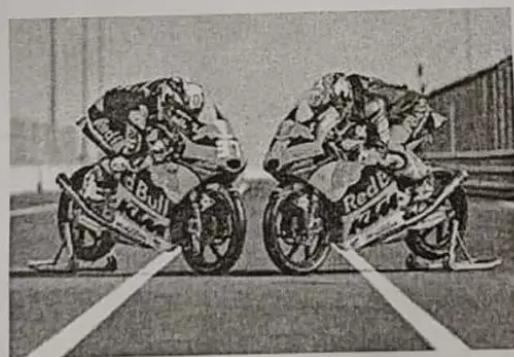
$$(x^3 + y^3)dy = x^2 y dx$$

12. Find the area bounded by the curves $y = |x-1|$ and $y = 1$, using integration. 4

13. In a factory, machine A produces 30% of total output, machine B produces 25% and the machine C produces the remaining output. The defective items produced by machines A, B and C are 1%, 1.2%, 2% respectively. An item is picked at random from a day's output and found to be defective. Find the probability that it was produced by machine B? 4

Case Study Based Question

14. Two motorcycles A and B are running at the speed more than the allowed speed on the roads represented by the lines $\vec{r} = \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ respectively. $2 \times 2 = 4$



Based on the above information, answer the following questions :

- (a) Find the shortest distance between the given lines. 2

- (b) Find the point at which the motorcycles may collide. 2

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CLAT Admit Card 2022 released @consortiumofnlus, check steps how to download

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CLAT Admit card 2022: Consortium of National Law University has released the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) admit card 2022. The candidates can download the CLAT admit card by visiting the official website - consortiumofnlus.ac.in.

The CLAT admit card 2022 has been released for the candidates, who are going to appear for the CLAT law exam. The CLAT examination is scheduled to be conducted on June 19, 2022.

[Direct link to download CLAT Admit Card 2022](#)

The candidates can follow few steps to download the CLAT admit card 2022 :-

Step 1. Visit the official website of ['consortiumofnlus.ac.in'](http://consortiumofnlus.ac.in).
Step 2. Click on the link 'Released of Admit Card'.

Step 3. Enter the required login credentials.

Step 4. CLAT admit card 2022 will be displayed on the screen.

Step 5. Download the CLAT admit card 2022 and take a print out of it.

Important Note :- The candidates would require their application number to download the CLAT admit card 2022 and they must keep their admit card safe till the results are declared. The candidates need to carry their admit card with them to the exam hall. Without admit card, the candidates will not be allowed to appear for the exam. The CLAT exam will be conducted in an offline mode.

In case of any queries, the candidates can call on the number given below :-

080-47162020 between 10:00 am to 05:00 pm on all working days.

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UPSC NDA 2022: Last Date for NDA 2 application form, Apply by 6 pm@upsconline.nic.in

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UPSC NDA 2022: The Union Public service Commission (UPSC) is going to close the application form window for the UPSC NDA 2 today by 6 PM. The interested candidates, who have not applied yet, can still fill the application form and submit. The candidates can fill the UPSC NDA 2 form by visiting the official website of upsconline.nic.in.

The candidates have to fill the UPSC NDA 2 form in an online mode and it consists of two parts :-

Registration part 1 and Registration part 2.

The candidates, who wants to fill the form of UPSC NDA 2, must be ready with their personal details and educational qualification certificates and other important documents with their scanned copies.

Last Date for registration and fee payment of UPSC NDA 2 :- 7th June, 2022.

NDA 2 Application withdrawal Dates :- 14th to 20th June, 2022.

NDA 2 Exam Date :- 4th September, 2022

The candidates can fill the UPSC NDA 2 form by following the few simple steps :-

Step 1. Visit the official website :- upsconline.nic.in.

Step 2. Click on the link 'National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination II'.

Step 3. A new web page will open and "click here for part I" ..

Step 4. UPSC NDA 2 registration (part 1).

Step 5. UPSC NDA 2 registration (part 2).

Step 6. Pay the application fee.

Step 7. Upload all the necessary documents.

Step 8. The candidate can submit all the documents.

NDA 2 exam will be conducted in two parts :-

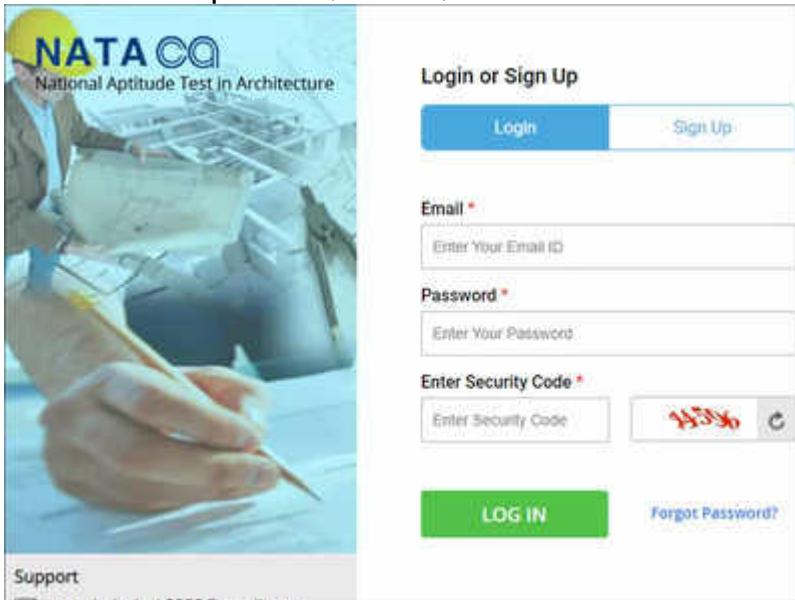
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NATA 2022 Admit Card releases today @nata.in; check how to download

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NATA Admit Card 2022: Council of Architecture will release Admit Card for the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) today on its official website.

The candidates, who have successfully registered online for the NATA 2022 examination, can check and download their Admit Card online on the official website - <https://nata.in/> - through candidate login.

Earlier, the NTA extended the registration date for the first NATA Test up to May 28, 2022 (up to 11.59 pm).

The National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA), is conducted by the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Architecture (NIASA), which is a body of the Council of Architecture.

NATA 2022 will be conducted as a comprehensive computer-based

aptitude test at the Council allotted centres in identified cities in the country. Unlike any other entrance examination, NATA is an Aptitude test that assesses a candidate's innate ability through a variety of testing formats and cannot be taught, learnt or induced.

Here's the direct link

The National Aptitude Test in Architecture[1] is a national level examination for admission to undergraduate courses in architecture. The test measures the aptitude of applicants for a specific field of study in areas like drawing and observation skills, sense of proportion, aesthetic sensitivity and critical thinking, qualities that have been acquired over a long period and that are related to architecture.

NATA or the JEE Mains Paper 2 exam are prescribed by the Council of Architecture as a compulsory criterion for taking admission to any Architectural College or course in India.

NATA 2022 admit card date

Sessions Admit card releasing date NATA 2022 exam date

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Session 2 July 4, 2022	July 7, 2022
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Session 3 August 4, 2022	August 7, 2022
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How to download the NATA 2022 hall ticket?

Step 1: Visit the official NATA website - nata.in

Step 2: On the homepage, click on the direct link to download Admit Card - NATA admit card.

Step 3: Enter your credentials and click on the submit button. Your NATA 2022 hall ticket will appear on the screen

Step 4: Download the same and take a printout for future reference.

Outline of Aptitude Test

The aptitude test of NATA may comprise questions of Multiple-Choice type (MCQ), Multiple Select types (MSQ), Preferential Choice type (PCQ) and Numerical Answer Type (NAQ) and Match the following type (MFQ)

The questions will carry 1 mark, 2 marks or 3 marks and 125 questions have to be answered in 180 minutes. The medium of the Aptitude Test will be essentially the English language. Some questions may be in regional languages also.

The aptitude of the candidate will be assessed using some or all of the following techniques:

- **Diagrammatic Reasoning** – Tests the ability of logical reasoning, using diagrams and scenarios
- **Numerical Reasoning** – Tests mathematical ability through simple problems
- **Verbal Reasoning** – Assesses the ability to assess verbal logic.
- **Inductive Reasoning** – Tests the ability to see patterns and analyse given data
- **Situational Judgment** – Tests problem-solving ability.
- **Logical Reasoning** – Tests ability to recognise patterns, sequences or relationships between shapes and imagery.

- **Abstract Reasoning** – Will assess general knowledge, and ability to utilise knowledge in new situations.

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- **[Sunny: My kids can make their own choices](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:08]
The actress, who completed a decade in the entertainment industry in India, spoke about juggling her role as a parent of three children, and her myriad professional choices. She also discussed why it's essential to make room for kids to make their own choices and why it's important to encourage them
- **[Farhan's role in Ms Marvel is AWESOME: Writer](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 11:02]
A new superhero swings into action in the Marvel Cinematic Universe today, and her name is Kamala Khan. Iman Vellani, a superfan herself, joins the ranks of superheroes with the new series 'Ms Marvel' that will feature the first Muslim, South Asian character.
- **[Abhay: I'm obliged to be a part of Family Man](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 10:51]
ETimes sat down with the actor for a candid conversation where he spilled the beans on the best compliment he received for his role in the spy drama, working with Manoj Bajpayee, the OTT space, his love for acting and more.
- **[Cops restore security 9 days after Sidhu's death](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 11:15]
As committed by the Punjab and Haryana high court on June 2, the security of all the 424 protectees have been restored by the Punjab Police on Tuesday. According to a TOI report, The ADGP (security) has ordered a return of the withdrawn cops to their place of posting.
- **[Salman Khan denies threats from any person](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:50]
Actor Salman Khan on Tuesday denied threats from any person, threat calls or disputes with anyone in the recent past, in a statement given to the police.
- **[Swara comes out in support of Amber Heard](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 08:19]
Swara Bhasker, who is known to wear her heart on her sleeve, recently came out in defence of Hollywood actress Amber Heard. The actress even slammed a troll for saying 'she deserved to be assaulted'.
- **[Priyanka Chopra stuns in a bold black gown](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 10:10]

After making heads turn with her shimmery deep-neck gown yesterday in Paris, Priyanka Chopra made a stunning appearance once again at an event in her bold black gown.

- **Shilpa treats herself to swanky vanity van** [Wed, 08 Jun 10:28]

Shilpa Shetty sure knows how to pamper herself. As the clock ticks down to her birthday, the actress treated herself to an extravagant gift - a swanky new vanity van.

- **Pradeep Sarkar on Priya Rajvansh's biopic** [Wed, 08 Jun 03:08]

Filmmaker Pradeep Sarkar will be directing a biopic on actress Priya Rajvansh to be produced by Deepak Mukut. When ETimes contacted Pradeep Sarkar he confirmed and added, "We are working on the subject and the research is going on. As soon as everything is in place, we will start the film." It was reported previously that this film will be based on author Subodh Lal's book Priya Interrupted.

- **Depp spends over Rs 48 lakh on Indian feast** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:06]

Hollywood star Johnny Depp spent over \$62,000 or Rs 48.22 lakh for a special celebratory curry dinner with his friends on Sunday evening in Birmingham, England.

- **Shyam Benegal: Can't make web series at my age** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:06]

The veteran filmmaker thinks that OTT is a fantastic medium, but he isn't ready to take the plunge

- **Hrithik turns cheerleader for Sonali Bendre** [Wed, 08 Jun 08:38]

Trust Hrithik Roshan to be the best cheerleader in the industry for his friends and colleagues! The superstar recently cheered for Sonali Bendre who is all set for her OTT debut.

- **Somy Ali: I would rather direct than act** [Wed, 08 Jun 02:30]

Somy Ali has made a comeback of sorts with the docu-series Fight Or Flight, which details her vigil to save domestic abuse victims as well as rescue sex trafficking survivors. The series has received glowing reviews and Somy is ecstatic about the buzz. She says, "I faced the camera after 22 years, but it felt different than acting in a Hindi film as I had the liberty to be me, just literally be Somy Ali."

- **Sonakshi breaks silence on wedding reports** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:21]

Sonakshi Sinha and her rumoured beau Zaheer Iqbal's marriage reports have been rocking the headlines. There were reports which suggested that the duo is getting married this year.

- **Depp thanks his 'unwavering supporters'** [Tue, 07 Jun 22:02]

Johnny Depp recently won the defamation suit against his ex-wife Amber Heard. Depp received \$15 million in damages while Heard was awarded \$2 million in damages. Now, the Hollywood star took to Instagram and penned a long note to thank his fans and supporters.

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Sunny Leone: I made my choices and my kids can make their own, too

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Sunny Leone has been active in showbiz in India for a decade. While she has been sinking her teeth into different avenues in the entertainment space — movies, anchoring on TV, dancing and doing music videos — she has also turned entrepreneur in the field of lifestyle. However, in the thick of all of this, Sunny has always managed to be a hands-on parent, shouldering equal responsibility for her three kids — Nisha, Noah and Asher — along with her husband Daniel Weber. And the actress believes that what kids really need is having their parents around them and having the freedom to make their own life choices. Explaining her stance on bringing up children, Sunny said, “I don’t think it takes a lot of money to show your kids that you love them. Or to provide them education. People think you need XYZ things to display your love to your kid, but that’s not true. You just have to be there for them. A child who is willing to learn and understands the value of education will learn anywhere. Similarly, it doesn’t take too much money to raise them well with sound values. Values are free, actually. Yes, kids need their shoes, clothes and other things, but even those don’t cost much. So

as far as work goes, as a person and as a mother, I need to make choices that are good for me.”

She added, “There are going to be a lot of things my children may not like about me when they grow up, and we all know what that is. With proper communication, they will know why and will be able to answer questions that may arise outside our home. I made my choices and they should know that they can make their choices, too, as long as they don’t hurt others in any way. Like one of my sons wants to be a firefighter. I was recently telling my girl Nisha that she can travel the world following her interests in ballet and playing the piano. She’s learning those two things. Nisha is petite and pretty, and good at both. As a parent, I just feel it’s fascinating how much you can do with your kids and how well you can raise them by just being with them and being by their side in whatever they choose to do.”

Nushrratt Bharuccha: I had my first drink with my parents and their friends - Exclusive

Talking about sex or educating the kids on the subject is still taboo in many households. Parents still find it really hard to give the ‘bees and birds’ talk to their children. However, Bollywood actress Nushrratt Bharuccha perhaps has found the key to this puzzle. She strongly believes that it is important that the children get the right information from their parents and for that, it is necessary to create a safe environment.

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Farhan Akhtar's role in 'Ms Marvel' is AWESOME, says writer-producer Sana Amanat

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A new superhero swings into action in the Marvel Cinematic Universe today, and her name is Kamala Khan. Iman Vellani, a superfan herself, joins the ranks of superheroes with the new series 'Ms Marvel' that will feature the first Muslim, South Asian character. In a celebration of diversity, the series also boasts of several other actors of South-Asian heritage like Saagar Shaikh, Rish Shah, Zenobia Shroff, Mohan Kapur, Yasmeen Fletcher and will also see special appearances from Fawad Khan and our very own Bollywood star Farhan Akhtar.

In a round-table chat with ETimes, writer-producer Sana Amanat and director-duo Bilall Fallah and Adil El Arbi give us an intimate look at this misfit Pakistani-American hero who loves Shah Rukh Khan, is buzzing about the Avengers, and much like the rest of us, has curfews and needs permission from her conservative parents to attend parties.

With Bollywood and desi music playing such a big part in the Disney+ Hotstar series, we also got the trio talking about all things SRK, and even tried to get them to spill the beans on Farhan's secret role in the show.

Excerpts:

Bilall Fallah and Adil El Arbi, 'Ms Marvel' is visually spectacular. It's like a 'Marvel-ised' Bollywood series with a filmy brown girl in the lead, all the colour, family chaos and Hindi soundtrack. Walk us through what went into creating this world with Sana Amanat, Kevin Feige and the team?

Adil: The visual elements were purely about the style. We wanted to reflect what is in the comic book which is very vibrant and colourful. We wanted to achieve that on the screen, so for us, we had a lot of influences like the high school movies from the '80s and '90s, Steven Spielberg and Spike Lee movies - by having New York and New Jersey as a character in the show.

Bilall: The animations were not in the script, but we really wanted to add them to the show. 'Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse' was also a big inspiration for the show. The animation reflects what is in the mind of Kamala Khan. She is very imaginative and has a lot of dreams and by having all that animation, you could show all that. You see it in the opening of the show when she is texting and it gets materialised in the streets. All of that was us trying to get all that was in the comic book with its colourful energy.

'If Shah Rukh Khan wants to be in 'Ms Marvel', we'll go back to reshoot,' say writer Sana Amanat and directors Bilall Fallah and Adil El Arbi

King Khan has millions of mortal fans and a handful of super-powered ones as well. One of those special ones includes Marvel's latest superhero Ms Marvel.

Feminism, identity, and culture play a big role in this series,

how important was it for you to break down cultural barriers and preconceived notions in the first 2 episodes itself?

Sana: This is a story of a young woman trying to figure out who she is and so we wanted to make it feel very feminist because we are all feminists here. We're also very excited by the fact that while she is figuring out who she is, she does have a strong sense of self. She is a fan, and loves her family and community. I think that is true for a lot of young folk out there who are trying to find a guidepost back to themselves. At the same time, there is a community and a culture around them that we should be celebrating. Those are the big parts of this story that we're very proud of.

Kamala is a strong female individual who has these great big aspirations, but she is constantly searching, which is something we are all doing ourselves. We tell that story through the big super-heroics of the MCU, which is pretty awesome.

We know you have Farhan Akhtar in this, what can you tell us about his role?

Sana: I can't tell you anything about Farhan Akhtar's role, but I will say it is awesome! We love Farhan and it is really, really exciting.

[Farhan Akhtar pens note for 'Ms Marvel' team, praises show for 'conscious inclusiveness'](#)

Actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar on Tuesday said he is proud to be associated with 'Ms Marvel', the upcoming series which he described as a "celebration of diversity".

How does Shah Rukh play a role in this superhero story and is there a possibility of seeing him in a cameo?

Sana: If Shah Rukh Khan wants to be in this show, we will go film again! We'll go back to production, we're (definitely) going back to

production! Call somebody!

Adil: If we want to make a 'Bad Boys 3' remake with Shah Rukh Khan.

Sana: This will be the perfect pitch.

Bilal: He is one of the biggest stars in the world, a legend!

[**Did you know that the superhero series 'Ms. Marvel' has a special 'Don' connection?**](#)

The upcoming Marvel superhero series 'Ms Marvel', starring Iman Vellani in the lead role has a special Bollywood connection and it goes way beyond Shah Rukh Khan getting mentioned in the film.

What was SRK to you and other South Asian kids growing up abroad?

Sana: SRK, actually is from the comics. We have some Shah Rukh Khan mentions in the comics because it was linked to Kamala's connectivity with Bollywood and we just love him. Everyone knows who Shah Rukh Khan is and it was such a nice touchstone to have him, Farhan and some great Pakistani actors (as part of the show). I feel it helps make this so more authentic and real.

As a Pakistani kid in Jersey, I loved those actors growing up. So having that integrated into Kamala's world makes it more global and real. It's really awesome and we are very excited about it.

Shah Rukh, if you want to work with us, we are down for it!

Bilal and Adil: Yeah! We're here man! We're big fans!

'Ms Marvel' that premiers today, is a 6-part series that serves as a launch pad for the character's entry on the big screen. Iman is set to play a significant role in the upcoming Captain Marvel sequel titled 'The Marvels' that stars Brie Larson in the lead. Sharing about what fans can expect from the film slated to release in July 2023, Sana signed off by saying, "She is in it and in it in an awesome way."

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Abhay Verma: Manoj Bajpayee's validation about my performance in 'The Family Man' felt like a pat on my shoulder

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Actor Abhay Verma, who gained fame with his performance in 'The Family Man 2', is all geared up for his debut film, 'Safed'. ETimes sat down with the actor for a candid conversation where he spilled the beans on the best compliment he received for his role in the spy drama, working with Manoj Bajpayee, the OTT space, his love for acting and more. Excerpts...

Although you have been a part of several commercials, web shows and short films, you gained fame from your role in 'The Family Man 2'. What is the best compliment you received for your performance and from whom?

For me, 'The Family Man 2' was not just a show which I was a part of, it was a family I made in the shortest time possible. I am obliged to be a part of that wonderful franchise. There are two special moments which I would like to share; the first would be when I received appreciation from the makers Raj & DK sir and Suparn sir. And the second would be from the family man himself, Manoj Bajpayee sir. I have always been in awe of Manoj sir and it felt like a pat on my

shoulders when he tweeted about my performance in the show. Last but not the least, my lovely audience for whom the whole cast and crew was working tirelessly day and night. There were tears in my eyes once I realised how Kalyan has touched lives. Even though it has been more than a year, it still feels very surreal.

Was it intimidating to work with a seasoned actor like Manoj Bajpayee?

I would say it was my most comfortable experience ever. Although I didn't get the chance to share the screen space with Manoj sir, meeting him off the set and watching him act made me realise that they were two completely different people. I can't forget the conversation we had at length about cinema and the responsibilities which we share as artists which were inspiring to another level. We all know he's an actor par excellence who has been crossing benchmarks set by himself with every character he plays. One can't really get intimidated by an artist like him because he ensures that all of his co-actors are comfortable in a way that you feel relaxed and free to be able to fully live the moment. So my dream of working with him has rather half come true and I look forward to the moment when I will be proudly ticking "working with the legendary Manoj sir" from my wish list. Manoj sir is the principal of my school of acting.

[Abhay Verma: I became a bigger fan of AR Rahman as a person after meeting him at poster launch of 'Safed'](#)

ETimes caught up with the young star for an exclusive interview where he spilled the beans on film, its poster launch by AR Rahman at the 75th Cannes Film Festival, his bonding with co-star Meera Chopra and more.

You come from a non-film background. When and how did the acting bug bite you?

The acting bug bit me on November 17, 2013. I come from a family who hasn't ever looked at acting as a profession that one can pursue. However, my parents never stopped me and my siblings from pursuing what we were passionate about. I was once watching Ram-leela after getting my exam results which I had failed miserably. I

entered this escape world in which I got so lost in it that I forgot about the stress I had entered with and in all honesty stood still for three long minutes after the movie got over, summarising the experience. I thought to myself, 'If I can forget about my stress after entering this escape world then why can't I be the reason for someone else's experience like such.'

Were you a movie buff in your childhood days? Whom do you idolise in Bollywood?

From stealing money for tickets from mummy's purse after she fell asleep to acting like a hero till a couple of weeks after watching a film, I have always found myself immensely influenced by cinema and especially the actors. I take the Hindi film industry as a bouquet of all types of flowers which smells the sweetest and are loved by everyone. Every actor and actress is admirable from Rajesh Khanna sir whose debut film went to the Oscars to Rekha ji who has won every heart with her 'In aankhon ki masti ke' to Shah Rukh sir whose charm knows no limits and to my favourite Amitabh Bachchan sir, whom I have been fortunate enough to work with. The way he has evolved and kept up with the pace of cinema to date is something to learn from. His journey from 'Saat Hindustani' to here is impeccable and there can be nobody like him, we all know this.

'The Family Man 2' actor Abhay Verma on walking the red carpet at Cannes: I've lived the moment but it still feels like a dream

Abhay Verma won over the audience with his innocent portrayal of a young man helping the terrorists in Manoj Bajpayee starrer 'The Family Man 2'. Beyond the success, Abhay recently walked the red carpet at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival as the first look of his film 'Safed' was unveiled by AR Rahman. Having achieved this feat at the age of 23, Abhay Verma opened up about ticking a precious dream off his bucket list.

OTT has been a game-changer for many in the industry in the

past two years. How do you look at this change as an actor?

During my childhood days, we used to wait for Sundays and be overjoyed when it finally arrived as it meant going to the movies. However, it is not the case anymore. We are just clicks away from getting any form of entertainment from any part of the world. Not taking away from the fact that it has opened doors for the filmmakers and technicians, allowing them some extra liberty to bring their story on OTT platforms. I believe any source of entertainment can only survive if the people we are making it for accept it and I think the audience has been liberal about it in a massive way. I think the repercussions of such platforms being available is what has made content the ultimate king because it will just take a tap for people to switch to another one.

From amongst the young generation of actors, who do you think has a great potential?

It could be anybody and everybody. Anybody who has the mind of Shah Rukh sir, passion like Aamir sir and zeal to work like Amitabh sir can win it all. We all are made of the same skin and have been given the same hearts and minds to govern, the direction which we choose for us is all that matters and anyone who chooses the right direction will surely hit the bull's eye one day or the other.

I personally don't know my potential as of now and wouldn't want to know it either. I might limit myself if I try to do so. Nelson Mandela once said, "There's no passion to be found, playing small." The potential of us blessed humans is in the fact that we won't ever be able to know how much we have until we test it and we tend to fail at times when we do that. Let's all remember that failure and loser are two different things and should not be mixed with their meanings in our head. "How big would you dream if you knew you wouldn't fail" is the question that helps me, might be something else to you and for every other person.



'The Family Man 2' actor Abhay Verma celebrates 23rd birthday with family and co-star Ashlesha Thakur

Abhay Verma, who shot to success with his role in Manoj Bajpayee led 'The Family Man 2', celebrated his birthday on Tuesday surrounded by the people he loves the most. The actor's mother had flown down from Panipat to be with her son as he turned 23 on July 17. Abhay's brother Abhishek Verma was also in attendance at the bash. Ashlesha Thakur, who plays his love interest in 'The Family Man 2', also joined in the celebrations. Also in attendance were Rohan Mehra, Sahil Khan and Meera Chopra among others.

What's next?

First of all, I am blessed with the opportunities which I have got and will forever be grateful for all the people who believed in me and

loved this foolish kid. I intend to share the same relation with all the beloved people who want to know this and with my family and I love to surprise both of them. Surprises are often ruined when not given at the right time. So I will have to ask you to wait till the right time comes so that it reaches where it needs to and touches the heart in an overwhelming way as ‘Safed’ did.

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Sidhu Moose Wala: Punjab police restores security of 424 protectees nine days after the death of the singer

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As committed by the Punjab and Haryana high court on June 2, the security of all the 424 protectees have been restored by the Punjab Police on Tuesday. According to a TOI report, The ADGP (security) has ordered a return of the withdrawn cops to their place of posting.

On May 26, the security cover of 424 protectees, including that of late singer Sidhu Moose Wala was withdrawn in connection with emergent law and order duty. It was a temporary withdrawal, but unfortunately, just three days after that Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala was attacked by assailants in Mansa. He suffered from multiple fatal bullet wounds and couldn't survive. After his demise, his family was provided security by the state government.

[Sidhu Moose Wala's team requests his fans to stop sharing their call recording of the late singer](#)

"It's a humble request to all, don't share your call recording with Sidhu on social media. When he was talking to you, he didn't know you were recording the call," writes Sidhu Moose Wala's team on his social media handle.

Today is the antim ardaas and bog of the slain singer. Sidhu's family is being visited by all of his fans, friends, and loved ones. Yesterday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also paid his tribute to the late actor when he met with his family. They talked about the singer's accomplishments and recalled his contributions to society.

Sidhu Moose Wala murder: Amit Shah meets Punjabi singer's father Balkaur Singh

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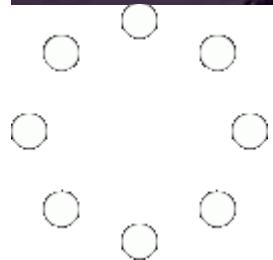
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Salman Khan denies threats from any person in statement given to police

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Death threat: Salman Khan tell...

Actor Salman Khan on Tuesday denied threats from any person, threat calls or disputes with anyone in the recent past, in a statement given to the police.

Earlier on Monday, the Bandra Police registered a case against an unidentified person on Monday after a threat letter was issued to actor Salman Khan and his father Salim Khan.

Salman Khan and Salim Khan's statements recorded in death threat probe; Mumbai Police acquires CCTV footage from over 200 cameras

The Mumbai Police on Monday, have recorded the statements of actor Salman Khan and his father Salim Khan as they investigate the death threat the father-son duo received on Sunday.

Mumbai police have recorded actor Salman Khan's statement and his father Salim Khan's statements in the case.

More than 200 CCTV footage have been seized by the Mumbai Police so far. A total of 10 teams, including the Crime Branch and the local police, are involved in the investigation of the Salman case.

Salman Khan's Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali title changed back to Bhaijaan

Change has become a constant when it comes to Salman Khan's film Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali. ETimes has brought you many updates from the numerous changes to this film's production and cast. Well, the latest development is with respect to the film's title. ETimes has learnt from trusted sources that Salman Khan is now planning to go back to the original title of the film which is Bhaijaan.

On the work front, Salman is currently shooting for his next 'Bhaijaan'. The film also stars Jassi Gill, Siddharth Nigam and Pooja Hegde. He will next feature in 'Tiger 3' co-starring Katrina Kaif. The film has been slated to hit the theatres on Eid 2023.

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Swara Bhasker says 'I pity the women in your life' as she slams a troll for commenting Amber Heard deserved to be assaulted

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Swara Bhasker, who is known to wear her heart on her sleeve, recently came out in defence of Hollywood actress Amber Heard. The actress even slammed a troll for saying 'she deserved to be assaulted'.

Swara had shared an article on Johnny-Amber's case and asked her fans to give it a read. A Twitter user commented on it saying, 'I like you but Heard deserved that'. Responding to it, Swara wrote, 'Nobody deserves to be sexually assaulted. Nobody. That you think this is deeply disturbing. I pity the women in your life.'

Check out the Tweet here:



Swara Bhasker @ReallySwara · 12m

Nobody deserves to be sexually assaulted. Nobody. That you think this is deeply disturbing. I pity the women in your life.

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Vijay @mrchhetriko · 4h

Replies to @ReallySwara and @MoiraDonegan

I like you but Heard deserved that.

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Another Twitter user told Swara that people are supporting Johnny because the trial found the allegations of assault against him to be false. Replying to the same, Swara shared an article about Johnny's 2018 UK libel suit against a publication for calling him a 'wife-beater.' Johnny had reportedly lost the trial with the judge ruling that the allegations against him are 'substantially true.'

[Amber Heard's sister Whitney Heard says she will always be proud of the actress for standing up for herself: Forever by your side](#)

Amber Heard lost the defamation suit against her ex-husband Johnny Depp after the jury awarded him \$15 million in damages. On the other hand, Amber was awarded \$2 million in damages.

A court in Virginia recently ruled in favour of Johnny Depp in his defamation case against ex-wife Amber Heard. The court found both the parties guilty of defaming each other, but awarded a better compensation to Johnny. The verdict of the came left many divided. While many have celebrated Johnny's win, others have called the judgement a blow to domestic abuse victims.

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Fans call Priyanka Chopra 'perfection' as she stuns in a bold black gown; Jameela Jamil says 'I gasped' – Watch video

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After making heads turn with her shimmery deep-neck gown yesterday in Paris, Priyanka Chopra made a stunning appearance once again at an event in her bold black gown.

Dressed in a black gown with dramatic white ruffle details and a strap pattern in the back, Priyanka looked drop-dead gorgeous. She completed her look with ornate jewellery studded with green gems.

Check out the video here:



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[A post shared by Jerry x Mimi 😊 \(@jerryxmimi\)](#)

The Bollywood diva is seen waving at the paparazzi and blowing kisses as she made the way to her car.

As soon as the video was shared on social media, it went viral in no time. Priyanka's fans and friends showered love in the comment section. Jameela Jamil was among those who reacted to the post. She wrote, "I gasped," followed by a red heart emoji.

Priyanka Chopra strikes a happy pose with Anne Hathaway and Blackpink's Lisa as she attends an event in Paris – See photos

Priyanka Chopra recently caught up with Hollywood star Anne Hathaway and K-pop sensation Lisa at an event in Paris. The Bollywood diva shared a happy selfie with the gorgeous ladies.

One of her fans commented, 'OMG...!!! Soooh!!!! Amazing and Beautiful...!!! Priyanka Chopra Jonas...!!!', another one added, 'Lovely Priyanka. From head to toe, you're perfection. @bulgari chose the perfect representative.' Some of her fans also called her, 'royalty' and 'goddess'.

Fans are concerned about Priyanka Chopra after Nick Jonas injures himself during a softball game

Nick Jonas, who is often seen playing softball during the weekends, was recently struck by a ball. Following the injury, the actor-singer was seen limping into the emergency unit.

Yesterday, Priyanka had shared a lovely selfie with Hollywood star Anne Hathaway and Blackpink's Lisa as they had fun at an event. The gorgeous divas were all smiles for the selfie.

Meanwhile, on the work front, PeeCee is currently shooting for 'Citadel'. The actress is also a part of Farhan Akhtar's 'Jee Le Zaraa' co-starring Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif.

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Shilpa Shetty treats herself to a first-of-its-kind swanky vanity van with a yoga deck - Pics Inside

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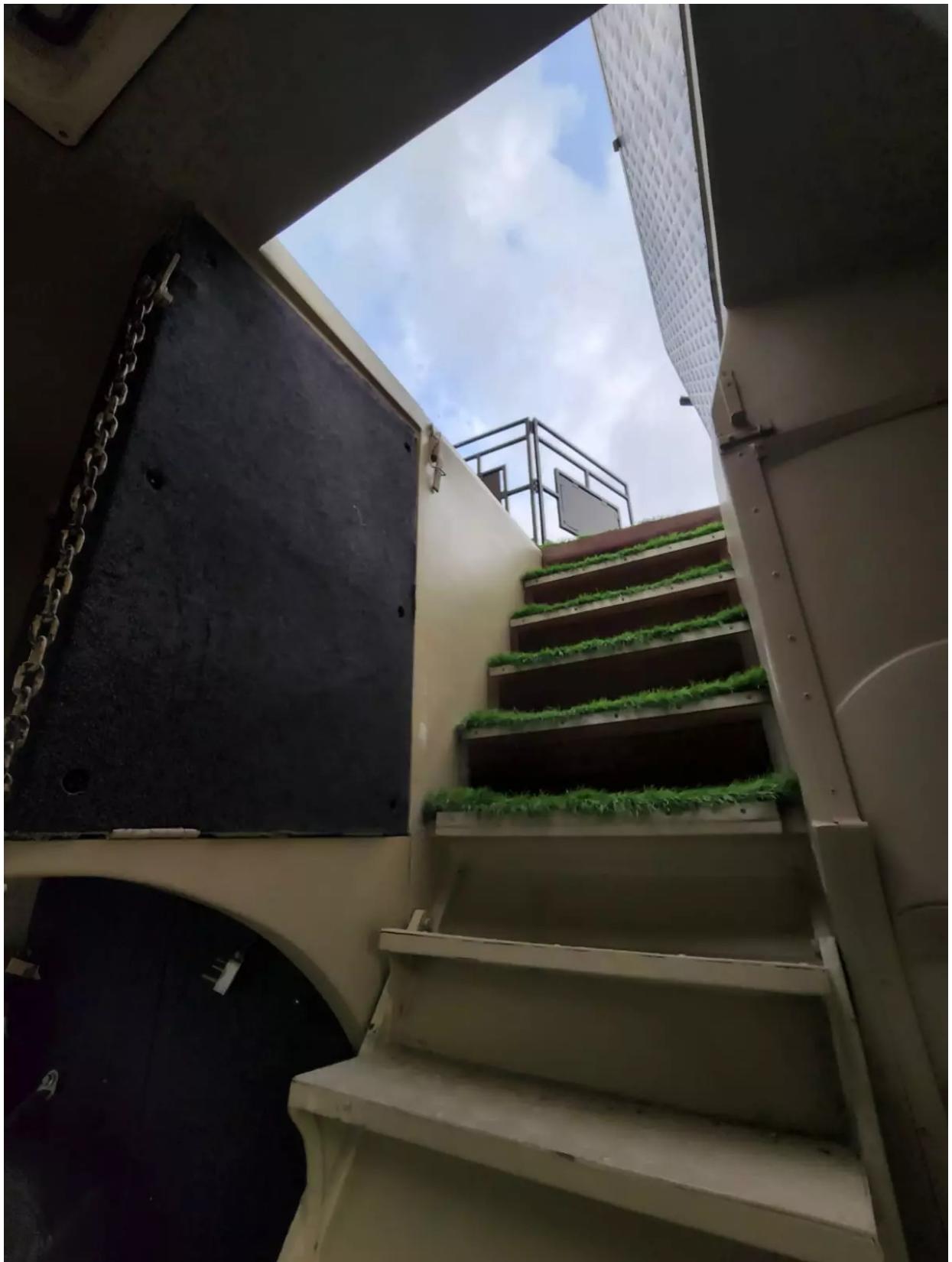
Shilpa Shetty sure knows how to pamper herself.

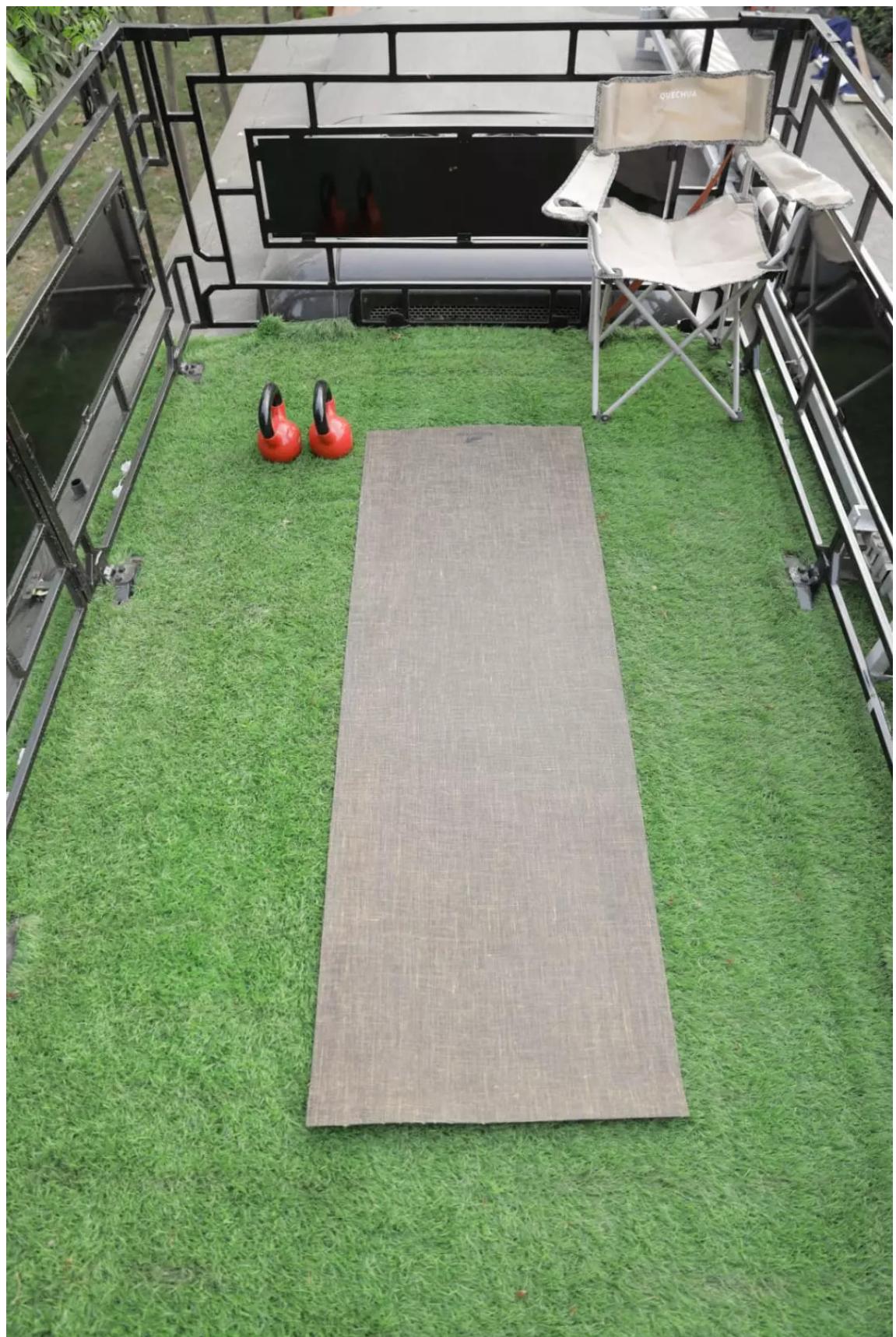
As the clock ticks down to her birthday, the actress treated herself to an extravagant gift - a swanky new vanity van. We got you a peek into the plush new ride that is sure to make the actress comfortable while she is out spending long hours on the film sets.

Shilpa, who has many zig wheels in her garage, became the proud new owner of a swanky one-of-a-kind vanity van. A source revealed, "Shilpa has gifted herself a brand new vanity van with a kitchenette, hair wash station, and most importantly, a yoga deck! Fitness is very important to her and she wants to ensure that even when she is on the move, she can practice yoga within the comforts of her own vanity van."









Going by the photos, the double-decker van comes equipped with a dressing table, a comfortable lounge area and a deck with fitness equipment.

Shilpa currently has her calendar full shooting for her latest OTT project with Rohit Shetty, while also making time for her other filming commitments including television shows.

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Pradeep Sarkar: I am looking for an established actress to play Priya Rajvansh's role in her biopic -Exclusive

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Filmmaker Pradeep Sarkar will be directing a biopic on actress Priya Rajvansh to be produced by Deepak Mukut. When ETimes contacted Pradeep Sarkar he confirmed and added, "We are working on the subject and the research is going on. As soon as everything is in place, we will start the film." It was reported previously that this film will be based on author Subodh Lal's book *Priya Interrupted*.

[Priya Rajvansh and Chetan Anand's story to be adapted from the book 'Priya Interrupted'](#)

Producer Deepak Mukut has acquired the rights to author Subodh Lal's book '*Priya Interrupted*'. The book is based on the late actress Priya Rajvansh.

Not too long ago, there was speculation that a lot of A-list actresses

and actors were interested in playing the lead roles. Names like Jacqueline Fernandez and Vivek Oberoi were speculated upon. When asked if he is looking at an established actress or a new face to essay the role of Priya Rajvansh, he replied, "Why shouldn't I look for an established actress? The story is good and I don't think there should be a problem. It is going to be a completely acting oriented opportunity."

Sarkar added that the story of the film will trace Priya Rajvansh's life from the time she met Chetan Anand to her accidental death that took place inside her house. Apart from this biopic, Sarkar was also working on another biopic on Bengali artiste and actress Binodini Dasi, which is supposed to feature Aishwarya Rai Bachchan in the lead role. But that project was put on hold for scripting issues.

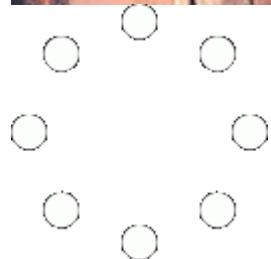
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From chicken tikka to tandoori king prawns: Johnny Depp spends over Rs 48 lakh on Indian feast to celebrate trial win

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From chicken tikka to tandoori king prawns: Johnny Depp spends over Rs 48 lakh on Indian feast to celebrate trial win



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Johnny Depp spends over Rs 46 ...

Hollywood star Johnny Depp spent over \$62,000 or Rs 48.22 lakh for a special celebratory curry dinner with his friends on Sunday evening in Birmingham, England.

Depp indulged in a feast of "authentic Indian cuisine," cocktails and rose champagne at the Varanasi restaurant, which serves "heavenly recipes and soothing ambience," according to its website, reports nypost.com.

According to 'nypost.com', the actor scored a big victory Wednesday when he was awarded a \$10.35 million judgment in his brutal defamation trial against ex-wife Amber Heard, 36.

Depp was hanging out with his musician friend and collaborator Jeff Beck, 77, and 20 other people in their party at what's billed as "Birmingham's largest Indian restaurant."

Depp has been staying in the United Kingdom to join Beck on his tour. He even appeared onstage at several of the guitarist's shows, including one at London's Royal Albert Hall late last month.

The father of two travelled to Birmingham to perform with Beck onstage for his show in the city's Symphony Hall. Depp and his entourage had arrived to the trendy eatery by 7 p.m. and posed for photos with fans, the Daily Mail reported.

The 20,000-square-foot restaurant was closed so Depp and his friends could eat in private, and they left around midnight.

Amber Heard's sister Whitney Heard says she will always be proud of the actress for standing up for herself: Forever by your side

Amber Heard lost the defamation suit against her ex-husband Johnny Depp after the jury awarded him \$15 million in damages. On the other hand, Amber was awarded \$2 million in damages.

Mohammed Hussain, operations director of Varanasi, told the outlet: "We had a call out of the blue on Sunday afternoon saying that Johnny Depp wanted to come to eat with a group of people."

"I was shocked, and at first, I thought it might have been a wind up (joke). But then his security team arrived (and) checked out the restaurant, and we let them have the whole place because we were concerned that he might be bothered by other diners," he continued.

Hussain described how the chefs prepared a feast for the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star that included delicacies such as shish kebabs, chicken tikka, paneer tikka masala, lamb karahi and tandoori king prawns.

The executive also shed some light on the evening, noting that Depp was a "very lovely, down-to-earth bloke."

[Johnny Depp to collaborate with guitarist Jeff Beck over new album post](#)

Popular American actor Johnny Depp who won the legal battle of defamation against his ex-wife, Amber Heard, on Wednesday, has sprung back to action, collaborating with guitar legend Jeff Beck for a musical turn for his next career move.

"(He) spent a lot of time speaking with the staff, our friends and family and was happy to pose for pictures with them. You would never have thought that he was such a big star. He had a lot of time for us all," Hussain gushed, reports 'nypost.com'.

Hussain also stated that he promised he wouldn't reveal the full bill total, but said that "money was no issue, and it was easily in five figures."

He added, "We made more money from Depp's visit than we did from our busiest night of the week, which is a Saturday when we

have around 400 diners." The feast ended with simple cheesecake and panna cotta for dessert.

Hussain then recalled the most surprising moment of the night, when Depp "wanted a little break from everybody" for about 20 minutes and sat with him in his office.

Hussain said the A-lister wanted to people-watch on CCTV in his office and was interested in how the cameras worked.

He explained that he didn't ask the Kentucky native about the court case. "It was just a nice conversation with a very humble man. I'm still pinching myself, because I never dreamt that Johnny Depp would be in my office having a chat about how the CCTV in the restaurant works," Hussain said. "It was a real honour to have him here."

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Shyam Benegal: I don't believe that I can make a sustained web series at my age

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In this day and age where filmmakers are taking a plunge into the OTT space and exploring the long story telling formats in the form of web shows, veteran filmmaker Shyam Benegal shows no signs to take that dive. The director of films like Nishant (1975), Mandi (1983) and Zubeidaa (2001) shares, “Although, OTT is an exciting medium, I do not believe that I can make a sustained web series at my age. Temperamentally, I am a long format cinema filmmaker.”

The award-winning director and screenwriter caught up with Bombay Times at the recently concluded Mumbai International Film Festival. On the occasion, he said, “I have been witness to all the Mumbai International Film Festivals ever since the festival began. It was started by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to recognize short filmmaking as an art form in its own right, which until then was only recognized for its worth as a vehicle of information and

education, rather than for its artistic worth.” Talking about the added incentive at the festival this year, he said, “It was the disbursal of substantial prize money, for winning entries. This has helped not only to revive short filmmaking in India, but also to enthuse and attract cineastes to this form of cinema. Earlier, short filmmaking survived mainly on the films produced and distributed by the films division.”

Benegal, who was delighted seeing the creativity displayed by the filmmakers at the event, further spoke about the response to MIFF this year. He said, “I think the response to MIFF has been excellent. Equally, the response from filmmakers from other countries has been more than forthcoming, who have entered the best of their short films in the competition section. The festival this year has attracted enthusiastic audiences. This is reassuring and tells us that short filmmaking, which is essentially a labour of love and totally self-motivated with only the satisfaction of having made a worthwhile film, is still worth making.”

Esha Gupta on Aashram 3: I believe in God and not in Godmen

The actress who plays a pivotal role in the Bobby Deol starrer opens up

The filmmaker, who recently directed a Bangladesh-India co-production venture, *Mujib: The Making of a Nation*, concluded saying that there is no stopping for him as a director. He signed off saying, “I have never stopped making feature films and will not stop until nature intervenes.”

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Hrithik Roshan says 'she's back' as he cheers for Sonali Bendre who is gearing up for her OTT debut – See post

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Trust Hrithik Roshan to be the best cheerleader in the industry for his friends and colleagues! The superstar recently cheered for Sonali Bendre who is all set for her OTT debut.

Taking to his Instagram story, Hrithik shared the trailer of her upcoming series and wrote, 'Woah Sonz!! Looking Amazing!!' The actor also added, 'She's back', followed by a fire emoticon.

Check out his post here:



The actress has been away from the industry for quite a few years now after she was diagnosed with cancer. After getting treated for the same, Sonali is back with a bang and is ready to sizzle on the screen once again.

Sonali Bendre: I was hooked to Press, the series that has inspired The Broken News

Sonali Bendre is a fighter and she's making a much-awaited comeback with her new OTT show The Broken News. This show is a remake of the popular British series called Press. Speaking about how she agreed to be part of this new series, Sonali revealed, "Sameer Gogate (Producer) and the team of BBC told me, 'There is something you will love, and we really want you to see it'.

In an interview with Times Now, the actress opened up about how she feels this is like a new beginning for her. She said, "I do see this like a beginning because I think this is a new phase of my life and this time around, I think the universe has given me a second chance and I need to make good on this second chance."

Hrithik Roshan cheers for ladylove Saba Azad ahead of her concert in Delhi

Hrithik Roshan and Saba Azad have been hitting the headlines for their romance. The duo recently made heads turn as they entered Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash together in style. They walked hand-in-hand at the party and their pictures and videos went viral on the internet in no time.

Her upcoming show, 'The Broken News' is reportedly an Indian adaptation of popular British series 'Press'. Apart from Sonali, it also features actors like Shriya Pilgaonkar and Jaideep Ahlawat in key roles.

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Somy Ali on her comeback: I would rather direct than act, unless I can give the audience something they've never seen before -Exclusive

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Somy Ali has made a comeback of sorts with the docu-series *Fight Or Flight*, which details her vigil to save domestic abuse victims as well as rescue sex trafficking survivors. The series has received glowing reviews and Somy is ecstatic about the buzz. She says, "I faced the camera after 22 years, but it felt different than acting in a Hindi film as I had the liberty to be me, just literally be Somy Ali." She is most content with the positive impact it's had on her organization No More Tears' functioning. She reveals, "I can't believe the response we are getting from all over the United States. People are donating like crazy and buying our t-shirts in support. Many victims are sharing their stories and we have had only a few episodes aired thus far. The response was shocking after just three episodes in and that too for a docu series which features me being completely unscripted."

[Exclusive! Somy Ali on her comeback: If I am offered a meaningful script with a fearless female at the helm, I will consider returning to acting](#)

Somy Ali quit acting in 1999 and moved back to the US to complete her education. Later, she started her own NGO, No More Tears (NMT), which has kept her busy for the past 15 years. After a long hiatus, the former Bollywood actress will now be seen in a docuseries on an OTT platform. She says, "It is a raw and intense docuseries that follows the work at my NGO. This opportunity allows me to shed some light on the victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. It took me many years to tell my story of abuse. I think it's time we start to understand the ramifications of these atrocities and that it's never too late to speak out. Sharing my journey has been extremely cathartic, and perhaps the most liberating. I hope that through this docuseries, more victims will understand that they are not alone, they don't have to suffer in silence, and there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Having aced an exciting return to the screens, Somy is not really keen on acting as much as she's itching to tell stories. She says, "I am keen on directing as my educational background is in psychology, broadcast journalism and film. Additionally, I have been wanting to direct a script that I have been working on for three years and I am unsure if there is an actor and actress that would be willing to get involved in the subject as it's quite controversial, but extremely timely."

Twenty two years is a long time staying away from the front of a camera. But with her return, Somy was hardly nervous. She says, "It felt a little weird at first because I am used to working alone, except when I rescue victims with the police or in sex trafficking the FBI agents. But after a week of shooting Fight Or Flight, it felt like the crew was not even there and I went along my day as usual." Somy's show is currently airing on an international OTT platform and she feels this new-age of internet media has changed the horizons of entertainment. She says, "The OTT boom has opened doors for

actors and filmmakers to be bold because back in the day they were unable to do so. The entire system of storytelling has evolved into something unique where actors are uninhibited and so are filmmakers. This is the right time for intellectual artists and makers to come out and display their work."

Having left Indian shores for the US a while ago, Somy is now anxious to get back to the Bay, but for recreation only. She reveals, "Right now, I am bound by a three year contract with Discovery+, but there will be time off after the first season. I will certainly take advantage and visit Mumbai as a tourist to revisit many places and people whom I have not seen in years."

Somy Ali warns 'Harvey Weinstein of Bollywood'; says the women he abused will share their truth one day like Aishwarya Rai

Former actress Somy Ali, has sent out a warning to the 'Harvey Weinstein of Bollywood' that he will be exposed! Interestingly, she used a still from the Salman Khan and Bhagyashree's hit love track 'Aate Jaate Haste Gaate' from the film 'Maine Pyar Kiya' for the post.

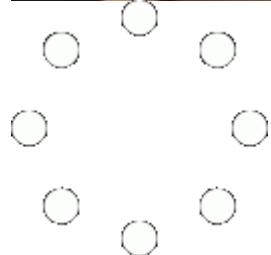
On the subject of Bollywood, we ask Somy if she's willing to be courted by the production houses of Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Karan Johar and Yash Raj Films. She says, "I respect all of them and their art immensely. It's priceless in their own forums. I follow films that come highly recommended to me by my friends. Again, I would rather direct than act unless there is a significantly unconventional role and a script. It all depends upon what we can introduce the viewers to that they have not already seen."

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Sonakshi Sinha FINALLY breaks silence on reports of her wedding with rumoured beau Zaheer Iqbal - Watch

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Sonakshi Sinha finally reacts ...

Sonakshi Sinha and her rumoured beau Zaheer Iqbal's marriage reports have been rocking the headlines. There were reports which suggested that the duo is getting married this year.

And now, Sonakshi has taken to her Instagram account to share a reel which had a caption written on it, "Me to media: Kyu haath dho kar meri shaadi karwana chahte ho? (Why do you all want me to get married as soon as possible?)".

The actress answered the question by lip-syncing Shah Rukh Khan's dialogue from his films, "Accha lagta hai mujhe, bohot mazaa aata hai (I feel good. This is fun)."

Check out the post here:



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[A post shared by Sonakshi Sinha \(@aslisona\)](#)

Soon, Zaheer dropped laughing emojis in the comment section of the post.

[Zaheer Iqbal makes his relationship with Sonakshi Sinha official; here's all you need to know about the 'Notebook' star](#)

Zaheer Iqbal Ratansi, known as Zaheer Iqbal, has made it to the headlines yet again, this time for confirming his relationship with Bollywood's 'Dabangg' girl Sonakshi Sinha. While fans just can't get enough of the chemistry in the Instagram video he shared, here's all you need to know about Sonakshi's beau. The 33-year-old budding actor comes from a family of jewellers.

Meanwhile earlier, Zaheer confirmed his relationship by dropping a video with Sonakshi along with a caption, "Happy Birthday Sonzzz

⌚ Thank You for not killing me ⌚ I Love You 💕 🎉 Here's to a lot

more food, flights, love and laughter 😊 🎉 P.s - This video sums up the entire time we've known each other."

The actress commented, "Thaaankkk uuu love uuu ... now im coming to kill uuuuuuuu."

Zaheer Iqbal has THIS to say about reports of him dating Sonakshi Sinha

Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal have been spotted together on multiple occasions, sparking dating rumours. The 'Notebook' actor has now reacted to the same and set the record straight.

Check out the post here:



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[A post shared by Zaheer Iqbal \(@iamzahero\)](#)

Meanwhile, on the work front, the duo will next feature in the film titled 'Double XL'. Helmed by Satram Ramani, the movie also features Huma Qureshi.

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Johnny Depp shares a video to thank his 'loyal, trusted and unwavering supporters'

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Johnny Depp recently won the defamation suit against his ex-wife Amber Heard. Depp received \$15 million in damages while Heard was awarded \$2 million in damages. Now, the Hollywood star took to Instagram and penned a long note to thank his fans and supporters.

[Johnny Depp to collaborate with guitarist Jeff Beck over new album post](#)

Popular American actor Johnny Depp who won the legal battle of defamation against his ex-wife, Amber Heard, on Wednesday, has sprung back to action, collaborating with guitar legend Jeff Beck for a musical turn for his next career move.

Sharing a video, he wrote, "To all of my most treasured, loyal and unwavering supporters. We've been everywhere together, we have seen everything together. We have walked the same road together. We did the right thing together, all because you cared. And now, we

will all move forward together. You are, as always, my employers and once again I am whittled down to no way to say thank you, other than just by saying thank you. So, thank you. My love & respect, JD."



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[A post shared by Johnny Depp \(@johnnydepp\)](#)

Private Investigator hired by Amber Heard claims actress took advantage of Johnny Depp to boost her career; wanted him to find proof that Johnny was a 'serial abuser'

A former Private Investigator, who was reportedly hired by Amber Heard to dig up dirt on Johnny Depp before their UK defamation trial, is now speaking up.

Meanwhile, the 'Pirates Of The Caribbean' actor spent over \$62,000 or Rs 48.22 lakh for a special celebratory curry dinner with his friends on Sunday evening in Birmingham, England.

He was hanging out with his musician friend Jeff Beck, 77 and 20 other people.

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