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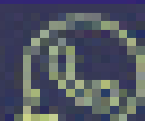
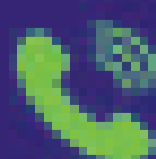
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## BRIEFLY

### Youth dies after coming under chinar tree branch in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, Dec 17 (Agencies): A 22-year-old youth died after a branch of a chinar tree fell on him in Patti Rampora area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, officials said. Quoting an official, the news agency KNO reported that the youth identified as Umar Ganai, a resident of Safapora, was passing by the area when some labourers were cutting the chinar tree. He said a branch of the tree fell on Umar, resulting in critical injuries to him.

"He was immediately rushed to District Hospital Ganderbal, where doctors on duty declared him brought dead on arrival," the official said. Meanwhile police have taken cognizance of the incident.

### Pattan traders protest over 'unscheduled' power cuts, block Srinagar-Baramulla highway

SRINAGAR, Dec 17 (Agencies): Traders Federation Pattan on Tuesday held a protest over prolonged and frequent power cuts in the area. The protest led to halting of traffic movement on Srinagar-Baramulla highway, causing inconvenience to commuters.

Nasir Bashir, president Traders Federation told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that despite being a metered area, Pattan receives only a few hours of electricity.

He said that they have raised the issue repeatedly with concerned officials, but no action has been taken so far.

Another protester said that they receive just 2-3 hours of electricity in a day. "This is nothing short of harassment. The government must address this issue immediately", he said.

Tehsildar Haroon Rashid, who reached at the protest site to pacify the demonstrators, assured protesters that the issue would be raised with higher authorities and that efforts would be made to ensure electricity supply as per the schedule.

Notably as cold wave has intensified in Kashmir valley, the unscheduled power cuts have increased, with each passing day causing inconvenience to

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## 'One Nation, One Election' Bill tabled in Lok Sabha, Opposition protests

NEW DELHI, Dec 17 (Agencies): Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal introduced the Constitution Amendment Bill for 'One Nation, One Election' (ONOE Bill) in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

The tabling of the ONOE Bill set the stage for yet another showdown in Parliament as Opposition parties stood in protest, demanding its withdrawal over its 'anti-constitutional and anti-democratic' nature.

Congress leaders, in a scathing critique of the government, demanded that the Bill be withdrawn immediately.



Home Minister Amit Shah rebutted the charge and said that it has become a habit of the Congress party to oppose progressive legislations.

The TDP, a key BJP ally expressed unwavering support to the ONOE Bill and said that

this will not only ease India's fiscal burden but will also cut down the electoral expenses by more than 40 per cent.

Among the parties who vociferously opposed the ONOE Bill were the Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, the Shiv Sena (UBT), AIMIM

and more.

All of them called the Bill an assault on the Constitution and a brazen attempt to 'kill democracy and bring authoritarianism and dictatorship.'

The AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, voicing opposition to the Bill, said that this legislation was being brought to finish off all regional parties.

"This is aimed at maximising political gains to a certain party and will pave the way for a presidential form of government," he said, slamming the BJP-led

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## BJP likely to get new President in February

NEW DELHI, Dec 17 (Agencies): The new BJP president, who will succeed incumbent J P Nadda, is likely to be elected by the end of February, according to a senior party functionary.

Party sources said the ongoing organisational election is on track to complete the polling process in more than half of its state units by mid-January, an exercise that will unveil the process of electing its new national president.

A senior leader said the tenure of nearly 60 per cent of the BJP's state unit presidents is over, and their replacements are likely to be in place by the middle of

the next month.

The BJP's constitution stipulates that organisational polls should be completed in at least half of its state units before the process to elect the national president is started.

"We expect that a new BJP president will assume the charge by the end of February," the functionary said.

Asked whether the new BJP president may be someone who is currently serving as a Union minister, he said it could be either from the government or from the organisation, adding that nothing has been finalised yet.

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## Two JKAS officers given new assignments

SRINAGAR, Dec 17 (Agencies): The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Tuesday assigned new positions to its two senior administrative officers. The postings have been ordered with immediate effect. Jammu and Kashmir tourism

According to an order copy, Joginder Singh Rai, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Special Secretary with Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister. Similarly, Abdul

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## Jammu Kashmir's rivers among India's most polluted, Government admits in Parliament



SRINAGAR, Dec 17 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir has recorded eight polluted river stretches, as per the latest government data presented in the Lok Sabha, with one grossly polluting industry flagged in the region. This information emerged in response to a starred question raised by Sanjna Jatav, focusing on the scale of river pollution across the country and the steps being taken to address it. The findings spotlight the environmental strain on India's rivers, particularly those situated near cities and industrial zones.

When Jhelum, Kash-

mir's main river swells up, it looks like this. The photograph was taken on June 22, 2022, after three days of raining and minor snowfall over upper reaches in South Kashmir. The river was flowing above the danger mark. KL Image: Bilal Bahadur

According to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, industrial effluents, untreated or partially treated sewage, and poor solid waste management have been identified as key contributors to river pollution. Across India, 3,519 grossly polluting industries (GPIs) were

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## Cold wave conditions intensify in Kashmir; Srinagar records minus 5.3 degree Celsius

SRINAGAR, Dec 17 (Agencies): Cold wave conditions intensified in Kashmir as the minimum temperature plummeted several degrees below freezing point, causing the fringes of several water bodies including the Dal Lake here to freeze, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.3 degrees Celsius, down from minus 3.4 degrees Celsius the previous night, officials said.

The officials also mentioned that water supply lines in many areas of the city and elsewhere in the valley were frozen due to the cold.

Gulmarg, a tourist destination popular for skiing, recorded a low of minus 4 degrees Celsius, the same as the previous night.

Pahalgam, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 6.8 degrees Celsius, down from the previous night's minus 5 degrees Celsius.

Konibal, a sleepy hamlet on the outskirts of Pampore town, was the coldest place in the valley, with the mercury dipping to minus 8.5 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Qazigund, the gateway to Kashmir, was minus 6 degrees Celsius; North Kashmir's Kupwara recorded minus 5.6 degrees Celsius and Kokernag, in south Kashmir, recorded minus 5.7 degrees Celsius.

The Met office has forecast mainly dry weather until December 26, with the possibility of light snowfall in the higher reaches of the valley on

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## Opposition parties oppose 'One Nation, One Election' bill; Cong says it's 'first milestone to bringing new constitution'

NEW DELHI, Dec 17 (Agencies): Several opposition leaders, including Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SCP) MPs, on Tuesday expressed their opposition to the "One Nation, One Election" Bill, which aims to



conduct simultaneous

elections for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies across India.

Speaking to ANI, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh rejected the bill, calling it unconstitutional and a threat to democracy. "The Congress party firmly, totally,

comprehensively rejects the One Nation, One Election Bill. We will oppose the introduction. We will demand its reference to a Joint Parliamentary Committee," he said.

Ramesh further slammed the bill

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## Former MP Ladakh Haji Ghulam Hassan Khan passes away



SRINAGAR, Dec 17 (Agencies): Former two-time Member of Parliament (MP) Ladakh & Retired DIG Haji Ghulam Hassan Khan passed away on Tuesday at the age of 88.

He passed away at his residence in Bathandi Jammu.

Born on December 11, 1936 in Simloo vil-

lage of, Batalik, in Kargil district of Ladakh, Khan retired as DIG from Jammu and Kashmir Police and later became a veteran political figure in Ladakh. Khan was elected to 13th and 15th Lok Sabha as a Member of Parliament from Ladakh in 1999 and 2009 respectively.

In 1999, Khan contested on National Conference ticket while in 2009 he fought as an independent candidate. Khan is remembered for his selfless services and work for the development of the Ladakh.

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## EDITORIAL

EMPOWERING  
YOUTH

In today's fast-paced and ever-changing global economy, empowering youth is crucial for sustainable growth and development. Youth represent a dynamic force of innovation, energy, and creativity, but this potential remains untapped without proper avenues for skill development, employment opportunities, and entrepreneurial ventures. Industrial development emerges as a key enabler for empowering youth, fostering economic progress, and creating an ecosystem that promotes self-reliance and societal advancement. By aligning industrial growth with youth development, we can create a robust framework for addressing unemployment, enhancing skills, and promoting innovation.

Industrial development is the process of establishing and expanding industries that contribute to economic diversification, employment generation, and technological advancement. For youth, it presents an opportunity to gain employment, acquire new skills, and explore entrepreneurial ventures. In developing economies, industrial growth plays a transformative role in lifting communities out of poverty, providing a structured pathway for youth to contribute to national development.

Industries provide direct employment in manufacturing, technology, logistics, and allied sectors. These opportunities cater to youth with varying educational qualifications and skill sets, ensuring inclusive growth. Beyond employment, industrial development fosters ancillary businesses and services, creating additional job opportunities in supply chains, transportation, and maintenance sectors.

One of the major challenges in youth empowerment is the skills gap—a disconnect between the skills possessed by youth and the demands of the industrial sector. Industries require a workforce proficient in technical, digital, and soft skills. However, traditional education systems often fail to equip youth with the practical skills needed in today's competitive job market.

To bridge this gap, there is a need for strong collaboration between industries, educational institutions, and the government. Vocational training programs, skill development centers, and apprenticeship opportunities can play a critical role in preparing youth for industrial jobs. Programs that integrate theoretical education with hands-on experience ensure that youth are job-ready and capable of adapting to the evolving demands of the industry.

Government initiatives such as the Skill India program in India and similar schemes globally emphasize skill enhancement and training in alignment with industrial requirements. These programs provide youth with the technical knowledge and certifications needed to secure meaningful employment in industries.

Industrial development does not merely provide employment but also encourages youth to explore entrepreneurial opportunities. Industries serve as hubs for innovation, enabling youth to develop new products, services, and technologies. By fostering a culture of entrepreneurship, industrial growth empowers youth to become job creators rather than job seekers.

Start-up incubators, industrial parks, and government-backed schemes can help aspiring entrepreneurs by providing mentorship, financial support, and infrastructure. Young innovators can leverage industrial platforms to commercialize their ideas, leading to technological advancements and economic diversification.

For instance, industries in sectors such as renewable energy, information technology, and manufacturing offer immense opportunities for youth-led start-ups. Programs like Make in India and Start-up India have demonstrated how industrial development can be integrated with entrepreneurship to create a vibrant economic ecosystem.

Technological advancement is a key driver of industrial growth, and youth are naturally inclined to embrace and leverage technology. The Fourth Industrial Revolution, characterized by automation, artificial intelligence, and the Internet of Things (IoT), is reshaping industries globally. For youth, this presents an opportunity to acquire cutting-edge skills and contribute to industries that are driving innovation and productivity.

Industries that adopt digital technologies create an environment where youth can learn, innovate, and grow. Initiatives to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education and digital literacy ensure that youth are equipped to participate in high-tech industries. Industrial sectors such as IT, biotechnology, and robotics are particularly attractive for young talent seeking careers in emerging fields.

Youth unemployment remains a pressing global issue, particularly in developing countries. Industrial development can significantly reduce unemployment by creating a large number of job opportunities. Manufacturing, infrastructure, energy, and services sectors have the capacity to absorb a sizable portion of the unemployed youth workforce.

Governments can encourage industrial investments in regions with high youth unemployment, thereby addressing regional disparities and providing youth with local employment opportunities. Special economic zones (SEZs) and industrial clusters can attract industries to underdeveloped regions, fostering inclusive growth.

While industrial development is essential for youth empowerment, it must be pursued responsibly to ensure environmental sustainability. Youth, as future leaders, must be actively engaged in developing and implementing green technologies, renewable energy solutions, and sustainable practices in industries. Promoting eco-friendly industrial growth ensures that economic development does not come at the cost of environmental degradation.

## ISRO's latest space feat – PSLV-C59 /Proba-3 Mission

By: Omkar Dattatray

Indian Space Research Organization known as ISRO is persistently and continuously adding new feathers to its research achievements. ISRO PSLV -59 successfully launched with European Space Agency's Proba-3. After being rescheduled for a day due to anomaly detected, the ISRO on Thursday successfully launched the European Space Agency's [ESA] Proba-3 mission aboard the PSLV -C59 rocket. PSLV-C59 carried Proba-3 spacecraft into a highly elliptical orbit as a Dedicated commercial mission of New Space India Limited [NSIL] on December 5, 2024 at 16.04 Hrs. Proba-3 is an In-Orbit The vehicle took off with a powerful roar, precisely at 4.04 P.m from the first launch pad at the SDSC, Sriharikota, the home to several rocket launches in India. This mission marks a global milestone as the world's first precision formation -flying demonstration in space. It aims to study the Corona, which is hotter than the Sun's surface, and explore the solar wind which is a stream of charged particles emanating from Sun, says P.V. Venkitakrishnan, former director of the capacity Building Programme office, ISRO headquarters. He said that another flawless launch by the Indian Space Research Organization's reliable workhorse, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -PSLV, the PSLV -C59/PROBA-3 today on 5th December 2024 successfully launched European Space Agency [ESA]PROBA-3 Satellites into a highly elliptical orbit. This marks the successful collaboration of New Space India Ltd [NSIL], ISRO & ESA. Proba-3 is ESA's and the world's first precision formation -flying mission. A pair of satellites were flown together, maintaining a fixed configuration as if they were a single large rigid structure in space, to prove innovative formation flying and rendezvous technologies. The launch was originally planned at 14.08 hrs on Wednesday that is 4th December, but was delayed by a day due to an anomaly detected in the PROBA-3 spacecraft. At 14.04hrs today

on 5th December, the rocket left the First Launch Pad from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre [SDSC], Sriharikota, and roared into the clear blue sky. The "PSLV-C59 has successfully soared into the skies, marking the commencement of a global mission led by NSIL, with ISRO's technical expertise, to deploy ESA's groundbreaking PROBA-3 satellite. A proud moment celebrating the synergy of international collaboration and India's space achievements," ISRO said in its social media post. Proba-3 is an In-Orbit Demonstration mission of the ESA. The mission goal is to demonstrate the precise flying of formations. It consists of 2 spacecraft—the Coronagraph Spacecraft and the Occulter Spacecraft—and was launched together in a stacked configuration. Proba-3 will function as an orbital laboratory, demonstrating acquisition, rendezvous, proximity operations and formation flying while validating innovative metrology sensors and control algorithms, opening up novel methods of OSC blocks out sion control. The two satellites will adopt a fixed configuration in space, 150m apart, while lined up with the sun so that OSC blocks out the brilliant solar disk for the CSC. This will open up continuous views of the sun's faint corona, or surrounding atmosphere, for scientific observation. ESA's website said "A pair of spacecraft were launched together today from India with the potential to change the nature of future space missions. ESA's twin Proba-3 platforms will perform precise formation flying down to a single millimeter, as if they were one single giant spacecraft. To demonstrate their degree of control, the pair will produce artificial solar eclipses in orbit, giving prolonged views of the Sun's ghostly surrounding atmosphere, the corona. "Fourteen ESA Member States, including Canada, came together on this mission, which was set to demonstrate game -changing European technology in the areas of autonomous operations and precision maneuvering by delivering never-before -seen science results. Stacked together, the two satellites separated from their upper at age about 18 min-

utes after launch. The pair will remain attached while initial commissioning occurs, overseen by mission control at European Space Security and Education Centre, ESEC, in Redu, Belgium. Proba-3 mission manager Damien Galano said, "I am grateful to ISRO for this picture-perfect ascent to orbit. Now hard work really begins, because to achieve Proba-3 mission goals, the two satellites need to achieve positioning accuracy down to the thickness of the average fingernail while positioned one and half football pitches apart." The latest and historical feat achieved by ISRO is the launch of PSLV-C59/PROBA-3 Mission and by its launch most recently ISRO has once again created history. The PSLV-C59/PROBA-3 Mission has successfully achieved its launch objectives, deploying ESA's satellites into the designated orbit with precision. Global Space Exploration Conference -GLEX 2025 will be held -7th -9th May 2025. The third developmental flight of SSLV is successful. The SSLV -D3 placed EOS -08 precisely into the orbit. ISRO completes its RLV technology demonstrations through LEX trio. For this historical and milestone launch ISRO chairman Dr Somanath was Live on Instagram. ISRO has on 5th December 2024 launched PSLV -C59/PROBA-3 mission successfully. The Indian space Research organization - ISRO launched Europe's twin Probe-3 spacecraft on Thursday. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle [PSLV-C59] in a picture -perfect launch began its journey to space a day after the launch was postponed. ISRO's PSLV -XL lifts off with Europe's Probe-3 mission to space. The launch vehicle is on its way to space to deploy Probe-3 in an elliptical orbit around Earth. The mission will be completed in 1122 seconds. This moment is inspiring and wonderful to all lovers of space exploration. The new satellite has been launched at Sriharikota Andhra Pradesh's Satish Dhawan Space Centre. As per the ESA's request, the launch of PSLV -C59 /PROBA-3 had been rescheduled on 5th December 2024 and thus it has been launched on this date. ISRO PSLV-XL Probe-3 mission

launched. Satellite injection complete. Proba-3 separates and deployed into elliptical orbit formation flying in space. ISRO mission director said that Proba-3 mission fully accomplished. ISRO PSLV-XL lifts off with Europe's Proba-3 mission to space. ISRO is strengthening global collaboration. On December 4, 2024, ISRO & ESA signed a technical implementing Plan to provide ground tracking support for the Gaganyaan Mission. A major step for seamless orbital operations. The Proba-3 mission by the European space Agency -ESA and India's Aditya L1 mission differ significantly in their objectives and operational designs. Proba-3 focuses on technology demonstration through two satellites, the Occulter and the Coronagraph, which work in precise formation to create artificial solar eclipses for extended observations of the sun's corona. This mission emphasizes formation flying technology and aims to stimulate solar eclipses, allowing for up to six hours of continuous observation. In contrast Aditya 1 is a single spacecraft positioned at the Sun-Earth Language Point 1-L1, approximately 1.5 million kilometers from Earth. It aims for comprehensive solar research, including studying solar winds, magnetic fields, and coronal mass ejections, thereby providing insights into space weather dynamics affecting Earth. The Proba-3 twin satellite will offer a novel view of the sun's surrounding atmosphere, or corona. A million times fainter—but larger in expanse than the sun itself—the enigmatic corona is the source of space weather and the solar wind. The team from the ESA had been in India to integrate the spacecraft with the PSLV -XL rocket. In brief we can say that the present PROBA-3 with PSLV-C59 is another feat in the space achievements of ISRO.

*(The author is a columnist, social and KP activist)*

## IIT Madras has a digital human brain atlas ready

By: Vijay Garg

By creating the world's most detailed digital human brain atlas, the researchers at IIT Madras are embarking on a journey that could fundamentally change how we approach both medicine and AI.

The complexity of the human brain has always presented one of the greatest challenges in science. Neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and epilepsy affect millions of people worldwide, yet we still know relatively little about their underlying causes. Existing treatments are often expensive, difficult to access, and only modestly effective. This leaves millions of patients and families facing daunting uncertainty, as well as health care systems strained by the burden of care.

At the same time, the rapid advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) are transforming industries and creating new opportunities, yet AI still pales in comparison to the efficiency, adaptability, and learning capacity of the human brain. Despite its ability to process massive datasets and perform specific tasks at superhuman speeds, AI systems remain energy-intensive and lack the flexibility that comes naturally to human cognition. If we could better understand how the brain works — its adaptability, efficiency, and ability to process information — we could revolutionise not only the treatment of neurological diseases but also the future of AI.

This is where the work being done at IIT Madras comes in. By creating the world's most detailed digital human brain atlas, the researchers at IIT Madras are embarking on

a journey that could fundamentally change how we approach both medicine and AI. This digital brain atlas will map the human brain at an unprecedented level of detail, providing insights into its structure, connectivity, and the underlying mechanisms that make human cognition so unique.

The brain is estimated to be made up of approximately 80 billion neurons, with trillions of connections forming a network of incomprehensible complexity. Mapping this network has long been a dream of neuroscientists, but existing tools have been limited in their ability to provide a clear, detailed picture of how the brain is structured and how its different regions communicate with one another. The team at IIT Madras, however, is changing that. Their project involves slicing human brains into ultra-thin sections — 10,000 slices per brain — each captured at tens of gigapixels resolution, resulting in a 3D, fully digital model of the whole brain. This process generates three petabytes of data per brain, creating a dataset that offers unprecedented insights into the inner workings of this most complex organ.

In an exciting new development, the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre at IIT Madras has released DHARANI, the first-ever 3D high-resolution imaging dataset of the human foetal brain. Featuring over 5,000 sections at cellular resolution, this groundbreaking dataset offers researchers a detailed view of early brain development. Remarkably, the team achieved this at less than one-tenth the cost of similar projects in the West. This achievement, led by Sivaprakasam, professor in department of electrical engineering at IIT Madras and head of the

Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC), a joint initiative of IIT Madras and department of biotechnology (DBT), ministry of science and technology, sets the stage for major advancements in neuroscience and foetal medicine, with potential applications ranging from early diagnosis of developmental disorders to understanding the origins of neurological diseases.

The potential applications of this research are vast. By studying the brain at this level of detail, scientists will gain new insights into how neurological diseases develop, what biomarkers signal their onset, and how various treatments affect brain function over time. The digital brain atlas could help researchers identify early indicators of diseases like Alzheimer's, enabling earlier diagnosis and more effective interventions before symptoms become severe. This is particularly important in countries like India, where access to expensive diagnostic tools is limited and millions of people go undiagnosed until it is too late for treatment to make a meaningful difference. The affordability aspect is central to the project's mission, with the team focused on making their tools and insights available at a fraction of the cost, democratising access to this critical information and ensuring it benefits patients everywhere.

The brain atlas also represents a new model for innovation in India, where affordability and scalability are essential. For years, much of the cutting-edge research in fields like neuroscience and AI has been concentrated in the West. IIT Madras is proving that India has the talent and creativity to not only participate in but lead the next wave of breakthroughs.

International collaborations with institutions like the University of California underscore the global significance of this work. India's ability to innovate at lower costs gives it a unique advantage in addressing global problems.

If solutions can work in India, where resources are often stretched thin, they will be effective everywhere. This democratisation of science and technology is central to the mission of the brain atlas project.

Transformative work like this is made possible by visionary donors like Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder of Infosys, who has dedicated his post-corporate career to supporting research with global impact. His investment in the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre reflects a belief that India can lead the world in creating affordable, scalable solutions for some of humanity's greatest challenges.

Witnessing the groundbreaking work at IIT Madras firsthand early this year also inspired me to collaborate with them and relocate my company, Vionix Biosciences' R&D to India, leveraging their expertise to develop advanced diagnostic technologies. Their commitment to making cutting-edge science accessible to all aligns perfectly with the mission of democratising innovation. These are shining examples of how grand visions, rooted in affordability and global collaboration, can transform industries and improve lives.

*(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational columnist street kour Chand MHR Malout Punjab)*



## Sharmila Tagore concerned about actors' huge fees, competition over vanity van

Actor Sharmila Tagore has expressed her concern over actors charging "huge amounts" and many of them travelling with "cooks, masseuse, and an entire entourage". Speaking with agency, Sharmila also said that many celebrities have a "competition over the size of their vanity vans", which is pushing actors away from acting.

Sharmila concerned about actors' huge fees, entourage. She said, "I am concerned about how actors are not just charging huge amounts, but many even travel with cooks, masseuse, and an entire entourage. I was doing an ad film, and the person who did my makeup revealed that today, there some actors have a running competition over the size of their vanity vans."

Sharmila compares needs of



vanity vans earlier vs now

"Vanity vans were all about privacy, and a comfortable place to dress up. Now, you have meeting rooms, resting rooms, etc... All of this is pushing actors away from what actually matters... the acting. Of course, making money is important, but if you are moving away from reality,

how would you know what works and doesn't with the audience."

About Sharmila's career, life Sharmila has captivated audiences for decades with unforgettable performances in classics like Aradhana, Kashmir Ki Kali, and Amar Prem. Beyond her brilliant acting career, she remains a timeless style icon

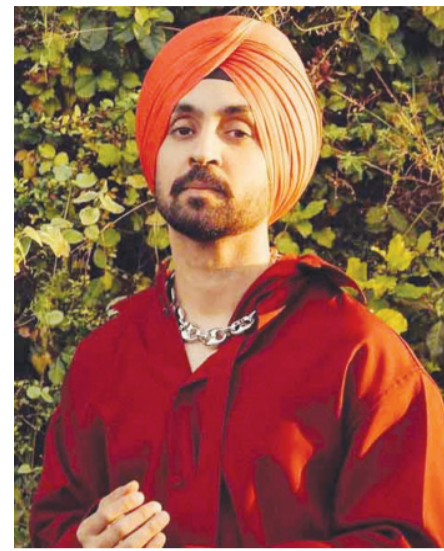
and an inspiration to generations. Sharmila married cricket Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi. Saif Ali Khan, Soha Ali Khan and Saba Ali Khan are their children.

She was last seen in the Disney+ Hotstar movie Gulmohar. The Rahul V Chittella-directed movie also featured Manoj Bajpayee, Simran and Suraj Sharma. Before Gulmohar, Sharmila was seen in the 2010 movie Break Ke Baad with Deepika Padukone and Imran Khan.

Sharmila's upcoming film

Sharmila is set to return to the big screen with Outhouse, a heartwarming movie that will release in theatres on December 20. Directed by Sunil Sukthankar, the film's cast includes Mohan Agashe, Sonali Kulkarni, Neeraj Kabi, and Sunil Abhayankar.

## Diljit slams trolls after being pulled up for wrong Punjab spelling



Punjabi singing sensation Diljit Dosanjh criticised online trolls for tagging him in a tweet where he had misspelled Punjab and forgot to add the Indian flag.

The 40-year-old singer said everything is a conspiracy and labelled his naysayers as "vehley" (idle).

"If in a tweet there is no mention of the flag, that's a conspiracy. Even in

the Bengaluru tweet, there wasn't a flag in one place. If Punjab is written as Panjab then that's conspiracy. Whether its written Panjab or Punjab, it will remain as Punjab only (sic)."

"Panj Aab - 5 Rivers Hats off to those who are using foreigners' language to push conspiracy theories. In the future, I will write PANJAB in Punjabi, as in Gurumukhi. You guys won't stop I know. So keep going. How many times do we have to prove that we love India? Do something new or have you been given a task to create conspiracies around me? #Vehley," he added.

He also attached the screen shots of his previous posts. One of them had "Tomorrow CHANDIGARH PANJAB" written over accompanied by an Indian flag.

The other picture featured one of his tweets which had no flag.

Dosanjh is currently on his Dil-Luminati India Tour which began on October 26 in New Delhi. It will conclude on December 29 in Guwahati. His next stop is Mumbai where he will perform on December 19.

## Paris Hilton sings 'Sanasa' catchphrase to her kids during playtime

Reality star and socialite Paris Hilton is singing to two of her adoring fans, her kids. She recently took to her Instagram, and shared a sweet video in which she is seen holding a toy microphone and kneeling on the floor next to son Phoenix, and daughter, London.

The reality star and Phoenix then sang the word 'Sanasa', which Simple Life fans will recognize as the show's sing-songy catchphrase, typically sung by Hilton and best friend Nicole Richie at random moments, reports 'People' magazine.

Phoenix and London then bang on a tiny bongo drum as Hilton laughs. "Baby P's new favorite song! #Sanasa", Hilton wrote in the caption of her post.

As per 'People', Hilton and her husband, entrepreneur Carter Reum, welcomed Phoenix and London via surrogate in 2023. The star opened up about the same last year, revealing what she found to be the most surprising part of motherhood.

"It's just how much love I could have for someone", she said. "I thought I knew what love was with my husband, but as soon as I met my baby, it's just this love on another level. He has just changed my life in every way. I just feel like the luckiest girl in the world every single day for this beautiful family that I have".



Since then, Hilton has shared many loving tributes to her children, including a recent Thanksgiving post.

"This Thanksgiving, my heart is overflowing with gratitude. I'm so thankful for my beautiful family and my precious babies who bring endless love, happiness and laughter into my life every day. Here's to celebrating love, togetherness, and all the things we're grateful for this year. Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours", she shared in her Instagram post.

## Aamir Khan on winning Oscar for India with Laapataa Ladies

With Laapataa Ladies becoming India's official entry to the Oscars, all eyes are on Aamir Khan's film. In a recent interview agency, the actor opened up about what winning an Oscar for India means to him. He said that if Laapataa Ladies wins the Academy Award, people in India will go 'ballistic'.

Aamir Khan on winning Oscar for India

When asked what would it mean to him to win Oscar for India, Aamir Khan replied, "I am not quite sure how seriously to take a competition.

But I would be really happy. It would create tremendous opportunity for the film to be seen by a lot more people because when a film wins an Oscar or Academy award, then people from around the world



want to see what it's like. So it opens a huge window of opportunity for a larger audience for a film."

He further added how Indians will react if Laapataa Ladies wins Oscar and said, "More important than that, I think Indian are so film crazy and we have been dying to win an Academy Award for an Indian film which hasn't happened till now. So the country would go ballistic. They'll just go mad if we win. So just for the people of our country, I'd be very happy if we win the award."

In the history of India, only three films- Mother India, Salaam Bombay, and Lagaan- have been nominated in the International Feature category; however, none of them have won Oscars. Recently, RRR won the

Best Original Song and Elephant Whisperers won the Best Documentary Short.

Writing with Fire and All that Breathes got nods in the Best Documentary Feature category. Now, the audience has high expectations from Laapataa Ladies. The shortlist of Oscars 2025 will be announced on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

Aamir Khan upcoming films

Meanwhile, Aamir Khan will be next seen in the movie Sitaare Zameen Par which also stars Darshal Safary and Genelia Deshmukh. The film is scheduled to release in theatres in 2025.

He is also backing Rajkumar Santoshi's directorial, Lahore 1947 which is headlined by Sunny Deol.

## Sara Ali Khan reveals her "favourite companion"

For Sara Ali Khan, her "favourite companion" is the setting sun, revealed the actress.

Sara took to Instagram, where she shared a picture montage of herself. In the image, the actress's back is towards the camera. She is seen wearing a bright sunny yellow saree paired with an aqua blue blouse. The daughter of actor Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh is seen looking at the setting sun behind the mountains.

For the caption, she wrote: "Favourite companion while my moon shows up."

The actress, who was last seen in "Ae Watan Mere Watan", a historical biographical film about India's struggle for freedom in 1942, based on the life of Usha Mehta, recently celebrated six years of her debut film "Kedarnath" starring late star Sushant Singh Rajput. Sara thanked god for giving her a "lifetime of memories."

She had shared a video featuring a col-

lection of clips of the movie and its BTS. She wrote in the caption, "6 years of Kedarnath. Sometimes it feels like just yesterday and sometimes it feels like a lifetime away... Jai Bholenath. Thank you for making me me. And thank you for giving me a lifetime of memories".

The disaster film talked about the 2013 flash floods in Uttarakhand, and revolved around the inter-faith love story between a wealthy Hindu Brahmin girl whose family owns a lodge and shops near the historic Kedarnath Temple in the Uttarakhand mountains and a Muslim boy who is a 'pithoo' (porter) working in the same vicinity.

As their bond grows closer, the couple face many hiccups, including familial disapproval and contrasting backgrounds; when the sudden rains of the 2013 Uttarakhand floods devastate the region, the duo are forced to survive against the elements and face the ultimate test of their love.



The film was written and directed by Abhishek Kapoor, who is known

for blockbusters such as 'Rock On!!' and 'Kai Po Che!'.

## Madhuri Dixit rents out her Andheri West office space for Rs 3 lakh per month: report

Bollywood actor Madhuri Dixit is making moves in Mumbai's bustling real estate market by renting out her office space in the city for a monthly sum of Rs 3 lakh. The office space is located in Mumbai's Andheri West area and has been leased to a private company. This move highlights how many celebrities are leveraging real estate investments—whether through lavish homes or commercial properties—as an additional source of income.

Madhuri's office space spans an area of 1,594.24 square feet. According to a Hindustan Times report citing documents accessed by Propstack, the Tezaab actor is set to earn Rs 3 lakh per month from this property. The rental agreement for the property was finalized on November 13, with the tenant company making a security deposit of Rs 9 lakh. Furthermore, while the monthly rent



for the first year is Rs 3 lakh, it is set to increase to Rs 3.15 lakh in the second year.

In addition to leasing

out office space, Madhuri made headlines in October for purchasing a luxurious flat in Mumbai's Lower Parel

area. The upscale property is part of a premium residential project and covers a sprawling 5,384 square feet. This opulent flat, which includes seven parking spaces, was acquired for a whopping Rs 48 crore. Madhuri paid a substantial stamp duty of Rs 2.4 crore to finalise the transaction.

In November, Shahid Kapoor and his wife Mira Kapoor also rented out their luxury apartment in Mumbai's upscale Worli area. The high-end property is being rented out for Rs 20 lakh per month under a five-year agreement. Registered in November 2024, the lease spans a tenure of 60 months and includes an initial security deposit of Rs 1.23 crore, according to a statement by SquareYards.

On the work front, Madhuri was recently seen in Anees Bazmee's Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, which also starred Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan and Tripti Dimri in lead roles.













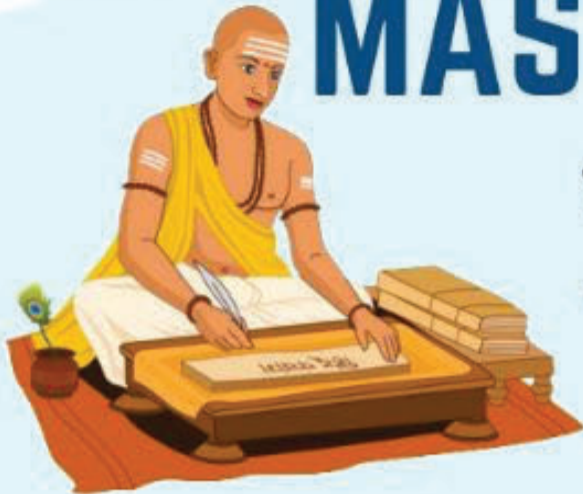


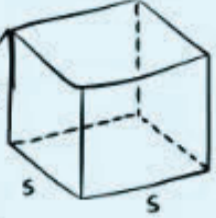
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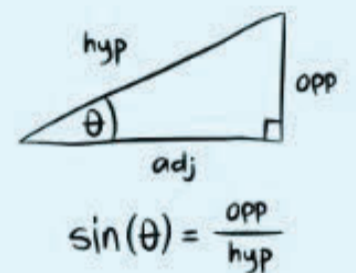


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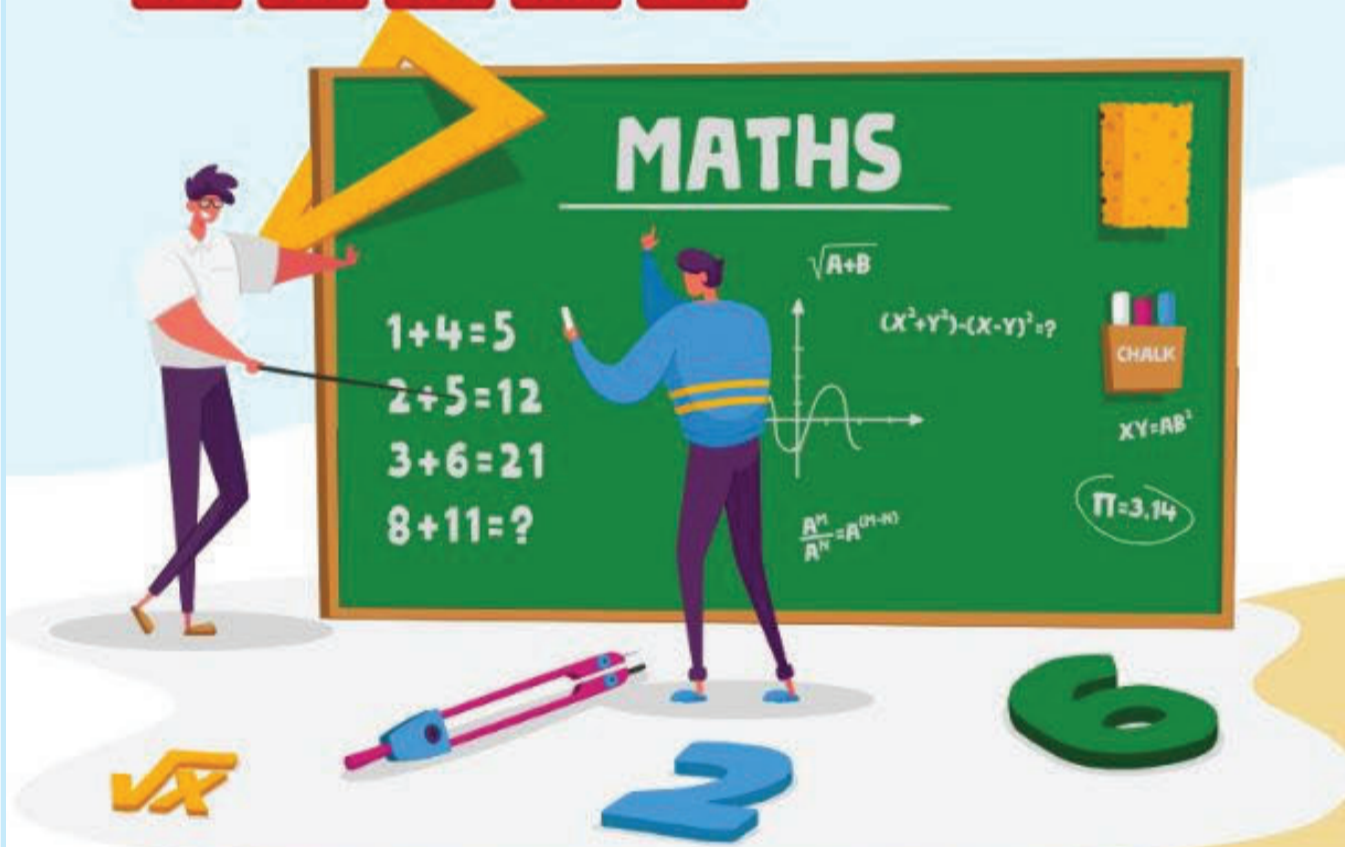
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