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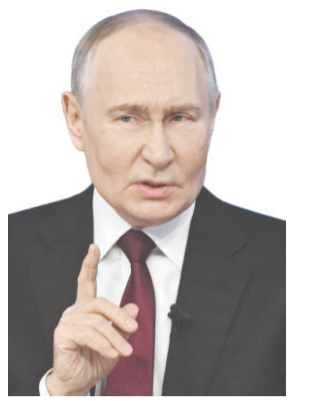


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BRIEFLY

Dr Farooq, Omar express grief at Om Prakash Chautala's passing

SRINAGAR, Dec 20 (Agencies): National Conference supremo Farooq Abdullah on Friday expressed grief at the passing of former Haryana chief minister Om Prakash Chautala, recalling his immense contributions to public service and pivotal role in Indian politics. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also expressed his grief at Chautala's death, the National Conference said in a post on X.

"Recalling his immense contributions to public service and his pivotal role in Indian politics, they conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, the Indian National Lok Dal, and his admirers. They prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the family during this difficult time," the party said. Chautala, who was former deputy prime minister Devi Lal's son, suffered a cardiac arrest at his Gurugram home and was immediately rushed to a hospital where he died, an Indian National Lok Dal spokesperson told agency.

MLA Uri bereaved, uncle passes away

URI, Dec 20 (Agencies): Ghulam Rasool Khawaja, 80, the maternal uncle of MLA Uri Dr Sajjad Shafi passed away early this morning.

He was laid to rest in his hometown Garkote village. The deceased was the brother-in-law of former Member of Parliament (MP) and senior National Conference (NC) leader Mohammad Shafi Uri.

According to his family, Khawaja had been suffering from chest-related issues and had recently undergone treatment.

He was also a well-known social activist of Uri and served as former sarpanch of Garkote village.

People from various walks of life visited Khawaja's residence to offer their condolences.

"This is a personal loss. He was one of my mentors," Dr Sajjad Shafi said.

Cold wave continues in Kashmir, Srg records season's coldest night

SRINAGAR, Dec 20 (Agencies): As prolonged dry spell continued in several parts of the valley, the Summer capital Srinagar has recorded the season's

BJP, Congress' cases over Parliament scuffle to be given to Crime Branch: Report



NEW DELHI, Dec 20 (Agencies): Amid the protest over Amit Shah's remarks on Ambedkar, a scuffle broke out in the

Parliament premises on Thursday, leaving two BJP MPs seriously injured. The Parliament case

enquiry of both the Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress' complaints over Thursday's row will be transferred

to the Crime Branch, sources cited in a news agency ANI report said. Amid the boiling rage over Home minister Amit Shah's remarks on Dr BR Ambedkar in the Rajya Sabha earlier this week, a scuffle broke out in the Parliament premises, leaving two BJP MPs severely injured. Following the incident, the saffron party filed a police complaint against Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of assault, incitement and

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'Human error' caused 2021 chopper crash that killed CDS Bipin Rawat: Parl panel report



NEW DELHI, Dec 20 (Agencies): The Mi-17 V5 helicopter crash killed Gen Rawat, his wife Madhulika, and several armed forces

personnel en route to Coonoor, Tamil Nadu in 2021.

New Delhi: The Mi-17V5 crash in which India's first chief of defence staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat was killed along with 13 others three years ago took place because of human error, according to data published in the latest report of the Parliamentary standing committee on defence.

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Former Haryana CM Om Prakash Chautala passes away in Gurugram

NEW DELHI, Dec 20 (Agencies): Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) supremo and former Haryana chief minister Om Prakash Chautala passed away in Gurugram on Friday, December 20. He was 89.

Om Prakash Chautala was last seen publicly during the voting of the Haryana Assembly election, which took place on October 5 this year. He was seen at a polling booth in Sirsa's Chautala village.

Om Prakash Chautala, son of former Deputy Prime Minister of India Chaudhary Devi Lal, served as the seventh chief minister of Haryana.

Chautala was awarded a four-year jail term in a 16 years old disproportionate assets case on 27 May 2022 by a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Court and became the oldest prisoner of the Delhi's

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7 dead, over 35 injured in fire after gas tanker collides with other vehicles on Jaipur highway

JAIPUR, Dec 20 (Agencies): A deadly collision involving a gas tanker and multiple vehicles turned a stretch of the Jaipur-Ajmer highway here into an inferno on Friday morning, killing seven people, injuring more than 35 and engulfing over 30 vehicles in flames as thick black smoke filled the sky.

Eyewitnesses reported spotting the flames from nearly a kilometre away as ambulances and fire brigade vehicles rushed towards the crash zone. A school van driver on his way to pick up stu-



dents recounted with horror the sight of a man engulfed in flames.

Rajasthan health department officials told agency that seven people died in the crash

while more than 35 were injured.

Police said there are chances that some people could not get out of their vehicles and got

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No manual scavenging found in J&K's Ramban district: Officials

SRINAGAR, Dec 20 (Agencies): Authorities on Friday invited objections regarding the declaration of Ramban as manual scavenging free district. They said the objections shall be submitted in writing form to the Office of District Social Welfare Officer, Ramban within 15 days

from the date of publication of notice.

An order issued by District Magistrate Ramban reads, "In pursuance of order dated 20.10.2023 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) 324/2020 filed by Dr. Balram Singh and the Guidelines for Survey of Manual Scavengers

issued by the Government of India vide letter dated 1st Feb 2024, the survey of Manual Scavengers has been undertaken and completed in District Ramban, and no Manual Scavengers have been found in the district".

"In accordance

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J&K: Sopore Police destroys seized drugs worth over Rs 1 crore



SOPORE, Dec 20 (Agencies): District Drug Disposal Committee headed by SSP Sopore Smt. Divya D-IPS, SDPO Sopore Shri. Sarfaraz Bashir-JKPS (Member) and DySP DAR Sopore (Member) in compliance to Hon'ble Special Court (NDPS) Baramulla Order destroyed Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances

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Income Tax Department Unearths Hawala Cash Network for Dubai Properties

SRINAGAR, Dec 20 (Agencies): Income Tax Sleuths raid the KCI Emporium Group of Kashmir, along with Dubai Property Brokers, on Wednesday this week. Multiple Premises were covered in the simultaneous search action in Srinagar, Mumbai and Delhi.

It was found that some individuals from Kashmir division have made hawala cash transactions to invest

in a property in Dubai, UAE. During the action, Huge Investments made by Indians in Dubai based properties have been unearthed from Middlemen who were also raided. It has been gathered from sources that all across India, evidences of investments in these Dubai based properties amounting to over Rs. 800 crores have been unearthed from the search action. It has also been found

that Indians who made these investments are based across India, from Srinagar to Delhi to Hyderabad, and are now under the scanner of the IT Department.

As per sources, information of property deals in Kashmir with transactions worth more than Rs. 50 crores involving huge cash components was seized. Also, Cash Amount of more than Rs. 1 crore was also seized.

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OPPOSITION

A healthy democracy thrives on the robust interaction between the ruling party and the opposition. While the ruling party implements policies and governs the nation, the opposition plays a crucial role in holding it accountable, offering alternative viewpoints, and ensuring that democracy functions effectively. The presence of a strong and constructive opposition is not just desirable but essential for the health and sustainability of a democratic system.

One of the primary roles of the opposition is to hold the government accountable for its actions. In a democracy, the ruling party wields significant power, and without scrutiny, there is a risk of abuse or inefficiency. The opposition ensures that decisions are debated and scrutinized in public forums such as parliaments and legislative assemblies. Through tools like questioning sessions, debates, and no-confidence motions, the opposition compels the government to justify its policies and actions, promoting transparency and reducing the likelihood of corruption.

For instance, in India, the Question Hour in Parliament allows opposition members to pose critical questions to ministers, shedding light on issues that may otherwise remain obscured. Such mechanisms ensure that governance remains a participatory and accountable process.

A democracy is characterized by diversity, and the opposition serves as a voice for those who may not agree with the ruling party's policies. It represents alternative ideologies, interests, and priorities, ensuring that minority perspectives are not overshadowed by the majority's will. This inclusivity prevents the marginalization of any group and fosters a sense of belonging among all citizens.

The opposition's ability to bring diverse issues to the forefront ensures that policies are inclusive and equitable. For example, issues such as environmental protection, minority rights, or labor laws often gain prominence due to the persistent efforts of opposition parties.

The opposition is not merely a critic but also a contributor to policymaking. By offering constructive criticism and alternative solutions, it enriches the democratic process. A well-functioning opposition engages in policy debates with a focus on improving governance rather than merely obstructing it. Constructive criticism ensures that policies are well-rounded and address the concerns of a broader section of society.

For example, during economic crises or natural disasters, the opposition can propose measures that complement or improve government strategies, demonstrating its commitment to the national interest. Such collaboration can lead to better outcomes for citizens.

Democratic institutions such as the judiciary, election commissions, and media are vital for the functioning of democracy. The opposition plays a critical role in safeguarding these institutions from undue influence or erosion of autonomy. By raising concerns about any perceived encroachments or biases, the opposition acts as a sentinel, ensuring that these institutions remain impartial and effective.

A notable example is the opposition's role in ensuring free and fair elections. By scrutinizing electoral processes and raising alarms about potential irregularities, opposition parties help maintain the integrity of democratic practices.

The vibrancy of a democracy depends on active political participation from its citizens. The opposition's role in mobilizing public opinion and organizing protests or campaigns encourages citizens to engage with political processes. This engagement fosters a more informed and active electorate, which is crucial for the sustenance of democracy.

Movements led by opposition parties often highlight pressing issues that resonate with the public, leading to increased awareness and participation. For example, protests against unjust laws or demands for greater accountability often galvanize citizens to become more politically active.

One of the inherent risks in a democracy is the possibility of majoritarianism, where the ruling party's dominance leads to the suppression of minority voices. The opposition acts as a counterbalance to this tendency, ensuring that the government's actions are inclusive and considerate of all sections of society. By challenging policies that may disproportionately benefit certain groups, the opposition upholds the principles of justice and equality.

Despite its critical role, the opposition often faces challenges that hinder its effectiveness.

Opposition parties often lack the resources and access to information that the ruling party enjoys, making it harder to mount effective challenges.

In some cases, media outlets may favor the ruling party, reducing the opposition's ability to communicate its message to the public.

A divided opposition can weaken its impact, as differing priorities and ideologies prevent a unified stance.

In some democracies, opposition leaders and activists face harassment, imprisonment, or other forms of suppression, undermining their ability to function effectively.

By: Omkar Dattatray

It is most unfortunate, as well as disturbing that the futile issue of Dr Ambedkar has rocked both the Lok Sabha and Raja Sabha. This unnecessary controversy has consumed enough precious time of the august parliamentarians and it should not have been raised. Instead the honorable MP's should take people's as well as developmental issues and discuss, debate and legislate on the important issues concerning the people and abstain from raising frivolous, futile and useless issues and so save the time of the parliamentarians which they can use for productive and purposeful business. But alas! It is not so in our parliament today and thus the precious time of the parliament is frittered in useless controversies. Both the treasury benches particularly the BJP and the opposition party such as the grand old party Congress is busy in raking useless and frivolous issues only to gain limelight and photo captions and advertisements. This time BJP and Congress are leveling charges and counter-charges about the architect of the constitution and the messiah of the dalits, downtrodden, lower castes and backwards. The fact is that as the founding father of the constitution and upholder of un-touchability and great advocate of reservations has got the due respect of all most all parties including Congress and BJP, but still both these political parties accuse each other of dishonoring this great leader and it seems that the political parties are doing only dirty politics over Ambedkar, constitution and one party trying to belittle the other and accusing the other for dishonoring the constitution and its architect. Parliament winter session entered its penultimate day today on Thursday amid the row over Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Dr BR Ambedkar, for which the opposition has been demanding Shah's resignation. For two consecutive days the two houses were rocked by the Ambedkar row. The winter session is set to end on Friday, 20th December

and some big business remains amid political slugfest over several issues including Ambedkar row. Both inside as well as outside parliament, the Ambedkar row raised its ugly head and this controversy rocked not only the august parliament, but it was in full play outside parliament. The situation outside the parliament went out of control and the BJP and congress MP's used barbs and insults upon one another and thus insulted the great parliament of yore Ambedkar who had full respect to the dignity and decorum of the parliamentary proceedings. There was high voltage drama outside parliament as BJP, Congress accuse each other of jostling. BJP MP Pratap Sarangi was taken to hospital after getting injured in the melee. The relationship between opposition and the treasury benches hit a new low on Thursday December 19, 2024 with both the sides accusing each other of resorting to violence. The scenes outside parliament were most unfortunate and uncivilized and the situation resembled a fish market and a wrestling match and it eroded the decorum, discipline and sanctity of the highest legislative gathering. While the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi alleged that BJP MP's were pushing him and stopping him and other opposition MP's from entering the parliament, the BJP accused Mr Gandhi of assaulting two of their MP's. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju accused Mr Gandhi of assaulting and injuring two BJP MP's Parapt Sarangi and Mukesh Rajput and enquired about their health after they sustained injuries in the parliament complex. MP Nishikant Dubey also accused Mr Gandhi of resorting to "goondagradi" -hooliganism. Mr Rijju said that appropriate action will be taken. "Parliament is not the place to show physical strength. It is not a wrestling ring," Mr Rijju added. Mr Sarangi was taken to hospital after getting injured in the melee when the protesting INDIA bloc and the BJP MP's came face to face in front of Makar Dwar in parliament. NDA, INDIA bloc MP's hold protest marches over Ambedkar issue. While Con-

gress leaders including Rahul and Priyanka marched from Ambedkar's statue within Parliament complex to Parliament house, BJP -led NDA MP's too carried out a march raising slogans and carrying placards demanding an apology from the Congress for allegedly insulting Ambedkar. Dressed in blue, a color associated with B.R. Ambedkar, Opposition INDIA bloc members on Thursday took out a protest march in parliament premises demanding the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah for his remarks related to the architect of the constitution. Amit Shah said that his words were twisted and Congress is anti-Ambedkar, anti-constitution, anti reservation and anti-Savarkar. BJP said Congress Prime minister Nehru conferred upon himself Bharat Ratna way back in 1955 and Indira Gandhi awarded herself Bharat Ratna in 1971. But the Congress government did not confer Bharat Ratna on Ambedkar as it is anti-Ambedkar and anti-his ideology. It was only in 1990 when there was non-Congress government at the centre in which BJP was a partner Bharat Ratna was conferred on Ambedkar posthumously. It shows Congresses' inherent hate and hatred for Ambedkar and his philosophy and then accusing BJP of insulting and dishonoring Ambedkar and what he stood for. It seems it is a clear case of pot calling kettle black. Earlier as the remark over Ambedkar row escalates leading to adjournment inside the house, Congress and BJP MP's accused each other of heckling during protest. Few days later a scuffle broke out outside the parliament on Thursday further escalating the political row over Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Dr B.R. Ambedkar. While the LOP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi alleged that BJPMP's were pushing him and stopping him and other opposition MP's from entering parliament, BJP accused Mr Gandhi of assaulting two of their MP's. Both houses were adjourned till 2pm, within minutes after they assembled. After protests erupted in the Lok Sabha, speaker Om Birla adjourned the house till 2pm. Meanwhile, in the Rajya

Sabha, the proceedings continued until the papers were laid on the table. Soon after, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar said he would not allow the adjournment notices to be taken up. Amid constant sloganeering from the members, he adjourned the proceedings till 2p.m. After the parliament resumed proceedings at 2 p.m, both houses were quickly adjourned for the day amid continuing chaos. Both the houses were adjourned on Wednesday 18th December as opposition MP's continued to raise slogans against Home Minister Amit Shah's alleged derogatory remarks against B.R. Ambedkar. In the upper house, TMC also moved a privilege motion against the HM. No business was transacted in either of the houses. Rajya Sabha has been adjourned for the day on 19th December. BJP leaders condemn Rahul Gandhi's behavior, saying he engaged in violence. DMK MP Triuchi Siva says this is one side's version of events. BJP MP S. Phagnon Konyak says that Lok Sabha LOP Rahul Gandhi came close to her, pushed her and shouted at her, and that she felt uncomfortable. It is in the fitness of things to mention that HM Amit Shah has said in Parliament the other day that it has become fashion for Congress to repeat Ambedkar, Ambedkar. Ambedkar, Ambedkar many times only for politicking and by doing so the Congress is insulting Ambedkar. Congress including its president Kharge demanded resignation from HM Amit Shah for the remarks against Ambedkar. JP Nadda the of the house, has said that the information about how the Congress has misused the constitution has reached the public, that is why the Congressmen are incensed. They are behaving in an undemocratic manner, he says. This house strongly condemns the actions of Rahul Gandhi. In brief the row over Ambedkar is very unfortunate and what has happened in and outside parliament is enough to surmise that the sanctity of the temple of democracy has been eroded by the actions of both the treasury benches and the opposition.

Quality STEM Education for Tribal and Rural Girls

By: Vijay Garg

Partnership with BMW Group in India, aiming to transform the educational landscape for 100,000 children in four states with a focus on foundational learning and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) skills from early years through adolescence. The partnership will provide access to quality STEM education to adolescent girls from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and Tribal Ashramshalas, belonging to the most marginalised groups in hard-to-reach rural areas in the states of Assam, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The partnership is part of a global long-term partnership to reach more than 10 million children and young people each year through education and training, including learning in STEM subjects in five countries including South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, and Thailand.

UNICEF today announced their partnership with BMW Group in India

In India, partnership will focus

on nurturing foundational literacy and numeracy skills in rural primary schools to build a solid cognitive foundation for children. As they progress into adolescence, children will have access to innovative, engaging learning experiences through low-cost maker spaces to nurture curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds.

Together with the Government of India, and the four state governments, the partnership aims to create an inclusive learning environment that supports national goals for gender equality and education.

"Current employment opportunities come with greater demands for competencies in STEM. Girls particularly miss out on opportunities to learn and practice STEM. Thus, UNICEF is proud to support building a strong foundation for critical thinking in the early years of learning. The BMW-UNICEF partnership makes this possible by investing in making education more accessible and inclusive, especially for girls. The result is greater economic and social self-reliance leading to

more opportunities," said Cynthia McCaffrey, UNICEF India Representative.

Mr. Vikram Pawah, President and CEO, BMW Group India said, "BMW Group sees itself as an integral part of the society and through impactful initiatives, we want to drive deep-rooted social change. BMW Group's partnership with UNICEF harnesses the most powerful tool for empowerment - education. STEM knowledge is crucial for smart thinking and innovation in today's competitive, interconnected environment. Merging this educational initiative with gender equality and inclusion, especially for underprivileged girl child in India, enhances its effectiveness exponentially."

The key-components of this collaboration include:

Recognizing that children who struggle with basic reading and numeracy are likely to face challenges in school, the programme focuses on foundational literacy and numeracy in primary grades. The initiative provides a strong cognitive base by facilitating these skills upon which STEM

knowledge can be built.

UNICEF will develop a tailored curriculum to train teachers, enhancing their skills in STEM instruction. This training will also address gender stereotypes and focus on empowering girls through skills development and leadership programmes. By creating a dedicated cadre of STEM-trained teachers, the BMW-UNICEF partnership will help elevate the quality of STEM education in classrooms in the four states.

The establishment of low-cost maker spaces within these schools will allow adolescent girls to explore design thinking, computational analysis, adaptive learning, and physical computing.

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Kritika Kamra, who impressed the audience with Gyaarah Gyaarah, believes she has become more experimental with her roles

As 2024 comes to a close, actress Kritika Kamra is happy about the success of Gyaarah Gyaarah, reflective of dull periods in between and hopeful for 2025. A spy drama, For Your Eyes Only, with Pratik Gandhi on Netflix and a lead role alongside Vijay Verma in Amazon Prime's Matka King, being directed by Nagraj Manjule, the coming year has a lot in store for Kritika.

But first up, let us know what she does on New Year Eve. "I like to take things slow since the last couple of years. For me it's a time to reflect, as everywhere outside the rush is maddening. I like to spend some time with myself in some quiet corner or with a very small group of people whom I love and cherish," she shares. Kritika loves to travel in January, but only once the New Year crowd settles down!

Back to work. Gyaarah Gyaarah, produced by Guneet Monga Kapoor and Karan Johar, became one of the most-watched shows of 2024 and connected her to a wider audience. "There was a promise of magic and it really turned out to be magical! I got to meet some amazing people while shooting that show and when it was released, the reactions



surpassed our expectations. Whenever you work on something, you hope to strike a chord with the audiences, but Gyaarah Gyaarah got me a lot more recognition and love from a different set of audience than my previous shows," she says.

Kritika is happy that people who had seen her work on television came back to rediscover her as a police officer in Gyaarah Gyaarah, which was a surprise for them. "A lot of people have come up to me and spoken about how they appreciated the

versatility of my characters."

Coming up In the upcoming show For Your Eyes Only, Kritika play a pivotal part in a historic journey. "It's a story that is about an important time in India and all the characters are a part of a very big plot. This is all I can share right now actually," she laughs.

On the other hand, Matka King is the story of how betting became a mainstream phenomenon in Mumbai and other parts of the country. "I play a character that is very different from

everyone else that I've essayed on the screen before. For this role, I had to get into an entirely different look and also speak in a new dialect."

Apart from challenging roles, Kritika is kicked about working with some of the best talents in the industry. Pratik Gandhi and Vijay Verma are the two actors she deeply respects. "I have always enjoyed their work on screen and now know that they are good co-actors as well," she avers.

As for is equation with Pratik, she says, "After many years, I got a chance to reunite with him in For Your Eyes Only, which was a lovely surprise. To witness all the appreciation that he gets for his work and see his growth journey is really inspirational as a fellow actor."

Acting aside, Kritika is also hoping to expand her brand Cin-nabar. "Chanderi is very close to my parents' house and I've been going there since childhood. So the idea of this brand is to shine some light on the beautiful craft of Chanderi. So far it's been more of a passion project and has got immense love, despite no marketing or any kind of push from our end. Next year, we have some big expansion plans."

Rani Mukerji's Mardaani 3 to release in theatres in 2026



YRF announced that Rani Mukerji's highly anticipated Mardaani 3 will release in theatres in 2026. The announcement was made on the release anniversary of Mardaani 2, with a poster shared on social media. The film will go on floors in April 2025. Alongside the poster, the makers wrote, "The wait is over! #RaniMukerji is back as the fierce Shivani Shivaji Roy in #Mardaani3. In cinemas 2026 (sic)." The cop thriller, which

stars Rani as the protagonist, has previously seen two successful installments.

Talking about the film, Rani, who will play Shivani Shivaji Roy, said, "I'm thrilled to announce that we are starting shooting Mardaani 3 in April 2025! It is always special to wear the police uniform and play a character that has only given me love. I'm proud to essay the character of this feisty cop again in Mardaani 3 as a tribute

to all the unsung, brave, self-sacrificing cops who work tirelessly every single day to keep us safe."

She continued, "When we set out to make Mardaani 3, we were hoping that we could find a script that would take the experience of watching a Mardaani franchise film higher. I am really excited about what we have at hand, and I'm only hoping that the audience too feels the same after watching Mardaani 3 in theatres."

The actor added, "Mardaani is an extremely loved franchise, and we have a certain responsibility to deliver to the expectations that people have. We will do our best to live up to this. Mardaani 3 is dark, deadly and brutal. So, I'm intrigued to find out the response of the people towards our film. I hope they shower this film with the same amount of love that they have always given."

"Mardaani" Part 1 released in 2014. The film expanded with a sequel in 2019. Both of these films were massive hits at the box office.

Nick Jonas' reply to Elon Musk's tweet causes stir among fans

Singer and Actor Nick Jonas has found himself at the centre of a social media storm after reacting to a tweet by Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The playful exchange between the two public figures, which began with a meme from an old Jonas Brothers video, has left some fans with mixed reactions.

The interaction began when Musk retweeted a post from the Tesla Owners Silicon Valley account, claiming that Tesla's stock had increased by 100 per cent since the 2024 US Presidential Election.

Musk followed up with a humorous comment, "My, how the tables have turned!" along with



a GIF from a well-known Jonas Brothers video featuring Nick and Kevin Jonas rotating a brown coffee table. Noticing the post, Nick responded by retweeting Musk's tweet, sharing a photo of the billionaire smiling and writing, "Take us to the year 3000."

While the tweet appeared to be in good

fun, it sparked mixed reactions from some of Jonas' fans. One fan voiced their concern by commenting, "Is this a Trump post?!" and tagging Jonas' wife, actress Priyanka Chopra, asking her to 'get your man'. Another person remarked, "Tweeting at Elon Musk is definitely a choice."

Billie Eilish 'needs help' as paranoia grows from past harassment: Report

Billie Eilish is reportedly showing signs of paranoia, amidst ongoing harassment from obsessive fans and the relentless spotlight that follows her every move. The 23-year-old hitmaker is said to be struggling with the intense pressure that comes with fame, as insiders express concern for her well-being.

Billie Eilish increases her security detail In 2021, Eilish took legal action against multiple stalkers, obtaining a restraining order against a man who repeatedly showed up at her parents' home and another who lurked outside her residence, even making disturbing gestures. According to the court documents, once, the man made a "throat-slitting gesture"



at her, as reported by RadarOnline.

Additionally, the "What Was I Made For?" singer was granted another restraining order against 53-year-old Shawn Christopher McIntyre, who had been bombarding her with threatening messages on social media and targeting her friends and family.

Insider told the outlet, "That really shook her" and has since developed severe anxieties and is afraid of the dark. She also fears that "someone hiding under her bed and closet."

The singer also bought two houses for her parents in the same area in Los Angeles after the incidents. A source close to the singer told the outlet, "She stepped up her security detail

and has taken to staying at her parents' place because of fears that she'll be spotted and harassed."

Billie Eilish's friends are worried about her

The insider shared, "She just doesn't want to be alone and doesn't want to interact with folks she doesn't know. It's gotten very worrying for her friends." A source added, "It's troubling. She needs help to get through this."

The Paranoid singer has previously opened up about the mental health struggles that came with her rise to fame. While achieving worldwide success, she revealed that the intense pressures of being in the spotlight led her to experience depression and suicidal thoughts.

Rakul Preet Singh makes me see the good in people: Jacky Bhagnani

Actor Rakul Preet Singh and producer Jacky Bhagnani started 2024 with a high as they tied the knot in February. This year marked many firsts for them and the couple made the most of all the milestones. As the year draws to a close, they reflect on how they have impacted each other's lives and turned it for the better.

Speaking about his wife, Jacky Bhagnani says, "The one thing which she has absolutely changed in my life and brought out in a good way is making me be on time and respect time. Being punctual is inbuilt in her because she's from an army background. And that is something which she has brought about the change in me for good too." He adds, "She also teaches me to see the good in people and how to compartmentalise between work and personal life."

As for Rakul Preet Singh, she is in awe of her husband for being the source of happiness and fun in her life. "He can handle the toughest situation in the lightest way. When you know your partner can make you laugh in any weak moment, it gives a sense



of assurance. Not just that, he also gives me space to vent out. Sometimes it's not about being overly expressive but just about asking about how you are doing and feeling, emotionally and mentally, and I am glad that I get that both from Jacky," she says.

Marriage has changed their

lives for the better, but how has it changed their date nights? "In your dating phase you put in a lot of efforts, but once you are married, you're like 'aise hi milega'. It's what you have signed up for, now you don't have an option," Rakul quips, adding, "Over time, the whole idea becomes to spend time together and not

trying to impress with how you look. Of course, we dress well and not shabbily. But if it's a home date, then it's pajamas, and if it's an outside dinner, then you obviously dress smart. More than the partner, you are scared of the paps catching you."

Sharing his idea of dressing up for a date night, Jacky says, "It depends what the date night is. For a casual night, I prefer wearing a relaxed jeans with a t-shirt or a pull over, and pair it with a hat."

Being a celebrity couple comes with a lot of scrutiny too, but Rakul is unperturbed by that. "It's a part and parcel of what you do. As someone who's in the media presence, you can't pick and choose that this is what I like, but this I get affected with. You have to sort of come to a settlement with yourself as to how much is okay for you. I am very secure as a person and I don't think that perfection comes from how you look at all times. There's too much undue pressure that we put on appearances. But I'm okay with not taking that pressure," she ends.

Kuljinder Sidhu's film Gurmukh—The Eyewitness is about the fight of a common man against the system



Artists must stand firm for their rights," said actor Kuljinder Sidhu at the trailer release of his upcoming film Gurmukh—The Eyewitness at a tricity mall. The movie, directed by eminent filmmaker Pali Bhopinder Singh, explores the relent-

less fight of a humble yet resolute man who becomes an unwilling witness to a heinous crime. Risking his life, he standing tall in the face of intimidation.

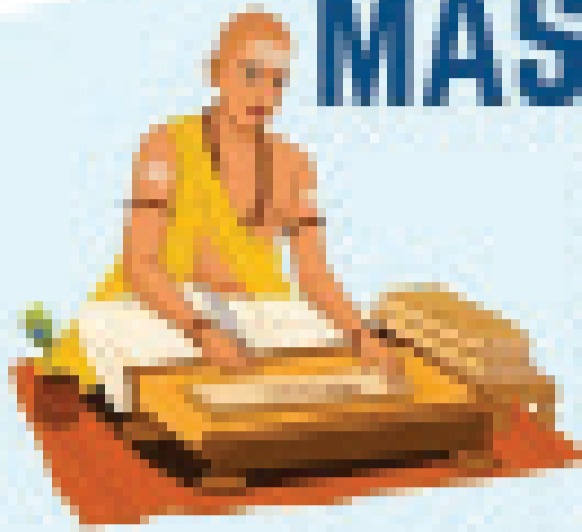
At the trailer launch, Kuljinder talked about Ranjit Bawa's concert getting cancelled

at Himachal Pradesh amidst protests, "It is Ranjit Bawa's right to perform in Himachal, and he should put up a fight." Bawa has been facing the heat for hurting religious sentiments with his song Mera Ki Kasoor. "I went through all kinds of struggles in my first film Sadda Haq only. I was under pressure from many sides not to release the film, but I fought till the Supreme Court gave a nod for its release. Every artiste must fight for what's their due," he said.

Written by Aks Mehraj and Pali Bhopinder Singh, Gurmukh—The Eyewitness also stars Aakanksha Sareen, Gurleen Chopra, Sardar Sohi, Yaad Grewal and Malkeet Rauni. The film will release exclusively on the KableOne OTT platform on January 24, 2025.



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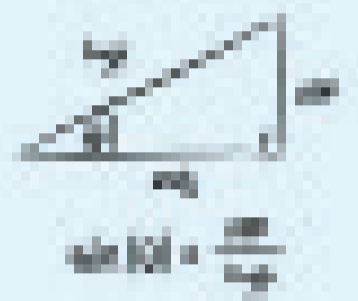


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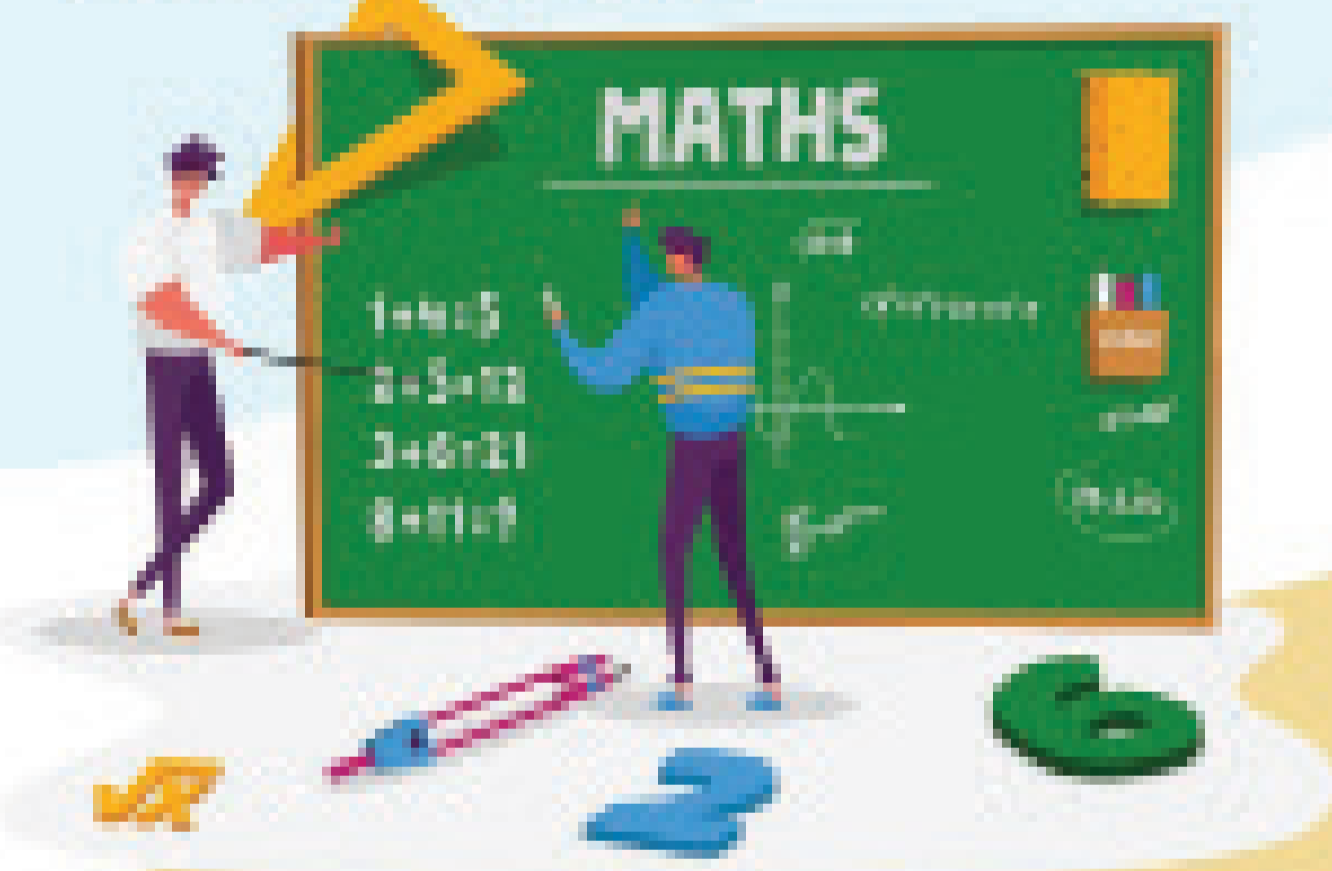
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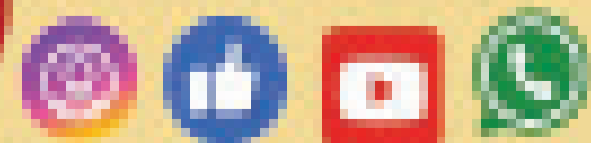
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