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Leopard Cub found dead inside Film City in Mumbai

The leopard cub, who was approximately 9 months old, was found dead inside the film city at Goregaon in Mumbai on Sunday morning. As per the report of necropsy, it was revealed that the complications were in the respiratory system.

The report also stated that there were many complications and head trauma with bleeding, which was the primary cause of death.

The official also stated that " On Sunday morning, the control room of the forest department received a call from the film city, Goregaon, stating the leopard cub was dead at the film set and the rescue team of the forest department reached the spot for the cub."

The rescue team also stated that all the body parts of the leopard were intact, so the possibility of poaching was ruled out in the initial investigation.

Most of the leopards are kept at Sanjay Gandhi National Park. Later, the carcass of the cub was sent to the Sanjay Gandhi National Park for necropsy, which was stated by Pawan Sharma, founder of the Resquink Association for Wildlife Welfare (RAWW) and the warden of the forest department.

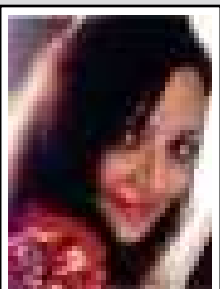
When it comes to the necropsy report, has stated that the cause of death was due to respiratory complications and bleeding.

The samples of the cub have been collected for further investigation and analysis. Also, leopards are protected under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act and they are considered the top protected species.

Mumbai is considered the home of leopards with their unique rosette patterns. The leopards are regularly monitored through camera traps by the forest department, scientists, and volunteers.

Nothing can stop fake currency in India

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Shah, a resident of Kandivali, has been arrested under section 489-A (counterfeiting currency) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code. The police are probing how much fake currency the accused has pushed into the market and on whose directions he was printing such notes.

A 22-year-old man was arrested for printing counterfeit notes and Rs 7 lakh in fake currency was seized from his premises in the eastern suburb of Mankhurd Mumbai. Based on a tip-off, the police

raided the premises belonging to Rohit Shah, a salesman and seized fake currency of various denominations from his possession. The police also recovered a printer, laptop and other materials, worth more than Rs 2 lakh, used for printing fake currency.

Counterfeit notes detected for various denominations in the banking sector, the Reserve Bank of India ascertained a 101.93% rise in fake notes of Rs 500 denomination and 54% for fake notes of Rs 2,000.

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The increase rate of counterfeit notes for Rs 10, Rs 20 and Rs 200 were 16.45%, 16.48% and 11.7% respectively. RBI detected an increase of 10.7% in counterfeit notes of Indian denominations in FY22. Counterfeit notes detected for denominations of Rs 50 and Rs 100 declined by 28.65% and 16.71% respectively.

The total number of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of all denominations detected in the banking sector increased to 2,30,971 pieces. The number of fake currency note of ₹500 denomination detected by the banking system more than doubled to 79,669 pieces in the fiscal 2021-22 over the previous year, according to the RBI annual report. The number of counterfeit notes of ₹2,000 denomination detected in the system was 13,604 pieces during 2021-22, up 54.6% from the preceding financial year.

After declining in 2020-21, the total number of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of all denominations detected in the banking sector increased to 2,30,971 pieces from 2,08,625 pieces in the previous fiscal. During 2019-20, the FICNs detected stood at 2,96,695 pieces. "Compared to the previous year, there was an increase of 16.4 per cent, 16.5 per cent, 11.7 per cent, 101.9 per cent and 54.6 per cent in the counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of Rs 10, Rs 20, Rs 200, Rs 500 (new design) and Rs 2,000, respectively," said the RBI's annual report for 2021-22.

The counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of ₹50 and ₹100 declined by 28.7% and 16.7%, respectively. During 2021-22, out of the total FICNs detected in the banking sector, 6.9% were detected at the Reserve Bank and 93.1% at other banks, the report said. One of the major objectives of the 2016 demonetisation of the then prevailing ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes was to curb circulation of fake currency notes.

The report also said the total expenditure incurred on security printing during April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 was ₹4,984.8 crore as against ₹4,012.1 crore in the previous year (July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). Also, the disposal of soiled banknotes in-

creased by 88.4% to 1,878.01 crore pieces during 2021-22 from 997.02 crore pieces in the previous year.

On November 8, 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes would cease to be legal tender in India from midnight. Modi had said that the decision had been taken to "fight corruption, black money and terrorism".

The Rs 2,000-notes and Rs 500-notes with a new design had been introduced after demonetisation. In the annual report released on Friday, the Reserve Bank of India stated that between April 2021 and March, 13,604 fake notes of Rs 2,000 were detected. In the previous one-year period, 8,798 fake notes of the denomination had been found. The number of Rs 500 fake notes jumped from 39,453 in 2020-2021 to 79,669 in 2021-2022, the report said. However, fake notes in the denominations of Rs 50 and Rs 100 declined by 28.7% and 16.7%, according to the RBI. While one of the major goals of demonetisation announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was to eliminate fake currency from the system, the maximum number of cases of counterfeit in India still relate to fake currency, followed by alcohol and FMCG. Most of such cases took place in Uttar Pradesh. The counterfeit cases in UP were more than three times that of the second in the list, Bihar. However, counterfeit crimes increased at a rate of 82 per cent on-year in Bihar, which was the highest.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

Don't blame Shiv Sena

In the background of the upcoming Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections, every party is building a strong front for Marathi votes. Therefore, in the run-up to the Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections, politics over Marathi people is gaining momentum. Now, even though the Shinde group has entered this newly, this group should not forget that Shiv Sena was earlier in the party for Marathi votes. Are they supporting the statement made by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde about the Marathi people in the Paithan meeting? Also he held Shiv Sena responsible for this, which is clearly wrong. Since the establishment of Shiv Sena, the issue of Marathi identity has been in vogue. Shiv Sena chief Hindu heart emperor Balasaheb Thackeray started agitations for the local youth of Mumbai to get employment. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's beginning and formation in politics also took place from this party. No regional party will do a mindless job of reducing the population of local people. Because that is why they get elected. Own vote bank is important for everyone. Their politics depends on it. The decrease in Marathi percentage in Mumbai is really a matter of concern. But we need to go beyond politics to find the reason.

Uday Waghvankar

The Gyanvapi mosque row

The Gyanvapi mosque controversy is rooted in history. According to some historians, a Shiva temple was destroyed on the orders of Aurangzeb in the 17th century and the Gyanvapi mosque was built on the site. The laws prohibit the conversion of any place of worship and provide for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947. The laws of the land must be upheld.

It seems that the Varanasi district court's decision on the right to worship at the Gyanvapi Masjid will lead to another long-drawn-out battle like the Babri Masjid case. No religion propagates war, but many wars have been fought over religion. All Indians have a right to practice their chosen religion. But of late, whenever any signs of a temple are found under a masjid, a war of words among religious radicals is started, which is then exploited by politicians. These matters are taken to courts by petitioners from both religions, and the cases linger on for years. Both communities (Hindus and Muslims) must learn to live and worship in harmony. In any masjid (mosque) where the remains of a temple are found, both communities should be allowed to worship in separate areas, but on the same premises. In Punjab, there are many such instances where both mandirs (temples) and masjids (mosques) have co-existed with gurdwaras.

Jubel D'Cruz

Mass Burial

Ukrainian official makes a shocking claim that a grave site has been found in Iziyum, Ukraine which could have the bodies of more than 400 people who died during the six months of Russian occupation. Ukraine says hundreds of graves have been found outside Iziyum, days after it was re-taken from Russia. Head of Ukraine's national police service said most of the bodies belonged to civilians, accusing Russians of targeting civilians. Iziyum was invaded in the early days of the war and was used by Russia as a key military hub to supply its force from the east. Investigators and journalists found what appeared to be evidence of the delineate killing of civilians in Bucha and other nearby areas. The Russian government has repeatedly denied targeting civilians, accusing Ukraine and the west of fabricating evidence. Russia seems to be holding ground now and it seems its alleged dark secret may come out soon.

Ashima Sisodiya.

THE NEW NORMAL



As mankind is in the thick of this Corona war, some analytical minds visualize the state of affairs after the crisis passes off, as it is bound to happen. Despite the tolls and taxes on human life and wealth, life will return to normal; or a new normal. Normalcy is assumed to be what it was before the crisis despite the imperfections and problems. We consider anything to be normal to which we are conditioned, much like the elephant chain syndrome. What could be a New Normal, if at all?

Will internationalism return? With the structural presence of the UNO, a plethora of multilateral and bilateral treaties in place, there is no place for a naysayer. But mere presence of a structure does not guarantee its functions. Will the nations be more protective? Will the volume of trade diminish? Will the tourist flow decline? Will international trust suffer? The answer to the above questions belongs to the future which again depends on the variables the crisis is likely to throw up. The variables

could be too many and any guesstimate would invite a countervailing proposition. Nevertheless, everyone is entitled to a guess.

Within a nation, the crisis has almost standardized a living pattern. Fierce competition for rank, glory, money, or knowledge seemed to have ebbed for a while. The threat to survival has induced a feeling of live and let live; for destruction somewhere is a danger everywhere. Will it engender deeper human bonding after we have won the war? Simply stated, will it spark nobility in the human spirit so that society at large will not be corrupt? Will politics be sane? Will the bureaucracy shun babudom and acquire a service culture? Will corporate governance improve? Will the regulators perform a neat job? Will the citizenry not fall prey to temptations? Is there anyone to vouch that Society, Economy, and Politics wait for better days? Internationally, will the mighty nations shed their hegemonistic pretensions and treat other nations as equals? Nationally and

internationally, humanity is on the cusp of a challenge. It is all about readjustment of relations. Will the debate on disarmament return to the table? Will there be a comprehensive dialogue on world peace? Those of us who survive the crisis have to lend their collective wisdom to achieve oneness, for it is only oneness that can endure. Leaders among the nations and messiahs of the world will hopefully answer these tough questions. Corporates across the world may just care to re-read the Trusteeship concept of Mahatma Gandhi. New normal is waiting to be defined. If inertia is allowed to prevail, history has a ruthless property of repeating itself. Crisis is always said to be a good teacher.

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Niti Aayog-like body to be set up in Maharashtra: Fadnavis

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Deendra Fadnavis on Sunday announced that an institution on the lines of Niti Aayog would be set up in the state for comprehensive data analysis and to make studied decisions on various sectors.

Speaking to reporters here, Fadnavis said, "A delegation led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde met the chief executive officer and other officials of the Niti Aayog today.

It was proposed that an institute of transformation on the lines of Niti Aayog would be set



up to make studied decisions on various sectors. CM Shinde has given an in-principle nod to this suggestion."

The topics discussed during the meeting between the chief minister and the NITI Aayog

officials ranged from monetisation of assets, blockchain in agriculture, transportation taking to alternative fuel or EV policy, non-conventional energy, drone in healthcare and agriculture, among others, he said.

The NITI Aayog has also carried an extensive study on similar issues and developed a tool, where inter-related data from various departments is collectively analysed for a better decision-making process, Fadnavis added.

"For instance, one department has details of an outbreak of disease, while another one possesses information about the location of contaminated water. If these two departments share their data, decision making would be more effective," the deputy chief minister said.

"The trillion dollar econo-

my proposal was also discussed with the Niti Aayog and we are trying to achieve it with its help," he said.

The NITI Aayog serves as the apex public policy think tank of the central government, and the nodal agency tasked with catalysing economic development, and fostering cooperative federalism through the involvement of state governments in the economic policy-making process. It was set up in January 2015 by the Narendra Modi government to replace the Planning Commission.

Maha CM Eknath Shinde meets protestors demanding preservation and conservation of historical monuments at Azad Maidan



On Sunday September 18, 2022 Maharashtra's Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was seen at Azad Maidan where many protestors were present demanding to preserve the historical monuments in the entire state. After listening to the protestors demand CM Eknath Shinde had called for a meeting

in regards to the issue of the preservation of the historical monuments where they talked about the planning and budget to be spent in this project. In this meeting Rahul Shewale Member of the Lok Sabha and other devotees of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj were present in the planning and discussion of this project.

Three minor girls ran away from Maharashtra's Palghar district were rescued near Gujarat

Three minor girls who had run away from their homes in Maharashtra's Palghar district were traced and rescued from neighbouring Gujarat, police said on Sunday. The Class 8 students went missing on September 14 and their families lodged a complaint of kidnapping at Pelhar police station in Nalla Sopara, inspector Mahendra Shelar said. During the probe, one of the girls

was traced to Surat and two others to Vapi in neighbouring Gujarat, he said. The trio was brought back to Nalla Sopara and following interrogation, it was found that two of the girls had left their home to join their boyfriends in Rajasthan and the third one accompanied them, the official said. While two girls have been placed with a rescue home, one was reunited with her parents, he added. - PTI

Maharashtra's Thane city reports collapse of two shanties and no casualties found

Two shanties collapsed in Maharashtra's Thane city on Sunday and no casualties were reported in the incident, a civic official said. The incident took place in Lokmanya Nagar Pada area around 2 pm, said Avinash Sawant, chief of the regional disaster management Cell (RDMC). The walls of one of the shanties collapsed, causing the house next to it to also fall, he said, adding that three adjacent houses were also in a precarious



condition. Local firemen and a team of the RDMC rushed to the

scene to render assistance, the official said. - PTI

Maharashtra ATS detains Jharkhand Maoist leader carrying a reward of Rs 15 lakh

AJharkhand Maoist leader carrying a reward of Rs 15 lakh on his head was detained by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on Sunday, informed ATS. In an early morning operation, the ATS detained him after a raid at a Chawl in Dhanvi, Ramnagar and Nalasopara adjoining Mumbai. According to ATS, Karu Hulas Yadav (45) is a regional committee member of the banned CPI (Maoist) in Jharkhand.

Yadav had come to Maharashtra for medical treatment, originally hails from Dodga village in Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand has been active in CPI (Maoist) since 2004 and carries a reward of Rs 15 lakh on his head. More than 30 cases are registered against him.



Jharkhand Police has been informed about the operation and

further inquiry is going on, the ATS added. - ANI

Nation

Chandigarh University's women students are protesting for the objectionable videos gone viral on social media

In Punjab's Mohali city at Chandigarh University women students were seen protesting outside the campus as the objectionable video goes viral on social media.

While the protest was happening in the campus some of the women students also attempted suicide in this case. One of the accused a women student has been caught for making video of other students has been held in this case.

In this case a video on social



media goes viral which shows hostel warden asking the reason for making all this videos. Later

some students has posted on social media stating why the warden is blaming students for wear-

ing short clothes and not helping students in this case.

Student protesting stated videos of them taking bath on social media has gone viral due to which they are protesting. As per the Chandigarh police they are still investigating in this matter also one accused has been arrested and all the electronic gadgets have been taken to the custody.

Punjab School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains states "I humbly request all the

students of Chandigarh University to remain calm, no one guilty will be spared. It's a very sensitive matter & relates to dignity of our sisters & daughters. We all including media should be very very cautious, it is also test of ours now as a society".

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also supports the women students of Chandigarh University and stated ". The culprits won't be spared the investigation will be taken place".

AAP appoints Raghav Chadha as Co incharge for Gujarat polls



Ahead of the upcoming Gujarat polls, Aam Aadmi Party has launched a youth face in the state and appointed Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha the co-incharge (Sah-Prabhari) for elections. Chadha had previously played important role in enabling AAP to register its victory in Punjab and Delhi.

on his appointment as 'AAP' Gujarat co-in-charge!"

AAP Gujarat tweeted in Gujarati. AAP had made its debut in Gujarat in the 2017 Assembly polls, but could not open its account. AAP's hopes in Gujarat have been fuelled by its performance in the February 2021 Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) polls in which BJP won 93 seats, while Aam Aadmi Party bagged 27 seats and the Congress drew a blank.

Meanwhile, in the 2017 Assembly elections, Congress had given a scare to the ruling BJP by restricting its MLAs to 99 and winning 77 seats on its own. There are 182 assembly seats in Gujarat. Notably, the party has been constantly making efforts to replace the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in Gujarat.

Holiday declared for all schools in Puducherry, Karaikal due to viral fever

Due to the rapid spread of viral fever in Puducherry and Karaikal, the education department has ordered holidays for schools from classes 1 to 8 from September 17 to September 25. Viral fever, which usually spreads during the rainy season, is spreading rapidly in Puducherry. The incidence of this flu has been low for the last 2 years due to the reduced movement of people because of the lockdown due to Corona pandemic. In this case, now that the coronavirus infection has reduced, people are not wearing face shields, not maintaining personal distance, and going in crowds so that this viral fever is spreading rapidly. Meanwhile, due to the fact that this infection is increasing day by day, many people are being treated due to fever in hospi-



tals. In this situation, Puducherry Education Department has given one week holiday to the schools from 1st to 8th standard. Puducherry State Health Department Director Dr Srimalu said, "In Puducherry for the last 10 days, more children are suffering from symptoms like fever, cough and cold. Its

number is constantly increasing. Fever spreads from one person to another through the breath of children. It is especially prevalent in schools. Affected children can prevent this viral fever by staying at home, wearing face masks, maintaining personal distance, and washing hands frequently."

Kerala and Karnataka CMs meet in Bengaluru, discuss interstate issues

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan met Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in Bengaluru on Sunday. Kerala's state chief was felicitated by his Karnataka counterpart. Both the state chiefs held a meeting to discuss inter-state and mutual interest issues in Bengaluru.

"Had a fruitful meeting with Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, the Chief Minister of Kerala. Various issues of interstate and mutual interest were discussed," tweeted CM Bommai. The Karnataka

CM also later spoke to the media and said that some proposals by Kerala CM were also rejected.

"Three projects proposed by Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan during his visit were rejected as they fall within the scope of environmentally sensitive zones," said Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai. Earlier in the day, Karnataka CM called the Xpress clinic, a model for the entire country and added that more such clinics will be set up in different parts of the city soon.

NIA raids 40 places in Telangana, Andhra; detains 4 people

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday carried out searches at 40 locations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh against Popular Front of India (PFI) cadres and detained four persons. The agency conducted searches at 38 locations in Telangana (23 in Nizamabad, four in Hyderabad, seven in Jagityal, two in Nirmal, one each in Adilabad and Karimnagar districts) and at two locations in Andhra Pradesh (one each in Kurnool and Nellore districts) in the case relating to Abdul Khader

of Nizamabad district in Telangana and 26 other persons. In these raids being conducted since Sunday morning, the NIA said, it has seized incriminating materials, including digital devices, documents, two daggers and cash Rs 8,31,500.

"Four persons have been detained for questioning," said the anti-terror agency. As per NIA, the accused were "organizing camps for imparting training to commit terrorist acts and to promote enmity between different groups on the basis of religion".

During investigations by the Nizamabad Police Station in Telangana, four accused namely, Abdul Kader, Sheikh Sahadulla, Md Imran and Md Abdul Mobin were arrested by Telangana Police. Later, the case was re-registered by the NIA on August 26. One Abdul Khadar, 52, a resident of Autonagar, Nizamabad, along with 26 persons were accused in the NIA First Information Report (FIR) which mentions that they alongwith others conspired to wage war against the Government of India.

World

Typhoon Nanmadol disrupts transportation across Japan

Powerful typhoon Nanmadol approaching southwestern Japan is disrupting transportation services across wide areas of the country. Weather officials have issued an emergency warning for violent winds, high waves and storm surges for Kagoshima Prefecture in southwestern Japan, reported NHK.

They said that a powerful typhoon could trigger the kind of disaster that is seen only once in a few decades. Officials say maximum winds of up to 180 ki-



lometres per hour will lash northern and southern Kyushu, as well as the Amami Islands with peak

gusts reaching 252 kilometres per hour. Southern Kyushu could get as much as 600 millimetres of

rain in the 24-hour period through Monday morning. The agency also warns that as the typhoon is large, rain and winds could intensify even in areas far from it. Heavy precipitation is expected in western and some parts of eastern Japan through Monday. The typhoon will head northeast and travel across Japan's main island of Honshu through Tuesday, according to public broadcaster NHK-World Japan.

About two million people in southwestern Japan have been

ordered to evacuate ahead of a powerful typhoon forecast to hit the region on Sunday. As of 11 am, Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways had cancelled more than 500 flights for the day.

Japan Airlines plans to cancel 376 flights and All Nippon Airways will cut 19. Other airlines are also cancelling services through Monday, mainly on routes serving airports in the Kyushu and Shikoku regions.

Karachi city of crimes and hotbed of lawlessness

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death toll from the floods since mid-June to 1,545 people, 552 of them children. Meanwhile, officials in the country warn that the toll is likely to rise as deaths are being underreported and diseases like dengue fever are on the rise, reported agencies.

Azra Pechuho, health minister for the southern Sindh Province -- one of the hardest hit areas where many schools and other facilities remain shut, said there was now a "state of emergency" caused by the vast amount of standing water, which provides the perfect breeding conditions for Aedes mosquitoes to spread the dengue virus. UNICEF's Fadil said the situation on the ground in Sindh was "beyond bleak" with many malnourished children battling diseases like diarrhoea, malaria and dengue fever, as well as painful skin conditions.

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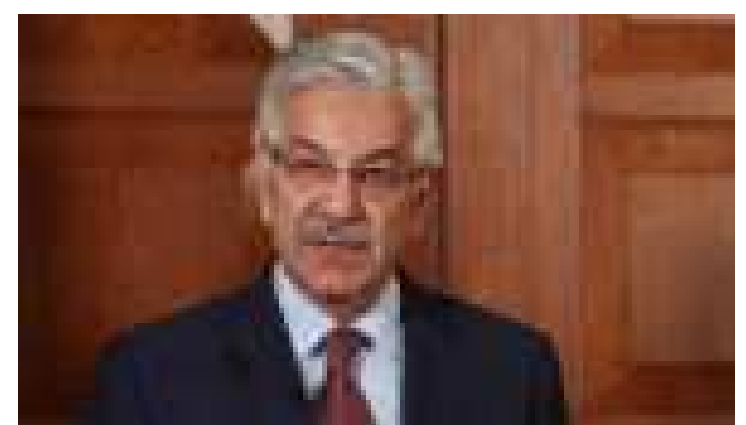
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Shehbaz Sharif to appoint new army chief, visit China in November: Pak Defence Minister

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will appoint a new Chief of Army Staff (COAS) in November and will also visit China, media reports said.

The Defence Minister made these remarks while addressing a press conference where he also chided the country's former Prime Minister Imran Khan for attempting to make the appointment of army chief controversial and damaging the interests of Pakistan just for power.

Pakistan's current Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa is going to retire this year as his extension for three years ends in November. Minister Khawaja Asif also said that Shehbaz Sharif will visit China in the first week of November on the invitation of Chi-



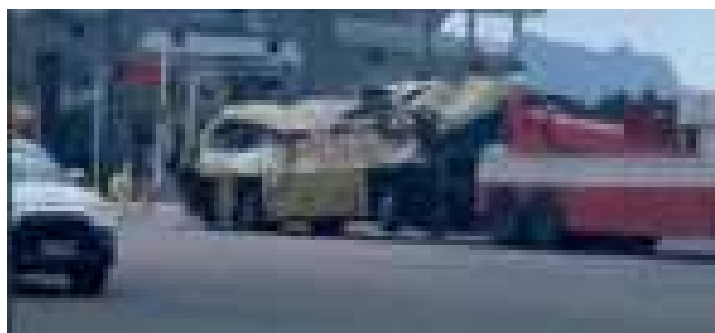
nese President Xi Jinping.

He apprised the media personnel that the invitation was extended by Xi during a meeting in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on the sidelines of the SCO meeting. Additionally, the defence minister said Russian President Vladimir Putin has also invited Sharif to visit Moscow and that this visit will also take place.

Khawaja Asif said that Russia has shown a willingness to export wheat and gas to Pakistan, Daily Pakistan reported citing the state broadcaster.

The devastating floods in Pakistan caused by record monsoon rains have swept away homes, vehicles, crops and livestock in damage estimated at USD 30.

27 killed in China's bus crash



A bus overturned on an expressway in southwestern China on Sunday, leaving 27 people dead and injuring 20 others, according to local police.

The accident took place in the early hours of Sunday morn-

ing in Sandu county, around 170 km (105 miles) southeast of the provincial capital, Guiyang, local police said in a statement

The bus had 47 people on board and the injured were being treated.

Chitchat

Dance Storm in Bangladesh by Mofassal ALI ALIF

Today I am going to make you meet an extremely talented young dancer from Bangladesh, who with his extraordinary dancing skills, creative mind and innovative ideas has taken his country by storm. Every Corporate show, launch, wedding, event, etc. has him swinging and twirling on stage.

In a very short span of just about five years, Mofassal Al Alif has established himself as one of the famous dance artists in Bangladesh. Embracing an artistic vision that both respects and challenges Indian Classical form and Contemporary Dance. After having awarded as a dance artist, he joined The Terence Lewis Contemporary Dance Company that is one of the most famous dance companies in the world for higher education in dance. I spoke with the dynamics dancer who has been awarded with Kalajeeva Puraskar and Preranasri Award for his brilliant work and this is what he had to say about his journey and his plans for the future, excerpts from the interview;

How was your dance training and background?

My basic dance training has started on Indian classical, folk and creative dance style from M. R. Wasek. YouTube is another important tutor for me, as in Bangladesh I did not get trainer on global dance style so I had a plan to go abroad. Finally I got two years scholarship from Terence Lewis Dance company, Mumbai.

Later I also got trained from the Dance worx, Art motion India & the yoga Institute, Mumbai. So I owe a lot to India and Indian dance teachers for my dance education and training.

What inspired you to take dance as a full time career?

I always use to watch live dance performances on television in Bangladesh right from my childhood. It used to create so much excitement, enthusiasm & eagerness in me to know more about dance or I can say performing arts. While studying in Jahangir Nagar University, I got a cultural environment. Though I was a student of microbiology dept. gradually I was feeling more comfortably & confidence in dance performance, so finally I decided to

choose this career.

How is the dance scene in your country Bangladesh been before and after you stepped in?

We as a country love and respect performing arts knowledge and prospects. For any art stream to flourish, it needs a better platform or host to showcase it on a wider scale. Be it before I set up my dance school me or after I am into dance the market here has always been sceptical about resources investment into it to make the overall performing arts market more dependable and viable for those who want to enrol into it as full time career. I too have to struggle so much to get a better scope, opportunity, platform to showcase my talents to right audience with suitable materialistic resource gain. But now my country is opening up to various international dance forms and I am glad I am instrumental in doing so.

Which has been your most memorable performances and why?

It definitely was in India, when I was a company performer of Terence Lewis Dance Company in 2019 we had a big event in Mumbai. A part which my guru Master

Terence use to perfor for, I was asked to do that part. What better, I performed it wearing Terence Sir's costume and my dance was highly appreciated too. That show has been one of the most memorable shows in my dancing career so far.

As a young dancer where do you see yourself five to ten years from now?

Fortunately, I am a very ground person, I am an artist from a mesmerising village in Bangladesh and being a Bangladeshi we cannot deny that our village has given legendary performing artists, art stalwarts to the country and to the world. My major focus is to contribute in a better way for performing arts arena here in Bangladesh. I am working hard to introduce new dance forms, styles and look for better scope and opportunities in my country, at the same time encourage new talent, this is a major part of my vision and also my mission. I want to bring revolution in global dance style in Bangladesh. I hope and pray that in ten years I will be more updated, established, heart-warming artist and surely a better version of human being to relay on. Mofassal is one artist

who is not only showing his talent on stage but is also showing his creativity into films choreographies in his country, he has choreographed for films like Omanush, Sundarbans, Moyna, Chitkar and many more. It is always wonderful to see new generation take over with full gusto and Mofassal Al Alif is a proof of that, he is a rare and dedicated dancer choreographer who can work with dancers and actors of all ages and experience levels, he is also comfortable in adapting and organising live performances, helping to integrate costumes and props into a performance and developing routines quickly, he also specialises in large theatre productions and demonstrations done in public places. Here is wishing the best to Mofasaal, his dance company Alifia Squad and his dance training school Alifia Dance Atelier.

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Parents-to-be Ranbir, Alia go all mushy

Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt are living the best phase of their lives as they are all set to become parents soon. Currently, the two are leaving no chance to flaunt their love in public.

Be it at a promotional event or on social media, the two have been shelling out couple goals ever since they tied the knot on April 14 earlier this year.

And just a while ago, Alia once again left everyone in awe of the couple's chemistry with her Instagram post.

Taking to the social networking site, Alia, who is basking in the success of 'Brahmastra', posted a picture with Ranbir. In the monochromatic image, Alia and Ranbir are seen embracing each other with their eyes closed. Ranbir's lips are placed on Alia's nose as he adorably gives her a peck.

"Home," Alia captioned the post alongside an infinity sign and heart emoji. Interestingly, it's the sets of Brahmastra only where the two fell in love with each other, and after dating for five years, Ranbir and

Alia tied the knot in April 2022 in a close knit ceremony at their residence.

In June, Alia announced her pregnancy on Instagram as she shared a photo from the hospital.

"Lost my greatest source of inspiration", says Ranvir Shorey

Ranvir Shorey's father, filmmaker Krishan Dev Shorey passed away at the age of 92. On Saturday, the actor shared the news on social media. Taking to his Instagram handle, the 'Khosla Ka Ghosla' actor posted a picture of his dad along with a message. He called his father his greatest inspiration.

He wrote, "My beloved father, Krishan Dev Shorey, passed away peacefully last night at the ripe old age of 92, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. He leaves behind wonderful memories and many admirers. I have lost my greatest source of inspiration and protection." As soon as the news was shared, Ranvir's fans and industry friends chimed into the comment section. Actor Divya Dutta wrote, "Heartfelt condolences."

Director Krishan Dev Shorey a.k.a KD Shorey directed 'Maha-Yuddh' in 1988 featuring Gulshan Grover, Mukesh Khanna, Kader Khan, and Paresh Rawal. Krishan Dev also produced movies including 'Be-Reham' (1980), 'Bad Aur Badnaam' (1984) and others.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Ranvir will be next seen in an action thriller film 'Tiger 3' alongside Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif which is all set to hit the theatres on April 23, 2023.

Madhuri Dixit looks ethereal in pink saree

Madhuri Dixit dropped gorgeous series of pictures in a saree on Saturday, on social media. Taking to her Instagram handle, the Hum Aapke Hain Koun' actor left her fans amazed again with her natural beauty. Alongside pictures, she wrote, "Saree = emotion." In the first picture, Madhuri struck a pose by keeping one hand near her hair while looking away from the camera. She was dressed in a beautiful printed pink saree.

The second picture gives the look of her full outfit with antique stuff in the background.

The third image gave a close-up look at the 55-year-old actor's on-fleek make-up. She accessorized her attire with matching earrings, some broad bangles, and a bindi, which unleashed her desi avatar. Madhuri kept her hair loose, which accentuated her look further.

All smiles in the picture. As soon as the picture was posted, the actor's fans and followers flooded the comment section. Fans garnered the post with heart and fire emojis. Madhuri, who has gifted us several evergreen dance numbers over the years, is back with another new track titled 'Boom Padi' from her upcoming film 'Maja Ma'.

The festive garba track is crooned by Shreya Ghoshal and Osman Mir, composed by Soumil Shringarpure and Siddharth Mahadevan, written by Priya Saraiya and choreographed by Kruti Mahesh.



Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma, on Saturday shared an adorable picture of her with husband Virat Kohli on social media. Taking to Instagram, Anushka captioned the post, "The world seems brighter, exciting, more fun and overall just much much better in places as beautiful as these or even when cooped up in a hotel bio-bubble with this person #MissingHubby too much post." <https://www.instagram.com/p/CinhRc1skDW/> In the adorable picture, the couple could be seen standing close to each other, donning warm clothes and posing for the camera lens. Actor Anushka Sharma is currently shooting for her next film 'Chakda Xpress' in London, meanwhile, cricketer Virat Kohli, on Saturday arrived at the Punjab Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali along with the Indian cricket team ahead of the first T20I match against Australia, which will take place on September 20.

The three-match T20I home series against Australia will start on September 20 in Mohali. The next T20I match will take place in Nagpur on September 23, followed by the third and final T20I match in Hyderabad on September 25. Speaking of 'Chakda Xpress', it is a sports biopic film based on the life of Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami, which will stream exclusively on Netflix. The final release date of the film is still awaited.