

Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign participated by 50 million people

Union Home Minister, Amit Shah and many BJP leaders tweeted their certificate of participation in “Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign”, since then the social media stormed with the selfies with Indian national Flag. The central government's Har Ghar Tiranga website has received enormous responce. The campaign began on 13th August and ended on 15th August, as India celebrates its 77th Independence Day. Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi had asked people of the country to participate in the campaign ahead of the main Independence Day celebration. In a social media post, the Prime Minister asked the people to change the display picture of their social media handles to the national flag, as part of a "unique effort" ahead of the vital day.

On this second Independence Day of the Amrit Kal (the era of freedom),

various events will take place for a week. Along with the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, silent processions will be held on Partition Day, (August 14), remembering the horrors of the Partition of India and paying homage to the victims of the violence during that period. Around 1,800 special guests from all over India will be attending the Independence Day Flag hoisting by PM Modi at the iconic

Red Fort in Delhi.

In Maharashtra, the cold-war between Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and newly sworn-in Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar seems to be escalating, as indicated by the latter being asked to preside over the flag-hoisting ceremony in Kolhapur district on Independence Day, instead of his home district Pune. DCM Fadnavis and Shinde will host the flag in Mumbai.



15th August: Nationalism is far more complicated than patriotism

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

It's 77th Independence Day and the country is in patriotic mode. India celebrates its Independence Day with infinite zeal and passion. People throughout the nation; come out on streets to take part in the celebrations. People love to carry their national flag with pride on this day and sing the national anthem or any other patriotic song. But this population is typically declining. Most of the people rest on their beds and watch PM Modi hosting Flat on red fort. Some listen to his speeches and most of the people watch TV news or other bulletins.

On the other hand, vendors are selling Indian National Flag on the road; merchandisers are selling tri colour outfits and sarees.

Everyone is busy encashing this event, businessmen want to make business, event managers and organisers are busy for their own commercial purposes. Most of the people are busy displaying their patriotism on social media. Most people are naturally patriotic but all are so much busy with day-to-day chores and problems that they don't pretend to be patriotic. On Independence Day, when there is an atmosphere of patriotism, it automatically oozes out from them. It's not only on 15th August or 26th January but whenever a country faces international pressure, people have shown patriotism.

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Still there is a mad rush for this day, but one large population celebrates this day only as a national holiday and or as a long weekend. The patriotic spirit is lost in most of the people. Our politicians are referring to how India is the next superpower and we can be Vishvaguru in no time. All this happens because of remembrance for a national holiday not for patriotism?

Patriotism is about protecting the land we live in. Nationalism is about protecting the way we live. Since land is simple, patriotism is a fairly straightforward subject. You pick up arms when someone attacks your land. And you would group with anyone who lives in that land – Muslims, Christians, Minorities and Hindus whomever. This comprehensiveness gives some people a feeling of patriotism but this brutality can't be respected on human parameters. Religion is far more complicated than land. Rapes in the name of community pride, killing each other on the religious lines and parading women naked just because one group is against another group? Where is patriotism or nationalism?

People often think of nationalism in more narrow/parochial terms. Sure, it often involves narrow ideas. Not always. If you are protecting freedom of speech or equal rights for women, that is not patriotism as you are not facing an external aggression. You are essentially trying to protect your ethos/culture as you think the culture with free speech/equality is better than cultures that don't have them. Unlike patriotism, which is more like a folk concept, nationalism involves making active choices and judgments. That can quite easily lead to dominance and conflicts. Nationalists do fight a lot of battles. However, they also justify that they are protecting their way of life where massacres or holocaust or tyranny is not allowed. Patriotism is the individual feeling of a person; nationalism is the political ideology based on the patriotism of the people.

August 15, we celebrate Independence Day, though we are not independent. The day we say we got freedom, but for us, freedom has no meaning at all. We hardly take time to pick up a flag lying on the road, that's the value we give! Currency has much more value than our national flag! Isn't it? Changing DP (display Picture), uploading Instagram and WhatsApp stories, buying a flag, dressing up in a tricolour dress, singing national

anthem, watching patriotic movies and wishing each other, does this mean celebrating Independence Day?

77 years of independence and still people feel threatened, people around us are dying due to religious scuffles, look at north east and east side of India, there are increased crimes, over population of migrants, students are committing suicide because of unplanned and under privileged education system, people killing each other on the basis of religion, community, cast, creed and even for food patters. The crime against women is on constant rise. No jobs, no peace, political scenarios are not only unpredictable but complicated for common people. The leader lord keeps quiet on most of the burning issues in the country and we the people hate each other on political lines. In independent India we have no freedom or liberty. We never cared about all these but all of a sudden, patriotism came into us during 2 special days of the year 26 Jan & 15 Aug.

What about the rest of the days? Every day is Independence Day if we utilize and deserve the freedom we received from our great heroes as a gift!

Our freedom fighters have struggled for hundreds of years and our soldiers are fighting each day to protect us. Freedom is given for free! Perhaps that's the reason we are taking it for granted! Celebrating Independence Day is a conscious assertion of nationalism, while not doing so is a negation of the same. Politically speaking, I consider freedom closely related to equality: A free society requires that no (group of) people are enabled to control the lives of others; a free people are thus an equal people. If people are unequal, i.e., if some gain more power than others, be it by race, ethnicity, gender, position or wealth, those with more gain the ability of severely influencing others' lives. Freedom therefore is the consequence of equality. Thus, it should be our goal to strive for equality.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

The purpose of the Parliament is defeated

Speeches for hours do not serve the purpose of the Parliament. Interaction among the members is essential. Mainly Ruling Party should answer the questions posed by the opposition Members. Instead of showing concern for the Manipur horror, Prime Minister talking for hours together ridiculing the congress and opposition alliance and all the Members laughing is strange, while the whole Nation is watching anxiously.

The importance and the urgency of resolving the burning issue of Manipur is not felt by the Union Government saying that it is decades old, is strange. PM's lengthy speech did not reassure the opposition members and the whole Nation in general and Manipur in particular that Peace will prevail soon.

The purpose of the Parliament, spending huge amounts of tax payer's money is not felt by the Government and is defeated.

Kantamsetti LakshmanRao

License procedure again?

The central government's ban on the import of laptops has created a stir everywhere. Now Indians have to resist the temptation of imported laptops or electronic items. In this, one tablet, laptop and PC are allowed to be brought to the airport under baggage allowance. Now if you want these items from abroad, you need a license.

That means there will be a license procedure again? Such confusion has arisen. 20 electronic items for development and research and testing are exempted.

Although these issues are being raised for the sake of internet facilities and cyber security in the country, are these issues convincing? Companies and hardware traders will now have to apply for licenses from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

In how many days will DGFT distribute such licenses? This is an important point.

Dattaprasad Shirodkar

Kudos to our hockey team for emerging deserving winners at the Asian Hockey Championships!

Kudos to our hockey team for overcoming a strong show by Malaysia as our boys come back from 1-3 down to win 4-3 to lift their 4th Asian Champions Trophy. Our hockey team was the lone undefeated team in the tournament in a total of 7 games they played & were deserving winners of the tournament. Captain Harman Preet Singh led the boys from the front to finish as the tournament's top scorer with nine goals. Malaysia almost had India on the mat with India struggling at the half way mark but our boys turned the tables upside with determination to give the home crowds something to cheer.

Hockey may be a dying sport in our country but our boys have the skills & talent to match the best with proper encouragement & backing. Our Govt. & sports federation needs to revive the game of hockey by coming up with a tournament like the 'IPL' which would mean playing alongside the best players of the world that would give our boys the much needed exposure to excel at international tournaments!

S.N.Kabra

Make a difference



We celebrate Independence Day on August 15, and it's just a celebration for most of us. Many people celebrate Independence Day by singing and uploading patriotic songs and quotations on social media. Even in schools and colleges, we do the same. We teach our children to sing patriotic songs and stage an emotional play that shows patriotism. Of course, it enhances patriotism in young minds, but what about the next day? We see the flags trampled upon on roads and thrown into dustbins.

Our National flag is a symbol of the nation's pride and respect. There is liberal use of the flag on Independence Day and Republic Day. There is a new trend of selling flags made of paper and plastic, which is incorrect. With a sense of national pride, people enthusiastically buy such flags but the very next day, we find them being trampled upon on roads and thrown into dustbins.

By allowing this to happen, people forget that they are insulting the national flag.

Often, these flags are burnt along with the garbage. It is the duty of every individual to maintain proper respect towards their National flag. We also commonly see people waving the National flag proudly during national, cultural and sporting events. However, once the programme or the event gets over, we see the flags strewn all over the place. This disrespect towards our flag must be stopped.

Even when the national anthem is played on radio or on television, people don't stand still and sing along. They are busy cooking in the kitchen or are busy talking on their mobile phones. As Indians, we should respect our country's national flag, national anthem and national song.

We must focus on our country's needs. It does not need patriotic songs or only one-day celebrations. Be sincere

and honest with your work. A common man cannot change the whole system but many common people together can do this. It is the best way to make a difference.

Seventy-six years ago, our great leaders struggled hard to bless us with a nation where we can practice our religion without fear of recrimination. Despite all the sacrifices and hardships we have endured, are we really an independent nation or one in name only? Seventy-six years on and we still struggle to hold free and fair elections, elect competent and honest leaders, provide justice and quality education to all, keep the press free and attain gender parity.

- Jubel D'Cruz

Columnist

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No confusion within MVA, will ensure successful INDIA meeting in Mumbai: Sharad Pawar

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar on Monday said there is no confusion within the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance over his meeting with nephew and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in Pune.

"The MVA is united and we will successfully organise the

next meeting of opposition bloc INDIA in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1," Pawar told reporters in Baramati.

MVA constituents Congress and Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasa-

heb Thackeray) had asked the NCP chief to clear the confusion such meetings between the uncle and nephew create in political circles.

"There is no confusion

among MVA partners. We are all together and will ensure the INDIA meeting in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1 is organised successfully," Pawar said

49 suburban services to get upgraded to trains with 15 coaches from August 15

Travelling in Mumbai's local trains from Churchgate to Virar will become more comfortable as 49 suburban services will be augmented to trains with 15 coaches from the existing ones with 12 coaches, August 15 (Tuesday) onwards.

This step is expected to help with the dispersal of crowds at stations.

Western Railway (WR) Monday (August 14) said the 15-coaches train services will increase to 199 from 150.

WR operates a total of 1,394 local services daily, including 79 AC services. It caters to over 27.24 lakh commuters on its suburban network everyday.

Of the 49 suburban train services which have been augmented to 15 coaches mainly involve slow line services and just 15 fast line services between Churchgate to Virar.

6 people stung by jellyfish at Juhu beach in Mumbai

Six people, among them three children, received injuries after being stung by jellyfish at Juhu beach in Mumbai on Monday, a civic official said.

The people were stung while walking close to the water on the beach shortly after midnight at around 12.20 am, the official from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation said.

Three children in the age group of four to six years and two women and a man in their early 20s were injured, he said.

They were rushed to the nearby Cooper Hospital and discharged after treatment, the official said.

In 2018, several people were stung by jellyfish at Girgaon Chowpatty when they entered the sea for the immersion of idols during Ganesh Chaturthi festival. (PTI)

BMC to crackdown on retailers using banned plastic items

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is set to crackdown on hawkers, vendors and small scale retailers for using banned plastic material while carrying out business transactions with customers from next week.

The civic body, along with officials from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) and Mumbai Police, has formed 24 ward-level teams to take stringent action against retailers using banned plastic items and have maintained that ward-level action would be initiated from August 21 onwards.

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

Eknath Shinde
Chief Minister

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Happy Independence Day!

Devendra Fadnavis
Deputy Chief Minister

Eknath Shinde
Chief Minister

Ajit Pawar
Deputy Chief Minister

Nation

'We can remove NEET...': Tamil Nadu CM Stalin after student, father die by suicide



Tamil Nadu government is working vigorously towards that," CM said in a statement.

His statement came after an aspirant who died by suicide in Tamil Nadu's Chennai after failing to clear NEET exam twice on Sunday. A day later his father also died by suicide on Monday. "I was shocked after knowing that Jegadeeswaran from Chrompet, who was a NEET aspirant, committed suicide. When I was thinking how to console the student's parents, the next day, his father Selvasekar also died by suicide. I do not know how to console the Jegadeeswaran family, friends and relatives," CM Stalin said. "Condolences to the death of S Jegadeeswaran and his father Selvasekar," he added. ANI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Monday assured that NEET can be done away with amid rising number of cases of suicides by students. CM Stalin also urged the students to avoid suicidal

thoughts.

"Have confidence, do not have suicidal thoughts. Do not think of losing your life in any situation. Definitely, we can remove NEET which proves to be an obstacle to your goals. The

Case filed against Kannada actor Upendra under the SC and ST Act



An FIR has been filed against Kannada actor and Uttama Prajaakeeya Party leader Upendra under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. According to the police, the actor had allegedly used offensive words on Social media platform Facebook Live for a particular community.

In his complaint at the CK Achukattu police station, Madhusudan, assistant director of the social welfare department, accused the actor of defaming a community, they said. The police are investigating the case by registering a first-instance report (FIR). An atrocity case has been registered against actor Upendra, the police said. ANI

SC to hear on August 18 plea challenging caste survey in Bihar



The Supreme Court on Monday said that it will hear on August 18 plea challenging Patna High Court judgement upholding the caste survey ordered by the Bihar Government. A bench of justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti adjourned the matter to August 18.

The court was a hearing plea by an organisation 'Ek Soch Ek Prayas'. The court said that it will hear the petition along with other pleas against the High Court's order. Various petition were moved in the Supreme Court challenging the Patna High Court judgement upholding the caste survey or-

dered by the Bihar Government.

One was moved by Akhilesh Kumar through advocate Tanya Shree. The petitioner said that Patna HC has erroneously dismissed the petition without taking into consideration the fact that the State of Bihar lacked competence to notify caste based survey vide notification dated June 6th, 2022. "In terms of Constitutional mandate, only the Union Government is empowered to conduct Census. In the present case, the State of Bihar has sought to usurp the powers of Union of India, by merely publishing a notification in the official gazette," the petition said. ANI

PM Modi recalls pain of people on 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'

Independence Day 2023 Live: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday remembered those who lost their lives during the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947.

"Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is an occasion to reverently remember those Indians whose lives were sacrificed in the partition of the country. Along with this, this day also reminds us of the suffering and struggle of



those who were forced to bear the brunt of displacement. I salute all

such people," PM Modi said in a tweet in Hindi.

Khadi weaver from Varanasi is special guest to attend PM Modi's speech

Wahab Ansari who weaves cloth with Khadi thread will come to Delhi and listen to the Prime Minister's speech on the occasion of Independence Day

2023.

As a part of the Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort, around 1,800 people from different vocations, with their spouses, have been invited

from across the country as Special Guests to witness the Prime Minister's speech. One such guest is a Khadi weaver hailing from the Prime Minister's constituency Varanasi.

8 people booked over inflammatory social media post in UP's Bareilly

Eight people have been booked for allegedly making an inflammatory post and spreading it on social media in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh, police said on Monday. Superintendent of Police (Rural)

Raj Kumar Agarwal said a video clipping of Muharram, along with objectionable remarks, was posted on 'X', formerly known as Twitter, by a person identified as Nazim Raza. It was made viral by seven others with the inten-

tion to trigger communal disturbance, the police said. A case was registered at Hafaganj police station against Nazim Raza alias Saddam, Owaisi, Sohail, Mustafa, Arman, Tahir Hussain and two persons named Salman. PTI

World

South Africa's unemployment is a 'ticking time bomb.' Anger rises with millions jobless

As Lebohang Mphuthi works amid the chaos of boisterous children during a lunch break at the Omar H.S. Ebrahim elementary school in South Africa — the kids are pushing, shoving and spilling food everywhere — she can't help but think how this is as far from her dream job as it can get.

Four years after graduating with a degree in analytical chemistry, the only work the 26-year-old has found is as a student assistant at a public school in Pretoria. Her responsibilities include handing out meals to the children and limiting the chaos as best she can.

Mphuthi's story mirrors those



of so many young South African graduates sitting at home jobless or trying to make ends meet doing fairly menial jobs in a country with a 33% official unemployment rate. It's a figure badly at

odds with the status of a nation meant to embody the aspirations of Africa and the developing world. "It is demotivating and frustrating," Mphuthi said of her battle to make progress. "You ask

yourself, if we who studied are struggling to find jobs, then what about these ones who are still at school?" In a South African context, Mphuthi might be considered lucky with the \$215 she

earns a month.

Analysts say the official unemployment number doesn't even count those who have given up on finding work and dropped off the grid and that a more accurate assessment would be that nearly 42% of South Africa's working-age population is unemployed.

South Africa has the highest unemployment rate in the world, according to the World Bank, outstripping Gaza and the West Bank, Djibouti and Kosovo. When it comes to youth unemployment, the rate is 61% of 15- to 24-year-olds, according to official statistics, and a staggering 71% if you again count those who are no longer trying. PTI

UK plans to add health alert inserts into cigarette packs



The British government launched a consultation on Monday to seek views on adding health alert inserts inside cigarette packs to encourage more smokers to quit, telling them how they could enhance their life expectancy and save around 2,000 pounds per year if they abandon smoking.

The plan being considered will see inserts into the packaging of cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco with positive messages to encourage people to quit and signpost them to advice and support.

The messages will set out the health benefits of quitting smoking — for example, improvements to breathing within a matter of days and a 50 per cent reduction

in the risk of heart attack within a year. They will also show smokers how much money they stand to save by giving up, with the average person likely to save over GBP 2,000 per year if they quit. "Smoking places a huge burden on the NHS [National Health Service], economy and individuals. It directly causes a whole host of health problems — including cancers and cardiovascular disease — and costs the economy billions every year in lost productivity," said UK Health Secretary Steve Barclay.

"By taking action to reduce smoking rates and pursuing our ambition to be smoke-free by 2030, we will reduce the pressure on the NHS and help people to live healthier lives," he said. PTI

Niger's coup leaders say they will prosecute deposed President Mohamed Bazoum for 'high treason'

Niger's mutinous soldiers say they will prosecute deposed President Mohamed Bazoum for "high treason" and undermining state security, hours after they said they were open to dialogue with West African nations to resolve the mounting regional crisis.

The announcement on state television on Sunday night, by spokesman Col. Maj. Amadou Abdramane, said the military regime had "gathered the necessary evidence to prosecute before competent national and international authorities the ousted president and his local and foreign accomplices for high treason



and for undermining the internal and external security of Niger." Bazoum, Niger's democratically elected president, was ousted by members of his presidential guard on July 26 and has since been under house arrest with his

wife and son in the presidential compound in the capital, Niamey. People close to the president as well as those in his ruling party say their electricity and water have been cut off and they're running out of food. PTI

Another Hindu temple vandalised in Canada by Khalistan supporters



A prominent temple in Canada's British Columbia province has been

vandalised by two Khalistan supporters with "anti-Hindu and anti-India graffiti", the latest such

incident targeting Hindu places of worship in the country. The incident took place on Saturday at 12.29 am at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir in Surrey. According to the Facebook page of the temple, one male and one female jumped over the outside boundary and purposely pasted Khalistan referendum posters on the main entry gate and the entrance of the Surrey Mandir. PTI

A Call for True Freedom: Voices from the Heart of the Common Man



What is Freedom?

Freedom is the state of being able to act, speak, and make choices without constraints or oppression. It encompasses personal autonomy, civil liberties, and the absence of undue control. It enables individuals to pursue their aspirations and live their lives according to their values, within the bounds of societal norms. Freedom is like having the ability to do things you want to do without anyone stopping you. It's not just about being able to vote or say what you think. It's also about having enough food, a good job, and being treated fairly no matter where you're from or what you look like. It's like making sure everyone has a chance to be happy and do their best.

In the vibrant tapestry of Pakistan and India's history, every year, Independence Day marks a significant chapter of struggle, valor, and determination. As we celebrate, let's peel back the layers and explore the essence of freedom that resonates with ordinary citizens and aspiring youth alike.

From the experienced voice of the common man to the passionate cries of the educated youth, a unified plea echoes: "Grant us freedom from unemployment, ignorance, and failures. Empower us with



opportunities and a just society."

True freedom, the kind that matters, goes beyond political sovereignty. It is the freedom to pursue education without barriers, to engage in dialogue without fear, and to live without the gnawing pangs of hunger. As one voice asserts, "Let religious freedom thrive, let every belief find respect. Let not hunger claim lives, let no one suffer."

In this vision, the famed slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" finds its tangible expression. It's not merely a political catchphrase, but a pledge to uplift all corners of society. It's an aspiration where the common man's welfare stands as the measuring stick of progress.

As we shape our nations' destinies, the role of the government is pivotal. The common man looks to the authorities, echoing Abraham Lincoln's timeless words, "Government is of the

people, by the people, for the people." Their hopes are pinned on policies that bridge gaps, uplift lives, and ensure that the marginalized are not forgotten.

In this shared journey towards a brighter future, we weave the dreams of our forefathers into reality. The common man's voice resonates through history, echoing the essence of Mahatma Gandhi's words, "Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." This kind of freedom is a teacher, a guide that enables growth and collective progress.

The spirit of our unity remains unwavering. A society where the roots of bias and prejudice are eradicated, where religious and cultural identities coexist harmoniously, is a society that stands on the threshold of true progress. A voice from the heart of the youth resonates, "Give us a world

where we are free to learn, free to flourish, and free to embrace diversity."

In addition, let's envision a land where the ground reality echoes the ideals we uphold. Where the "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" slogan transforms into a reality that we can see, feel, and experience. Let's ensure that the foundations of our society are strong and just, and that the common man's dreams are nurtured, not thwarted.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let's unite to build a society where freedom is not just a memory but a living, breathing reality. Let's carry forward the vision of our forefathers, shaping our countries into places where every individual thrives, where unity paves the way for progress, and where true freedom reigns in the hearts and lives of all.

To sum up, being truly free means that everyone can go everywhere in this country without any fear and everyone is treated everywhere equally. We will be truly free when we raise our country's flag willingly at our homes, schools, hospitals, cars, bikes; etc by heart not as a one day show. The true freedom is also when our leaders can walk among the common people without bodyguards, just like the leaders of this nation did in the 1950s. As George Washington has it, "If true freedom is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

Entertainment

Actor Yami Gautam is on a roll. Her performance as a lawyer in 'OMG 2' has been appreciated by many. Recently, a fan on social media penned a note filled with praises for Yami. However, the user said that she has been under-utilised by filmmakers in the industry.

"It's amazing how every time Yami Gautam manages to SURPRISE us with her performance! #OMG2 is no exception. She owns every frame she's in! Even her silence speaks a lot. I hate the term 'underrated'. I'd just say she's under-utilised by our filmmakers," the netizen wrote.

Yami took notice of the tweet and responded with a long post, where she expressed her thoughts about the majority of the industry relying on "marketing". "Some people find success overnight, some people have to prove themselves persistently for years. Some people are great at marketing their talent (or lack of it), some people only want their talent to speak. As an actor I just know how to act and work exceptionally hard on identifying good scripts and versatile characters, that's my talent. I don't understand or get involved much with marketing of my talent," she wrote. "Unfortunately for majority of our industry everything relies on marketing of a person or project and not on the depth of a script or character. May be that's the reason why people feel I am under-utilised. Anyways, Thanks so much Aavishkar for your kind words, it's truly very encouraging. I will get there eventually, slowly but steadily, one film at a time," Yami added. **ANI**



**'Majority of industry relies on marketing of a person or project...':
Yami reacts after fan says she's "under-utilised" in industry**

Aditi Rao Hydari shares selfie with "homie" Siddharth



Actor Aditi Rao Hydari on Monday shared a selfie with her rumoured boyfriend and actor Siddharth. Aditi took to Instagram and treated fans to a glimpse of date night with her homies. In the picture, Aditi can be seen posing with Siddharth and other friends. Sharing the photo, she wrote, "Homies."

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Riteish Deshmukh, Genelia miss dad Vilasrao Deshmukh on death anniversary

Actor Riteish Deshmukh and his wife Genelia Deshmukh on Monday remembered the actor's father and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh on his death anniversary with a heartwarming post on social media. Genelia took to Instagram and shared the throwback picture from the wedding album.

Sharing the photo, she wrote, "Dearest Pappa, I just want you to know. You are so wonderful to think off. But so so so hard to live without. I'm sure wherever you are, it must be the most special place because you have that ability to bring a smile to everyone's faces. We miss you Pappa. Until we meet again..."

Taking to Insta, Riteish posted a picture while paying respect to his dad and wrote, "Miss you pappa #vilasraodeshmukh." **ANI**

