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# AFTER BEATING FRANCE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH, ARGENTINA WINS THE WORLD CUP

Argentina defeated France in a thrilling penalty shootout on December 17, ending Lionel Messi's wait for World Cup success. It was a match for the ages, with the game tied 3-3 after extra time and the momentum swinging both ways for the entire tense 120 minutes. Gonzalo Montiel then scored the game-winning penalty.

Messi, who was competing in his fifth and last World Cup, scored twice, but Kylian Mbappé of France scored an incredible hat trick, the first in a championship game since 1966, as the two superstars magnificently duked it out on the largest stage of them all.

Messi's penalty and Angel di Maria's goal in the first half appeared to have ended the match in regulation time, but Mbappé scored two goals in stoppage time, including one from the penalty spot, to tie the game for France.

Both teams were reeling after the thrilling conclusion when Messi appeared to have scored the game-winning goal in the 108th minute. However, Mbappé once more equalized from the spot to force a shootout.

Prior to Montiel securing Argentina's third World Cup victory and a first since 1986, Kingsley Coman of France saw his penalty kick saved by Emiliano Martinez, who was awarded the competition's top goalie. Aurelien Tchouameni also saw his effort miss the target.

## DAY OF MESSI

The World Cup was Messi's lone remaining trophy after having won seven Ballon d'Or awards, 38 trophies, and over 1,000 games in his career.

Perhaps it is appropriate that the 35-year-old secured that coveted trophy in such an extraordinary game.

By matching his idol Diego Maradona, who led Argentina to the World Cup 36 years ago, he has strengthened his case for being regarded as the best player in history.

After all the anticipation leading up to the match on December 18, Argentina got off to a better start than France, pressuring France hard and making mistakes as a result.

Mbappé didn't see much of the ball in the early going, but Messi looked sharp right away, finding gaps and starting assaults.

Di Maria was ruled to have been fouled in the box by Ousmane Dembele in the 23rd minute. After the penalty was given, Messi was the center of attention.

The magnificent No. 10 held his composure and beat Hugo Lloris while bearing the weight of an entire country and the world's attention on him.

The thousands of Argentine fans, who outnumbered the French supporters inside the Lusail Stadium, expressed their emotions visibly.

According to Opta, Messi's goal made him the first player to score in a single World Cup group stage, the round of 16, quarterfinals, semifinals, and final.

Argentina continued to gain strength after the opening goal, while France appeared to be trailing. The World Cup final is not the match to get off to a poor start, and after Di Maria completed a superb team play that had been initiated by Messi, France found themselves 2-0 down before the half.

Olivier Giroud and Dembele were replaced by France manager Didier Deschamps before halftime, but it didn't seem to make much of a difference at first as Argentina continued to dominate in the second half.

## MBAPPÉ MOTIVATES THE FRENCH

However, just as it appeared that Argentina would win the championship, France had a lifeline when Randal Kolo Muani was hauled down in the area. Talisman Mbappé, who had played in the background for much of the game, converted the ensuing penalty in the 80th minute.

Momentum abruptly changed when France, out of nowhere, experienced a surge of energy, and Mbappé sensationally scored an equalizer a minute later.

Messi pounced on a loose ball to push it past the goal line as play continued into extra time with both teams having opportunities. Mbappé, 23, continued, and in front of a dumbfounded stadium, he finished his hat trick from the penalty spot.



Mbappé's third goal earned him the Golden Boot, awarded to the tournament's best scorer after he scored eight goals in Qatar, but it wasn't enough to propel France to back-to-back World Cup victories. He also became just the second player, after Geoff Hurst in 1966, to score three goals in a final. Messi and Mbappé each made a successful attempt in the penalty shootout before Argentina goalkeeper Martinez went up to support his nation. The drama continued there.

Messi, who was voted player of the competition, was left with the golden trophy that Argentina had battled so hard to earn as the dust fell on a final unlike any other.



# MOROCCAN MIRACLE

## TRIUMPH OF THE FOOTBALL MIGRANT

By Rajdeep Sardesai

In a World Cup soccer tournament of astonishing twists and turns, the unmistakable takeaway is simply this: the football world is now becoming 'flat', a metaphor for an increasingly level playing field in the most competitive of sports. The dramatic rise of Morocco, the first African team to reach the World Cup semi finals, is proof that a new order is emerging in the sport, one shaped by forces linked to changing patterns of globalization.

It isn't as if this is the first time a rank outsider has made it to the top bracket of a World Cup. In 2002, South Korea were surprise semi-finalists while unfancied Turkey finished third. African countries like Cameroon, Senegal and Algeria have upset some of the world's best teams in the past. Go back even further in time to North Korea defeating the mighty Italians in 1966. Yet, in many instances, these were seen as fluke victories that didn't signal a paradigm shift in sporting power. Morocco's incredible run is very different, built around a system that signals the transformative nature of sport.

The most striking feature of the Moroccan success story is the fact that fourteen members of their 26 member squad were born outside Morocco, a majority of them from the mushrooming migrant communities in Europe and beyond who have been at the heart of their achievements. Before the tournament began, the hugely influential Hakim Ziyech was probably the only globally recognized Moroccan player because he is part of London's blue chip club, Chelsea. But now, the likes of Canadian-born goalkeeper Younes Bounou, Madrid-born Achraf Hakimi, Dutch born Sofyan Amrabat and French born Sofiane Boufal, have become stars in their own right, typifying an indomitable spirit that has been the hallmark of the Moroccan performance.

It is this triumph of the Moroccan migrant in football that illuminates just how sport can break boundaries that politics often struggles to conquer. There are an estimated five million Moroccan migrants in Europe alone, part of a wider 25 million plus Arab immigrant population across the continent. Their strong presence has encouraged far-right politicians across European countries to create a climate of mutual suspicion, even hostility, between Arab Muslims and mainstream European society. A dominant narrative has pigeonholed Arab Muslim immigrants as a threat to national identity, domestic security and social cohesion.

The beautiful game fortunately has no time for such ugly stereotypes, preferring to see the sport as a platform to showcase talent and equal opportunity above all else. Over 125 players in Qatar are playing for countries they were not born in. Even the European countries that have done well in recent times are those that embrace diversity: the Swiss captain Granit Xhaka is of Albanian origin as is the team's star midfielder, Xherdan Shaqiri. Several members of the Swiss squad were born abroad, a sign of just how more open immigration policies have re-defined societies.

In 2018, a majority of the World Cup winning French team were migrants or children of migrants. The 2022 squad is no different, a number of players tracing their African roots. Kylian Mbappe, the outstanding French superstar, has a Cameroon-born father and a mother of Algerian Kabyle heritage, his prodigious talent recognized at an early age by talent scouts in the Paris club AS Bondy. Many of the French players have been products of this club system that promotes a multi-racial sporting culture where skill matters above all else.

Even the English, whose football ecosystem was once seen as not inclusive enough, have nurtured a team that is far more representative of a 'new' multi-cultural Britain. Just contrast the 'whites only' 1966 World Cup winning English team with the young guns who shone at the 2022 tournament. Then be it Bukayo Saka, born of Nigerian parents or Raheem Sterling, born in Jamaica, or a Jude Bellingham and Marcus Rashford, English fortunes and even their style of play has been transformed by the rise of iconic black footballers who have become role models for an entire generation. Except for the South American powerhouses — Brazil and Argentina — whose players are still mostly home grown, the rest of the world has rapidly broken national boundaries on the football field.

Which leads one to ask: if football can benefit from actively encouraging a multi-cultural ethos and migrant identities, why is the rest of society a step behind? Europe's far-right politicians continue to rail against a more open border policy for migration. Britain's Brexit supporters exacerbated an anti-immigration sentiment as did Donald Trump and his Republican cohorts in the United States.

In India too, many local and national politicians have fostered a narrow parochial mindset that builds walls within societies. Preferential treatment to 'sons of the soil' may be seen as a political and economic necessity in times of fierce job competition but when it becomes a credo that consciously discriminates against skilled workers from other parts of the

country then it becomes a destructive force that only divides society for electoral benefit. Recall how in 2008 North Indian migrants from UP and Bihar were bashed up in Mumbai by workers from Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena. Or indeed how students from the north east were beaten up a few years ago for not speaking in Kannada. Or how Kashmiris have been victims of hate and bigotry in different parts of India.

Truth is, inter-state and global migration has contributed immensely to greater prosperity across geographies. The north Indian migrants who drive small and medium businesses and the service sector in Mumbai have lifted many families in UP and Bihar out of poverty. The wave of Indian migrants to the Gulf countries have not only built the infrastructure of those countries — including the showpiece football stadium in Qatar — but also ensured a robust remittance economy that has transformed the landscape of states like Kerala. Remittances from the vast global Indian diaspora to their home country were the highest in the world at \$89 billion or 3% of GDP in 2021 according to the World Bank. Which is why the triumph of the football migrant is a powerful message to India and a globalizing world: countries that creatively promote mobility of talent across regions and nations are the ones that will grow and prosper. What Moroccan football has done today, the rest of the world must do tomorrow.



Post-script: There is an eternal question asked ahead of every World Cup cycle: when will India qualify for the World Cup soccer finals? Unlikely in the near future but perhaps one day when a mass sport is taken to every street corner, like it happened with cricket. And yes, when equal opportunity to play is available to every child. Till then, let's rejoice in living the ultimate Moroccan underdog dream.



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The 20th century is known for its massive economic and technological development which ultimately made it inevitable for women to gain equal rights, but are women and men literally treated equally in this generation and age that is all about progress and change? While in 2022 female students have surpassed the number of male students by 9.6 million and Ketanji Brown Jackson became the first black woman nominated to the Supreme Court in the United States, in other parts of the world women are still suffering considerably. Women in Iran are denied their right to education, work and even the right to choosing their own clothing and women in Ukraine have become more vulnerable to sexual violence and abuse as they are left without the provision of any basic services after Russia's invasion.

Last year, on 15 August 2021, the Taliban entered Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul and took control of the country. All these months human rights violations against women and girls have mounted steadily. Despite initial promises that women would be allowed to exercise their rights within Sharia law—including the right to work and to study—the Taliban has systematically excluded women and girls from public life.

Women hold no cabinet positions in the de facto administration, which has also abolished the Ministry of Women's Affairs—effectively eliminating women's right to political participation. The Taliban has also banned girls from attending school past the sixth grade and barred women from working most jobs outside the home.

Restrictions on women's movement and bodies continue to escalate. In May, the Taliban decreed that women must cover their faces in public and instructed them to remain in their homes except in cases of necessity. Women are banned from travelling long distances without a male chaperone, and unchaperoned women are

increasingly being denied access to essential services.

Empowering women in all aspects of life and closing gender gaps has been a huge part of 2022. The number of women seeking education is marginally more than the number of men seeking education which shows their ability and capability and also the possibility of a female dominant future. In the United States where many women were rejected a position in the supreme court just because of their race, this year a black woman was given that place which brings in the perspective of a woman of colour into legal matters, minimising the chances of unjust decisions.

2022, from another view point has also seen extensive violence against women. In a century that raves about equality and justice, women in Iran can be beaten or harassed if they choose to be educated or wear a type of clothing they wish to. Iran has become a country dominated by males who have a backward mindset of conserving their women rather than letting them flourish in various facets of life. Women are brutally discriminated as they do not have the right to be employed which depicts the main reason why the country is in an economic crisis. All the progress Ukrainian women had made in the past has been destroyed by the act of war. Amidst this humanitarian crisis women are the ones who are affected the most with 90% of the cases of violence being against women.

The principle of gender equality is enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The Constitution not only guarantees equality to women, but also provides the State with the power to take measures of positive discrimination in favor of women in order to mitigate their cumulative socio-economic and political disadvantages.

Safety Concern has to be taken with more serious reforms in India, despite of continuous efforts in

the field of Safety, women are threatened by various acts via feticides, domestic violence, rape, trafficking, forced prostitution, honour killings, sexual harassment at workplace etc.

While women have seen ecstatic achievements in 2022, the brutal behaviour towards women in certain parts of the world makes one question the progress we are making as global citizens. It is high time that the stereotypes of the 19th century are abolished and more liberal ethos evoked.

Right now women and men around the world are part of an unprecedented movement for women's rights, equality and justice. From global marches to social media campaigns like #MeToo, women are raising their voices in unison, calling out sexual harassment, organizing for unequal pay and women's political representation.

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**Get involved, Educate the next generation, Know your rights, Join the conversation, Give to the cause, Understand your kind**



## UKRAINE, MEXICO EMERGE AS MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES FOR JOURNALISTS IN 2022

Nava Thakuria



Geneva, 14 December 2022: Ukraine and Mexico emerge as the most dangerous countries for media work this year, stated the Press Emblem Campaign (PEC) in its annual report published in Geneva on Wednesday. Since January, 115 media workers have been killed in 29 countries around the world and the number of victims is increased by 45% compared to last year (79 journo-casualties).

"It is the highest number of casualties since 2018 with a brutal deterioration in Europe due to the war in Ukraine. By region, Latin America is ahead with 39 journalists killed, followed by Europe with 37 victims, then Asia 30, Africa 7 and North America 2," said PEC president Blaise Lempen. He strongly condemns these attacks and calls for those responsible for these crimes to be brought to justice as quickly as possible.

Europe experienced the worst deterioration in the safety of journalists since the wars in former Yugoslavia from 1992 to 1999. In Ukraine, it is very difficult to establish the exact circumstances of the deaths of journalists in the absence of an independent investigation. PEC counted 34 victims (including 8 foreign nationals) since the beginning of 24 February Russian invasion. At least 8 journalists were clearly killed in the line of duty, 12 others on Russian shelling attacks or other crimes and at least 14 as fighters in the Ukrainian army (Kyiv institute of mass information).

After Ukraine, Mexico was the most dangerous country with 17 victims, the highest annual death toll since at least the beginning of the century in this country. They were the target of criminal gangs in a climate of violence and impunity. At the third place with 8 victims, Haiti has experienced significant deterioration due to growing insecurity. Six deaths were recorded in Pakistan, 5 in the Philippines, 4 in Colombia and 4 in India.

Three victims were registered in the following countries : Bangladesh, Honduras, Israel/Palestine, and Yemen. Two deaths were recorded in Brazil, Chad, Ecuador, Myanmar, Somalia, Syria, United States of America.

Finally, one victim has been identified in the following countries : Central African Republic, Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Paraguay, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, and Vietnam.

As a positive note, there was no casualties among journalists so far in Afghanistan in 2022 instead of 12 in 2021. However, many journalists were obliged to flee the country. On average more than 2 journalists killed each week. In the last decade (from 2013 to 2022), 1135 journalists were killed, or 113 per year, 2.2 per week, according to figures from the PEC. It hopes that the international community will start in 2023 the work for an international convention to enhance the safety of journalists. It would be a great step forward to better fight against impunity.

Pakistan and India continue to be dangerous countries for media professionals in the recent past, reveals PEC's south Asia representative Nava Thakuria. Last year Pakistan witnessed the killing of 7 journalists (6 for India) and in 2020 Pakistan lost 8 and India 15 media persons to assailants. This year, Pakistan reported the killing of Sadaf Naeem, Arshad Sharif, Muhammad Younis, Ifrikhar Ahmed, Hasnain Shah, Murtaza Shar and Athar Mateen. Naeem, a Pak television reporter was crushed to death as she fell from a truck during the political march of former premier Imran Khan. Another broadcast journalist Sharif, who remained critical to Pak military agencies, was shot dead in Nairobi by Kenya police.

India witnessed the murder of journalists Rohit Kumar Biswal, Sudhir Saini, Juned Khan Pathan and Subhash Kumar Mahato. Three journalists (Hashibur Rahman Rubel, Mohiuddin Sarker Nayeem and Abdul Bari) were killed in India's eastern neighbour Bangladesh, where Myanmar lost photojournalist Aye Kyaw and reporter Pu Tui Dim to the relentless military atrocities. India's other neighbours namely Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka did not report any incident of journo-murder during the year.



## GOLDEN JUBILEE OF NORTH EAST COUNCIL: 6.8 BILLION DOLLARS IN PROJECTS: PM'S TWO-STATE TOUR



On December 18, as the North East Council celebrates its Golden Jubilee, attention will be focused on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to Meghalaya and Tripura.

Ten observations on PM Modi's trip to Meghalaya and Tripura are listed below:

1. PM Modi announced in a tweet on December 17 that he will be visiting the states and will take part in different programs targeted at boosting the growth trajectory of these states and the entire Northeast region.
2. Eight states make up the North Eastern Council, the nodal organization for the region's socioeconomic development: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. According to its official website, its constitution in 1971 represented the beginning of a new chapter of coordinated and planned endeavor and that organization has since played a significant role in putting in motion a new economic endeavor.
3. Prior to PM Modi's visit, Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Shillong on December 17.
4. On December 18 morning, the Prime Minister will be present for a significant North East Council gathering.
5. The Prime Minister will officially launch or dedicate 6,800 crores worth of national projects.
6. Meghalaya will receive 2,450 crores worth of these projects.
7. According to a government announcement, PM Modi will launch the new campus of IIM Shillong at Umsawli and he will inaugurate Shillong - Diengpasoh Road.
8. Among the highlights are six road projects related to the states of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, and Tripura.
9. As part of the 4,350 crore worth of initiatives, the government's ambitious Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural would also be launched in Tripura.
10. His trip to the northeast coincides with the opposition's attacks on the government over the most recent skirmish of Indian and Chinese forces along the hotly contested Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.

## IN WEST BENGAL, ASSAM, AND MAHARASHTRA, 25% OF POCSO CASES INVOLVE ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS.



According to a study by the Enfold Proactive Health Trust and UNICEF-India, one in every four cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual

Offences (POCSO) Act in West Bengal, Assam, and Maharashtra are romantic instances.

The survey also reveals that 46.6% of these romantic occurrences involve girls between the ages of 16 and 18. These results are consistent with CJI D Y Chandrachud's appeal to legislators to address the growing concern about criminalizing minors who participate in consensual sexual behavior.

The study's authors, Swagata Raha and Shruti Ramakrishnan examined 7,064 POCSO decisions from 2016 to 2020 in the three states and discovered court records in 1,715 cases that indicated the

complainant and the accused had a consensual relationship. The report, which was published on December 10, also revealed that in 1,508 instances, or 87.9% of the romantic cases, the girl admitted to having a romantic relationship with the defendant during the course of the investigation, the gathering of evidence, or both.

According to the research, girls have occasionally been forced to return home after eloping or prevented from starting relationships against the wishes of their families by using the criminal justice system as a threat. It goes on to say that the POCSO accusations also serve to

persuade the defendant to keep his word to get married.

The study also discovered that in romantic cases, acquittals predominated and convictions were only recorded in unusual circumstances. This demonstrates that the courts are indulgent in these situations despite the fact that the law does not recognize consenting sexual behavior for adolescents under the age of 18.

CJI Chandrachud asked the legislature to take action in response to the growing concern on the matter while speaking at the National Annual Stakeholders Consultation on Child Protection.

## HIGH POWER MEETING HELD BETWEEN EASTERN RAILWAY AND BANGLADESH RAILWAY IN KOLKATA ON 12TH OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Led by Shri Arun Arora, GM Eastern Railway and Janab Sheikh Sakil Uddin Ahmed, Jt. Secy, Ministry of Railways, Bangladesh and Janab Shah Shufi Nur Mohammad, DRM Pakshey Division, Bangladesh Railway, High Power Meeting Held between Eastern Railway and Bangladesh Railway in Kolkata on 12th of December, 2022. Indian Railways has been relentlessly trying to equip and embolden Bangladesh Railway with the state-of-the-art rolling stocks as a part of continuous endeavour towards modernization of neighbour Railway, since its very inception. Shri Arun Arora, General Manager, Eastern Railway, Dr. Jaideep Gupta, Additional General Manager, Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers of Howrah & Sealdah participated in this meeting. The high-power delegation from Bangladesh was led by Mr. Sheikh Sakil Uddin Ahmed, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Railways, Bangladesh and Mr. Shah Shufi Nur Mohammad,



DRM/Pakshey Division, Bangladesh Railway. The delegates from Bangladesh also visited Andal, Bardhaman & Howrah loco shed in the last four days.

In his welcome address, Shri Arun Arora, General Manager/Eastern Railway conveyed Indian Railways' willingness to extend all kinds of technical & operational assistance to Bangladesh Railway in improving movement of freight and coaching trains between India & Bangladesh. by Mr. Sheikh Sakil Uddin Ahmed, Joint Secretary, Ministry of

Railways, Bangladesh conveyed his gratitude regarding hospitality & cooperation extended by Eastern Railway with the assurance of setting of mechanism at appropriate level to sort out operational issues for the sake of flow of traffic between both the neighbouring countries.

## HONOURABLE SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY MP FLAGGED OFF OF GODDA – RAJENDRANAGAR EXPRESS



will foster socio-economic development of Jharkhand.

Regular run of this 13230/13229 Rajendranagar - Godda - Rajendranagar Weekly Express train will commence from Rajendranagar on 16.12.2022. 13230 Rajendranagar - Godda Weekly Express train will leave Rajendranagar on every Friday w.e.f. 16.12.2022 at 22:15 hrs. to reach Godda at 06:25 hrs. on the next day and 13229 Godda - Rajendranagar Weekly Express train will leave Godda at 07:25 hrs. on every Saturday w.e.f. 17.12.2022 to reach Rajendranagar at 16:05 on the same day.

Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament flagged off inaugural journey of Godda - Rajendranagar special train at Godda Station on 10th Dec in presence of Shri Amit Kumar Mandal, Hon'ble MLA, Shri Vikas Chaube, Divisional Railway Manager/Malda and other Senior Officers of the Division. In his speech, Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble MP thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Minister of Railways for introduction of this new train which will fulfill long cherished demand of local traders & artisans as they will get direct access to bigger markets. Shri Dubey, Hon'ble M P, said that, Godda - Rajendranagar - Godda Weekly Express train will direct link Godda District of Jharkhand with Bihar. Shri Amit Kumar Mandal, Hon'ble MLA/Jharkhand also spoke on the occasion and said that the new train

The train will consist of air-conditioned & sleeper class coaches. Booking for 13229 Godda - Rajendranagar Weekly Express have been made available from 10.12.2022 through PRS & internet. The train will stop at Poreyhat, Hansdih, Mandar Hill, Barahat, Dhauni, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Bariarpur, Jamalpur, Abhaipur, Kiul, Hathidah & Bakhtiyarpur stations enroute in both directions.

## MORAL POLICING IS NOT MANDATED FOR POLICE OFFICERS



The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the disciplinary authority to terminate the employment of a Central Industrial Security Force constable, stating that police officers are not compelled to practice moral policing or solicit pecuniary favors.

Judges Sanjiv Khanna and J. K. Maheshwari's panel overturned the Gujarat high court's decision from December 16, 2014, which had accepted CISF policeman Santosh Kumar Pandey's appeal and ordered his reinstatement in service with 50% of his lost earnings retroactive to the date of his removal.

Pandey, a CISF constable, was assigned to the Greenbelt Area of the IPCL Township in Vadodara, Gujarat, and there he was charged with misconduct in accordance with a document dated October 28, 2001.

The charge sheet claims that Pandey came forward and questioned Mahesh B. Chaudhry and his fiancée after they rode through the area on a motorcycle and halted in a corner on the intervening night of October 26 and 27, 2001, while Pandey was assigned as a constable on night duty at the Greenbelt Area of the IPCL Township, Vadodara, Gujarat.

Allegations state that Pandey took advantage of the circumstance and informed Chaudhry that he would like to spend some time with his fiancée.

The charge sheet claimed that Chaudhry had refused to agree and when Pandey asked him for a gift, Chaudhry responded by giving him the watch he was wearing at the time.

The following day, Chaudhry filed a complaint, which prompted an investigation into Pandey and a decision to terminate his employment.

The bench declared that, in its view, both the facts and the law are flawed in the high court's justification.

It stated that given the factual and legal situation, they approve the appeal submitted by the CISF and annul the in question Gujarat high court order.

The bench stated that it has concerns with the arguments made in the impugned judgment's paragraphs because they do not properly consider and apply the judicial review law.

The highest court added that the High Court's authority under Articles 226 and 227 of the Indian Constitution allows for the exercise of judicial review to correct legal mistakes, including procedural ones that result in obvious injustice or a violation of fairness principles, without typically reevaluating the evidence.

According to the supreme court, the factual conclusions made by the authorities after careful consideration of the evidence should not be changed just because the court came to a different judgment.

Source : PTI/PIB/ANI



# DHWANI ORGANISED A TWO -DAY SYMPOSIUM 'VIVRIDH'

The belief that engagement in the performing arts can aid mental health recovery is an idea that needs to penetrate convincingly into the consciousness of our society. It is in this background that Dhvani proposes to organise a two – day symposium 'Vivridh' which aims to create a positive, collaborative, and sustainable platform for all like-minded stakeholders to come together in creating mental wellness through performing arts. Vivridh will ensure a confluence of mental health experts, renowned educators, students and parents to deliberate on the theme.

The event has comprised of panel discussions, engagement sessions and an open discussion forum.

The program was welcomed by Sadhna Srivastava followed by film on Rishika Chakraborty suffering from BPD which gave a fact that dance and other art forms can cure mental health issues.

The Opening Speaker was Kanchan Rai - Founder of Let us Talk who spoke on various important features and possibilities of mental health conditions and precautionary methods to come out of it followed by series of Panel Discussion.

The first Topic was on - Psychology of Mental Health Challenges - Symptoms & Identification where the Speakers were Dr. Sen, Sandra Jose, Sukarma Dawar and Moderator Dr. Shalini Sen

The Second topic was on Medical Treatment where the Speakers were Dr. S. A. Basir, Dr. Aparna Nayyar and Moderator was Sushmita Ghosh

The third topic was on Role of Society & Media where the Speakers were Mr. Ratnajyoti Dutta, Maneesha Sharma And Moderator - Avik Chattopadhyay

The Last Topic was on Mental Wellness through Dance where the Speakers were Navtej Singh Johar, Tripura Kashyap, Alokanda Roy and Moderator was Sushmita Ghosh

Sonal Mansingh the Indian classical dancer and Guru Bharatanatyam and Odissi dancing style, Member of parliament, Rajya Sabha graced the Occasion with her valuable concern on Mental health and encouraged everyone to fight back with it sharing her life story and how she overcome the crisis.

All panel discussion were so vivid and elaborate parameters to understand the

cause and cure by education about a specific mental health condition, social skills, acceptance of the illness, setting boundaries, developing self-worth and confidence, overcoming fear, dealing with anger issues, learn to understand and manage the feelings, talk to someone you trust for support, be aware of using drugs and/or alcohol to cope with difficult feelings. Dancing and other movements allow a person to express themselves and let loose. When a person feels free, the body releases happy hormones like dopamine. This hormone helps lift a person's mood and alleviate the symptoms of anxiety and depression.

Performance by Rishika Chakraborty, it paved the way for sufferer to accept that dance are innumerable, dancing benefits are not simply limited to reducing depression and anxiety. Dance is an amazing activity for developing confidence as well as cognitive and communication skills.

The two day Symposium was concluded by a performance of Dhvani Repertory - The Hero in Shades and a thanking note from Guru Vaswati Misra the inspiration, Composer, pillar, Director and curator of this Event.



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# SAVE OUR POLLINATORS

Saikat Kumar Basu

Insect pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies and ants are all vanishing first around the planet due to excessive use of pesticides in agriculture and anthropogenic pollution. About 85% of flowering plants on our planet are dependent on these insect pollinators for their survival and maintaining the balance of our ecosystem. Global bee populations are showing an alarming decline due to a number of factors like environmental pollution, indiscriminate use and over applications of various agro-chemicals, industrial agricultural practices detrimental to nature, changes in the land use patterns; and parasitic diseases of bees as well as lack of adequate supply of nectar and pollens for different bee species due to lack of suitable bee foraging plants. The yield loss due to lack of suitable pollinators for cross pollination is a serious threat to the future of global agriculture as well as for maintaining the balance of our natural ecosystems.

The greatest impacts on both honey bees and native bees have been reported from highly industrialized countries. These include mainland USA and Hawaii, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Israel, Turkey, European Union (UK, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Greece, Netherlands, Denmark). Outside the EU, bee declines have also been reported from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and the Balkan Peninsula. Other countries reporting mass bee declines are Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and other Central American countries, Sub Saharan Africa, Madagascar, various Island nations like Sri Lanka, Maldives, Guam, Seychelles, St Vincent, Marshall Islands, Caribbean Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tuvalu, Kiribati to name only a handful. No reliable and comprehensive data are available from S&SE Asia, Central Asia and Middle East and vast stretches of Africa and Latin America.

The worst decline is noticed in developed nations practising high precision industrial agriculture with native bee population crashes between 97-99% in the past two decades. The major factor behind this rapid decline of pollinator insects is specifically due to extensive application of toxic synthetic pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. The industrial level pesticide spraying in large farms in western countries is dependent on low wind speed and bright sunny mornings. Unfortunately, these are the days when insect pollinator's flock to their foraging ground in large numbers. As a consequence they are being killed in massive numbers impacting ecological balance. Pesticide laden irrigation water and rain water percolated through holes in the soil to reach the bee colonies to wipe them out.

This kind of bee population declines are not reported from developing nations like India where small plot farming is practised due to lack of large agronomic lands and related infrastructure to maintain such huge averages. Furthermore,

there is tremendous crop biodiversity in the sense that rice, mustard, flax, various legumes, aromatic and medicinal herbs, forage crops, ornamentals and fruit orchards are all grown in adjacent areas. Thus pollinator insects have the grand opportunity to move or escape the negative chemical impact by moving into other plots or fields or Forage in an alternate crop.

The toxic chemicals land as droplets on the insect body and stick to them. Bees like other insects have the habit of cleaning their antennae; and through this process they intake toxic pesticides inside their system killing them. Often these chemicals impact their nervous system impacting their precise sense of orientation causing them to land at inappropriate sites causing deaths. Cross contamination with bees having pesticides with them with others in the hives or nest also causes an epidemic resulting in mass deaths of honey bees as well as native bees. While commercial honey bees are raised and can be replaced, native bees on which forest pollination is completely dependent are being wiped out in this process. In North America and EU over 40% annual productions in apiculture industries have been impacted due to mass deaths of bees.

Establishing suitable pollinator (bee) gardens or habitats or sanctuaries at suitable sites could prove to be instrumental in both bee and other pollinator insect conservation from a long term, ecological perspective. Using suitable Pollinator Mixes comprising of native grasses, wildflowers as well as annual, biennial, perennial forage crops (forage grasses, legumes, different Brassica family members) can help in establishing Pollinator gardens or habitats or sanctuaries in perimeters of forested areas, under used or unsuitable agronomic lands, unused and available rural locations, city and municipal parks and gardens, lawns, kitchen gardens, unused or hard to farm areas, in sites adjacent to natural or artificial water bodies like ponds, pools, ditches, swamps, bogs, streams, irrigation canals etc

Natural or artificial aquatic habitats like pools, ponds, ditches, swamps, bogs, lakes, canals etc could be targeted for ecological restoration by planting short or high grasses, salt tolerant aquatic plant species and grasses along with Pollinator mixes comprising of annual and perennial legumes, wildflowers and related pollinator friendly plant species adjacent to water bodies. Such mixes will not only restore aquatic habitats; but, also attract small and medium sized land birds and a wide diversity of pollinator insects like honey bees, native bees, moths, butterflies, certain species of pollinator beetles and flies for nectar foraging, nesting and breeding purposes. If the water bodies are well stocked with indigenous fish species, well protected grassy aquatic habitats will also attract a wide diversity of aquatic birds to nest, forage and breed in such unique environmentally restored ecosystems.

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## Nayanthara recalls her experience working with Jr NTR, Prabhas and calls them 'BRATS'



Nayanthara is currently gearing up for the screening her latest film Connect alongside Anupam Kher. The film is all set to release on December 22. Lady superstar Nayanthara, who is gearing up for her much-awaited flick Connect, opened up about working with Prabhas and Jr NTR in a recent interview. The actress adorably called them "brats," who "jump around, crack jokes" and are "fun to be with." In an interview with Dhivyadharshini and Suma Kanakala, the actress recalled her experience of working with the most popular South stars Jr NTR and Prabhas in the early

stages of her career. Nayanthara co-starred with the RRR actor in the 2010 action comedy Adhurs and with Radhe Shyam star in the 2007 action film Yagi. When asked about Prabhas, she stated, "He's too sweet and he's like a kid. I don't know if he is still like a kid. When I worked with him, I found him to be a total brat. He was jumping around, cracking jokes, and was absolutely fun to be with. He's a kid jumping around the set. But now, he has become such a huge star. I'm so happy to see him this way."

## Jhoom Jo Pathaan: Shah Rukh Khan's Countdown To New Pathaan Song With Deepika Padukone



New day, new look from the upcoming Pathaan song Jhoom Jo Pathaan. Shah Rukh Khan shared a still from the upcoming track and he revealed that the song will release on December 22. In the poster, both SRK and Deepika can be seen dressed in their fashionable best as they look into the camera. Along with the poster, Shah Rukh Khan wrote: "Jhoom Jo Pathaan...meri jaan...mehfil hi lut jaaye! Sabr rakhiye. Kal theek! Waada raha Pathaan ka. He added in his caption: "Celebrate Pathaan with YRF50 only at a big screen near you on 25th January, 2023. Releasing in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu."

## Avatar The Way of Water: All hail James Cameron for putting Marvel in its place



Like its path breaking predecessor, director James Cameron's Avatar: The Way of Water alternately embraces and rejects genre tropes. And nothing is as dazzling as the second act stretch in which the movie forgoes plot in favour of endless vibes. Despite Tom Cruise's valiant efforts, blockbuster filmmaking has been ruined over the last decade by the Marvel machine. When superhero movies

aren't trampling over each other to grab the audience's attention, they're making it impossible for anything that cost less than \$200 million to even find reasonable exhibition. But most problematically, these movies have taught an entire generation of viewers to not only accept mediocrity.

## Vicky Kaushal compares Katrina Kaif with Hema Malini, says 'she is one of those faces.'



Govinda Naam Mera star Vicky Kaushal praised wife Katrina Kaif and said that she is like Hema Malini who represent India at international platforms. Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal, in an interview, said that Phone Bhoot actress Katrina Kaif is one of those faces that represent India on international platforms and compared his wife with Hema Malini. While speaking to Navbharat Times, he said, "I always say that an industry is known by a few faces. With her work, Katrina has become one of those faces, along with Amitabh Bachchan who represent the industry on the international platform. Hema Malini used to be one of these faces." Vicky further said, "Katrina has achieved that status and I believe it is not easy to reach there. I believe, whatever she has done and achieved, she did it all on her own. I respect her a lot for that, and I have a long way to go before I reach there. I feel it is good that we respect each other, and also have a lot to learn from each other."

## Shark Tank India's judges offer Rs 100 crore to Amitabh Bachchan after he pitches business idea on KBC



Shark Tank India season 2 is all set to premiere on national television, and fans are so excited about the show. Meanwhile, ahead of its premiere, Shark Tank India's sharks appeared at Kaun Banega Crorepati's set where Amitabh Bachchan pitched his business idea to them. The official page of Colors TV shared the promo with the caption, "Gyan ke manch par aaye business ki duniya ke bade 'Sharks', aur unke saamne @amitabhbachchan ji apne product 'AB Tissue' ki pitch se karna chahte hain apne naye business ki shuruat! (The sharks of the business world visited the sets of KBC and Amitabh Bachchan used the opportunity to pitch his new business idea."



## Ram Setu OTT release: Akshay Kumar starrer to stream on this date



Akshay Kumar's Ram Setu is all set to start streaming on Amazon Prime Video starting December 23, the streamer announced today. The film directed by Abhishek Sharma, of Parmanu and Tere Bin Laden, is an action-adventure movie and was released in theatres countrywide in October this year. Ram Setu also featured Jacqueline Fernandez and Nushratt Bharuccha and is presented by Prime Video in association with Kumar's Cape of Good Films, Lyca Productions, and Abundantia Entertainment.

## Shah Rukh Khan writes journal on 'Acting' for Suhana Khan



Suhana Khan who is all set to make her debut in Zoya Akhtar's directorial The Archies, shared a picture of a journal gifted by her dad Shah Rukh Khan. She took to Instagram and dropped a picture of a journal penned by her dad. The pictures gave a glimpse that it's an acting journal that a dad gifted to his daughter.

## No Mission Is Impossible For Tom Cruise. Watch Him Riding Off A Cliff

The clip starts with Tom Cruise preparing and coordinating with director Christopher McQuarrie. Jumping off a cliff on a motorcycle is something only Tom Cruise can do for his films. For the actor, performing the deadliest of stunts while making a film has become routine. Oh, and, for Mission Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part 1, Tom Cruise gave his all and nailed what is referred to as the "biggest stunt in cinema history." He has, once again, set a new benchmark for action films on the global platform. After leaving his fans stunned by thanking them for the success of his latest film - Top Gun:



stunt by performing over 500 skydives and doing around 13,000 motocross jumps. He then nails the actual stunt on an elaborate ramp constructed on a cliff in Norway.

Maverick - while jumping off a plane in South Africa, Tom Cruise has shared a new BTS clip from the sets of the upcoming Mission Impossible films. It shows him riding off a clip on a bike and then achieving a perfect base jump. "So excited to share what we've been working on. Mission Impossible," the 60-year-old actor tweeted alongside the clip. In the BTS video, Tom Cruise is prepping for the high-flying

## Dwayne Johnson says 'Black Adam' will not be part of DC's 'first chapter'



As DC Extended Universe (DCEU) undergoes a revamp, Hollywood star Dwayne Johnson has indicated that there won't be any sequel to his latest film "Black Adam" in the foreseeable future. In a statement posted on Twitter, the actor provided an update regarding the future of his antihero character in the "new DC universe". Johnson, 50, said he connected with James Gunn, the new boss of DC Studios, and they decided that "Black Adam" will "not be in their first chapter of storytelling".

## Henry Cavill Will Not Return As Superman: "My Turn To Wear The Cape Has Passed"



"We can mourn for a bit, but then, we must remember...Superman is still around," wrote the actor. Henry Cavill, who is the first image that comes to our mind when we think of Superman, has confirmed in an Instagram post that he won't be playing the superhero in the DC Universe anymore. "My time to wear the cape has passed," he said in a statement, moments after James Gunn, who has become the new co-CEO of DC Studios along with Peter Safran, announced his exit as Superman. The actor's statement arrived a few days after it was reported that James Gunn and Peter Safran are planning to close the curtains of Man of Steel 2, which would have shown him wearing the red cape again. The 39-year-old actor, who recently announced his return to the cape after his cameo in Warner Bros and DC's Black Adam, wrote, "I have just had a meeting with James Gunn and Peter Safran and it's sad news, everyone. I will, after all, not be returning as Superman."

## 'Twister' sequel by Lee Isaac Chung to release in 2024



"Twisters", directed by Lee Isaac Chung of "Minari" fame, will arrive in theatres on July 19, 2024. The project, a follow-up to the 1996 blockbuster film "Twister", is being developed by Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment. According to entertainment website The Hollywood Reporter, Chung will direct the upcoming movie from a screenplay by Mark L Smith, who co-wrote the adapted screenplay of Alejandro G Inarritu's "The Revenant".

## Mariah Carey & Daughter Monroe, 11, Duet On Her Christmas Special



Mariah Carey & her daughter Monroe, 11, impressed viewers with their incredible vocal range when they harmonized while singing a holiday tune, in the epic TV special. Mariah Carey, 52, is known as the queen of Christmas to many, and her 11-year-old daughter Monroe may just be following in her footsteps. The singer and her mini-me took the stage to perform a duet together during Mariah's CBS Christmas special, Mariah Carey: Merry Christmas to All, which aired on Dec. 20, and wowed the in-person crowd as well as viewers at home with their impressive vocals on the classic Christmas song, "Away in a Manger." While performing, Mimi and Monroe rocked matching white ballgowns complete with silver sequins and tiaras.



## SAMANTHA RUTH PRABHU OPTS OUT OF BOLLYWOOD PROJECTS AFTER MYOSITIS DIAGNOSIS?

Reports now say that some of the Bollywood projects Samantha Ruth Prabhu had finalised may fall through the cracks as she concentrates on health. Samantha Ruth Prabhu is currently making her health a priority, especially after she got diagnosed with an autoimmune condition called myositis. During her latest release Yashoda, Samantha made limited appearances owing to her health. Samantha currently has Shaakuntalam release, Kushi with Vijay Deverakonda, and an untitled Hindi film in her kitty. However, the shoot for her films has been delayed owing to her health and because she is undergoing treatment. Reports now say that some of the Bollywood projects she had finalised may fall through the cracks as she concentrates on getting better.



## NO LICENSE NO MUSIC THIS NEW YEAR

**Bombay High Court comes down heavily on Copyright Infringers playing PPL music without a license**

Mumbai, December 2022: In a series of orders issued against individual establishments in December 2022, the Bombay High Court has restrained the use of copyright-protected sound recordings of Phonographic Performance Ltd. (PPL) without license by hundreds of popular commercial establishments like Hotels, Resorts, Lounges, Pubs, Clubs, Bars etc. such as Xeco Media LLP (Discover Resorts), Digi Electronics, The Bar Stock Exchange, Snow World Entertainment, Adyar Gate Hotels, Byke Hospitality, Siddhivinayak Hospitality, FML Hospitality, Sai Silks (Kalamandir), AmbujaNeotia Holdings, GRT Hotels and Resorts and their outlets across the country.

The recent court orders assume great significance, as the order applies to all usage of music including ones being played in public places on New Year's Eve, Christmas, and any other events or in the background throughout the year.

The eighty-year-old establishment PPL India is a music licensing company that control/ owns on ground performance rights of more than 350 music labels controlling over 4 million domestic and international sound recordings in several languages like Hindi, English, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Haryanvi, Bhojpuri, etc. It controls rights for on ground usage of recorded songs of some of the biggest record labels, such as Aditya Music, Ananda Audio, Divo, Diljit Dosanjh, Lahari Music, Saregama, Sony Music, Sonotek, T-Series, Times Music, Universal Music, Warner Music, and many more.

The commercial establishments are required to obtain two types of licenses, one for playing Copyrighted songs in background in the premises throughout the year and another for events like New Year, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Holi or corporate events etc. helping people to celebrate featured usage of music.

G.B Aayear, MD & CEO of PPL India said that "The music copyrights are very expensive world over where the investments by music companies run into several billions and trillions to make and acquire music. The license fee that PPL seeks from the establishments who are using its music is very nominal and are based on rationalised / published tariffs. Even though in India, music plays an essential part on every occasion, many people have a mindset of not paying for its usage resulting in huge loss not only for the rightful owners, but also for the entire creative community. While PPL earnestly thanks all the establishments who have come forward and procured licenses in advance, it has no other alternative but to seek relief from courts against the adamant infringers."

## NUSSRAT JAHAN LAUNCHES ZIVARAH, THE LUXURIOUS DIAMOND JEWELLERY



ZIVARAH, the luxurious diamond jewellery brand of India launched its second outlet at City Centre 1 Mall, Saltlake, Kolkata. The brand specializes in light weight Real Diamond Jewellery for day-to-day wear. The store was inaugurated today by Nusrat Jahan, Tollywood Actress & Member of Parliament.

They have a presence in 80 stores across west Bengal, with their 1st exclusive Zivarah store at Forum Rangoli Mall, Howrah. Each and

every product is IGI certified, with Diamond weight laser encrypted on it, providing natural diamonds with finest cut and shine.

Zivarah is into wholesaling of: Gold Chains, Gold Ornaments, Diamond Jewellery, Antique Jewellery, Temple Jewellery and Jadau Jewellery. The collection includes - Rings, Earrings, tops, Bracelets, Charm Bracelets, bangles, nose pin, chains, necklace, pendant, Kids collection and much more. Their product

range starts from Rs 3000 to Rs 1,00,000/-.

Zivarah tries to be affordable for each and every individual.

After hearing about the restraining orders issued by Bombay High Court against the few non-compliant users, many other establishments have voluntarily come forward and have obtained licenses from PPL.

## NEPHROCARE INDIA CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY BY ORGANIZING A WALKATHON-



Nephrocare India proudly completes a year of its thriving existence on the 15th of December 2022. Regular 30 minutes of brisk walking keeps the kidneys healthy and keeping this in mind we organized 'A walk for your kidney' - A walkathon which was arranged with about 200 participants along with celebrities who matched their steps to spread the idea of this healthy practice. The walk started from Nephrocare and ended at Hotel Golden Tulip. The event was followed by tea and a message from beloved director, Dr. Pratim Sengupta. The event was attended by several eminent personalities: Dr. Pratim Sengupta, Founder & Director of Nephro Care; Dibyendu Barua, Chess Grandmaster; Dr. Nibedita Chatterjee, CEO OF ILS Group of Hospital; Ram Krishna Jaiswal, Consulate General of Maldives; Joydeep Das, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Sports; Debashish Dutta, Mohun Bagan Club Secretary; Adv. Saikat Biswas, Chamber of Commerce Bengal Chapter and many other eminent personalities. The event was managed by Map5 Events.

**Nephrocare:** A comprehensive and compassionate kidney care Institute: Nephro Care India Pvt. Ltd is one of the most esteemed health care institutions focused on caring for the most intensive kidney disease patients, had been established in the month of December 2021, by eminent and noteworthy Nephrologist Dr. Pratim Sengupta.

### Our upcoming dream projects:

- Expanding horizon to serve 10 countries of the world
- Digital revolution and taking kidney treatment to AI based management
- "No diet for CKD" Exploring Renal nutrition to the next advanced level
- Incorporating Yoga to connect body and mind in treating renal failure
- A 250 bedded hospital-being India's first premier kidney care institute

## NAZIFA TUSHI AND MEJBAUR RAHMAN IN KOLKATA TO PROMOTE THEIR BANGLADESHI FILM HAWA, WHICH HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE 95TH ACADEMY AWARDS (OSCARS)

'Hawa' the film which brought a new breeze to the Bangladeshi film industry, is now being distributed throughout India. The film is directed by Mejbaour Rahman Sumon & has been released on December 16, 2022 in Kolkata and West Bengal, and December 30, 2022 in the rest of India. In a press conference which was held at Kolkata and

attended by: Nazifa Tushi, Actress; Mejbaour Rahman Sumon, Director; Sreyashii Sengupta, CEO South East Asia Continental Entertainment Pte Ltd (CEPL) Singapore; Ajoy Kumar Kundu, Executive Producer of Sun Music & Motion Pictures Bangladesh.

'Hawa', the myth, fantasy, and mystery-thriller film, received a huge response from the country's film fans soon after its release in Bangladesh theatres on July 29, 2022. Even after four months of release it is still in theatres and ranking in business and love. The film has received widespread critical acclaim and has been shown at numerous cross-border festivals and diaspora events. This film has been nominated for the 'Best International Feature Film' category at the 95th Academy Awards (Oscars), which will be held next year. Following a very successful run in Singapore under CEPL, the film will now have a wide release in India through Reliance Entertainment.



In anticipation of this major milestone of 'Hawa' in India, Mr. Ajoy Kumar Kundu, Executive Producer of Sun Music and Motion Pictures Limited expressed his excitement and said, "With this release, the proud product of some creative people of Bangladesh will be able to reach many more Bengali speaking people all over the

world. We are very happy to be associated with this film. Bengali films have many audiences in our neighboring country. I think 'Hawa' will play a vital role in increasing the demand for Bangladeshi films here and creating a strong market among them."

Sreyashii Sengupta, CEO (South-East Asia) of CEPL, which has acquired the distribution rights for HAWA in several countries including India, said, "The release of 'Hawa' in India opens new gateways for the Bangladesh-India media business. There is already an exchange of ideas on content and this opens newer paths for collaboration. Language is no more a barrier with a world keen on content and diverse stories for the big screen experience. HAWA offers that. We see a robust partner in Reliance Entertainment in India to create a milestone in such a supportive and wide release."

## MASTER SHOWMAN DON FUEGO UNLOCKS THE DOORS TO DUBAI'S NEWEST SOUTH AMERICAN HOTSPOT EN FUEGO

Located at the leading entertainment destination, Atlantis, The Palm, the house of En Fuego promises social dining with a difference, complete with immersive high-octane performances and live music, paired with colourful costumes and mouth-watering culinary

Atlantis, The Palm, conceptual partners, Solutions Leisure Group and the Master Showman, Don Fuego, will unlock the doors to Dubai's newest South American social dining extravaganza. En Fuego, which translates to on fire in Spanish, promises diners an exhilarating and authentic South American experience, full of endless surprises, upon every visit.

Taking entertainment to new heights, the destination is an entity of energy, bringing the unexpected with fire performers, aerial

hoop artists, an energetic tango duo and gravity-defying aerial acrobats. From musicians and dancers, to singing hosts and an enchanting family of characters, the team of performers emit the heartbeat of South American culture, captivating guests from arrival, through to their next visit.

As guests step foot inside Don Fuego's house of En Fuego, they will be greeted with a bracelet, officially welcoming them into his family. Shortly after entering, don't be surprised by a little mischief from Tiki-Ila the golden butterfly or the energetic sounds of the Mexican mariachi band, the Fuego Trio. Make way for Madame Rosa, the scarlet songstress, who serenades guests with endearing vocals, as the Matadora and the Bull show off authentic Argentinian tango. Guests can samba the night away with the

sizzling samba duo, the Firebirds, and the Fire Gypsy, whilst keeping their eyes peeled for the nimble Red Hot Chili acrobat and Don Fuego's personal trickster, the Jazzy Jester. A night at En Fuego is one full of surprise, wonder and delight for the whole family to enjoy.

For those looking to enjoy one of En Fuego's theatrical beverages in style, can take a seat at the showstopping carousel tequila bar. Just like the food menu, the En Fuego team have curated a selection of delectable cocktails and mocktails that celebrate the spirit of South America. The main ingredients seen in En Fuego's South American drinks include guava, passion fruit, tamarillo, tamarind and even the morita chili - frequently used to infuse cocktails with an organic smoky flavour.





# IRAN WAS EXPELLED FROM THE UN BODY FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS DUE TO REPRESSION OF ANTI-HIJAB PROTESTS



Following a concerted campaign by the United States, the UN voted on December 14 to expel Iran from a women's rights organization due to Tehran's harsh suppression of

protests organized by women.

The Islamic Republic of Iran was kicked out of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) for the duration of its 2022–2026 term, which was applauded by pro–democracy campaigners in that country. The United States recommended the change, which was opposed by Iran's allies Russia and China. Washington, therefore, achieved a diplomatic win. A simple majority was required to approve the change.

The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) saw 29 members vote in favor, 8 countries voted against, and 16 members abstained.

Iran's commission membership is immediately terminated

by the resolution. The Iranian government continually undermines and increasingly suppresses the human rights of women and girls, including the right to freedom of speech and opinion, frequently with the use of excessive force, according to the document.

It continues, as well as by the use of fatal force resulting in the deaths of peaceful protestors, including women and girls. The Iranian government does this, it is said, by administering policies flagrantly antithetical to the human rights of women and girls and the commission's mandate.

The commission is the main intergovernmental organization in the world that is solely focused on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

Since the death in detention on September 16 of Masha Amini, a young Iranian Kurd who had been detained for allegedly breaking the nation's strict dress code for women, Iran has been rocked by protests.

Since then, authorities have cracked down on what they consider riots, making thousands of arrests, and have sentenced at least 11 people to death in connection with the demonstrations.

Vice President Kamala Harris stated in early November that the United States would collaborate with other countries to remove Iran from the panel. Hillary Clinton, a former secretary of state, supported the initiative as well.

## HOW INTREPID DRONES LOCATE ALMOST EXTINCT PLANTS BURIED UNDER CLIFFS



Ben Nyberg was perched on a cliff overlooking the Na Pali Coast in Hawaii, scanning the surrounding red-rock ridges' lush crevices with his gaze. If not for a drone's faint humming as it flew among flocks of watchful white-tailed tropicbirds, all was silent.

Nyberg used the iPad in his hands as a viewfinder while he guided the drone toward the opposite ridge. And there it was: Wilkesia hobbii.

Its tufted brilliant green leaves seemed like they were taken straight out of a Dr. Seuss book as they stood out from other plants that were clinging to the cliff.

W. hobbii, a member of the sunflower family also known by the popular name dwarf iliau, was previously widespread on Kauai in Hawaii. However, the plant was grazed to almost extinction after European settlers brought goats to the island in the late 1700s.

Being cut off from continental landmasses prevented W. hobbii from developing livestock-defeating defenses like bitter leaves or jagged thorns.

For decades, intrepid botanists who rappelled by rope down perilous cliffs to seek what was lost carried out the task of finding such difficult-to-reach plants and collecting samples.

But because of this reckless approach, it was simple to overlook plants. Ropes could only be extended so far, there weren't many clip-ins on the sheer cliffs, and vegetation frequently blocked sightlines.

Thanks to advancements in technology, researchers may now search for the remaining survivors before it's too late in locations that are too dangerous for people to enter.

Nyberg, who oversees the National Tropical Botanical Garden's GIS and drone programs, assisted in the 2016 beginning of an airborne initiative to use drones to seek uncommon species.

Less than 600 individuals of W. hobbii were believed to be flourishing throughout the Na Pali Coast. Many of Kauai's rare vegetation can only grow on its highest cliffs, away from goats' grasp. But there were no more than 100 plants in the foliage that were stretched out before Nyberg. In order to corroborate his findings in the lab, he piloted the drone within 5 meters (16 feet) of the vegetation and took high-resolution pictures.

Together with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the State of Hawaii, Nyberg and the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) team have rediscovered three species from Kauai that were previously believed to be extinct or locally extinct. They have also uncovered larger populations of numerous other critically endangered species with populations smaller than 100 individuals. After years of research, the drone would eventually discover 5,500 additional individuals in just a few months, representing a more than 900% increase in the plant's known population.

## PACIFIST JAPAN ANNOUNCES ITS LARGEST MILITARY EXPANSION SINCE WORLD WAR II

As regional tensions and Russia's invasion of Ukraine fuel war worries, Japan on December 16 unveiled its largest military buildup since World War II with a \$320 billion plan that will buy missiles capable of striking China and prepare it for sustained battle.

His government is concerned that Russia's precedent-setting actions could inspire China to attack Taiwan, endanger the adjacent Japanese islands, block the flow of advanced semiconductors, and possibly close off sea routes that transport oil from West Asia.

The government stated it will also stockpile spare parts and other armaments, increase transportation capacity, and develop cyber warfare capabilities in the expansive five-year plan, which was previously unthinkable in pacifist Japan. Japan handed up the ability to wage war and the means to do so in its post-war constitution, which was written by Americans.

China, Russia, and North Korea were mentioned in a different national security plan document that promised tight cooperation with the US and other



like-minded countries to thwart threats to the existing international order. On December 16, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen expressed her expectation for increased defense cooperation with Japan.

An inquiry for comment was not immediately answered by the Chinese foreign ministry. At the turn

of the century, Chinese defense spending surpassed that of Japan, and the country currently has a military budget that is more than four times bigger. According to insiders, Japan's most pressing issues include a scarcity of bombs and spare parts that renders planes and other equipment inoperable.

With Kishida's plan, defense spending will more than quadruple to 2% of GDP over five years, exceeding a self-imposed ceiling of 1% set in 1976. Based on existing budgets, it will make Japan the world's third-largest military spender behind the US and China and expand the defense ministry's budget to almost a tenth of total public spending.

This spending spree would provide Japanese manufacturers of military equipment, such as Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, jobs. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is anticipated to be in charge of leading the development of three of the longer-range missiles that will be a part of the new missile force. Additionally, foreign businesses will gain.

## SIKHS IN PAKISTAN HAVE RENEWED HOPE



Seventy-five years after the Partition, Sikhs in Pakistan will finally receive recognition and representation; they recently received a column on the census form. The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has stated that Sikhism will be included in the census survey for the first time as a separate religion.

Sikhism was included under other religions, like Christianity and Hinduism. They were underrepresented in the government as a result of inaccurate population estimations.

This move, according to sources, is the result of a five-year legal dispute that was initiated by five Sikhs who submitted a petition to the Peshawar High Court in March 2017. Despite the court's decision being in their favor, nothing was done to abide by it. A

separate column for Sikhs was required by Pakistan's Supreme Court to be included in the population census forms that were published in Urdu a year later.

He praised the five Sikhs from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa whose work had helped the community gain respect. He explained that the action will assist Pakistani Sikhs in obtaining fundamental rights and institutional representation.

### Inconsistencies in the census

Punjab is the primary residence of Pakistan's Sikh people. In the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Peshawar is home to a modest population.

Following the 2017 census, minorities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, and Sindh reportedly complained that their numbers had been undercounted.

PSGPC (Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee), among other Sikh organizations, voiced opposition to the census forms' exclusion. Habibullah Khan, a representative for the census process, acknowledged that it was a mistake on the side of the census authorities as the debate continued, according

to Dawn.

This occurred despite the Peshawar High Court ordering the provincial statistics agency to include the Sikh community on the national census form.

The Council of Common Interests conducted many meetings to ratify the 2017 census but was unable to come to an agreement. The Council of Common Interests is a constitutional body that resolves disputes about the division of power between the federal government and the provinces.

The administrations of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, which are partners of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), eventually decided to end their demonstrations. The Pakistan People's Party government in Sindh, however, countered that the Council of Common Interests decision would lead to an unfair distribution of federal funding.

The 2017 census did not provide information on minorities including Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, and others in a population of 20.77 crores. The only official statistics currently available are from the 1998 census, which shows that the minority group made up 3.72 percent of Pakistan's population. The official website states that the Sikh community was not given its own data in the 1998 census either.

Source : PTI/PIB/Reuters



# HEALTHY LIVING

## PREVENT WINTER SEASON ILLNESSES BY DOING THESE SIMPLE THINGS



"Most of the time, your immune system will deal with your winter infections independently," says an expert

**Winter months** are festive and jolly, but they are also synonymous with many illnesses, many of which are preventable, such as colds and flu. Since people spend most of their time indoors or in closed spaces, it makes it easier for respiratory viruses to spread. According to Experts, preventive healthcare specialist and joint managing director of Indus Health Plus, we tend to lose our resistance power in cold, dry air. He warns that skin and respiratory infections can be caused by a sudden drop in temperature.

**Common cold:** Viral infection affecting your nose, throat, and sometimes ears. It lasts from a few days to several weeks.

### Flu: Contagious respiratory disease

similar to common cold, it affects the mouth, nose, throat and lungs. Depending on the severity, it can be mild or severe. Even though the fever is treated in five days, the coughing and general fatigue last for two weeks.

**Winter skin ailments:** Itching, eczema outbreaks, psoriasis, etc. Moisturising the skin is important. Winter skin ailments include flaky, itchy skin, dehydrated skin, and UV damage.

**Bronchitis:** Common viral respiratory infection that can be acute or chronic; characterised by inflammation of the bronchi, the large tubes that bring air to the lungs.

### Prevention

Experts says, "No one can genuinely prevent winter illnesses for the rest of their lives, but there are some precautions you may take to stay healthy and avoid them."

Here's what you need to know:

- To prevent germs and bacteria, wash your hands frequently throughout the day.
- Rest frequently and drink plenty of fluids.
- Keep a safe distance from persons with a cold and avoid using the same items such as clothes, blankets, handkerchiefs, etc.

**Regular exercise** helps boost immunity.

- Ensure that everyone in your family has their annual flu vaccination.
- If you are feeling ill, see a doctor immediately.
- Drink warm water.
- Remember to always wash your hands after using the restroom.
- Follow a healthy diet with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Wear warm clothing and avoid being exposed to the cold as much as possible.
- Go for genetic testing to check if you are more prone to winter illness.

"Most of the time, your immune system will deal with your winter infections independently. However, see a doctor if you think it is taking too long to recover," the expert concludes.



## FOIE GRAS OR 'FAUX GRAS'? PARIS CHEF OFFERS FESTIVE VEGAN ALTERNATIVE



Foie gras is considered part of France's culinary heritage, but the practice of force-feeding ducks or geese to enlarge their livers is condemned by animal activists.

Vegan and animal-friendly alternatives to foie gras are taking off in France just as a severe bird flu outbreak has ravaged duck flocks and cut short supplies of the traditional Christmas delicacy.

French chef Fabien Borgel, who manages the "42 Degres" vegan restaurant in Paris, created what he calls a "faux gras" two years ago as a substitute to the foie gras traditionally made from fattened duck and goose livers.

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"You have people that have never tasted foie gras and will never taste it and they want something festive for the year-end parties. Others want to change the way they eat and are heading towards alternatives," Borgel said in his restaurant.

Borgel's veggy foie gras, containing cashew nuts,

sunflower and coconut oil, looks like the traditional foie gras but is more creamy.

In France, by far the largest foie gras producer, output is expected to fall between 30% and 35% from last year after bird flu devastated duck flocks in most of Europe while prices would rise about

20% due to the drop in supply combined with soaring costs, producers group CIFOG said earlier this year.

"It could make some people want to try something else," Borgel said. "It could be an opportunity." 42 Degres is putting its "faux gras" on the menu from December through February.

Foie gras was officially classified as part of the "cultural and gastronomic heritage" of France but some countries and U.S. states such as California and New York have considered banning it because of an animal welfare concerns.

A poll released by French foie gras producers on Wednesday showed 77% of domestic consumers were not ready to switch from the original to one made from plant-based products. "There is room for everyone," Borgel said.



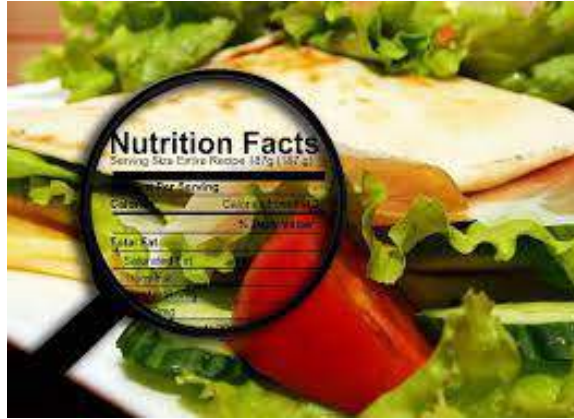
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# TRADITIONAL INDIAN MEALS WILL BE DESTROYED BY FSSAI'S FOPNL, WHICH WILL IMPROVE WESTERN FOODS

On September 13, 2022, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a draught notification that would change the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display). This change includes front-of-pack nutrition labeling (FOPNL). Foods will be rated according to their nutritional content per 100 grams or 100 milliliters under FOPNL using the INR (Indian Nutrition Rating System). The evaluations will range from 0.5 stars, or the least healthful, to 5 stars, or the healthiest.

The findings of a study of popular Indian foods conducted in accordance with the requirements of the star rating method under the FOPNL (Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labeling) regulation proposed by the FSSAI were published by the Indian Sellers Collective, an umbrella organization of trade associations and sellers throughout the nation.

The ranking will have a negative impact on regional specialties from India. Examples include the North Indian Mathura Peda, which is also a religious offering, receiving a 0.5-star rating, and Patisa receiving a 1-star rating; South Indian specialties like Mysore Pak receiving a 0.5-star rating; and Indian specialties like Peanut Chikki and Instant Poha receiving a 0.5-star rating. Soan Papdi, arguably the most well-known Indian confection and a must-have for



Diwali, will receive one star.

The planned Indian Nutrition Rating System, which rates all food items on a basis of 100 grams, is completely unscientific and does not take Indian consumption patterns and habits into account. As with traditional sweets like

Peda or Mysore Pak, most of these Indian dishes that receive unjust ratings are really eaten in smaller single serves, like 20 grams.

Customers will view Indian traditional foods as unhealthy in comparison to western foods, which will include a comparable amount of sugar, fat, and salt if not more. Due to the influx of western meals, there is a significant threat that traditional Indian foods would be discouraged and eventually disappear. Western foods produced by MNCs will receive higher ratings if they are prepared using procedures like reconstitution and substitution, which are excluded under the new approach. In order to obtain a higher health star rating, western packaged food firms will readily change the nutrient makeup of their food products if they have goods with high or comparable amounts of salt and sugar.

The food processing sector in India has been expanding significantly, and western packaged food corporations have big plans to seize this lucrative market. These Western MNCs are working along with significant distributors and retail giants to seize the market and westernize the Indian palate. The FOPNL will be a crucial tool in this effort to delegitimize Indian food. This will also spell the end for MSMEs engaged in food processing in India.

## THESE PERSONS WILL BENEFIT FROM A SIGNIFICANT INCOME TAX RELIEF MEASURE AND A RECENTLY APPROVED TAX EXEMPTION ORDER



For the convenience of taxpayers, the Income Tax Department frequently modifies the rules. Recently, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) published new guidelines and a form for requesting an income tax exemption on the sum spent on Covid-19 therapy.

You must submit specific paperwork to your employer and fill out a form with the Income Tax Department in order to get a tax exemption on the money you got from your employer or family members for the treatment of COVID-19, according to the notification dated August 5, 2022.

The new regulation became effective on this day

The central government declared last year that ex-gratia received for the treatment of Covid-19 or ex-gratia received by family members in the event of a death brought on by Covid-19 would not be subject to income tax. It was also mentioned in the 2022 budget. This exemption will take effect in the 2019–2020 fiscal year. In addition to this, the Income Tax Department has also disclosed the creation of committees for the prompt resolution of any complaints.

For the benefit of the public and to encourage digitization, the Income Tax Department has digitalized the form for claiming tax exemption from it. The full job will be completed digitally. No longer will you be required to visit the office for numerous tasks.

Tax receipts rose by 24%.

Net direct tax receipts climbed by 24 percent to Rs 8.77 lakh crore between April and November of the current fiscal year. This information was recently provided by the Income Tax Department. This tax revenue represents 61.79 percent of the projected budget for the entire fiscal year 2022–2023.

## THE NEW RECHARGEABLE, SOLAR COOKING STOVE FROM INDIAN OIL MAY BE USED INDOORS AND EVEN REPLACE LPG



Using solar energy, Indian Oil and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas created the Surya Nutan cooktop in 2021. A fixed, rechargeable indoor solar cooker is called a Surya Nutan. The R&D center in Faridabad of Indian Oil created and developed the patented product.

By a wire that transports the solar energy obtained through the solar panels on the roof, it uses the sun's energy to cook food in the kitchen. Because it doesn't require exposure to the sun, it is special. The appliance has an online cooking mode that allows for solar charging, and it also has a hybrid mode that enables the simultaneous use of auxiliary power and solar power. It can therefore be used all year round. This solar system is significant in light of the energy crisis in our country; India now imports 50% of its LPG needs. According to a news release from Indian Oil, such a stove can also lower India's carbon dioxide emissions. Three models of the Surya Nutan range in price from Rs 12,000 to Rs 23,000. The highest model can prepare all four meals for a household of four.

## RISKS OF A GLOBAL RECESSION ARE INCREASING AS CENTRAL BANKS BOOST RATES



continue to be especially concerned about rising pricing expectations and increased pressures seeping into their economy, just like it did in the 1970s.

A day later, President Christine Lagarde stated that the ECB also had further to go.

The Bank of Japan is one exception, as it is anticipated that it will retain its ultra-loose policy settings the following week.

Authorities underestimating how rapidly inflation can decline when development slows and Covid-19-damaged supply chains unclog is a new concern for the entire world. Their rigid approach poses the risk of escalating an already bad situation and lengthening downturns, which central bankers believe will be brief and shallow.

Officials from the BOE openly believe that the UK is already in a recession, and their counterparts from the ECB believe that the euro area entered one this quarter. The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has caused oil prices to skyrocket, which has severely impacted both economies.

Although the US is less vulnerable to the effects of the conflict, the economy is nonetheless in danger of a slump due to the impact of increasing inflation and interest rates. Powell has refrained from declaring that a recession is imminent, but two of his colleagues have projected that the gross domestic product will drop next year.

While 2023 will certainly see more rate increases from all three central banks, they won't likely be as consistent as this week.

Lagarde told the markets that they are underestimating the ECB's commitment while Powell kept the door open to the Fed reducing its boost in interest rates to a quarter-point increase in February. She outlined plans to start selling off a stockpile of roughly \$5 trillion (\$5.3 trillion) in bonds and hinted that at least two additional half-point steps are on the way.

Meanwhile, BOE rate reductions are becoming more visible. Two officials opposed a boost and

said that the policy should soon be relaxed, despite the fact that a majority of the board this week opted to raise by a half point to 3.5%. According to the meeting minutes, they consider that 3% is more than sufficient to bring inflation back to target, before going below target in the longer run.

The labor market is a crucial area of attention for all three central banks. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the third quarter had the lowest rate of unemployment in major industrialized nations since the early 1980s, at 4.4%. As a result, employers are under more pressure to raise prices.

The financial markets must be on their side as well. If they continue to ease, some of the higher borrowing costs will be offset.

Each central bank faces a particular type of inflation. Former New York Fed President William Dudley, who is currently a senior consultant to Bloomberg Economics, said on Bloomberg Television that in the US, it's all about the labor market.

Pent-up demand after the epidemic and the weakening of the euro contribute to the momentum. In the euro region, disruptions in the energy supply account for a large portion of the inflationary drive.

With Europe's energy price shock and tight labor markets a la the US, the UK appears to have the worst of both situations. Since mid-2021, wholesale natural gas prices have multiplied seven times, and employment has decreased by 200,000 from pre-pandemic levels. Due to illness, employees have taken early retirement or quit their jobs.

Labor shortages are pushing up wages even if there are still plenty of openings. The current rate of 6.9% growth for regular private-sector compensation is the fastest this century excluding pandemics.

Source : PIB/Reuters



# MULTI-LINGUAL NATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL WAS HELD IN CAPITAL

*From Ghalib's Urdu Adab to Assam's Saint Shankar Dev's echo and Bengal's cultural richness was heard.*

- Around 40 poets participated
- National integration through language harmony theme
- Sanjay Sherpuria, National Youth Icon - Chief Guest at the programme

**NEW DELHI** - Winter stricken national capital turn a unique meeting place over the last weekend on December 17 with the hum of poetry in different languages, from Ghalib's Urdu adab to the echoes of Assamese great Shrimant Shankar Dev's Bargeet.

A unique multilingual national conference was organized in Vishwa Yuvak Kendra under the aegis of the national Hindi weekly Pragya Mail and International journalist Ratnajyoti Dutta (National Honorary Adviser of Pragya Mail)

Poets recited their poems in Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Nepali, Gujarati, Malayalam, Garhwali, Marathi and Sanskrit.

Sanjay Sherpuria called for cooperation in nation-building in his valuable speech as the Chief Guest. He also said entrepreneurial zeal can be better achieved through education in one's mother tongue. Sanjay Sherpuria gifted his book "Divya Drishti Modi" to the guests and organisers out of courtesy.

Among the Guest of Honour were Assam (Karimganj) MP Kripanath Malla, RSS Northeast campaigner Ram Singh, Professor Baharul Islam of IIM, Kashipur, capital-based cardiologist Navajit Talukder, economist Hiranmoy Roy, advocate Dhurbendu Shekhar Bhattacharya, Bornali Biswas Editor in Chief of News Mania, Founder of Sahitya, Culture and International Poet Forum, Kavyamani Borah who is also the owner of Culture and International Poetry Forum and 'Read Through Mind Publications' in Darjeeling.

Lok Sabha MP, Karimganj, Assam, Kripanath Malla inaugurated poet and organiser Kavyamani Borah's book of Assamese poetry "" Nishar Chaharr Chinaki Lipstick"

The poetry program was started by Urdu and Punjabi poet Rajendra Singh Arora 'Dildar'. Around forty poets from different languages across the country participated in the festival.

Renowned Hindi poet Gajendra Solanki recited a patriotic poem and spread colours on the occasion. Gujarati poet Madhavi Vyas also recited a poem on patriotism.

Kavyamani Borah's group of poets included Atul Chandra Roy, Manju Mays (Nepali poet), Ju Cheng Changmai (Assamese), Abdul Qadir Khan (Assamese), Anant Kumar Bhuiyan (Assamese), Bobby Chetia (Assamese) and poets from Siliguri. And the translator was also Mahua Chowdhury.

Rituraj Pathak, Professor, Delhi University, recited Sanskrit poems full of figures of speech and figures of speech. Malayalam poet Lakshmi Priya Menon recites Malayalam poetry. The poem depicted the pain of women. After the tea break, an Urdu poet from Delhi enthralled the audience with a poem on motherhood. Poet and playwright Masood Hashmi expressed his joy. Gujarati poet Hitesh Vyas read his latest poem.

On the occasion, Kavyamani Borah, Ratnajyoti Dutta and Arun Barman greeted the guests and people from outside Assam with Assamese gamocha.

On behalf of News Mania, Editor-in-Chief Bornali Biswas conferred mementoes of the Bharat Dignity Award 2022 to social activist Sanjay Sherpuria, philanthropist Ram Singh, cardiologist Navajyoti Talukder, international journalist Ratnajyoti Dutta, Pragma Mail's editor Arun Burman and poet Kavyamani Borah.

Furthermore poets Kavyamani Borah and Bornali Biswas were awarded the '2022 Best Woman Award' for their good work for society.

ONGC, News Mania, Art City India, Naya Thahor, Ek Lakshya, FFASS were the main sponsors of the event. All hailed the event as a success and came back with a memorable evening to remember.





# BHARAT SANSKRITI UTSAB 2022

Bharat Sanskriti Utsab an ISO 9001:2015 certified Global Competition & Festival of Indian Art & Culture, which stepped into its 15th year of success, organized by Hindusthan Art and Music Society, Kolkata - one of the most eagerly awaited cultural festivals held from December 14th through 18th, first at Purba Bardhaman and from December 23rd through 30th at Kolfiata at ICCR Auditorium, West Bengal.

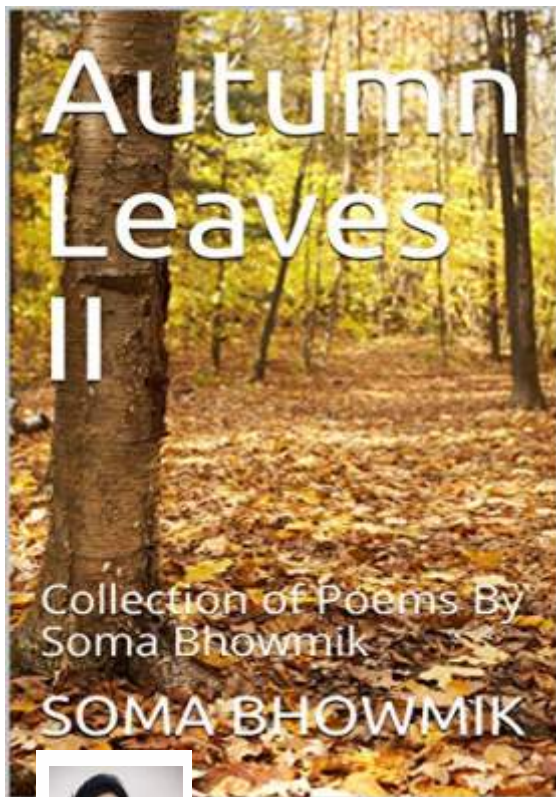
In Purba Bardhaman, it will be held from 14th through 18th at Town hall Maidan & Auditorium. A cultural rally consisting of all the artists (approx. 90) and competitors (approx. 2,336) will be the main medium of the glorious inauguration of 15th Bharat Sanskriti Utsab on 14th Dec'22 at 10.00am in the busy streets of Purba Bardhaman. In the evening, the lighting ceremony will be held at Town Hall Maidan by the inaugurating guests included Sri Swapan Debnath (Minister-in-charge, WB), Justice Anil Verma (Honorable Judge, MP High Court), Dr Varun Kapoor (IPS, ADG, MP Police), Dr. Sahitya Kr Nahar (Vice Chancellor, Raja Man Singh Tomar University), Dr Mufiesh Pandey (Vice Chancellor, Bundelhihand University, Jhansi, UP) and many other dignitaries.

As per performance of the Candidate (securing maximum marks) will get a chance to participate in our International Festival in Thailand/Malaysia/Singapore/Dubai at free of cost. The other position holders of the competition will also get privilege discounts to participate in our International Festival. The organisation will also provide a whole year scholarship & cash prize to the selected candidates of the particular year.





## "Artizen's Column"



"May the Autumn Leaves bring love and Happiness for your precious life"

That is my intention for you and the entire world.

In this book you will find the glimpses of a great secret- "The Secret of Life"

I believe - "Our Sorrows Are Our Luxuries"

We can survive without happiness but none of us is able to live without sorrows. The sense of incompleteness gives us the motivation to go on ...rather chasing our desire.

Little did I know at that time, out of My greatest despair was to come this greatest gift - "Autumn Leaves"

Each and every page of this book is a leaf and in ever leaf you will find a secret. These secret makers thoughtful and full of empathy for others rather than judging them.

You will find throughout this book that I have capitalized the word "you". The reason I did this is because I want you, the reader, to feel and know that I created this work for you. I am speaking to you personally when I say "you". My intention is for you to feel a personal connection with these "Autumn Leaves". Because here the secret of life has been created for you... you... and you.

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### Art of the week



**DEEPAK SUNDAR**

Colourful figurative Woman

### Face of the week



**SAATHVIK**

Be blessed and spread this innocent laugh to the ultimate extent

### Thought of the week



When the world pushes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position to pray

### Shot of the week



**SAPTAK TALAPATRA**

Title- Motherhood beyond understanding

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