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DELIMITATION AND WOMEN'S BILLS ON AGENDA

Government Set to Take Up Key Constitutional Amendments, Including Women's Reservation and Lok Sabha Seat Expansion

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today advised ministers to make preparations to hold a Parliament session before December 15, with the issue figuring during discussions at the Union Cabinet meeting. Sources said the PM advised all ministers to remain available and suggested they do not undertake any foreign travel in the run-up to the session.



The indication from the PM was to call the session before December 15, with the monsoon session yet to be prorogued. The monsoon session ended on August 13 and has remained without prorogation for 103 days now. The sources said it remains to be seen whether the government will call the forthcoming sitting as a special session or winter session. Non-prorogation of the monsoon session permits the government to call a fresh session at a short two- to three-day notice. Also there is no constitutional obligation to convene a full-fledged winter session. There have been four years in the past when no winter session has been held — 1975, 1979, 1984 and 2020. The government plans to pilot the delimitation and 33 per cent women's reservation Bills in the upcoming session and claims to have the special majority needed to pass these legislations. These Constitution amendment Bills require a two-thirds majority of the MPs present and voting to be passed. The Congress-led Opposition has been demanding an all-party meeting to discuss delimitation and has sought a 25-year freeze on the size of Lok Sabha, currently having 543 MPs.

For this freeze to be extended also, a Constitution amendment will be needed to Article 82, which currently freezes the 543 Lok Sabha number until the publication of the first Census after 2026.

Unless amended, this provision will take effect once data from the ongoing Census is published next year. The government has proposed to the Opposition a Constitution amendment to raise the Lok Sabha strength from 543 to 850 MPs, with the guarantee of a flat 50 per cent raise in the Lok Sabha seats of every state over and above their current House strength. A middle ground is evading the debate, with government sources saying, "It is up to the Opposition to come to the table. The government has already made its intent clear. The Constitution amendment Bills require a broad political consensus and the Opposition should come forward."

CONSTITUTION DAY

Modi accuses Opposition of seeking Muslim quota at OBCs' expense

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the Opposition of seeking to curtail reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to introduce quotas for Muslims, calling the alleged move "most appalling" in a Constitution Day op-ed.



Marking the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, Modi said the Opposition was pursuing an agenda rejected by the Constitution's framers. Though he did not name the party, the apparent reference was to the Congress.

"It is most appalling that the biggest party in the Opposition wants to reduce OBC reservation and bring Muslim reservations, something the makers of our Constitution, notably Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, were totally against," he wrote.

He accused the Opposition of becoming obstructionist in Parliament, saying it "seems to have become more of an avrodh paksh (obstructionist) than a virodh paksh (opposition)". Disrupting democratic processes, he added, "is no substitute for discharging constitutional responsibilities". Meanwhile, speaking at an event to mark Constitution Day, Home Minister Amit Shah announced that all BJP-ruled states would implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), asserting that laws should not be framed on the basis of religion. Shah said the framers of the Constitution had included the UCC in the Directive Principles of State Policy and envisioned a uniform law for every citizen, irrespective of religion.

"Our Constitution framers included the UCC in our Directive Principles. Every single citizen in this country — irrespective of religion, whether Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Christian, or Parsi — must get the right to live under one uniform law. Laws should not be framed on the basis of religion, which your party, Rahul ji, outright rejects. Today, I have come to state with clarity that in the coming days, wherever there are BJP-ruled governments, we are going to implement the UCC," he said.

Goa, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Assam and Madhya Pradesh have implemented the UCC so far. Shah also spoke about the constitutional framework governing the transfer and exercise of political power. He said the Constitution gave citizens the right to decide who would govern them, while requiring elected governments to function within constitutional limits.

Akhilesh promises 10 lakh jobs, farm loan waiver in SP manifesto

2027 UP Poll Pledges Include Rs 5,000 Monthly Allowance for Unemployed Graduates, Caste Census, 50% Contract Reservation and OPS Restoration

Lucknow, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Monthly financial assistance for unemployed graduates, caste census, farm loan waiver, 50 per cent reservation in government contracts for Dalits and PDA communities, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for government employees, meals at Rs 5 are some of the highlights of the Samajwadi Party's election manifesto titled 'Jan-Man Ghoshna Patra' and 'Sattais Ka Sankalp: PDA Ka Pranpatra'.



Akhilesh Yadav announced that the first Cabinet meeting of an SP government would approve the filling of one million vacant government posts. The party also promised a monthly allowance of Rs 5,000 for unemployed graduates until they secure jobs, a farm loan waiver, a legal guarantee of MSP for 23 crops and milk, and restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

The manifesto for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls was announced by SP President Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday, who has placed employment, reservation, social justice, and economic security at the centre of the party's electoral agenda. The SP has pledged that if elected, its first Cabinet meeting will approve the immediate filling of one million government vacancies. Addressing a gathering, Akhilesh Yadav said that if the Samajwadi Party government is formed, it would create new employment opportunities for the youth. "Vacant government posts would be filled, and recruitment processes would be completed within a fixed timeframe. Unemployed graduates would receive a monthly sustenance allowance of Rs 5,000 until they find employment. To ensure transparency in recruitment examinations, strict action would be taken against paper leak incidents, with accountability fixed on the concerned ministers and officials. Recruitment exams would be conducted within three to six months, and delays in appointments would be prevented," he promised. Regarding education, the SP has promised to reopen 26,000 closed primary schools, provide laptops to students who pass Class 12, and implement a new education policy in the state.

The party has pledged equal opportunities in higher education for poor and PDA-category students, along with skill development initiatives to improve employability. It has also proposed the construction of residential hostels and the introduction of an "Urban Employment Guarantee Act". Farmers have been given special attention, with the SP promising a farm loan waiver and a legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 23 crops as well as milk. Farmers would receive compensation in the event of crop damage, the party said and also proposed a Rs 15,000 crore corpus fund for clearing sugarcane dues, claiming it would ensure payments within 24 hours.

SC directs FSSAI to mandate red warning labels on high-sugar, salt and fat foods

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to ensure that packaged food products exceeding prescribed limits of nutrients of concern carry separate and prominent front-of-pack warning labels declaring "High Fat", "High Sugar", or "High Salt". A bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K. Vinod Chandran directed the food regulator to incorporate standardised pictorial representations of the respective nutrients alongside the corresponding warning declarations in separate red hexagons. The apex court further directed that each warning hexagon should occupy at least 4-5 per cent of the principal display panel of the food package, unless there are explicit reasons to depart from the requirement.



It also asked the FSSAI to prescribe prominent and readily legible font sizes so that the warnings are clearly visible to consumers under normal conditions of purchase and use. On the nutritional thresholds, the Justice Pardiwala-led Bench directed the FSSAI to treat "total sugars" and "saturated fat", instead of "added sugar" and "added fat", as nutrients of concern, alongside salt.

It said the threshold levels proposed under Table 15.1 of the Dietary Guidelines for Indians (DGI), 2024, should not be adopted in their existing form, as they were calculated with reference to added sugar and added fat rather than total sugars and saturated fat.

The Supreme Court directed that the revised thresholds must be evidence-based and neither too low nor too high , warning that excessively low limits could result in almost all packaged food products carrying warning labels and eventually desensitise consumers.

"Thresholds set too low would result in almost all packaged food products carrying a warning label and thereby desensitise consumers and induce 'label fatigue'. The threshold levels presently on record fall in this category," the top court observed.

AAP Sounds Poll Bugle in Punjab, Kejriwal Assures Welfare Schemes

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday sounded a poll bugle for the upcoming Assembly elections with the 'Khushhaal Punjab Rally' at Matwani village on the Moga-Ludhiana highway. The event was officially organised by the state government as a Smart Ration Card Distribution Function, during which Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched the scheme and distributed smart cards and ration kits to beneficiaries.



The rally drew a massive turnout, with AAP leaders attacking political opponents, particularly the newly revived SAD-BJP alliance, while projecting the Mann government's welfare schemes as the party's principal electoral plank. The party has announced 71 of the 117 candidates, much ahead of other parties. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, who addressed a gathering in Punjab after five months, appealed to women voters and assured them that all existing welfare schemes would continue if the party returned to power. He accused the BJP-led Centre of attempting to stop the monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000 and Rs 1,500 to women under the Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana.

Referring to Mann as his "younger brother", Kejriwal claimed that over two lakh people attended the rally. Invoking the significance of November 26, he said it was the day Dr BR Ambedkar's Constitution was adopted and AAP was formed in 2012. "The Constitution is being crushed today. It is an indication from God that this responsibility has been given to AAP," he said. Recalling the 2022 Assembly elections, Kejriwal said he had sought votes by giving guarantees rather than making false promises and credited Mann with fulfilling those commitments.

Kharge Urges Congress Leaders to Focus on Work Amid SP Seat-Sharing Talks

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, on Thursday, took note of party MP Imran Masood's remarks on the ongoing seat-sharing deliberations between the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP) ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, urging party leaders to undertake more efforts than just making statements. Kharge made the remarks while addressing the 'Samajik Parivartan Morcha' in Lucknow.



A day earlier, Masood stirred a row by saying the Congress was "not a party of beggars waiting for Akhilesh Yadav's handouts", after the SP offered 26 seats to the grand old party and even released its first list of five candidates for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls.

Addressing the gathering on Thursday, the Congress chief said: "Imran Masood ji puts forward his views with great enthusiasm, and I hear him on television. He speaks with a lot of passion. But we have to do more than just talking." "That is why the more we work together, the further progress we will make," he asserted.

Kharge further said: "Imran Masood ji is in Parliament, and he always fights for the party and tries to get his views accepted through his efforts." Earlier in the day, Masood asserted that the Congress would not accept seats it considers unviable amid the negotiations with the Samajwadi Party, saying that his party would contest only those constituencies where it believes it has a realistic chance of winning. Masood said: "We will not accept unviable seats. If you offer us seats that we cannot win, we will not take them. If you believe you can win those seats, contest them yourself. Why should we contest them? We want to fight only on seats where we can deliver results. No one understands our organisation, leaders and party better than we do. It is our party, not yours, that has the right to assess our winning prospects.

Jaishankar Meets Seychelles Foreign Minister Barry Faure

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar held a meeting with his Seychelles counterpart Barry Faure on the sidelines of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers' (COM) Meeting here on Thursday, with both sides reaffirming their shared commitment to further strengthen their people-centric partnership. During the meeting, the two ministers also spoke about cooperation in IORA and regional issues. Faure is currently on an official visit to India to attend the IORA 25th Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting set to be held here on Friday.



Following his meeting with the visiting minister, EAM Jaishankar on X wrote: "Delighted to meet FM Barry Faure of Seychelles. IORA 50 Years India-Seychelles. Reaffirmed the shared commitment to further strengthening our people-centric partnership focussing on health, connectivity, skilling, energy, cyber and AI. Also discussed cooperation in IORA and regional issues. Vision MAHASAGAR."

Earlier in the day, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) extended a warm welcome to Faure as he arrived in New Delhi to participate in the meeting. "Warm welcome to a trusted partner in the Indian Ocean Region! Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Seychelles, Barry Faure, arrives in New Delhi to participate in the 25th IORA Council of Ministers Meeting," the MEA posted on X.

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Revanth Reddy accuses BJP of plotting to weaken Constitution

Addressing Samvidhan Raksha March, CM Hails Congress' Role in Freedom Struggle and Constitution-Making, Calls for Defence of Democratic Rights



Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy remembered the Congress party's significant contribution during India's freedom struggle and in drafting the powerful Indian Constitution. Addressing a rally - " Samvidhan Raksha March" in Hyderabad today, the Chief Minister praised Gandhi, Nehru, Sardar Patel and Dr BR Ambedkar for providing equal opportunities to all through the Constitution.

The CM recalled that Congress was formed in 1885 with the goal of achieving independence for the nation and ensuring equal opportunities for all. Many leaders sacrificed their lives to attain independence and also gifted us the Constitution. It was the Congress party which achieved independence through non-violence, without wars or bloodshed. Nehru and Ambedkar recognised the importance of giving power to the people and envisioned the Constitution to check the continuation of the legacy of power from Kings to their kins. CM Revanth Reddy warned that some political forces were attacking the Constitution in an attempt to make their own power permanent and asserted the need to counter such assaults. " Democracy is the magnificent opportunity provided to us by the Constitution. It granted the right to vote for everyone including tribal communities, Dalits, women, and minorities".

Coming down heavily on BJP, the Chief Minister said that the right wing outfits made arguments against granting the right to vote to the poor and to women. However, Ambedkar ensured the right to vote for everyone. America did not grant women the right to vote for 100 years although the country attained freedom 360 years ago.

The CM lambasted PM Modi for coming to power by making false promises in 2014. The promise of double the income of farmers and bringing back black money remained unfulfilled. Modi retained power for second and third term by dividing the society on caste and religious grounds and false promises, CM Revanth Reddy charged.

CM Revanth Reddy further warned that

Modi, Amit Shah, Adani, and Ambani are conspiring to secure a fourth term by orchestrating the removal of voters from the electoral rolls. "The Constitution is meant to determine who governs. Unfortunately, the rulers themselves are deciding who gets to be a voter. Already, 13 crore votes of Dalits, Adivasi (tribal communities), women, and minorities have been deleted, and the rulers are attempting to remove another 7 crore votes.

Calling all to support the Gandhi family and defeat Modi's 'Kaurava' army, the Chief Minister said that Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives to the cause of nation. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Kharge, and K.C. Venugopal is fighting to uphold the ideals of Gandhi. Modi and his coterie are continuing Godse legacy. " Congress was born for India's independence and the BJP for power".

Congress is immortal continuing for 100 more years of existence and it is not certain whether BJP exists in the future in the country, CM Revanth Reddy said that he targets Congress wins 90 seats in Assembly elections and 15 MP seats in next Lok Sabha elections from Telangana state. " We are all servants of the people. I stand on this platform today thanks to the opportunity given to me by the people and the blessings of God", the Chief Minister said amid applause from the big gathering of Congress leaders and workers.

Centre takes digital life certificate nationwide drive

Face Authentication Technology Ensures Hassle-Free Services for Pensioners





Hyderabad, Nov26 (Open Frame): The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), Government of India, is conducting the fifth nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign from November 1 to 30, 2026, covering 2,000 cities and districts across all States and Union Territories. The campaign aims to improve the Ease of Living for Central Government pensioners by promoting the use of Digital Life Certificates through Jeevan Pramaan, particularly with the help of face authentication technology.

The initiative reflects the government's 'Whole of Government Approach' by bringing together various ministries, departments, banks and other stakeholder organisations on a common platform to ensure accessible and seamless pension-related services.

The Digital Life Certificate initiative was introduced in 2014 through biometric devices. Subsequently, DoPPW collaborated with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to develop Aadhaar-based face authentication technology. This facility enables pensioners to submit their life certificates using any Android-based smartphone without the need for separate biometric devices.

Since 2022, DoPPW has been organising nationwide DLC campaigns every year from November 1 to 30 to create awareness among Central Government pensioners and pension disbursing agencies about the benefits of face authentication technology. Four such campaigns have already been conducted.

The ongoing fifth edition is being organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence, Department of Posts, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), pension disbursing banks, pensioners' welfare associations, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and State Governments. UIDAI and MeitY are providing technical support for the initiative.

Detailed guidelines have been issued to various ministries, departments, banks and registered pensioners' welfare associations to ensure maximum participation and wider adoption of the digital facility.

As part of the campaign, Digital Life Certificates are being generated for pensioners visiting designated camps. Awareness is also being created to enable pensioners to independently generate their DLCs in the future. Doorstep services are being extended to those who are unable to visit the camps, particularly senior citizens, bedridden individuals and persons with disabilities.

The camps are also providing additional facilities, including Aadhaar detail updates, health check-up camps and awareness programmes on cyber fraud prevention.

On November 26, Senior Director (IT) Anil Bansal visited the Digital Life Certificate camp organised by the State Bank of India (SBI) at its Local Head Office (LHO) in Hyderabad and another camp conducted by India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) at the Hyderabad General Post Office (GPO).

During his visits, Bansal interacted with pensioners availing themselves of digital services and joined officials from DoPPW, SBI, pensioners' associations and IPPB in assisting beneficiaries with the generation of Digital Life Certificates through face authentication.

DoPPW and IPPB officials also visited the homes of very elderly and differently-abled pensioners to facilitate the generation of their Digital Life Certificates and explain the procedure. Special efforts are being made to publicise the campaign and encourage more pensioners to utilise the digital facility, ensuring convenient, accessible and hassle-free life certificate submission across the country.

Bhatti Vikramarka Directs Departments to Ensure Smooth Conduct of Telangana Global Summit



Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday directed heads of all departments that the Invest Telangana Global Summit to held at Future City from December 7 to December 9 to focus on the final preparations for the event. Making it clear that the Invest Telangana Global Summit is not only about attracting investments to the state, creating employment opportunities for the people and contributing to the vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to making Telangana a $ 3 Trillion economy by 2047, Vikramarka said this is an event where every guest who comes for the Summit experiences top notch hospitality, which is a basic trait of Telangana.

He was speaking during a meeting with Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, the Chief Minister's Advisor and ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, special chief secretaries, principal secretaries, and senior officials of all departments at the Invest Telangana Global Summit War Room at Praja Bhavan. Vikramarka was briefed by the Chief Secretary and secretaries of various departments on department-wise progress of preparations for the Invest Telangana Global Summit. The Deputy Chief Minister directed the officials to update all the ministers on department-wise progress being made, and called on them to work from the War Room from now on for increased coordination and solving any potential issues that might arise during the holding of an event at such a large scale.

Vikramarka said that the Invest Telangana Global Summit should also be one - where all the 1,700 plus invitees including industry leaders who have confirmed their participation, with another 1,300 guests set join the event - to reflect the achievements of three years of the present government, its activities, its achievements on welfare and development fronts.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said the scale and scope of the Invest Telangana Global Summit is set to surpass India's largest convention facility, Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in Delhi. In addition to using the Young India Integrated Residential Schools complex as the venue, will have several other halls and facilities and one of the important aspects with be the Telangana Square, a public space for delegates to relax and interact with each other, and one which will showcase Telangana's culture, crafts, and cuisine.

Kishan Reddy's family joins Hyderabad walk for drug-free society



Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Demonstrating strong family support for his mission to build a drug-free society, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy's family members have actively joined his 'Hyderabad Walk for Nasha Mukt Bharat' campaign, extending their wholehearted support to the awareness initiative. Kishan Reddy's wife, Kavya Kishan Reddy, has been walking alongside him over the past two days, inspiring participants and adding enthusiasm to the public awareness march.

His children have also joined the campaign to carry forward their father's vision. On the first day, his son Tanmay Reddy accompanied him during the padyatra, encouraging young people and members of the public to stand against drug abuse. On the second day, his daughter Vaishnavi Reddy actively participated in the march, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drugs.

An especially heartwarming moment during the padyatra was when Kishan Reddy, along with his family members, stopped at a roadside tea stall and interacted warmly with local residents. Setting aside formalities, he enjoyed a cup of hot tea with ordinary citizens and enquired about their well-being. During the interaction, he appealed to people to become active participants in the mission to create a drug-free society, emphasising that collective public awareness and participation are essential to eliminating the menace of drug abuse.

The participation of his wife and children has added a personal and inspiring dimension to Kishan Reddy's campaign, highlighting how family support can strengthen the commitment towards a larger social cause.

Constitution Must Be Understood and Protected by Every Citizen: NALSAR VC



Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Open Frame): The Constitution belongs to every citizen, and its ideals must be understood, protected and translated into everyday practice, said NALSAR University of Law Vice-Chancellor Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao. He was addressing a Photo exhibition & Constitution Day awareness programme organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Educational Institution, Hyderabad, today.

Prof. Deva Rao emphasised that the Indian Constitution is not merely a legal document but a living instrument embodying the aspirations of the people. He called upon students, teachers and citizens to understand and uphold its core principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Recalling the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and other members of the Constituent Assembly, he highlighted the extensive debates and deliberations that shaped the Constitution. He also explained the significance of November 26, 1949, as when the Constitution was adopted, and January 26, 1950, as when it came into force. Highlighting the importance of the Preamble, Prof. Deva Rao said that justice, liberty, equality and fraternity form the foundation of India's constitutional values. He also underscored the importance of fundamental rights, constitutional governance, judicial independence and the Basic Structure Doctrine in safeguarding democracy.

Emphasising the Constitution's role in social transformation, he said its provisions seek to address structural inequalities, eliminate discrimination and ensure dignity and equal opportunities for all citizens. Calling for greater constitutional literacy, he urged students and teachers to cultivate the habit of reading the Constitution and understanding the debates of the Constituent Assembly. He stressed that constitutional awareness should extend beyond fundamental rights to include fundamental duties and responsible democratic participation. Appreciating the initiative of the Central Bureau of Communication, Prof. Deva Rao said that awareness programmes and exhibitions play an important role in familiarising young people with the history, values and significance of the Indian Constitution. He urged educational institutions and civil society organisations to actively promote constitutional literacy. Dr. G. Vinod, Secretary, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Educational Institutions, emphasised the need to create awareness about the Constitution and simplify its provisions to help citizens understand their fundamental rights and duties.

He lauded the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and highlighted his institution's commitment to providing quality and affordable education, noting that it has educated nearly 1.5 lakh students.

Telangana SIR: Late Applicants Can Track Status Online, Notice Respondents Still Cannot



Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Voters in Telangana who filled in their forms on time and answered every notice during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls cannot find out where their cases stand, while those who came in late can track theirs online.

Electors whose names were dropped from the draft roll as Absent, Shifted, Duplicate or Deceased (ASDD), and who applied again through Form 6, can check the progress of their applications. There is no such facility for those who replied to SIR notices with the documents asked for.

Five months after Booth-Level Officers (BLO) began going door to door on June 25, the final electoral roll is still some weeks away. The date for publishing the final roll has been pushed back more than once. Initially, it was expected on October 1. The Election Commission of India (ECI) last week moved it again, from November 30 to December 22. The extension, which covers seven states and Union territories, was meant to give voters on the ASDD list one more chance to get back on the rolls. The notice phase, including the disposal of claims and objections, will now continue until December 15. The move was well meant, but it has left voters who followed the rules unsure where they stand.

The draft roll was published on August 17 after an enumeration exercise that ran from June 25 to August 10. It had 2,64,87,213 electors. About 92.8 lakh of them were served notices, either for anomalies in their details or because their entries could not be linked to the 2002 electoral roll.

Officials say nearly all of these cases have since been settled. By November 20, about 92 lakh had been cleared for the final roll. These included 60.1 lakh voters flagged for discrepancies and 31.8 lakh whose entries did not match the earlier rolls. Overall, 2,63,96,341 names on the draft roll, or over 99 per cent, have been cleared. Another 58,772 electors have been found ineligible and 32,100 cases are still pending.

India's Nuclear expansion opens doors for global investors



New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): India's plan to expand nuclear power capacity to 100 GW by 2047 could reposition nuclear energy from a niche contributor into a key pillar of the country's low-carbon power system, creating huge opportunities for global technology providers, investors and industrial users who seek long-term partnership, a new report has said. "Nuclear energy is being positioned as a firm power source that can complement renewables and support energy security, grid stability and decarbonization," the report from Gulf Today said citing an EY-Parthenon study.

India currently has about 8.9 GW of nuclear power capacity and plans to increase it to 100 GW by 2047, implies a substantial expansion over the next two decades supported by a diversified reactor mix. The report said global nuclear companies would be better served by compliant partnerships involving technology, localisation and project execution rather than pursuing direct ownership opportunities. "The country's emerging nuclear ecosystem will likely reward players that bring technology, capital, localization, safety culture and long-term partnership intent. The most credible strategies may be those that align with India's sovereign priorities while solving real project-level challenges – cost, execution, financing and industrial demand," the report noted. While emerging models such as small modular reactors and Bharat small reactors could be key for industrial decarbonisation providing 24x7 clean power, international nuclear companies should not view India as a short-term vendor market, the report suggested.

Centre to Launch Global Campaign to Boost Darjeeling Tea Exports



New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal after consultations with tea industry stakeholders in the Darjeeling hills said on Thursday that the central government will launch an international marketing campaign to promote Darjeeling tea, and introduce freight support measures for exporters. "To increase exports of our tea, so that the tea industry here gets better prices, we are announcing an international level marketing campaign under the exports promotion mission and a decision has been taken on that," Goyal said in Kurseong.

The minister also announced support for tea exporters facing high inland freight costs. He announced a scheme under the Export Promotion Mission. Goyal has also announced measures to improve auction transparency and share, curb misuse of the Darjeeling geographical indication (GI) tag (such as cheaper imported tea sold under the Darjeeling name), and streamline Tea Board processes. Goyal shared suggestions he received during a Chai Pe Charcha session with stakeholders. "Some suggestions were related to the Tea Board and chat changes we can bring about so that in the future business becomes easier and decisions have been taken immediately. Some suggestions were related to the issue of increasing exports, and what steps can be taken," a report from NDTV Profit cited Goyal. Known as the world's best tea, Darjeeling Tea in 2004 was the first Indian product to win a geographical indication (GI) tag.

However, the tea industry in the area is currently facing challenging times with the fall in production in the hills. "India is the world's largest producer of black tea and second largest producer of tea and India makes all kinds of tea and sells it across the world," Goyal said stressing stronger research to improve the quality of tea. India exported tea worth around Rs 8,718 crore during FY 2025-26, up 16 per cent on an YoY basis.

Centre Approves Rs 2,632 Crore for India Post Modernisation



New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): India Post is set to accelerate its transformation with a combined financial outlay of 2,632 crore for the Postal Operations and Estates Management Schemes for the 16th Finance Commission Cycle (FY 2026 - 27 to FY 2030 - 31). This includes 1,141 crore for the proposed continuation of the Postal Operations Scheme and 1,491 crore for the Estates Management Scheme, whose continuation has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The details of these initiatives were highlighted during a press briefing addressed by Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region; Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development; and Shri Subrat Das, Secretary (Posts), along with other senior officials.

The Union Minister expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, for his visionary leadership and continued support in transforming post offices into modern, citizen-centric service touchpoints across the country. He particularly acknowledged the Prime Minister's support in securing the Cabinet approval of the financial outlay for the modernisation of post offices, which will provide fresh impetus to this transformative journey.

The Union Minister also thanked all the employees and stated, "Every member of the India Post family has worked with unwavering dedication and determination to bring about the transformation of this institution, whose potential extends far beyond national boundaries to the global stage. United by a shared resolve to turn commitment into achievement.

Foodgrain Production Rises by 208 Lakh Tonnes in 2025-26



New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, today released the final production estimates of major agricultural crops for 2025-26 and the first advance estimates for the 2026-27 kharif season, sharing the historic achievements of India's agriculture sector. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, he said that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the hard work of farmers, supported by the government's policies and initiatives, had enabled India to secure the top position globally in the production of rice, pulses, jute, millets and spices. The country has recorded an all-time high foodgrain production of 3785.38 lakh tonnes in 2025-26. Further, despite serious weather-related challenges, including El Niño and a delay in the monsoon, kharif foodgrain production in 2026-27 is estimated at 1671.43 lakh metric tonnes. This is 97.67 lakh tonnes higher than the average production recorded over the previous five years, reflecting the resilience and determination of the country's farmers.

Addressing the press conference, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that India was not only meeting its domestic food requirements but was also making a substantial contribution to feeding the world. In global agricultural rankings, India holds the first position in the production of rice, pulses, jute, millets and spices. It ranks second after China in wheat, cotton, groundnut, fruits and vegetables, and second after Brazil in sugarcane production. Expressing satisfaction over the country's achievements, Shri Chouhan said that India had adequate stocks of both rice and wheat. Indian rice was now making its mark across international markets, with exports registering a growth of 5 per cent. The aroma and quality of Indian basmati rice were reaching consumers across the world, including the United States, Canada and countries in the Middle East. He said that this growing global presence reflected the strength of Indian agriculture and the country's ability to contribute to international food supplies while meeting its own requirements.

Union Agriculture Minister Shri Chouhan made it clear that, having achieved a surplus position in rice and wheat, the government's focus was now firmly on crop diversification and making the country self-reliant in pulses and oilseeds. He said that domestic demand for pulses and edible oils was continuing to rise, making it important to increase production and reduce dependence on imports. To address this requirement, concerted efforts were being undertaken on a mission mode through the National Pulses Mission and National Oilseeds Mission. These initiatives are aimed at strengthening domestic production and meeting the country's growing requirements. Shri Chouhan said that the positive impact of these efforts was now becoming evident in the final production figures, particularly in the improved output of pulses and oilseed crops. The emphasis on diversification would also help broaden the agricultural production base and support farmers in taking up a wider range of crops.

Sindhu eyes another Uber cup campaign with India



New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Having won medals and titles in all major competitions, two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu still has some unfulfilled dreams -- one of which is to help India win gold in the Uber Cup team badminton competition. Sindhu wants another chance to play for India in the Uber Cup and for the country to bag its maiden title in women's team badminton on home soil when India hosts the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals in 2028.

Sindhu talked about her aim after the Badminton Association of India (BAI) secured the 2028 BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals for New Delhi. Sindhu helped India win its maiden Uber Cup medal, a bronze, the last time the capital hosted the championships in 2014. "I am proud of the bronze we won in Delhi in 2014. If I get another chance to play the Uber Cup at home, I want us to go all the way. I know what it meant to stand on that podium with my teammates. To lift the trophy together in front of an Indian crowd would be one of the proudest moments of my career," Sindhu was quoted as saying by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) in a release. The hosting award follows BAI's staging of the 2025 BWF World Junior Championships in Guwahati and the 2026 BWF World Championships in New Delhi. Sindhu said the work led by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and Sanjay Mishra had given Indian players and fans more opportunities to experience badminton's biggest events at home. "At the World Championships in Delhi, players from other countries told me how much they enjoyed walking out to that crowd.

I felt proud that my generation got to play at the World Championships at home. Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Shri Sanjay Mishra, and the team at BAI have put a lot of work into bringing these events to India. In 2028, an Olympic year, young shuttlers will get to see Team India take on the world's best. I hope they leave the stands determined to earn their place on that court and play for India one day," she added.

Indian shuttlers have won a record nine BWF World Tour titles at Super 300 level or above outside India in 2026. Over the next two years, BAI will look to build on those results and the support seen at the New Delhi World Championships. When the Finals return in 2028, fans will have their first chance in 14 years to cheer on India's men and women in badminton's world team championships on home soil.

Hockey India League Returns in January 2027



New Delhi, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Hockey India League 2026-27 season is set to commence in the first week of January 2027, with the player auction for both the men's and women's competitions taking place on December 7, 2026, said the sport's national governing body on Thursday. The upcoming edition will feature six franchises in the men's competition and four in the women's, continuing the league's commitment to providing a prominent platform for domestic and international hockey talent.

Franchises will enter the player trading and retention phase before turning their attention to December's auction. "As part of the announced schedule, franchises must directly communicate their intended player trades to other franchises by November 29, 2026. The official trading window will open at 12:00 IST on November 29 and close at 10:00 IST on December 2." Hockey India said in a release. It added, "Franchises will then be required to notify Hero HIL of permanent player releases and submit their final team lists by 12:00 IST on December 2. The consolidated auction list will be circulated by Hero HIL to the franchises at 17:00 IST on the same day."

Franchises will subsequently have until 17:00 IST on December 3 to submit the list of players they wish to prune down for auction enrolment, following the process adopted during the previous season. Players from the Ranchi Royals men's team and the Hero HIL Governing Council team will also be included in the player list for the auction.

Indian women's team captain Salima Tete expressed her excitement about the announcement and the prospect of returning to the league. "I am really happy that the Hero Hockey India League is returning for another season. The league has been an important platform for Indian players to compete alongside some of the best international talent. The women's competition, in particular, provides us with a wonderful opportunity to showcase our talent and inspire more young girls to take up the sport," said Salima.

Indian men's team captain Harmanpreet Singh also welcomed the announcement, highlighting the league's role in strengthening India's hockey ecosystem.

"It is great news that the Hero Hockey India League will be back in January. Every season brings a new level of competition, with Indian players getting the opportunity to share the field with world-class international stars. This exposure is extremely valuable as we continue to prepare for major international assignments," he said. England star Sam Ward also expressed his pleasure at the announcement.

Trust the journey, success takes time - Shami's advice to young cricketers



Mumbai, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Veteran Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami has urged young cricketers to be patient and keep faith in the process, saying success arrives only after a player has gone through the grind that every career demands. Shami, who retired from Test cricket earlier this month, played through knee pain during the 2015 Men's ODI World Cup, where India reached the semifinals, before undergoing surgery. After an extended rehab, Shami was back to playing international cricket.

Shami also dealt with minor swelling in his left knee due to increased bowling loads in 2024, when he returned to action after undergoing right Achilles tendon surgery for an injury sustained while playing in India, securing a runners-up finish in the 2023 Men's ODI World Cup. "Everything takes time, and you have to trust the journey. It is important to stay committed, keep working with dedication, and remain loyal to your efforts. Keep putting in the hard work, and one day, you will get your platform," Shami said while attending KDAH APEX (Athlete Performance & Excellence), an annual educational conclave by Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. The right-arm fast bowler, who picked four wickets for Bengal in their recently concluded Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy group stage games, also spoke about how the support system for sportspersons in the country has changed over the years, with medical and fitness help now far easier to access than before for cricketers.

Indian Racing Festival Promises Supercars, Superbikes and Thrilling Racing Action at Buddh Circuit



Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Open Frame): Bringing together motorsport, automotive spectacle and live entertainment, The Indian Racing Festival, powered by JK Tyre, will offer three days of high-octane racing action at the Buddh International Circuit (BIC) from November 27 to 29. The weekend will be headlined by the FIA-certified F4 Indian Championship, alongside the Indian Racing League (IRL), with JK Formula LGB 4 featuring as a support race. Spectators will also get to witness a showcase of high-performance supercars, superbikes, vintage cars, adrenaline-fuelled drifting displays and motorsport stunts led by Arjuna Awardee Gaurav Gill and India's drift champion Sanam Sekhon. The racing action will get underway on Saturday, November 28, with drivers taking to the track in the F4 Indian Championship and Indian Racing League. Sunday, November 29, promises an added spectacle for fans, with motorsport stunts and entertainment activities bringing together high-octane racing, entertainment and star power for an action-packed weekend at the Buddh International Circuit.

The upcoming race weekend follows an exciting outing at the Buddh International Circuit, where the Indian Racing League and F4 Indian Championship delivered closely contested races and several standout performances. In the F4 Indian Championship, the opening weekend at Buddh has thrown the title fight wide open. Goa Aces JA Racing's Luviwe Sambudla continues to lead the standings with 156 points, followed by Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru's Aris Kyriakou on 131. Kyriakou finished second in Sunday's first race. However, the biggest movers are close behind. Speed Demons Delhi's Ntiyiso Mabunda won Saturday's opening race after an intense battle with Sambudla and followed it up with two more podium finishes on Sunday. This lifted him to third place with 125 points, just 31 behind the leader.

Sambudla added only 18 points over the weekend after engine trouble forced him to retire from Sunday's action. His teammate Aryan Narola capitalised on the setback with two victories on Sunday, including a win in the final race ahead of Arjun Chheda and Mabunda, to climb to fourth place with 106 points. With 60 points available at every race weekend and two rounds still to go, the top four are separated by just 50 points.

The second race weekend at Buddh from November 27 to 29 could determine whether Sambudla can protect his lead or Mabunda and Narola have the momentum to turn the championship into a title battle that goes down to the Navi Mumbai finale. The Indian Racing League also witnessed competitive action at Buddh. Goa Aces JA Racing's Raoul Hyman dominated the opening race, securing victory ahead of Kolkata Royal Tigers' Sai Shiva Sankaran and Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru's Jemma Moore.

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Nithiin's 'Alias Rukmini' trailer promises an endearing romantic story!



The makers of director Murali Kanth Devasoth's upcoming Telugu entertainer 'Alias Rukmini', featuring actor Nithiin in the lead, on Thursday released an entertaining trailer of the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Actor Nithiin, who took to his social media timelines to share the link to the trailer of the film, wrote, "A story that has its heart in the right place. This is Krishna and Rukmini's tale. #AliasRukminiTrailer out now! #AliasRukmini in cinemas worldwide December 4th.Written & Directed by @Afilmby_Murali. @nameisnani." The trailer shows Krishna (Nithiin), who works as a stenographer in a family court, getting weird dreams. When he seeks psychiatric help, the psychiatrist says that he is hiding something. The trailer shows that Krishna is secretly a writer who writes under a pen name called Rukmini. The books he writes are erotic in nature or at least the titles of the books give that impression.

It is under these circumstances that Krishna's family looks out for a suitable match for him. Already, Krishna has been turned down by three prospective brides. The fourth prospective bride (played by Aafiya Sayed) interviews him. He tells her that he writes books on awareness and that this would be their little secret.

While Krishna takes a liking for the bride, she appears to keep him waiting. Eventually, they get married after he replies in the affirmative to her question on whether he will take good care of her after their wedding. The trailer gives the impression that Krishna's wife eventually finds out about the books he writes and questions him about his pen name. The couple part ways and a heartbroken Krishna is seen weeping, only to be told not to cry. He replies, "I will cry. My feelings, my choice. What is it to you? I'm the one hurting. I will cry all I want." It may be recalled that the makers of the film had on November 9 this year announced that shooting for the film had been wrapped. Taking to its timeline on Instagram, Unanimous Productions, the production house producing the film, wrote, "It's a shoot wrap for #AliasRukmini. In 25days, let's celebrate a beautiful film with unspoken emotions in theatres . In cinemas worldwide December 4th.Natural Star @nameisnani presents @actor_nithiin in #AliasRukmini. Written & Directed by @murali_kanth449."

Only a day before Deepavali, the makers had released a video clip of actor Nithiin's look as the young Krishna in the film.

Taking to his X timeline, Nithiin shared the video clip that showed him appearing as a youngster in the film. He wrote, "Every love story has a 'before'. Young Krishna. A dreamer. A whole new me. Reintroducing Krishna from #AliasRukmini. In cinemas worldwide December 4th."

In the video released, Nithiin was introduced as Krishna in a new avatar. The video showed what Krishna's life was like before Rukmini came into his world.

The video begins with director Murali Kanth Devasoth talking to Aafiya Sayed, who plays Rukmini in the film, about the young Krishna. He explains to her that the place they are seated is the place that made Krishna who he was. The conversation ends, with the director asking Aafiya if given a chance, whether she would want to see how Krishna looked 10 years ago. She replies "yes" and actor Nithiin, looking several years younger, appears on the scene. The film, which is being presented by well known Telugu actor Nani, is being produced by Deepthi Ganta. The film has a sound technical team backing it. Cinematography for the film is by Jomon T John while music is by Vijai Bulganin. Srujana Adusumilli is the editor of the film which has costumes by Rekha Boggarrapu. The film has been co-directed by Ramana Madhavaram.

D56 Director Tamizharasan Pachamuthu shares film update



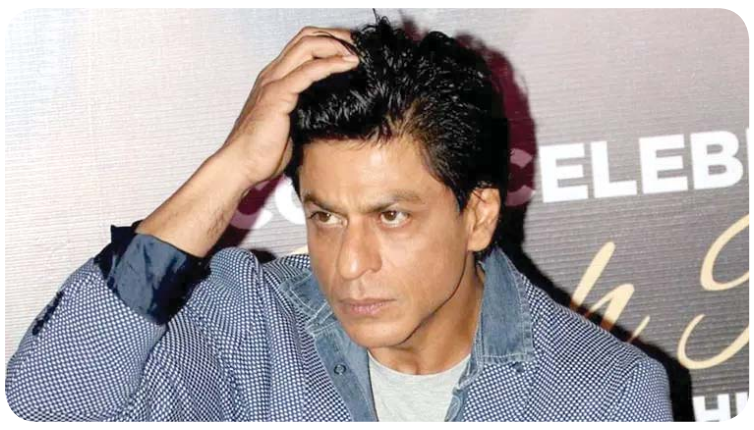
Director Tamizharasan Pachamuthu on Thursday confirmed that the second schedule of Dhanush's next film D56 had now begun and was underway. Responding to the demand for an update about the film from a fan on the social media platform X, the director said, "Second schedule start pannitten brother (I have started the second schedule brother)."

The film had officially gone on floors in Madurai with a traditional pooja ceremony in September this year. Written and directed by Tamizharasan Pachamuthu, the film, which is being tentatively referred to as #D56, brings together an exciting combination of acclaimed performers and emerging talents.

Dhanush leads the ensemble, with Vadivelu and SJ Suryah joining him in prominent roles. The cast will also feature actors Vijay B Kumar and Preity Mukundhan, who will be seen playing pivotal parts in the film. What has added to the excitement of fans is the fact that the film will have music by Sai Abhyankkar who will be collaborating with Dhanush for the second consecutive time after 'Om'. The film is being jointly produced by Sithara Entertainments, Srikara Studios and Primark Productions, bringing together three prominent production banners for this ambitious venture. The makers had announced the launch of the film with a poster that further amplified the mystery surrounding the film. Featuring an imposing traditional doorway covered with numerous bells, the poster carried a distinct visual identity and introduced Dhanush with an intriguing character design, while keeping several aspects of the film under wraps. The visual, coupled with the announcement "Paari Vettaikku Pandakaal Nattachu", has added another to the mystery surrounding the project.

Sources close to the unit say that further updates regarding the supporting cast and technicians will be officially announced soon. The film is slated to arrive in theatres in summer 2027. For the unaware, Tamizharasan Pachamuthu had, in March this year, announced that he had begun the recce for the film. Taking to his X timeline, the director had posted a monochrome picture of himself seated in a temple and wrote in Tamil," Kelambiyaachu (Have started) #Recce #D56." Tamizharasan Pachamuthu is best known for his critically acclaimed superhit film 'Lubber Pandhu', which featured Harish Kalyan, Attakathi Dinesh, Swaswika and Sanjana Krishnamoorthy in the lead.

SRK's legal team denies sending defamation notice to influencer



Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan's legal team has denied sending out any defamation notice to any social media influencer. The actor's legal representative took to their social media, and shared a clarification saying that the actor has not sent out any legal notice.

They wrote, "A purported "legal notice" dated 23 November 2026, said to have been issued on behalf of Mr. Shah Rukh Khan, is being circulated on social media and in some news reports. As authorised attorneys of Mr. Shah Rukh Khan, we clarify that this notice was not issued by him or on his behalf. Mr. Khan has not instructed any advocate or law firm, including us, to issue it". "We request media houses and social media pages to verify before reporting, and to correct or remove content that attributes this notice to Mr. Khan", they added. Earlier, a Reel of SRK from an event alleged that the actor was allegedly shut down by the son of a billionaire. Later, media reports stated that the superstar has sent out a legal notice to the content creator, who uploaded the Reel on Instagram.

Meanwhile, on the work front, SRK will be next seen in the upcoming film 'King', in which he stars opposite Deepika Padukone. The film practically stars the entire industry including Suhana Khan, Abhishek Bachchan, Jaideep Ahlawat, Abhay Verma, and Arshad Warsi in key roles. The film marks SRK's 2nd collaboration with director-producer Siddharth Anand after 'Pathaan'. Directed by Siddharth Anand and produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and Marflix Pictures, 'King's is set to arrive in cinemas worldwide on December 24, 2026.

Amala Paul Confident of 'Half' Success From the Start



Actress and producer Amala Paul revealed that she was sure that her movie 'Half' would go places ever since the first narration.

As the movie screened at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Amala recalled the time she first heard the story of 'Half'.

She said, "I remember having the first video call with the director, and he narrated the story to me, and then he was explaining the whole, you know, the process of the project and everything. Then only, I feel like I knew that this film was going to go places."

"With some projects, you know, right, we have great producers who are extremely passionate about making this film and actors like them who have put their heart and soul into it. So, yeah, I think this is just, we all knew it. Yeah, that's the feeling," Amala went on to add.

While speaking to the media, the actress opened up about the movie and her character Sophia. Amala also talked about how the Malayalam film industry is coming up with compelling stories. She also went ahead and expressed her love for Bollywood. Made under the direction of Samjad, the core cast of the drama includes Ranjith Sajeev, Aishwarya, Abbas and Srikant Murali. Talking about the technical crew, the project has the National Award-winning editor Mahesh Bhuvanend on board, who is known for movies such as 'Aattam', 'Vela', and 'Madhuram', with Mohandas credited for '2018', 'Ayyappanum Koshiyum', and 'Lucifer' as the production designer.

The camera work for 'Half' has been handled by Pappinu, who has been a part of 'Matinee' and 'Konthayum Poonoolum'.

The tunes for the drama has been composed by Midhun Mukundan, who received a lot of acclaim for his work in 'Rorschach' and 'Abraham Ozler'. The screenplay for the movie has been co-written by director Samjad and Praveen Viswanath. The team also included National Award-winning sound designer Vishnu Govind.

Jennifer Lopez on Son's Vegas Outfit Question



Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez has shared that her son questioned the outfits she wore for the opening show of her debut Las Vegas residency in 2016.

JLo was expecting her then 7-year-old son Max to be full of praise immediately after she got off stage following the first night of the 'All I Have' show, which ran from January 2016 until September 2018. However, much to JLo's surprise, he asked why she decided not to cover herself up more while singing her hits to her legion of fans. The actress-singer appeared on the latest episode of 'The Drew Barrymore Show', and recalled the hilarious moment when Max and his twin Oskar, who was previously known as Emme, supported her at the concert. She said, "It was the opening of my first night in Vegas 10 years ago. The kids were like, seven years old. They were just about to turn eight years old. After the show, my son Max comes up to me. He's like, 'Ma'. I thought he was going to be like, 'The show was so good!' But he was like, 'Why don't you ever wear pants on stage?'. I was like, 'Oh yeah, that must be bizarre for you'". Jennifer shares Max and Oskar with her 58-year-old ex-husband, singer and actor Marc Anthony. She went on, "I just say, 'I'm a showgirl. I'm a dancer, baby, I'm a showgirl.

Akshay Kumar Defends 60-Day Film Shoots, Cites Nolan, Cruise



Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar has hit back at criticism over the pace at which he completes his film shoots. He further pointed out that even filmmakers and actors associated with some of Hollywood's biggest productions complete their films within relatively short shooting schedules.

During an appearance on Koffee with Karan, Akshay spoke about the complaints surrounding filmmakers wrapping up movies in a matter of weeks. Referring to filmmaker Christopher Nolan and Hollywood star Tom Cruise, he argued that even they wrap up the shoot of their high octane movies in the similar time period as his. "When I was reading the interview of Nolan (Ji). All the films he has made till date, he makes such big films. He doesn't make more than 90 days. Tom Cruise's film, one of the best action films he made, Mission Impossible. He took just 55 days," Akshay said.

His comments came amid discussions around the actor's quick shooting schedules, and with the length of time taken to complete films. His comparison seems to have not gone down well with some social media users. One user wrote, "Akshay Kumar is so delusional and out of touch with reality that he genuinely thinks finishing a film in 40 days is comparable to Christopher Nolan and Tom Cruise making a film in 90 days." Another post said, "Akshay Kumar comparing his 40-day shoots to Nolan making The Odyssey and Tom Cruise making Mission: Impossible in 90 days... does he realise actors spend months preparing for their roles? Filmmaking isn't just about how many days you spend shooting."

Akshay, known for his hectic yet disciplined work schedule, has frequently spoken about maintaining discipline and completing films within tight timelines.

Shweta shares playful picture with Jaya Bachchan and Abhishek



Amitabh Bachchan's daughter Shweta Bachchan treated social media to a rare and candid family moment as she shared a picture featuring her mother, veteran actress Jaya Bachchan, and brother Abhishek Bachchan. In the photograph, Jaya is seen standing in the centre in a heavily embroidered traditional outfit, while Abhishek, dressed in a navy blue bandhgala with white trousers, stands beside her. Shweta is seen dressed in a colourful traditional ensemble, and is seen playfully raising her hand above her mother's head, while Abhishek mirrors the gesture on the other side. The sibling duo are seen striking a fun pose for the camera, capturing a warm family moment. The picture was shared by Shweta on her social media account with the song 'Alfaaz' by Hamza Malik and Zain Zohaib playing in the background. Shweta captioned the story with a simple yet apt note, "The song is my caption." Talking about Jaya Bachchan, the actress made her screen debut as a teenager in Satyajit Ray's Bengali film Mahanagar before making her adult Hindi-film debut with Hrishikesh Mukherjee's Guddi in 1971.

She went on to establish herself as one of the leading actresses of the 1970s with films such as Uphaar, Koshish, Abhimaan, Chupke Chupke, Mili, Zanjeer and Sholay. Jaya married Amitabh Bachchan in 1973, and the couple went on to have two children, Shweta and Abhishek. After the birth of her children, she stepped away from acting for an extended period, choosing to focus on her family. She eventually returned to the screen after a long sabbatical and took on a new phase of character-driven roles in films including Fiza, Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, Kal Ho Naa Ho and later Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani

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