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Centre Clears 50% Hike in Lok Sabha Seats

- Proposed 50% increase in seats comes ahead of November 30 Parliament session
- Opposition parties plan strategy over concerns about southern states' representation

New Delhi, Nov 27 (Open Frame): The Union Cabinet on Friday cleared the amendments to the Constitutional Amendment Bill, linked to the proposed delimitation and women reservation legislation.

This paves the way for an increase in the legislative strength of the Lok Sabha, effectively taking it from the existing 543 to around 815 seats. Also, according to multiple TV reports, the increased strength of the Lower House will remain frozen for the next 25 years, i.e. till 2051. The details or the contours of the delimitation bill are yet to be revealed, but reports suggest that the proportional share of all the states will be retained, to pacify the Opposition-ruled and Southern states, in particular, as they have repeatedly flagged getting treated 'unfairly' due to an increase in LS seats. Being short of numbers, the BJP has been lobbying for



The proposed delimitation legislation aims to redraw parliamentary constituencies and facilitate the implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. The earlier attempt to pass the legislation in April failed after the government could not secure the required two-thirds majority in Parliament. The proposal has faced opposition from several political parties, particularly those from southern states, which fear that population-based seat redistribution could reduce their relative representation in the Lok Sabha.

support of many 'neutral and unaligned' parties for the delimitation legislation. Many parties, including the DMK, have raised concerns over alleged injustice to the Southern states due to a lower population ratio as compared to their Northern counterparts. The formula of a flat 50 per cent hike is seen as an attempt to address their concerns.

The cabinet approval comes just ahead of the special sitting of Parliament, beginning on November 30, where the government is expected to make a fresh push for allowing delimitation of constituencies and 33 per cent reservation for women in the legislative bodies, including the Lok Sabha.

The government is yet to reveal the agenda for the special sitting of Parliament, commencing from November 30, but Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told the newsmen today that "very important issues" will be taken up for discussion and also advised the Opposition to refrain from making "frivolous" statements. Meanwhile, the INDIA bloc is set to hold a huddle at Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's residence at 11 a.m. on Saturday to strategise and chalk out its plan on opposing the proposed delimitation bill.

Industrial growth must ho hand in hand with ecology: CM Revanth

Hyderabad, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said Telangana would neither replicate the Sabarmati riverfront nor follow the Gujarat development model, but draw on its own history and traditional water conservation systems developed by the Kakatiya rulers to guide its development.

Speaking at the curtain-raiser of the Telangana Climate Conclave 2026 in the city, Revanth Reddy recalled the contributions of Kakatiya rulers Recharla Rudradeva and Rani Rudrama Devi, particularly the chain of interconnected lakes developed for water conservation and distribution. He also invoked tribal leader Komaram Bheem's slogan of "Jal, Zameen, Jangal" (water, land and forests).

The Chief Minister said nearly 700 lakes had disappeared over the years owing to encroachments and urban and corporate development and that his government was "desperately



looking to find" them. Defending the government's drive against encroachments on water bodies, Revanth Reddy said influential persons would not be spared despite the criticism and legal challenges faced by the government.

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PM Modi Meets IORA Leaders, Calls for Stronger Indian Ocean Security



New Delhi, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met the visiting Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation of the 23 Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) member states who participated in the IORA 25th Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting, held in New Delhi earlier in the day. PM Modi said that as IORA's chair, India looks forward to working closely with all partners to advance Vision Mahasagar and strengthening peace, security, stability and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath, Mauritius Foreign Minister Dhananjay Ramful, Maldives Foreign Minister Iruthisham Adam, Seychelles Foreign Minister Barry Faure, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar and Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation of other IORA member states met PM Modi. Following the meeting, PM Modi wrote on X, "Delighted to meet the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation of the 23 Indian Ocean Rim Association Member-States participating in the 25th Meeting of the IORA Council of Ministers in New Delhi. "The Indian Ocean has connected our people for millennia. As Chair of IORA, India looks forward to working closely with all partners to advance its vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) and to strengthen peace, security, stability and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region."

The IORA is an intergovernmental organisation of 23 member states and 12 dialogue partners for regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean region across six priority areas and two cross-cutting issues.

India, EU review strategic Partnership, discuss security cooperation

New Delhi, Nov 27 (Open Frame): India and the European Union (EU) on Friday reviewed the strong momentum in their relations and discussed ways to further deepen their strategic partnership in line with the 'Towards 2030 agenda, as the two sides held the 12th India-EU Foreign Policy and Security Consultations (FPSC) in New Delhi. The consultations were co-chaired by Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Sibi George and Olof Skoog, Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs of the European External Action Service (EEAS).

"The consultations provided an opportunity to both sides to review the strong momentum and current state of play in India-EU relations and to discuss ways to further deepen the strategic partnership, in line with the Towards 2030: A



Joint India-European Union Comprehensive Strategic Agenda endorsed at the 16th India-EU Summit in January 2026," a joint press statement issued by the MEA said. In the current geopolitical context, with multilateralism and international law being challenged, both sides underlined their firm commitment to upholding the UN Charter, in particular the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, and exchanged views on regional and global developments, including in the Indo-Pacific.

"The consultations reaffirmed India and the EU's shared commitment to deepening their strategic partnership, strengthening cooperation in addressing common security challenges and promoting regional stability. Both sides emphasised the importance of closer coordination in support of a free, open, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific built on international law and mutual respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful resolution of disputes," the joint statement added.

India, Philippines Hold Defence Cooperation Talks

New Delhi, Nov 27 (Open Frame): India and the Philippines on Friday jointly held the fourth Service-to-Service Talks led by Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQIDS) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Ministry of Defence stated.

According to the HQIDS, the talks provided an opportunity to review ongoing military engagements, identify new avenues for tri-service cooperation and strengthen collaboration in training, maritime security, defence technology and emerging domains. The engagement, it said further, reflects the shared commitment of both countries to advancing their Strategic Partnership and contributing towards peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. Both sides had held the third Service to Service (STS) meeting in Manila in September 2024 along with the fifth Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting at the Joint Secretary level. The two countries signed an agreement on defence industry and logistics cooperation in November 2017 and have also set up a separate Joint Defence Industry and Logistics Committee (JDILC) under the MoU. Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Philippines President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr in Manila as both leaders reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation across several sectors under the Strategic Partnership and also exchanged views on key regional and global issues of mutual interest. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 23rd ASEAN-India summit.

Prime Minister Modi congratulated the Philippines on its successful chairmanship of ASEAN this year.

Railways Completes Key Tunnel Excavation

New Delhi, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Indian Railways has achieved the main tunnel breakthrough of the 6.59-km-long Tunnel-14 on the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Rail Project in Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag district, marking a key milestone in the construction of the strategically important railway project in the state, an official statement said on Friday. The breakthrough connects two excavated sections of the tunnel, comprising a 4.7-km stretch driven from Portal-1 at Sumerpur and a 1.79-km section excavated from Portal-2 at Marora, the statement from the Ministry of Railways said.

The project is expected to provide better connectivity to the hill regions, facilitate travel for pilgrims and tourists, and support regional development by improving accessibility to important destinations in the state.

A 110-metre stretch of the triple-track tunnel at Portal-1 was excavated through loose soil beneath inhabited areas, with 20-30 metres of soil and rock above it. Specialised techniques, including pre-excavation and multi-drifting, were used to ensure safe excavation, the ministry said. The statement also informed that the slope at Portal-2 was secured through 30–35-metre-deep micropiles, 15–20-metre-long rock bolts and consolidation grouting. "These measures enabled the launch of the main tunnel drive in March 2024, following the resolution of ground settlement issues at Marora and matters related to land and home acquisition," the ministry said. Nearly 100 metres of mechanical excavation was undertaken at Portal-2. To ensure the safety of nearby settlements, controlled blasting was carried out strictly during daytime hours near both portals. Specialised ventilation systems were also deployed throughout the 4.7 km excavation drive from Portal-1 to ensure the supply of fresh air and regulate temperature inside the tunnel.

All Parties Must Support Delimitation Bill

Women's Reservation: Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N. Chandrababu Naidu urged all political parties to support the Delimitation Bill, saying that increasing the number of Lok Sabha seats by 50 per cent would be beneficial for everyone.

Backing the Centre's move to link delimitation with women's reservation, he appealed to all the parties to support the bill in the interest of the nation.

Addressing a press conference along with Central ministers H. D. Kumaraswamy and Ram Mohan Naidu, Chandrababu Naidu said that an increase of Lok Sabha seats by 50 per cent will not do injustice to anyone. The Chief Minister stated that South India currently has 129 Lok Sabha seats and after delimitation, this number will go up to 195. He said the representation of South India in Lok Sabha will remain unchanged at 23.76 per cent. Andhra Pradesh currently has 25 parliamentary constituencies, and after delimitation this will increase to 38. The state's representation will remain at 4.6 per cent after delimitation. Karnataka, which currently has 28 seats, will have 42 seats after delimitation, and its representation will remain unchanged at 5.16 per cent.



The number of Lok Sabha seats in Tamil Nadu would rise to 59, in Telangana to 26 and in Kerala to 30, bringing the total number of seats for the southern states. Chandrababu Naidu pointed out that under the previous delimitation (based on the 2001 census), one MP represented a population of 19 lakh, and this figure has now risen to 27 lakh. He said a new delimitation process could ensure that one MP represents a population of 18 lakh. The TDP leader stated that if the delimitation of constituencies is carried out based on the 2026 census, the southern states will suffer significant losses. "This could lead to unnecessary discontent and unrest among the public, and create challenges regarding political representation for both men and women," he said.

Trinamool Congress Factions Clash Over Party Name, Symbol Before ECI

Kolkata, Nov 27 (Open Frame): A crucial hearing was conducted at the headquarters of the Election Commission of India (ECI) office in New Delhi on Friday over the competing claims by two rival Trinamool Congress factions to the original party name "All India Trinamool Congress" and its electoral symbol, "Grass and Flower", where the original Mamata All India Trinamool Congress (MAITC) faction opposed an application from the rebel Democratic Trinamool Congress (DTC) faction, seeking permission to introduce a fresh affidavit containing several additional components.

At the hearing, the MAITC was represented by the Lok Sabha members, Abhishek Banerjee and Kalyan Banerjee, as well as the faction's Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien.

On the other hand, two legislators from West Bengal, namely Ritabrata Banerjee and Akhruzzamn, represented the DTC at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, Kalyan Banerjee told media persons that the Mamata Banerjee-led faction strongly opposed the application from the rebel faction seeking permission to introduce a fresh affidavit containing several additional components.



"The case they are now attempting to establish through their written submissions is completely different from the case presented in their original petition. In accordance with the Supreme Court's directions, they cannot introduce fresh documents beyond the prescribed period for filing counter-affidavits. Several documents and affidavits they submitted have not been disclosed to us. Neither the opposing faction nor the adjudicating authority can rely upon such undisclosed documents," he said.

He also accused the rebel faction of attempting to construct a narrative around forged documents.

"We have also filed our affidavits and placed our supporting documentary evidence on record.

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"No MLA, MP or celebrity is spared - their houses, function halls or anything will come down according to the law," he said, adding that he "enjoys" the legal battles as he believed he was doing the right thing. He cited the restoration of Bathukammakunta, where women celebrated Bathukamma around the lake this year, and the removal of encroachments on water bodies across the city.

Revanth Reddy said families belonging to economically weaker sections affected by the lake restoration drive were being rehabilitated under the Indiramma housing scheme. Pollution around some water bodies had made living conditions difficult, he said, adding that the government would provide houses to affected families. Inviting environmentalists and experts to participate in policymaking, the Chief Minister said, "You need not stand outside investment summits and government offices and protest. Come forward and give us your suggestions."

Revanth Reddy called for changes in agricultural practices to conserve water, asking farmers to consider less water-intensive crops. While the state had food reserves sufficient for two years, available water resources had to be managed until the next monsoon, he said. "With the water we have now, we have to live the next eight months," he said. "The future of the state is on the shoulders of our farmers," he added. The Chief Minister suggested that farmers might have to forgo one crop rather than exhaust available water resources. He said the government's objective was to ensure that agriculture was not a "dandanga" (wasteful activity) but a "panduga" (festival).

Revanth Reddy also called for climate considerations to be incorporated into urban planning. He questioned how cities could cope with cloudbursts when drainage and road infrastructure designed to handle 2 cm of rainfall could be overwhelmed by 40 cm of rainfall in two hours.

Outlining the government's development approach, he referred to the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE), Peri-Urban Region Economy (PURE) and Rural Agriculture Region Economy (RARE), questioning whether any other state had adopted similar planning. He recalled former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's investments in education and agriculture, including the establishment of the IITs and IIMs, which, he said, had benefited generations. Revanth Reddy also referred to the government's initiatives to tackle food adulteration through TG SAFE, encroachments through HYDRAA and drug abuse through EAGLE.

The Chief Minister said industrial growth and environmental protection must go together and invited investors and experts to contribute to building a climate-resilient Telangana.

He said Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and water conservationist Rajendra Singh, popularly known as the Waterman of India and chairperson of Tarun Bharat Sangh, had been invited to raise public awareness about conservation and ensure that such efforts were not perceived as "political campaigns". He also said "we didn't want to sit inside four walls and make policies. Rather (we wanted to) get out into the real world and listen to real people that these policies affect to be able to make decisions that benefit them in the most efficient way possible."

Governor Urges Ethical AI Use in Libraries



Hyderabad, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla has called for transformative changes in library services through the effective use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technology. He said modern libraries should evolve beyond repositories of books into centres of knowledge creation, research, innovation and social transformation, ensuring equal access to quality information and educational opportunities for every student and researcher.

The Governor was speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony of the 29th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN–2026), organised by DELNET (Developing Library Network), New Delhi, at Hotel The Park in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Emphasising the vital role of libraries in building a knowledge-based society, Shri Shukla said digital technology, networking and AI had opened up new avenues for creating, preserving and disseminating knowledge. He stressed that these technologies must be used to ensure access to reliable information and equitable learning opportunities. Appreciating DELNET's efforts in connecting institutions and promoting resource sharing, research collaboration and knowledge dissemination, the Governor called for wider access to digital resources in universities, colleges and rural libraries. He said economic and geographical barriers should not prevent students and researchers from accessing quality information.

Referring to the theme of the convention, "AI-Powered Libraries: Access, Services, Learning and Research", he emphasised the need for ethical AI, data security and responsible use of technology. He said AI should enhance human capabilities, improve research quality and enable libraries to provide better services to readers.

The Governor also urged experts to focus on digital literacy, user-friendly services and inclusive knowledge systems. He observed that librarians were not merely custodians of information but also important guides in nurturing reading habits, curiosity and scientific temper among students.

Expressing confidence that the deliberations and exchange of experiences at NACLIN–2026 would provide a new direction to future library systems, Shri Shukla said knowledge democratisation, research collaboration and technological innovation would contribute significantly to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat -2047.

NIPER Hyderabad Awards Degrees to 225 Graduates at 14th Convocation



Hyderabad, Nov 27 (Open Frame): The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad, organised its 14th Convocation Ceremony at its Balanagar campus on Friday, marking a significant milestone in the academic journey of 225 graduating students. The graduates included 15 Ph.D. scholars and 210 Master's students from the 2024–26 batch. Twelve meritorious students were honoured with Gold Medals for their outstanding academic performance.

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Senior Economic Advisor, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India, attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest, while Shri DSN Murthy, Managing Director and CEO of Dhanush Group, was the Guest of Honour. They conferred degrees on the graduating students and presented Gold Medals to the academic achievers.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary congratulated the graduates and appreciated NIPER Hyderabad's growing contribution to pharmaceutical education and research. He highlighted key initiatives of the Central Government, including the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes, Bulk Drug Parks, Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector (PRIP), and Biopharma SHAKTI, aimed at strengthening domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing, research and innovation.

He urged the graduates to pursue excellence in drug discovery, research and innovation while upholding ethical values and contributing to society and the nation.

Guest of Honour Shri DSN Murthy encouraged students to look beyond conventional employment opportunities and aspire to become entrepreneurs and innovators. He stressed the importance of integrating science, technology and innovation, continuous learning, and industry-oriented research to transform academic discoveries into practical solutions.

Presenting the institutional report, NIPER Hyderabad Director Dr. Shailendra Saraf highlighted the institute's achievements in academics, research and institutional development. He noted that the institute had recorded a 100 per cent placement rate and made significant progress in research publications, patents, technology transfers, funded projects and industry collaborations.

He also highlighted the ongoing campus expansion, development of the Centre of Excellence for Bulk Drugs, and various academic outreach initiatives, workshops and conferences. Congratulating the graduating students, he reaffirmed the institute's commitment to advancing pharmaceutical research, innovation and excellence in education.

The convocation celebrated the academic achievements, dedication and perseverance of the graduating students. Students, their parents, faculty members and staff of NIPER Hyderabad attended the ceremony.

Srihari, Seethakka launch multiple development works in Alampur



Hyderabad, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Telangana Ministers Vakiti Srihari and Seethakka, along with Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi, laid foundation stones for several development works in the Alampur Assembly constituency of Jogulamba Gadwal district on Friday. The leaders first visited Kanchupadu village in Undavelli mandal and laid the foundation stone for the construction of a BT road connecting the village to the national highway. They later paid floral tributes to the portrait of late former MP and senior leader Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy.

The ministers received a grand welcome from local Congress leaders upon their arrival at Shantinagar, where they continued their tour of development projects. They laid the foundation stone for a BT road from Pacherla village to Pedda Tandrapadu village. They also initiated the BT road restoration works from Aija to Chinna Tandrapadu and the construction of a new BT road connecting Chinna Tandrapadu to Pedda Dhanwada village. In addition, foundation stones were laid for HAM road construction works in Gadwal constituency and various development projects under the VB-G RAM-G scheme. At Chinna Tandrapadu, the ministers unveiled the statue of freedom fighter and senior leader S. Ananda Rao. A bus shelter named after him was also inaugurated in recognition of his contributions. The leaders subsequently laid the foundation stone for a sports complex in the village and inaugurated an open gym facility for local residents.

The development initiatives aim to improve road connectivity, strengthen rural infrastructure and provide better sports and public facilities to people in the region.

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Hyderabad, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Veteran actor Nagarjuna Akkineni on Friday, November 27, took part in the padayatra led by Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy here to raise awareness against drug abuse.

He also administered a pledge to work for a drug-free India. Nagarjuna joined the foot march at Ameerpet here on its third and final day along with other film personalities, including actors Sai Kumar, Siva Reddy and director Boyapati Srinivas. Speaking on the occasion, Nagarjuna lauded Kishan Reddy's initiative as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to make India drug-free. He urged all sections of society to support the mission of 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' (Drug Free India).

"Apart from personally staying away from drugs, I will also make every effort to protect my family and friends and also the surrounding society from falling prey to drugs," the pledge read out by Nagarjuna to the gathering, largely comprising students, said. Sai Kumar, known for his popular baritone voice, raised slogans, including 'Nasha Mukt Bharat -We Will Do It'.

Earlier, Kishan Reddy told reporters that PM Modi told him not to disrupt the padayatra due to an "emergency Cabinet meeting" in Delhi on Friday. Observing that the foot march received a tremendous response from various sections of society, he said mega star Chiranjeevi and Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravishankar would attend the valedictory function of the padayatra.

Named "Hyderabad Walks for Nasha Mukt Bharat" (Hyderabad walks for drugs-free India), the padayatra began at Amberpet here on November 25.

MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy Conducts Surprise Inspection at Champapet Govt School



L.B.Nagar, Nov 27 (Open Frame): L.B. Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy expressed serious displeasure over the lack of basic infrastructure at government schools during a surprise inspection of the Champapet Government Primary School on Friday. During his visit, the MLA examined the problems faced by students and teachers, particularly the inadequate sanitation facilities on the school premises.

₹17 Lakh Toilet Construction Still Incomplete

The MLA expressed strong dissatisfaction over the delay in completing toilet facilities, despite nearly 17 lakh having been spent on the construction of G+2 toilet blocks approximately a year ago. He pointed out that essential fittings had not been installed and water connections had not been provided. He contacted the concerned contractor over the phone and questioned the delay in completing the work. He also spoke to the District Education Officer (DEO), explaining the situation and demanding immediate action. Officials assured him that the issue would be resolved shortly.

700 Students, Only 8–9 Toilets

During his interaction with students, the MLA was informed that nearly 700 students are studying at the school, but only 8 to 9 toilets are available for their use. The school also has 32 teachers, along with other staff members, who are facing a shortage of adequate toilet facilities. Expressing concern over the situation, the MLA stressed that providing basic infrastructure to students is the responsibility of the government and education department.

Grand Promises, But Basic Facilities Missing

Questioning the condition of government schools under the Congress government, the MLA pointed out the contrast between announcements about Integrated Schools and international-standard education an d the ground reality in government institutions.

He questioned the purpose of such ambitious announcements when students continue to struggle for basic necessities such as proper classrooms, drinking water, toilets, electricity and digital facilities. He urged the concerned officials to respond immediately and resolve the problems faced by students and teachers. He also stressed that negligence in providing sanitation, drinking water and toilet facilities in schools should not be tolerated. School Headmistress Vijaya, BRS leaders Mudupu Rajireddy, Ravi Mudiraj, Gandikota Srinath and others participated in the programme.

Overseas Job Seekers to Get Up to Rs 1.75 Lakh Aid



Hyderabad, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Even as the controversy over alleged irregularities in TOMCOM's overseas placement programme continues to simmer, the Telangana government has launched the Chief Minister's Overseas Employment Scheme (CMOES) to provide financial assistance to economically weaker youth seeking jobs abroad. The scheme has been launched to help youth tackle problems like lack of awareness, inadequate skills, high recruitment-related expenditure and the risk of fraudulent recruitment practices, a government order dated November 19 said. The scheme will be managed by Telangana Overseas Manpower Company Limited (TOMCOM), which operates under the Department of Skill Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives (SHAKTI). The scheme will extend benefits to 7,000 candidates during the 2026-27 financial year.

The government will provide a 50 per cent subsidy on expenditure incurred towards foreign language learning, visa processing and air travel.

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Government Allows Up to 15% Equity Investment in Provident Fund Trusts

New Delhi, Nov 27 (Open Frame): The Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified a revised investment framework for provident fund accumulations managed by exempted establishments and allowed their trusts to invest between 5 per cent and 15 per cent of their portfolio in equities while introducing stricter safeguards for retirement savings. The new rules that were issued through a Gazette notification replace the investment pattern notified in 2015 and will apply to establishments and employees exempted from the statutory Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) system. Exempted establishments are organisations permitted to manage provident fund contributions through their own trusts, provided they offer benefits comparable to or better than those available under the EPF scheme.



Provident fund trusts will be required to maintain 45-65 per cent of their investments in government securities and related instruments under the revised framework. While 35-45 per cent can be invested in debt instruments. Investments in short-term debt instruments have been capped at 5 per cent, while asset-backed and other permitted investments can account for up to 5 per cent of the portfolio. For equity exposure, the ministry has prescribed a 5-15 per cent range. Trusts can invest in shares listed on the BSE or NSE with a minimum market capitalisation of Rs 5,000 crore, as well as in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and index funds tracking benchmark indices such as the Sensex and Nifty 50. However, investments in equity mutual funds will be restricted to a maximum of 5 per cent of the portfolio. Employers must transfer monthly contributions to the trust within 15 days after the end of each month, while trustees are required to invest the funds within two weeks of receipt.

In addition, the government has introduced additional safeguards. Trusts must ensure adequate diversification across companies, corporate groups and sectors, undertake periodic risk assessments, maintain transparency in investment decisions and keep management costs under control. The rules also require trustees to review investments if their credit ratings fall below prescribed thresholds and take appropriate action in the interest of subscribers.

Nestle India gets Rs 36.36 lakh EPFO demand notice

Mumbai, Nov 27 (Open Frame): FMCG major Nestle India has received a demand notice of Rs 36.36 lakh from the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), including damages and a penalty exceeding Rs 20 lakh for the period between 2012 and 2019, the company said in a regulatory filing on Friday. According to the filing, the order was issued by the Regional Office of EPFO, Mysuru, under Sections 7Q and 14B of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.



"Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 30 read with sub-para 20 of Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations, we hereby submit that the company is in receipt of an Order from the Regional Office of Employees' Provident

Fund Organization, Mysuru-19," it said. 1The total demand amounts to Rs 36,36,548, of which Rs 20,09,516 relates to damages and penalty under the company's provident fund code for the period 2012-2019.

"The company has received an order from the Regional Office of Employees' Provident Fund Organization demanding an amount of Rs 36,36,548 which includes an amount of Rs 20,09,516 on account of damages/penalty for the period of 2012-2019 under PF Code KNMYS0011967000," it added in its exchange filing.

SEBI prioritises minority shareholders' interests in Tata Steel-APL Apollo deal

Mumbai, Nov 27 (Open Frame): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is examining the proposed Tata Steel-APL Apollo transaction and giving high priority to the interests of minority shareholders, Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Friday. Addressing a 17th Capital Market Conference organised by ASSOCHAM, Pandey said investor protection remains a key consideration as SEBI reviews the deal.

"We take minority shareholders' rights very seriously. Minority stakeholder protection is very important in the Tata Steel-APL Apollo deal," he said. The proposed transaction has come under scrutiny from institutional investors and proxy advisory firms, which have raised questions over the deal's structure, valuation and financing arrangements. Under the proposed plan, APL Apollo Tubes will acquire Tata Steel's steel tubes and colour-coated steel businesses for about Rs 28,000 crore. The acquisition is expected to be financed largely through debt.



Tata Steel will acquire controlling ownership in the expanded APL Apollo in the second phase of the transaction through the purchase of promoter-held shares and a subsequent open offer to public shareholders, in a deal valued at around Rs 32,267 crore. The transaction has sparked concerns over the debt burden that APL Apollo may take on to fund the acquisition and whether adequate safeguards exist for minority shareholders as Tata Steel moves to take control of the company.

Investor co cerns intensified after APL Apollo shares witnessed a sharp decline following the announcement of the deal with the stock losing around 30 per cent of its value earlier in the month.

Proxy advisory firms which analyse corporate actions and provide voting recommendations to institutional investors have also highlighted issues related to valuation, governance and disclosure standards surrounding the transaction. In addition, Stakeholders Empowerment Services (SES) has questioned certain aspects of the transaction structure.

It said that Tata Steel should be treated as a related party from November 23 and raised concerns over whether the structure of the first leg of the transaction may have been designed to remain below regulatory thresholds that could trigger additional compliance requirements.

India's affordable AI healthcare solutions could benefit developing Nations

New Delhi, Nov 27 (WOpen Frame): India's capability to develop affordable, scalable and clinically relevant artificial intelligence solutions could transform healthcare delivery across resource-constrained developing economies and create a new avenue of South-South cooperation, a new report has said. The report from India Narrative said India's advantage stems from a combination of engineering talent, entrepreneurial capital and extraordinary clinical diversity. It cited achievements by Indian companies such as Qure.ai and DeepTek in developing AI-assisted radiology tools for tuberculosis screening.



A government-funded health technology assessment published in 2025 found Qure.ai's technology to be cost-saving compared with conventional radiological interpretation, while DeepTek's solution was assessed as cost-effective.

The report cited a report by Venture Intelligence, saying Indian AI startups attracted $1.2 billion in investment in 2025, marking a 58 per cent increase from the previous year and if such scale of investments is directed to healthcare, it could generate significant economic and developmental dividends. "Unlike technologies developed primarily for sophisticated Western hospitals, Indian healthcare innovations must frequently accommodate overcrowded facilities, intermittent connectivity, linguistic diversity and limited purchasing power. These constraints, often regarded as developmental disadvantages, can become drivers of globally competitive innovation," the publication said.

AI-assisted solutions could address healthcare systems facing workforce shortages in future. The World Health Organization projects a global shortfall of 11 million healthcare workers by 2030, including 5.85 million workers in deficit across Africa's WHO African Region.India's public health infrastructure is also emerging as a proving ground for affordable AI-assisted healthcare. "The integration of AI-enabled clinical decision support into eSanjeevani, India's national telemedicine platform, demonstrates how artificial intelligence can complement public healthcare delivery at scale," the report said.

Blundell's fifty lifts New Zealand to 246/5 against India

Christchurch, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Debutant Gurnoor Brar made an immediate impact with the ball and India's bowlers produced a strong middle-session comeback, but Tom Blundell's unbeaten half-century helped New Zealand recover to 246/5 at stumps on Day 1 of the second and final Test here at Hagley Oval on Friday. After being asked to bowl first, India made early inroads through Brar before Akash Deep and Anshul Kamboj struck in the second session to reduce the hosts to 110/4. However, a fifth-wicket partnership between Daryl Mitchell and Blundell steadied the innings, and Glenn Phillips joined the latter to ensure New Zealand finished the day with momentum.



New Zealand had made a steady start after India captain Shubman Gill won the toss and elected to field. Tom Latham and Devon Conway negotiated the early movement on offer, putting together 77 runs for the opening wicket. Latham, who had endured a difficult outing in the first Test, looked assured and reached 42 not out at lunch, while Conway contributed 31. Brar provided India with a breakthrough on the final ball before the interval, trapping Conway lbw to claim his maiden Test wicket. The New Zealand opener reviewed the decision, but ball-tracking confirmed the delivery was hitting the top of leg stump. The hosts went into lunch at 77/1 after 26 overs.

India took control after the break, picking up three wickets in a productive spell. Akash Deep first removed Latham for 59, ending the opener's resistance after he had built a solid platform.

Kamboj then dismissed Henry Nicholls for 16 before Akash Deep struck again to send Rachin Ravindra back without scoring. New Zealand had slipped to 110/4, losing three wickets without adding to the total.

Blundell and Mitchell prevented further damage before tea, negotiating a testing period as India looked to press home their advantage. The pair added valuable runs to take New Zealand to 131/4 at Tea with Blundell unbeaten on eight and Mitchell on six. The partnership gathered greater substance in the final session, with the two batters taking New Zealand past 180. Mitchell, who made 31 off 74 deliveries with four boundaries, looked set before Washington Sundar broke the stand. The off-spinner drew an inside edge from Mitchell's attempted flick, and Dhruv Jurel held a sharp catch at leg slip to leave New Zealand at 184/5. Blundell, playing his 50th Test, continued to bat with composure and brought up his half-century off 117 balls. He found an able partner in Phillips, who came in after Mitchell's dismissal and gradually grew in confidence.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 246/5 in 85 overs (Tom Latham 59, Tom Blundell 53 not out; Akash Deep 2-52, Gurnoor Brar 1-52) against India.

India Thrash Malaysia 6-2, Enter Women's ACT Final



Bhopal, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Defending champions India produced a commanding attacking display to defeat Malaysia 6–2 in the semi-final of the Madhya Pradesh Women's Asian Champions Trophy Bhopal 2026 at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda on Friday, and secured their place in the tournament's final for a sixth time. Tournament's top-scorer Deepika scored twice, while Mumtaz Khan, Navneet Kaur, Sunelita Toppo and Ishika found the mark once each as the hosts showcased the depth and variety of their attacking resources. Malaysia, meanwhile, showed some fight with Nur Azhar and Nuramirah Shakirah Zulkifli producing moments of individual brilliance to score two goals for their team, but it was in vain.

India began on the front foot, pressed high and sought to establish control through measured midfield circulation. Malaysia, however, displayed a very good positional discipline along the right flank with defensive interventions to disrupt India's forward movements.

As the opening quarter progressed, India began to find greater penetration in the attacking third, with Sunelita earning a penalty corner. Although Deepika's initial effort did not yield a direct conversion, Sunelita reacted intelligently and allowed Mumtaz to find a close-range finish and put India ahead in the 10th minute. The second quarter witnessed a decisive surge in India's attacking intensity. Navneet doubled the advantage in the 18th minute with an accomplished individual effort by taking on two Malaysian defenders before beating the goalkeeper. The hosts continued to stretch the Malaysian defence through incisive stickwork and combinations in the final third. Deepika then converted a penalty corner in the 25th minute into the bottom-left corner of the post to extend India's lead. Malaysia responded through Nur Azhar, who scored off a penalty corner in the 27th minute, but India swiftly reasserted their authority. Deepika struck again from a penalty corner in the 30th minute to restore India's three-goal cushion for a 4-1 lead at half-time.

Rohit Sharma returns as Mumbai Indians Captain for IPL 2027

Mumbai, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Rohit Sharma is back as Mumbai Indians (MI) captain as the five-time champions said on Friday that he would lead the side in IPL 2027. had previously reported on November 3 and 26 that there was a possibility of Rohit, who led India to 2024 Men's T20 World Cup triumph, being reappointed to the top role at MI. Rohit's return comes after seam-bowling all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who had captained MI from 2024 to 2026, was traded to Punjab Kings (PBKS) earlier this month. The 2027 edition will also be the franchise's milestone 20th season in the league.



Rohit, who first joined MI in 2011, is the most successful captain in the franchise's history. He led the team to the IPL title in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020. The date of the announcement also has a special place in his career – exactly nine years ago, on November 27, 2017, Rohit was named India captain for the first time, as stand-in skipper for the ODI series against Sri Lanka. "Mumbai Indians has been a huge part of my life, and leading this team has always been something I have always taken great pride in. The conversations with Nita Bhabhi and Akash about the season ahead have been exciting, and I have a lot of belief in what we can achieve.

"I am ready for the 20th season, to the challenges ahead, and to giving our Paltan plenty of moments to celebrate. The focus will be on playing our brand of cricket, competing together and enjoying the game," Rohit said in a statement issued by the franchise.

Gukesh, Sindarov draw third game, scores level at 1.5-1.5

Geneva, Nov 27 (Open Frame): Defending champion Dommaraju Gukesh put up another display of his fighting ability in another complicated and tactical battle with challenger Javokhir Sindarov in the third game of their World Chess Championship Final Match in Geneva, Switzerland.



With the draw on Thursday, the score remained tied 1.5-1.5 from three games. Though it ended in a stalemate, Game 3 was an exciting affair and kept the chess world glued to the screen till late into the evening. In a long-drawn game in which the two players crossed the 40-move time control for the first time in this 14-game encounter, Gukesh had a huge time advantage at one time but could not convert that into a win as Sindarov played accurate moves under tremendous time pressure, and they agreed to a draw after 60 moves.

After the quick draw in the second game on Wednesday, Gukesh once again opted for the Berlin Defence to Sindarov's Ruy Lopez opening. This time he went for the ultra-sharp and extremely rare Rio de Janeiro Variation, which is considered a bit more aggressive for the player with black pieces. However, Sindarov was not rattled by this novelty and handled the pressure with accurate moves. The game looked equal throughout.

Both players showed their mental toughness and fought hard for the draw. Sindarov made the 40th move with just around eight seconds on the clock, as he spent a long time on his moves while Gukesh rattled off the first 15 moves

Vijay's 'Train' Trailer Unveiled, Film Releases Dec 4



The makers of director Mysskin's eagerly awaited action thriller 'Train', featuring actor Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, on Friday released a gripping trailer of the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. The film, which is among the most eagerly expected films this year, is to hit screens on December 4 this year. Vijay Sethupathi, who took to his social media timelines to share the link to the just released trailer, said, "Witness the high-octane action unfold now. Presenting you the trailer of #Train." The trailer begins with a super fast train departing from a crowded railway station. Soon after the train hits full speed, it becomes evident that the brakes are not functioning. Efforts by railway personnel to apply mechanical brakes to stop the train too don't bear fruit. The train hurries at a frenzied pace towards its doom.

As news of the impending disaster spreads, railway officials begin to worry, passengers begin to panic, cops begin to strategize. Fights begin to erupt as tempers begin to rise. In the midst of all this chaos, we realise a group of vicious villains, one of whom happens to be a character played by Nasser, is busy carrying out a sinister plan. We hear Nasser say, "Find them all, delete!"

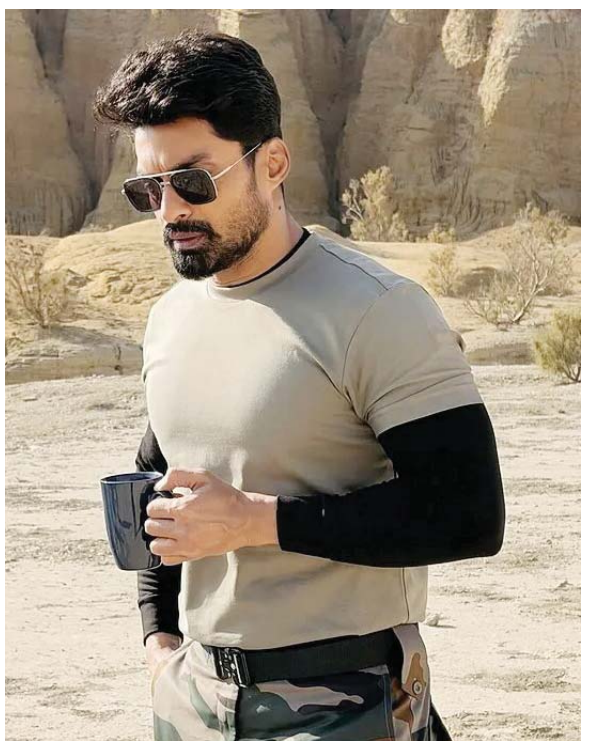
As everything starts to fall apart, there is one man (played by Vijay Sethupathi) who seems to have his head in order and his feet firmly on the ground. How he and a group of other people on train avert a disaster is what Train is all about.

The film has already been cleared by the Censor Board for release with an U/A certificate. A couple of months ago, Thanu had announced the news that the film had been cleared by the Censor Board for release. He had then said, "Train censored U/A." For the unaware, director Mysskin's fast-paced action thriller, 'Train', featuring actor Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs ever since the makers released a teaser recently.

Train, which is being produced by V Creations and directed by Mysskin, will feature a host of stars including Nasser, Shruti Haasan, Yugi Sethu, Narain, KS Ravikumar, Sampath Raj, Kalaiyarasan, Ira Dayanand and Preethy Karan. The film has cinematography by Fowzia Fathima and music by Mysskin himself.

Interestingly, Narain in a post on social media last year had released pictures of himself on the sets of Train. The pictures revealed that he was playing a police officer in the film. The disclosure led to speculation if whether Mysskin was attempting to build a Mysskin Cinematic Universe with Train. The reason for the speculation was that Narain had also played the role of a cop in Mysskin's superhit film 'Anjaathey'. However, there has been no confirmation regarding this.

Kalyan Ram Begins Dubbing for Anil Ravipudi's Film



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.

Ram Gopal Varma says AI users will replace those who don't

Dropping what he called the "AI Truth bomb", ace director Ram Gopal Varma on Friday opined that people who use AI will replace people who don't. Taking to pen his thoughts on the employment scenario undergoing a drastic change with the advent of AI, director Ram Gopal Varma put out a lengthy post that was titled " The AI Truth Bomb". In it, the director said that company employees were protesting loudly that AI was stealing their jobs while in fact, the truth was that the employees were "stealing themselves". He said, "The software engineer who used to write the actual code now pastes the requirements into Claude, gets the function in twelve seconds, changes two variable names, and pushes it as his own. The marketing executive who was paid to think of campaigns now feeds the brief to ChatGPT, copies the three options it spits out, picks the least obvious one, and presents it in the Monday meeting as "my idea." " He went on to point out, "The analyst who was supposed to crunch numbers and find the insight now uploads the spreadsheet, asks the AI to "spot anomalies and write the executive summary," and forwards the output with his name on it."

"The designer who once spent hours on layouts now describes the mood in Midjourney, generates twenty options, and tweaks the best one just enough so no one notices it wasn't made by hand. The customer support



lead who was meant to understand tone and context now runs every reply through an AI that makes it sound empathetic, then hits send," he claimed. The director further said, "They do it secretly. In a corner, out of sight, with the door closed and browser history cleared, pretending that their own hands and mind were still doing the work. Everyone does it. No one admits it. And the company dosesn't need spies or cameras or a conspiracy. It only sees the numbers." Stating that the spreadsheets revealed the secret, the director said the humans were still on the payroll while the actual work was being done by AI.

"Output rose. Quality improved. Deadlines hit faster and profits soared and that's because AI works 24/7. Doesn't take coffee breaks. Doesn't get sick. Doesn't complain. Doesn't bitch about colleagues. Doesn't demand raises. It simply delivers. Without pay," he pointed out. Stating that when layoffs come, the shock of employees is real.

"'The company is cruel', 'Technology is the villain', 'They replaced us with AI.'" No. AI never walked into the building and started throwing people out. The employees secretly replaced themselves and were just sitting there collecting a salary for work they were no longer doing," he said.

The director summed up his thoughts saying that the future will be in not keeping the usage of AI a secret. "The future will be in getting their AI usage into the open. Using it openly, aggressively, and without guilt. Whatever else the future holds, one brutal certainty is... people who use AI will replace people,who don't," he said.

Virat Karrna's Upcoming Film Titled 'Rustum'



Director Kanishka Gandham's upcoming film, starring actor Virat Karrna in the lead role, has now been titled 'Rustum', its makers announced on Friday. Primeshow Entertainment, the production house producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share a Title glimpse teaser on Friday on the occasion of actor Virat Karrna's birthday. It wrote, "A new world. A RAMPAGE like never before. Presenting the Title Glimpse of #Rustum - An intense tale of action, drama & inner conflict. Starring @ViratKarrna. Written & Directed by @GandhamKanishka. Produced by @Niran_Reddy, @Chaitanyaniran."

Actor Virat Karrna, for his part, responded to the title glimpse put out by the production house with a post of his own. He wrote, "A birthday made even more special with the announcement of #Rustum! A promising subject and a passionate team. Looking forward to this exciting journey!"

The upcoming film is being produced by K. Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy under the Primeshow Entertainment banner. Interestingly, Rustum is a title that carries its own legacy, having been associated with Megastar Chiranjeevi's blockbuster in the past. Now, the makers are looking to bring the title back with a fresh vision, promising an intense and distinctive action drama.

The title glimpse introduces various facets of the film's world, building intrigue with its stylized animation, striking visuals and impressive background score. It culminates in the introduction of Virat, seen from the back without revealing his face. His chiselled physique and imposing presence make the reveal intriguing, leaving audiences eager to see more. Sources say Rustum has been envisioned as an intense action drama that aims to go beyond conventional action filmmaking, promising striking action sequences, a meticulously crafted world and a compelling visual experience. Blending powerful storytelling, gripping drama and deep human emotions, the film explores a man's battle with himself.

Prabhudeva's 'Moonwalk' Trailer Out



Actor Prabhudeva, who plays the lead in director Manoj NS's upcoming comedy entertainer 'Moonwalk', plays a character called Babootty in the film, while Oscar award winning music director A R Rahman makes a cameo appearance as a film director! On Friday, the makers of the comedy entertainer released a trailer of the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Prabhudeva, who took to his social media timelines to share the trailer of the film, wrote, "Presenting the Official Tamil Trailer of Moonwalk, starring Prabhudeva, Yogi Babu, Aju Varghese, and Arjun Ashokan, with music by A. R. Rahman and directed by Manoj NS. A. R. Rahman and Prabhudeva reunite after 30 years for a full-length comedy movie packed with music and dance! Moonwalk is a complete family entertainer. Watch, comment, like, share, and celebrate Moonwalk with your family! @moonwalkthefilm #FamilyLaughter #HolidaysLaughter." The just released trailer begins with a voice over that tells Prabhudeva that the bride must first okay him. Soon, Prabhudeva is identified as Babootty. The audiences are informed that there are two women in his life called Nagma and Smitha, and among other relations, a half-baked friend and a cranky father-in-law.

Sanjay Kapoor Shares Family Moments With Maheep, Shanaya

Actor Sanjay Kapoor gave social media a glimpse into his playful equation with wife Maheep Kapoor as he shared a series of pictures from his recent outing. He included one picture on his carousel in which he jokingly appeared to touch her feet and another featuring his daughter Shanaya Kapoor.

In the first picture, Sanjay is seen wearing a black leather jacket, blue jeans and sunglasses while bending down and appearing to touch Maheep's feet. Maheep, dressed casually in a brown jacket, blue jeans, sunglasses and boots, stands beside a decorated Christmas tree. Sharing the picture on his social media account, Sanjay wrote, "Jug Jug Jeeyo @maheepkapoor , I respect my Elders". In another social media post, Sanjay had reposted a picture shared by Shanaya on her social media account, from a dinner outing with her. The father-daughter duo can be seen sitting across from each other at a restaurant overlooking Dubai's Burj Khalifa. Shanaya captioned the post, "dinner date with dad (ps: we didn't plan the matching denim I swear!)". For the uninitiated, Sanjay and Maheep have been married for nearly three decades. Their relationship began in the 1990s after a chance meeting at a party. In a 2024 interview, Maheep recalled that she had gatecrashed a party in Delhi, where she met Sanjay. She later described the encounter as beginning with what she thought was a "one-night stand". The two went on to date for around five years and the couple tied the knot in 1997 and later welcomed daughter Shanaya in 1999 and son Jahaan in 2005. Before marriage, Maheep had appeared in the 1994 music video for Ila Arun's popular song



"Nigori Kaisi Jawani Hai" and was also associated with the shelved film Shivam.

She later established herself as a jewellery designer and entrepreneur before gaining wider recognition through Netflix's Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives. Sanjay, meanwhile, is the youngest brother of producer Boney Kapoor and actor Anil Kapoor. He made his acting debut with Prem in 1995 and went on to feature in films including Raja, Auzaar, Sirf Tum, Luck by Chance, Merry Christmas and Murder Mubarak.

Karan Johar Recalls Being 'Traumatised' by Amrish Puri on 'DDLJ' Sets

As Ajay Devgn and Rohit Shetty appeared on season 8 of 'Koffee With Karan', filmmaker Karan Johar recalled his early days as an assistant director on 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge'. KJo revealed that he was traumatised by the late legendary actor, Amrish Puri, on the set of the iconic drama. Talking about the unique connection between his father, Yash Johar, and Amrish Puri, he shared, "I have to tell you, my father and Amrish ji (Amrish Puri) come from the same village, so the first person my father told me whose feet I had to touch was Amrish ji's." Karan further shared that the only person whose feet he has touched is Amrish Puri. "The only person whose feet I have touched is also Amrish ji's because the first shot I took with him, I touched his feet," he said.



Sharing his experience working with Amrish Puri in 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', KJo admitted that he used to be extremely scared of the veteran actor while he was working as an assistant director. Karan shared that Amrish Puri was extremely particular about things such as detailing and punctuality, leaving him absolutely traumatised. "So I used to be very scared of him. When I was an AD on Dilwale, he was particular about detailing. He would come and say, 'Time kya hai?' I gave the time. I thought he was asking me the time. He said, 'London mein iss waqt time kya hai? Scene ka time kya hai? Taaki mein ghadi ko uss time mein set karu.'" KJo further added, "About the continuity, he said, 'Shawl kis tarah mein drape karu?' I used to be traumatised by him. He was such a wonderful man." Known for his deep voice and powerful screen presence, Amrish Puri has worked in more than 450 films, such as 'Meri Jung', 'Mr. India', 'Shahenshah', 'Ram Lakhan', 'Tridev', 'Ghayal', 'Damini', 'Karan Arjun', 'Jeet', and 'Koyla', to name just a few. Karan Johar also recalled how Amrish Puri's attention to even the smallest details left a lasting impression on him. He said the veteran actor's questions about scene timing, continuity and costume arrangements taught him the importance of preparation and discipline on a film set. Despite initially feeling intimidated, Karan eventually developed deep admiration for the actor's professionalism and dedication.

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