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Drivers Union

DIPHU: Karbi Anglong Motor Workers and Drivers Union (KAMTW&DU) is supporting the 24-hour strike of Joint Forum of Motor Workers, Assam on February 15. The strike is for demanding the repeal of the Hit and Run Rules.

Worker dies

DIPHU: A construction worker died after falling off from the third floor of an under construction building near Diphu Medical College & Hospital here.

Himanta takes part in discussion on Budget • 'There is no shortage of college in state'

Population malady his state's performance hard: CM

GUWAHATI, Feb 13: Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday asserted in the Assembly that high population is a "disease" for the state, which impacts its performance in various parameters.



minister, had said that Assam's GER was 16.9 per cent as per recent survey findings, while the national average is 27.1 per cent.

"Previously data of 130 colleges was not even uploaded. I had a meeting with the principals of 350 colleges the day before yesterday," he added.

Manipur to 'deport' those who came after 1961: CM

IMPHAL, Feb 13: A day after Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh said those who entered and settled in the state after 1961 would be identified and deported, experts on Tuesday raised doubts over viability of the move.



effective implementation of the inner line permit. "In order to deport illegal immigrants, the foreign country concerned must accept them as their bonafide citizens.

Ranjan Gogoi receives Assam Baibhav Award 22 individuals honoured with state's highest civilian awards

GUWAHATI, Feb 13: The state Government on Tuesday conferred the state's highest civilian awards upon 22 outstanding personalities for their exceptional contributions to society.



to serve as the Chief Justice of India. In a noteworthy comparison, the Assam Civilian Awards mirror the prestigious Bharat Ratna and Padma

Awards, reflecting the highest civilian honors bestowed by the Government of India. The number of awards conferred each year varies based on the decision of the Award Committee.

Mizoram, Assam CMs agree not to allow violence on disputed border

AIZAWL, Feb 13: Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma on Tuesday said that he and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma have agreed not to allow any more violence along the disputed inter-state border.



and Assam had taken an ugly turn in July 2021 when police forces of the two states exchanged fire at the inter-state boundary, leading to the death of six policemen and a civilian from Assam.

PM Modi holds talks with UAE President; bilateral investment treaty inked



ABU DHABI, Feb 13: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he had an excellent meeting with the UAE's President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan during which they reviewed the strategic partnership, discussed new areas of cooperation and witnessed the signing of several key agreements, including a bilateral investment treaty.

'No country in the OECD is on track to triple renewable energy capacity relative to 2022 levels' USD 2 trillion per year needed to triple global renewables by 2030: Report

NEW DELHI, Feb 13: An investment of USD 12 trillion till 2030 is needed to deliver the goal of tripling renewables, as agreed at the UN climate conference in Dubai in December, according to a report released on Tuesday.



The report finds that an investment of USD 8 trillion is needed for new renewables and USD 4 trillion for grid and storage infrastructure for tripling global renewable energy capacity to 11 Terawatt or 11,000 Gigawatt.

'Over 3,700 children go missing in Assam in 3 years'

GUWAHATI, Feb 13: More than 3,700 children had gone missing in Assam in the last three years, with over 3,400 of them also rescued by different agencies, women and child development minister Ajanta Neog said in the state Assembly on Tuesday.





















## Reports of SRK's involvement in release of Indians from Qatar 'unfounded', says his office

**MUMBAI, Feb 13:** Matters involving diplomacy and statecraft are best executed by "our very able leaders", Shah Rukh Khan's office said on Tuesday, dismissing speculation that the star was involved in the release of eight jailed former Indian Navy personnel from Qatar. Qatar on Monday released the Indian Navy veterans who were sentenced to death and whose sentences were commuted to jail terms of varying duration. Seven of them have returned home. Speculation that Shah Rukh, who enjoys massive popularity in Qatar and recently met the country's prime minister Mohammed bin Abdul-

rahman bin Jassim Al Thani in Doha during an event, played a role in the release of the jailed Indians was rife on Tuesday. Former MP Subramanian Swamy's claim in a post on X that the actor had intervened in the matter circulated widely on social media platforms. Shah Rukh was trending on X for much of the day. "Regarding the reports concerning Shah Rukh Khan's purported role in the release of India's naval officers from Qatar, the office of Mr Shah Rukh Khan says that any such assertions of his involvement are unfounded..." his office said in a statement.

"... The execution of this successful resolution solely rests with the Indian government officials," it said, unequivocally denying Shah Rukh's participation in the matter. "All matters involving diplomacy and statecraft are best executed by our very able leaders," the statement, also posted by his manager Pooja Dadlani on Instagram, said. "Mr. Khan like many other Indians is happy that the naval officers are home safe and wishes them all the best," it said. The actor, 58, recently attended the Asian Football Club final in Doha, where he was the special guest of honour. (PTI)

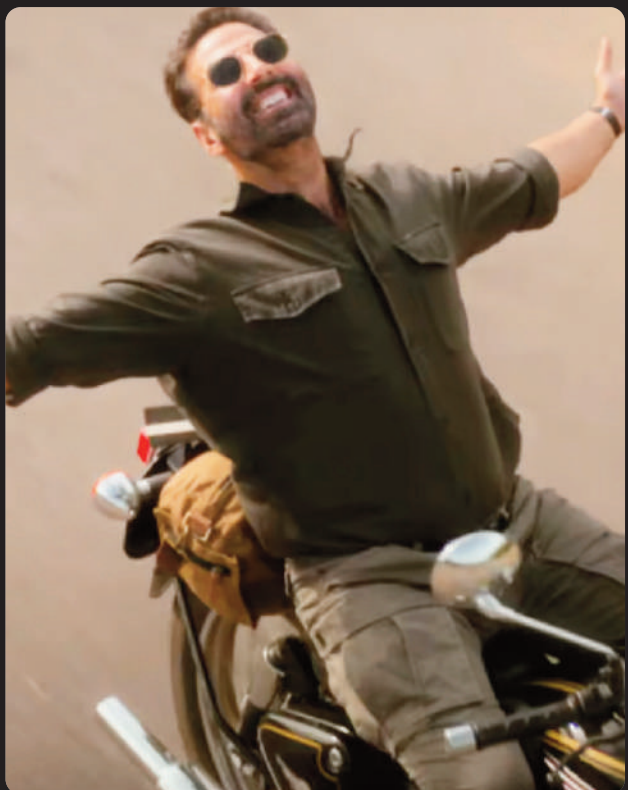
## BEING FAMOUS AFTER 'TITANIC' RELEASE WAS HORRIBLE, SAYS KATE WINSLET

**LONDON, Feb 13:** Oscar winner Kate Winslet says she chose to do smaller projects after the global success of "Titanic" as life became "quite unpleasant" with fame. The 48-year-old star reflected on the media pressure and body image scrutiny she was subjected to after the release of James Cameron's 1997 romance-tragedy epic. "I felt like I had to look a certain way, or be a certain thing, and because media intrusion was so significant at that time, my life was quite unpleasant. "Journalists would always say, 'After 'Titanic', you could have done anything and yet you chose to do these small things' and I was like, 'Yeah, you bet your life I did! Because, guess what, being famous was horrible,'" Winslet told Porter magazine. Despite the unpleasant aspects, "It's not a burden, any of it," she said. "('Titanic') continues to bring people huge amounts of joy. The only time I am like, 'Oh God, hide,' is if we are on a boat somewhere," the actor quipped. This is not the first time Winslet



has talked about her popularity following "Titanic", which also starred Leonardo DiCaprio. In 2021, she recalled going "into self-protective mode right away" after the film because she felt "bullied" by the UK media. (PTI)

## AKSHAY KUMAR'S 'SARFIRA' TO RELEASE ON JULY 12



**MUMBAI, Feb 13:** Superstar Akshay Kumar's upcoming Hindi adaptation of "Soorai Potru" has been titled "Sarfira", the makers announced on Tuesday. The movie, which is set to release in theatres on July 12, is directed by Sudha Kongara, who also helmed the Suriya-starrer Tamil hit that won five National Film Awards, including best feature film and best actor. Kumar shared the news on his official Instagram page along with a teaser video. "Dream so Big, they call you Crazy! #Sarfira releasing only in cinemas on 12th July, 2024. #MaarUdi," the 56-year-old actor posted. According to the makers, "Sarfira" is a uniquely Indian story of "grit, determination and jugaad, of an underdog challenging the socio-economic fabric of a system entrenched in class, caste and power dynamics". It also features Paresh Rawal, Radhika Madan and Seema Biswas in pivotal roles. The film is written by Kongara and Shalini Ushadevi, with dialogues by Pooja Tolani. It is produced by Aruna Bhatia of Cape of Good Films, South superstars Suriya and Jyotika's 2D Entertainment, and Vikram Malhotra-led Abundantia Entertainment. "Soorai Potru" revolved around Nedumaaran Rajangam or "Maara" (played by Suriya), who sets out to make the common man fly and in the process takes on the world's most capital intensive industry with the help of his family, friends and sheer will power. (PTI)

## Deepika Padukone to present honour at BAFTA Awards, actor expresses gratitude

**MUMBAI, Feb 13:** Actor Deepika Padukone is currently on cloud nine as she has been chosen as a presenter at the upcoming BAFTA Awards. The list also includes former England football star David Beckham, singer Dua Lipa, Cate Blanchett, Adjoa Andoh of 'Bridgerton' fame, 'Wonka' Oompa Loompa Hugh Grant and 'Emily in Paris's' Lily Collins. Taking to Instagram, Deepika shared a post on her stories that she captioned, "Gratitude." The 77th BAFTA Film Awards ceremony, set to take place Sunday, February 18, at London's Royal Festival Hall, which serves as the ceremony's venue for the second year in a row after several years at Royal Albert Hall. In India, the awards will be streaming live on Lionsgate Play. Attendees will include 'Saltburn' star Barry Keoghan, 'Maestro' actors Bradley Cooper and Carey Mulligan, 'Oppenheimer' lead Cillian Murphy and directors Greta Gerwig, Christopher Nolan, Celine Song and Yorgos Lanthimos, as per Variety. Last year, Deepika made India proud as she was one of the presenters at the Oscars 2023. On the film front, Deepika was recently seen in the aerial action thriller film 'Fighter' opposite Hrithik Roshan. Helmed by Siddharth Anand, the film also starred Anil Kapoor, Karan Singh Grover and Akshay Oberoi in pivotal roles and received good responses from the audience. She will be next seen in the sci-fi action thriller film 'Kalki 2898 AD' alongside south actor Prabhas. Helmed by Nag Ashwin the film also stars Amitabh Bachchan and will hit the theatres on May 9, 2024. (AGENCI-ES)



## Prime Video sets premiere date for 'Ae Watan Mere Watan'

**NEW DELHI, Feb 13:** Prime Video sets premiere date for 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' starring Sara Ali Khan Sara Ali Khan-starrer "Ae Watan Mere Watan" will start streaming on Prime Video from March 21, the platform announced on Tuesday. Billed as a historical thriller drama, the upcoming Hindi film is directed by Kannan Iyer from a story he wrote with Darab Farooqui. "Ae Watan Mere Watan" is a Dharmatic Entertainment production and is backed by Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta and Somen Mishra. According to the makers, the

movie -- set during the Quit India Movement in 1942 -- is a fictional tale that draws inspiration from freedom fighter Usha Mehta. Prime Video revealed the premiere date of "Ae Watan Mere Watan" on the occasion of World Radio Day with a motion poster, featuring Sara's voice as Usha, urging the country to unite against the British Raj through a clandestine radio. Aparna Purohit, head of Originals, India and Southeast Asia, Prime Video, described the film as "homage to the innumerable indomitable heroes" whose sacrifices defined India's path to freedom. "The story struck a deep chord



with us and we instinctively felt the need to bring it to life. "Ae Watan Mere Watan" further cements our long-standing relationship with Dharmatic Entertainment and underscores our collective commitment to telling stories that are not only entertaining and immersive but have a robust emotional core," Purohit said in a statement. Johar said "Ae Watan Mere Watan" has been a dream in the making. "At Dharmatic Entertainment, we have always taken pride in bringing forth stories that are told from the heart and 'Ae Watan

Mere Watan' exemplifies that. "Kannan and Darab have taken inspiration from a poignant point of India's history and woven a rich story with a strong emotional core that is further enriched by Sara's exceptional portrayal of a young revolutionary," the producer added. "Ae Watan Mere Watan" will also be available on the streamer with dubs in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. Actors Sachin Khedekar, Abhay Verma, Sparsh Shrivastav, Alexx O'Neil and Anand Tiwari also round out the cast of the film, which also has a special guest appearance by Emraan Hashmi. (PTI)



