

UNION BUDGET 2024-25

Tax Relief and Revised Tax Slabs in New Tax Regime

| Income Slab | NI |
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| 0-3 lakh rupees | 5 per cent |
| 3-7 lakh rupees | 10 per cent |
| 7-10 lakh rupees | 15 per cent |
| 10-12 lakh rupees | 20 per cent |
| 12-15 lakh rupees | 25 per cent |
| Above 15 lakh rupees | 30 per cent |

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Employment & Skilling

Prime Minister's Package: Boost to Skilling

Skilling Programme and Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes

- 1,000 IITs to be upgraded in hub & spoke arrangements in 5 years
- Focus on outcome and quality in collaboration with states and industry

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Nirmala's 7th budget: Marginal tax relief to middle class

Centrepiece of ₹ 48 lakh crore budget - employment, internship and skilling schemes ● Angel tax abolished ● Poll-bound Bihar gets ₹ 60,000 cr for infrastructure devp ● ₹ 2 lakh cr job scheme announced

NEW DELHI, July 23: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced a marginal income tax relief for the middle class, a ₹ 2 lakh crore outlay for job creation schemes over the next five years and a spending surge for states run by parties that are needed to keep BJP in power as she unveiled Modi 3.0 government's first budget after the

general elections. With rural distress and unemployment being blamed for BJP losing its majority in Lok Sabha, forcing it to rely on partners to form government, Sitharaman in her seventh straight budget provided ₹ 2.66 lakh crore for rural development and maintained spending on long-term infrastructure projects at ₹ 11.11 lakh crore to boost economic growth.

She scrapped the 'angel tax' that was imposed on investors pumping money into startups, cut import duty on mobile phones

and key parts to benefit firms like Apple, slashed customs duty on gold and silver to curb smuggling, and made significant changes in capital gains tax. She, however, raised the securities transaction tax (STT) on futures and options of securities, which disappointed the markets.

"India's economic growth continues to be the shining exception (in a world that is gripped by policy uncertainties) and will remain so in the years ahead," she said. "In this budget, we particularly focus on employment, skilling, (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

BIHAR GETS ₹ 11,500 CRORE, ASSAM 'ASSISTANCE': BHUPEN

Himanta hails Union budget as growth catalyst

HT Bureau GUWAHATI, July 23: Assam Congress president on Tuesday criticised the Union budget 2024, alleging that it "duped" Assam in the Union Budget.

Borah opined that in the last five years, the state has cumulatively demanded about ₹ 10,785 crore from the Centre but got only ₹ 250 crore. "Now with reference to our state: for the last 5 years, Assam has cu-

mulative demanded about ₹ 10,785 crore. But the Centre gave only ₹ 250 Cr. Today, Assam has got duped once again. This budget gave ₹ 11,500 crore to Bihar, but only assurances of help to Assam," Borah wrote on micro-blogging site X.

Borah further alleged that the Budget was great for "headline management", but not for reducing the misery of the people. "The biggest (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Mobile phones and chargers
- Cancer drugs - Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab
- Precious metals like Gold, Silver and Platinum
- PCBA and Oxygen Free Copper for use in manufacture of Resistors

BUDGET EXPENDITURE:

- Defence - ₹4,54,773 crore
 - Rural Development - ₹2,65,808 crore
 - Agriculture - ₹1,51,851 crore
 - Home Affairs - ₹1,50,983 crore
 - Education - 1,25,638 crore
 - IT and Telecom - ₹1,16,342 crore
 - Health - ₹89,287 crore
 - Energy - ₹68,769 crore
 - Social Welfare - ₹56,501 crore
 - Commerce & Industry - ₹47,559 crore
- Components for manufacture of vessels
 - Medical products like orthopedic implants, artificial parts of the body
 - Certain brood stock, shrimp and fish feed
 - Solar energy parts
 - Blister Copper and Ferro-Nickel

Arunachal CM hails Union budget

ITANAGAR, July 23: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday hailed the Union budget, saying it will help in achieving the dream of 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India).

The Union budget for the 2024-25 fiscal was presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament.

"The development of investment-ready 'plug and play' industrial parks in or near 100 cities along with the sanctioning of 12 industrial parks under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme will significantly boost industries and attract investments," Khandu wrote on X.

"These initiatives are key to achieving the dream of #ViksitBharat, driving economic growth, and positioning India as a global industrial powerhouse," he added.

Talking to PTI, Deputy chief minister Chowna Mein hailed it as an inclusive budget, fulfilling the aspirations of all sections of society. "Be it businessmen, farmers, industrialists, women, youth or common people, all are happy," he said.

Arunachal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) president Tarh Nachung welcomed the Union government's decision to provide loans of up to Rs 10 lakh to students for higher education. "It will help in overcoming a huge burden on the common people's shoulder, whose children want to pursue higher education," he said.

Nachung also lauded the government for focusing on employment, skilling and the MSME sector, saying it will immensely benefit (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

Budget lays roadmap for renewed, holistic growth towards 'Viksit Bharat': Union Minister Sonowal

HT Bureau GUWAHATI, July 23: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal welcomed the Union Budget, 2024 laid before the Parliament on Tuesday.

Calling the Union Budget, 2024 as a 'visionary document', the Sonowal said, "The Union Budget, 2024 lays the roadmap for renewed and holistic growth towards Viksit Bharat. This visionary budget is aimed at empowering the 'Garib' (poor), 'Mahilayen' (women), 'Yuva' (youth) and 'Annadata' (farmers) so that the process of development reaches every citizen of the country."

"The uniquely crafted four themes along with nine priorities of this budget will benefit all sections of the society. I extend my gratitude to the Honourable (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

“Nuclear energy is expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for a Viksit Bharat”

- FM

‘Save Modi govt’ budget: Kharge

NEW DELHI, July 23: The Congress on Tuesday termed the Union Budget a "copycat" and a "kursi bachao" budget, and said the "copy-paste government" borrowed ideas generously from the party's manifesto but botched up the policy.

The opposition party also said unemployment is the "biggest challenge facing the country" and the government's response is "too little" and will have little impact on the "grave situation".

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi dubbed the Union Budget a "kursi bachao budget" (save chair budget) and claimed it makes "hollow promises" to the BJP allies at the cost of other states.

In a post on X, Gandhi said, "'Kursi Bachao' Budget. Appease Allies: Hollow promises to them at the cost of other states. Appease Cronies: Benefits to AA with no relief for the common Indian. Copy and Paste: Congress manifesto and previous budgets."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge termed the Budget a "copycat" and alleged that it is not for the progress of the country but to save the Modi government.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge said, "The Modi government's 'copycat budget' could not even copy the Congress' Nyay Patra properly! The Modi government's budget is distributing half-hearted 'rewadis' (freebies) to dupe its coalition partners so that the NDA survives."

"This is not a budget for the 'progress of the country'. It is a 'save Modi government' budget!" he said. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh accused the government of indulging in "cut, copy, paste" from Congress' Nyay Patra.



"Cut, Copy, Paste from Congress' Nyay Patra is all very well. But Cut, Copy, and Paste in Haste is altogether another matter. The Union Budget borrows ideas generously from the Nyay Patra, but botches up the policy," he said.

"Pehli Naukri Pakki, a programme to guarantee year-long, well-paid apprenticeships to all college graduates and diploma holders, becomes a gimmicky and unworkable 1-crore internships plan. Employment-Linked Incentives, rather than incentivising firms to create jobs or incentivise women to join the labour force, compensates those who are lucky enough to find jobs," he said.

"There was a time when the Nyay Patra was defamed by the non-biological PM as a Muslim League agenda and as a conspiracy to steal mangalsutras. Today, it's the source of inspiration for his Government's Budget. The implications of the personal, political, and moral defeat that he suffered on June 4th, 2024, continue to surface," Ramesh said. Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram said finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has "virtually adopted" (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

APHLC organiser criticises KAAC delegation's priorities

HT Bureau DIPHU, July 23: Kursing Timung, organising secretary of the All Party Hills Leaders Conference (APHLC), has criticised chief executive member (CEM) Tuliram Ronghang's delegation to Delhi, accusing them of prioritising the 125th constitutional amendment for enhancing the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council's (KAAC) powers over addressing the autonomous state issue.

In a press statement on Tuesday, Timung expressed concern that the delegation led by CEM Ronghang, along with MP Amarsing Tisso, MLA Darsing Ronghang, former MLA Dr Dharam Sing Teron, advisor Elwin Teron, and

other BJP leaders, is focusing on persuading the Central government to pass clauses from Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) 1 and 2, and provisions of the sixth schedule, under the forthcoming constitutional amendment.

"The preference shown by CEM Ronghang and BJP leaders towards the 125th constitutional amendment rather than addressing the autonomous state issue indicates that national parties like BJP and Congress are not supportive of autonomous state aspirations. RSS and Bongo Sena are exploiting the weaknesses of BJP leaders in Karbi Anglong and KAAC for their own gains," Timung stated. He further criticised the RSS and (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

Assam flood situation improves, 73,703 people affected in 10 districts

GUWAHATI, July 23: Assam's flood situation is gradually improving, with the affected population decreasing to 73,703 across 10 districts, according to an official bulletin on Tuesday.

There was no loss of human lives reported during the day with the death toll due to floods, landslides,

storms and lightnings remaining at 114, the Assam Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said.

Compared to Monday's figures, the number of affected districts has reduced from 12 to 10, with a decline in affected revenue circles from 22 to 20, and affected villages decreasing from 247

to 195. The districts currently affected include Morigaon, Biswanath, Dhemajai, Hojai, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Nagaon, Golaghat, Goalpara, and Jorhat. Among these, Nagaon remains the most severely affected with a population of 61,034, followed by Golaghat with 4,874 and (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

‘Nuclear energy key in Viksit Bharat’s energy mix’ Nuclear energy and efficient thermal plants at centre of India’s energy transition plan

NEW DELHI, July 23: India's energy transition plan will focus on developing small modular nuclear reactors, pumped-storage projects and more efficient thermal plants, the government announced on Tuesday.

Presenting the 2024-25 Budget in the Lok Sabha, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government will collaborate with private firms to develop small modular reactors (SMRs) and conduct research on advanced technologies to boost the share of nuclear power in India's energy mix.

Sitharaman also said a roadmap will be prepared to shift "hard to abate" industries, such as shipping, aviation, iron and steel and chemicals, from focusing on energy-efficiency targets to emission targets. To balance employment, growth



and environmental sustainability, the government will release a policy document outlining appropriate energy-transition pathways. A taxonomy for climate finance will be developed to enhance the availability of capital for climate adaptation

and mitigation, Sitharaman said. "Nuclear energy is expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat. Towards that pursuit, our government will partner with the private sector for setting up Bharat small reactors,

research and development of Bharat small modular reactors, and research and development of newer technologies for nuclear energy," she said. SMRs are smaller, compact nuclear power plants (300 MWe or less) compared to current-generation base load plants (1,000 MWe or higher). These factory-fabricated reactors can be transported by trucks or rail to a nuclear power site and their output can be scaled by combining several units to achieve larger capacities.

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran noted in the economic survey that the combined deployment of factory-manufactured, made-in-India SMRs, along with standardised 700-MWe pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWRs), could be an effective strategy for (CONTD. ON PAGES-2)

Sri Lanka Navy arrests 9 Indian fishermen for alleged illegal fishing

COLOMBO, July 23: The Sri Lankan Navy on Tuesday arrested nine Indian fishermen and seized their trawlers for allegedly poaching in its territorial waters, officials here said, taking the number of Indian nationals apprehended this year by the island nation in such incidents to 261. The nine fishermen were arrested, and their two trawlers were seized off the coast of Delft islet in the northern Jaffna peninsula, the Navy said.

On July 11, the Navy said that 252 Indian fishermen were arrested and 35 trawlers seized this year for poaching.

Earlier this month, Sri Lanka voiced its concern to India over the death of a naval sailor who was killed in an operation to seize an Indian trawler allegedly engaged in illegal fishing in the island nation's territorial waters.

On June 25, off the coast of Point Pedro in the north, a senior sailor



from the Navy Special Boat Squadron sustained critical injuries due to "the aggressive manoeuvres of the Indian trawler, resisting its seizure," a statement issued by the Sri Lankan Navy said.

The fishermen issue is a contentious one in the ties between India and Sri Lanka, with Lankan Navy personnel even firing at Indian fishermen in the Palk Strait and

seizing their boats in several alleged incidents of illegally entering Sri Lankan territorial waters.

The Palk Strait, a narrow strip of water separating Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka, is a rich fishing ground for fishermen from both countries.

Fishermen from both countries are arrested frequently for inadvertently trespassing into each other's waters. (PTI)

BTR hosts awareness prog to empower cooperative societies

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, July 23: To empower Cooperative Societies in the Bodo Territorial Region (BTR), an informative training and awareness programme was organised at Gurufela Community Hall in Kokrajhar on Tuesday. The programme focused on the creation of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), and Pearl Cultivation.

This awareness programme is part of the 100-day action plan initiated by BTC chief Pramod Boro under the Vibrant BTR Mission. The initiative aims to provide training and financial linkage support from NABARD and APEX Bank to interested groups.

Participating in the awareness meeting, executive member of BTC for Cooperation, Ukil Muchahary, reiterated that the government of BTR is committed to supporting registered cooperative societies willing to engage in business ventures. He also announced that this comprehensive awareness campaign would be extended across the entire BTR district, incorporating mechanisms for capacity building, project preparation, and financial linkage. Around 100 members, representing 80 cooperative societies, attended the meeting. The programme was addressed by CHD Cooperation Jayanta Kherkatary, NABARD DDM Kuntal Purkayastha, and branch manager of Gossagaon APEX Bank Robin Nath.

Selection process for Bodofa UN Brahma Super 50 Mission underway

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, July 23: The selection process for the Bodofa UN Brahma Super 50 Mission (UPSC/APSC) is underway, with a counselling and personal interview session being conducted by BTC secretaries. This session targets the top 155 candidates who cleared the Mains examination for the 2024-25 batch of BTR's flagship program, the Bodofa UN Brahma Super 50 Mission.

Out of 1,781 students who appeared for the Prelims, and 300 who advanced to the Mains, the top 155 civil service aspirants were interviewed on July 22 and 23, with additional interviews scheduled for July 24 at the Bodoland Guest House in Kokrajhar. Following these interviews, 50 candidates will be chosen for BTR-sponsored free coaching under the Super 50 program, spearheaded by BTC chief Pramod Boro.

Two children drown

HT Correspondent

JAGIROAD, July 23: Two children tragically drowned in Saru Mati Parbat village, Neli, under Jagiroad Police Station on Tuesday afternoon. Mukesh Rajbhar and Vijay Rajbhar, both aged 7 and 8, lost their lives while swimming in the flooded waters of the Kiling river. They were promptly taken to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, where doctors pronounced them dead.

Jorhat BJP general secretary resigns

HT Correspondent

JORHAT, July 23: Ratul Bora, general secretary of the Krishak Morcha for the Jorhat district unit of BJP, has resigned from his position, citing personal reasons on Tuesday. He submitted his resignation in a letter addressed to the president of the Jorhat district unit of BJP.

Aaranyak trains Karbi villagers in mushroom cultivation

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, July 23: As part of Alternative Sustainable Livelihood (ASL) initiatives, the region's premier biodiversity conservation organisation, Aaranyak, in collaboration with Rabha Agrotech, recently organised a comprehensive summer mushroom cultivation training program for marginalised Karbi families in the Karbi Anglong district.

The training began on June 22 and ended on July 18 in two phases—preliminary and final—and was administered both centrally and at the village cluster level.

The training targeted interested persons from 10 villages in the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong landscape, with the purpose of supporting alternative sustainable livelihood opportunities through summer mushroom cultivation for marginalised families.

Twenty women from 10 villages participated in the preliminary training and learned crucial processes such as paddy straw cutting, sterilisation through boiling, and mushroom cylinder preparation. These cylinders were then stored in a dark room for 20-25 days before proceeding to the further steps of summer mushroom cultivation.

After 25 days, the final phase of training was held in Chandrasing Rongpi Village with 19 participants. The event featured advanced steps like sand and vermicompost casting processes on the mushroom cylinder

Governor praises Bimal Borah's efforts & encourages students to dream big at the event in Dibrugarh's Rajgarh Tea Estate

Guv Kataria attends closing ceremony of 'Anweshan Workshop 2024'



HT Correspondent

DIBRUGARH, July 23: Governor Gulab Chand Kataria attended the concluding ceremony of the 'Anweshan Workshop 2024' in Dibrugarh on Tuesday. The workshop, organised from July 12 to 23, 2024, across the Tingkhong legislative assembly constituency and Charaideo district by 'Growth from Grassroots', under the patronage of state cabinet minister Bimal Borah and supported by the MLA's Educational Advisory Committee, saw participation from around three thousand students from seven centres in the constituency.

It may be noted that 'Growth from Grassroots' is a trust which is working towards providing educational support, fostering skill development, empowering women, and advancing employment and livelihood opportunities in the state.

While speaking on the occasion, Governor Kataria praised Industry & Commerce, etc., minister Bimal Bora for taking such a step to encourage the students. "If you want development, it starts from the grassroots. You should do work that will be remembered by everyone. Every MLA should undertake work that will be helpful for future generations."

Governor Kataria said that the environment in which students learn is crucial to their success. A

positive atmosphere always encourages students to strive for their goals, shaping them into the future leaders of the nation. As the upcoming generation, the empowered students will define the future of India. He also hailed the trust for creating an enabling environment for human resources to attain their full potential.

The Governor also said that life presents many challenges, and students must meet these challenges with resilience and determination. He lauded the organisation for making significant strides in skill development, women empowerment, and employment generation. He also appreciated the trust's role in addressing challenges of climate change; plantations such as eri and muga are especially praiseworthy.

Kataria also said, "The youth force, or Yuva Shakti, are the driving forces of our nation. I am happy that the trust is giving our students the right kind of opportunities to grow and realise their full potential, and contribute positively to societal development". The Governor said that the trust is making significant contributions to different areas which have the potential to bolster the state's and country's development.

Outlining the importance of time, the Governor also said that

respecting time is paramount for students. Proper time management is a cornerstone of achieving success. The trust's efforts to nurture students from the grassroots level are commendable, offering them a pathway to advancement. The Governor also advised the students to dream big and work tirelessly to achieve those dreams. A capable student uses his expertise, wisdom, and knowledge for the betterment of society.

Hrishikesh Goswami, secretary of Assam Children's Literature Trust, attended the program as the keynote speaker. "The enthusiasm and interest shown by the students in this workshop, focused on educational and skill development exploration, have been encouraging for the organisers," said Jahabi Borah, chairperson, and Gauri Konwar Borah, secretary, of the Volunteer Trust, Growth from Grassroots.

Industry & Commerce, etc., minister Bimal Bora, MLA Lahowal Binod Hazarika, MLA Moran Chakradhar Gogoi, MLA Chabua Punakan Baruah, MLA Dulijan Teros Gowala, chairman of Assam Tourism Development Corporation Rituparna Barua, secretary of Children's Literary Trust Hrishikesh Goswami along with a host of other dignitaries were present at the programme.

Student groups protest new alcohol shops in KA

HT Correspondent

BOKAJAN, July 23: On Tuesday, three student organisations in Karbi Anglong, Assam, submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner opposing the opening of new alcohol shops in the region. The Karbi Students Association (KSA), Asom Jatiyatadhi Chitra Parishad (AJYCP), and Anti Corruption Youth Power of Assam (ACYPA) jointly expressed their concerns over the proposed establishment of liquor outlets at Lahorijan Sunday Market and Khatkhati Gautam Basti.

The groups argue that Bokajan legislative assembly constituency in Karbi Anglong is already saturated with alcohol vendors. They pointed out that areas such as Lahorijan, Khatkhati, Bokajan, Hanjanglangso, Silonjan, and Chowkikhola are overcrowded with liquor shops and bars.

In their statement, the organisations emphasised that the proliferation of alcohol outlets in Bokajan sub-division has become a significant issue. They urged authorities to refrain from opening additional liquor shops, citing concerns for the community's well-being.

Pijush Hazarika reviews flood damage in Nagaon

Minister directs expedited aid, embankment repairs & discusses recovery plans with local officials

HT Correspondent

NAGAON, July 23: The Water Resource minister of the state and the guidance minister for the district, Pijush Hazarika, visited Nagaon on Tuesday and participated in a special meeting with the administrative heads of various departments at the DC's conference hall to assess the damage caused by the recent floods in the district.

During the meeting, the minister thoroughly reviewed the damage caused by the floods and directed the concerned officials to complete all proceedings to release flood aid or monetary assistance to the affected people before August 15. He also reviewed the progress of various government schemes being implemented in the district.

Additionally, the minister instructed the officials of the Nagaon Water Resource Department to expedite the repair works at the breached portion of the Hatimura embankment in the Kaliabor area. He assured that



over 6 kilometres of embankment at Changsuki under the Kampur revenue circle, which was ravaged by the recent floods, will be newly constructed soon. Following this, another 15 kilometres of new embankment will be constructed in the second phase from Garukhunda to Bakulguri under the same revenue circle.

Local Nagaon-Batadroba MLA Rupak Sarma, Barhampur MLA Jitu Goswami, Raha MLA Sashi

Kanta Das, DC Narendra Kr Shah, district development commissioner Nagaon Gunajit Kashyap, chief executive officer Nagaon Zila Parishad Ananta Gogoi, and additional district commissioners Pranab Kr Dutta Goswami, Sudip Nath, Soubhik Bhuyan, Philish VLH Hangshal, along with other heads of various departments, participated in the meeting, according to an official press note.

Agniaveer Recruitment Rally commences at Jaswant Stadium



loaded on the official website of the Indian Army, www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

It is pertinent to mention that the second phase of the Agniaveer Recruitment Rally for Biswanath district will be held on July 24, 2024, the third phase will be on July 25, 2024 for Nagaon district, the fourth phase Army Recruitment Rally for Agniaveer (general duty) of Morigaon district and Agniaveer tradesmen (10th pass) for all central districts of Assam i.e. Sonitpur, Biswanath, Nagaon and Morigaon will be on July 26, 2024 and the fifth phase Army Recruitment Rally for Agniaveer tradesmen (8th pass), Agniaveer technical and Agniaveer (office assistant) for all central districts of Assam i.e. Sonitpur, Biswanath, Nagaon and Morigaon will be held on July 27, 2024.

The Army has made complete preparations for the rally, in which the district administration and police department have played an important role. This rally is organised only for the shortlisted candidates of the online common entrance exam that was conducted nationwide in April-May 2024. The recruitment rally is free, fair and transparent so all candidates are advised not to approach any type of touts.

Recruiting Office (Headquarters), Shillong had posted recruitment-related instructions and information sheets in all District HQs. Candidates will undergo physical tests in the rally ground and medical tests will be conducted for those who have completed both physical fitness test and physical measurement test. Medically unfit candidates will be sent to Military Hospital, Tezpur for review.

The civil administration has ensured necessary arrangements like accommodation, bio breaks, drinking water and provision for buses.

Information leaflets have been displayed at all prominent places for guiding the candidates to the rally venue. Additional measures have been taken for security and crowd control by Army and Police.

2 youths drown in village pond

HT Correspondent

KHERONI, July 23: A tragic incident occurred in Majhahadi village, Kheroni, West Karbi Anglong, where two young men lost their lives due to drowning in a local pond. The victims have been identified as Anish Kumar Chouhan, 28, and Mahendra Chouhan, 25.

According to local residents, the two youths had gone to the pond for bathing. The villagers noted that this particular pond is known for its significant depth, which may have contributed to the unfortunate event.

Upon realising the situation, community members quickly mobilised to retrieve the bodies from the water. The victims were then rushed to the nearest hospital.

Nagaon launches 100-day Mission Shakti awareness & enrollment drive

HT Correspondent

NAGAON, July 23: The District Social Welfare Department of Nagaon, under SANKALP and DHEW, launched a 100-day special awareness cum enrollment drive for Mission Shakti with women-centric legislation at Dakshin Jewmari LP School located in Jewmari Bazar under the Rupahi ICDS project on Monday.

Over a hundred participants, including supervisors, GP members, AWWs, ASHA workers, adolescent girls, and their respective parents, attended the event. Rajlakshmi Sandilya, gender specialist, Surajit Borthakur, and Jaya Priya Kalita attended the event as resource persons, while Queen Borah, district programme coordinator cum district mission coordinator of SANKALP DHEW, mentored the programme. The event was initiated under the guidance of ADC Kaku Moni Saikia and district social welfare officer Nagaon Bholanath Pegu.

During the event, the ill effects of early marriage of girl children and teenage pregnancy, as well as the role of 1098 services and DHEW in this regard, were highlighted and screened. Additionally, the resource persons elaborated on various schemes like BBBP, Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Palna, One Stop Centre, 181 women helpline, and PMMVY being active or implemented for the welfare of women and girls across the district, according to a press note.

'Stop Diarrhoea' campaign kicks off at Kathiatoli BPHC

HT Correspondent

NAGAON, July 23: Nagaon District Health Services ceremonially launched the district-level 'Stop Diarrhoea' campaign at Kathiatoli BPHC under Nagaon district on Saturday. The joint director of Health Services, additional CM & HO, CM & HOCD, district immunisation officer, DNO School Health, SDM & HO, DPMU, BPM unit of Kathiatoli BPHC, ANM workers, ASHA supervisors, ASHA workers, and the general public were present during the launch.

During the event, senior district officials from Health Services discussed in detail their duties to stop diarrhoea along with the use of zinc and ORS during diarrhoea. Amidst the discussions, an ASHA supervisor gave a demonstration on proper handwashing techniques. Additionally, an ANM explained the method of mixing ORS in water to the audience. At the end of the program, the joint director inaugurated the ORS distribution program for children under 5 years old, according to an official press note.

Athletics coaching camp concludes

HT Bureau

DIPHU, July 23: The Diphu Athletics Academy (DAA), in collaboration with Langsoli-et Sports Association (LSA), successfully concluded a week-long athletics coaching camp aimed at promoting sports in rural areas. The camp, held from July 14 to 20 at Langsoli-et playground, catered to children aged 10 and above.

The initiative saw participation from 70 young athletes, both boys and girls, hailing from nearby villages including Langsoli-et, Hojaipur, and Nilapur. The training was conducted by a team of experienced coaches, including national players Sangmir Teronpi, Kajir Teronpi, and Longmiji Bey, alongside DAA coaches Pokhila Engtipi and Sikari Enghi.

On the final day, July 20, an athletics competition was held, followed by a ceremony where medals and certificates were awarded to the winners and participants.

SC gives split verdict on pleas challenging environmental release of GM Mustard

NEW DELHI, July 23: The Supreme Court on Tuesday gave a split verdict on the validity of the Centre's 2022 decisions on the environmental release of mustard hybrid DMH-11 for seed production and testing. A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Sanjay Karol heard pleas challenging the October 18, 2022, decision of the GEAC -- the country's

regulator for genetically modified organisms -- recommending environment release and the subsequent decision on October 25, approving the environmental release of transgenic mustard hybrid DMH-11.

After hearing the pleas, the bench gave a divergent opinion. The bench directed the issue to be placed before the Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud for adjudication by the appropriate bench.

However, both the judges were unanimous in directing the Centre to formulate a national policy on Genetically Modified (GM) crops.

The bench directed that the environment ministry will undertake a consultation process with all the stakeholders and experts, preferably in four months

before formulating a national policy on GM crops.

On the environmental release of GM crops, Justice Nagarathna said the October 18 and 25, 2022, decisions of the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) were vitiated as there was no member from the health department in the meeting and altogether eight members were absent. (PTI)

Elvish Yadav appears before ED in money laundering case

LUCKNOW, July 23: YouTuber Siddharth Yadav alias Elvish Yadav appeared before the Enforcement Directorate here on Tuesday for questioning in a money laundering case linked to suspected use of snake venom as a recreational drug in parties he hosted and related financial transactions, official sources said.

The agency will record his statement at its zonal office located at Ashok Marg here.

The central agency had registered a case in May and pressed charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after taking cognisance of an FIR and charge sheet filed against him and linked persons by the Gautam Buddha Nagar (Noida) district police in Uttar Pradesh. Elvish Yadav was summoned by the agency in the second week of July but he sought deferment of the summons owing to his scheduled foreign travel and professional commitment. Rahul Yadav alias Rahul Fazilpuriya, a singer from Haryana allegedly linked to Elvish Yadav, was questioned by the ED in the said case, they said. (PTI)

Centre asks Pune cops to give details about marital status of IAS probationer Puja Khedkar's parents

PUNE, July 23: The Centre has directed the Pune police to apprise it of the marital status of the parents of controversial IAS probationer Puja Khedkar amid allegations that she fraudulently availed of the OBC non-creamy layer benefit in the UPSC exam by claiming that they were separated, an official said.

Khedkar is accused of misusing power and privileges by demanding perks and facilities she was not entitled for during her training in Pune district collectorate in Maharashtra recently. She was also accused of bullying everyone around and of placing a red-blue beacon (indicating high-ranking official) atop a private Audi (a luxury sedan) car used by her that also had 'Maharashtra Government' written on it during her stint.

A criminal case has been registered against her in Delhi last week for "misrepresenting and falsifying facts". The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has also issued a show-cause notice regarding the cancellation of her candidature for the 2022 examination and is considering barring her from future exams.

Talking to PTI, a senior official of the Pune police confirmed that the central government has asked them to apprise it of whether the parents of Puja Khedkar - mother Manorama and father Dilip - were divorced.

"We have been asked to find out and inform to the central government about whether Puja Khedkar's parents were divorced. In a nutshell, it has asked us to verify the actual status of their marriage/divorce," the official said.

The UPSC last week took a series of actions, including registration of a police case, against Puja Khedkar for fraudulently availing attempts in the civil services examination-2022 and debarment from future examinations and selections.

Khedkar, a 2023 batch probationary Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, is accused of misusing power and privileges, by demanding perks and facilities she was not entitled for, during her training in Pune district collectorate.

Her probation period was put on hold and she was recalled to Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Uttarakhand's Mussoorie. (PTI)

E-AUCTION FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PAY & USE TOILETS

E-Auction for the contract for Operation and Management of Pay & Use Toilets over Lumding Division. Details are as under. Auction Catalogue No.: PNU-LMG-03-2024; Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots): 10:00 hrs. on 05-08-2024; Auction Close Date & Time: 10:50 hrs. on 05-08-2024. Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee, Trips/Days: AA/1, AA/2, 1095 and AB/1 : 1826.

| Seq No. | Lot No./Category | Location |
|---------|--|---|
| AA/1 | PnU-LMG-LMG-Tol-53-24-1 (Pay and Use - Toilets) | Operation and Management of Pay & Use toilets contract at 2nd Class Waiting Hall, Upper Class Waiting Hall & Toilets Blocks near Penal Room at Platform No.1 of Lumding Railway station of Lumding division Northeast Frontier Railway. |
| AA/2 | PnU-LMG-MANU-Tol-22-22-2 (Pay and Use - Toilets) | E-auction for awarding of rights for operation and maintenance of Pay & use toilet at MANU station. |
| AB/1 | PnU-LMG-SCL-WRL-48-23-1 (Pay and Use - Lounges / Waiting/Retiring/Cloak Rooms) | Operation and management of cloak room at Silchar railway station (PF/01) |

Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing Module of IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

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Surge in dengue cases in Bengal, health dept says situation 'not alarming'

KOLKATA, July 23: At least five districts in southern West Bengal have witnessed a surge in dengue cases with each having reported more than 100 vector-borne infections till July 20, an official said on Tuesday. He, however, claimed that the situation was not alarming. North 24 Parganas with 268 dengue cases topped the list of districts.

Other districts in south Bengal where the number of dengue cases is high are Murshidabad district (224) Hooghly (181) and Kolkata (152). Malda district in north Bengal has also reported around 230 cases, he said.

"The dengue situation in West Bengal is not alarming. This disease has a seasonal pattern that shows an increasing trend with the onset of monsoon and peaks after the season. This year the number of dengue cases is comparatively low," a senior official of the state health department told PTI.

The graph of dengue infection in Bengal was much lower than last year, he claimed.

"But in the last few weeks, primarily due to the rainwater accumulation in several areas, there has been a surge in dengue cases. We have been active since the beginning of this year to prevent the infection," he said.

Since early this year, the civic bodies have been "proactive in removing garbage and stagnant water", he said, adding that at the block level specific routines have been followed to control the disease. (PTI)

No. GBM/WL/2023-24/ Dt. 23/07/2024

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Intending registered organization and financially sound firms / NGO / Entrepreneurs having experience for executing the following work under Green Bodoland Mission (GBM) for 2023-24 may submit to the Mission Director of Green Bodoland Mission (GBM), Office of the WPT, BTC, Kokrajhar on or before 3.30 PM on 6th August 2024.

Details of works can be obtained from the office of the Mission Director, Office of the WPT, BTC, Kokrajhar during office hours. The notification can be seen in the Notice Board of the Mission Director, Office of the WPT, BTC, Kokrajhar during the office hours on or before 3.00 PM on 6th August 2024.

| Sl. No. | Name of Scheme / work | EMD | Estimated cost (in Lakh) |
|---------|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Wetland Conservation: Conservation and beautification activities in wetland in Tamulpur District. a. Total area of the wetland: 1.5 Ha b. Clearing and removal of invasive species and excessive vegetation. c. Disposal of cleared biomass and debris d. Earth work e. Band Plantation | 2% for General & 1% for reserved Category | 15.00* |

*The amount includes GST as per applicable norms

Sd/- Mission Director
Green Bodoland Mission, BTC, Kokrajhar

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ENGINEERING WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 19 OF 2024:
Date: 19-07-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No.: DENGHY-07-2024.

Name of work & Location: At New Guwahati: Special repairs to Railway Staff Quarters Type-III, Type-II & Type-I (190 units) under the jurisdiction of SSE/W New Guwahati. Tender Value: ₹. 19,01,807.69; Earnest Money: ₹. 59,500.00. Tender No.: DENGHY-08-2024. Name of work & Location: At Amingaon: Repairs and renovation of Amingaon Water supply Assets including other related ancillary works and maintenance of the water supply at various colonies under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/BB/AMJ and Service buildings like Agthori Station, Power house, Railway Health Unit, Railway Institute, Scouts and Guide field, Gang huts at Saraghat Bridge etc. with 01 (one) No. Barge at Amingaon ghat for a period of 02 (two) years. Tender Value: ₹. 84,18,090.60; Earnest Money: ₹. 92,100.00. Tender No.: DENGHY-11-2024. Name of work & Location: (A) At Guwahati - Replacement of Non standard Double stores Type-I Quarters DS-07 (M to P), DS-68 (A to B). Total 6 units by Type-II Triple story (TS) 6 units Quarters 1 block. (B) At New Guwahati :- Replacement of old deplorable 08 units Type-I Quarter by new Type-II 08 units (DS) Quarters for staffs. Tender Value: ₹. 59,38,483.45; Earnest Money: ₹. 29,700.00. E-tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. on 12-08-2024 and will be opened at 13:00 hrs on 12-08-2024. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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Estd:
VACANCY POST

Interested candidates are hereby invited for one subject teacher lying vacancy post at Bordeka Langmili English High School. The Walk-in-interview will be held on **03/08/2024 at 10:00 AM** at school premises. The post is purely Adhoc basis. The application will be received from **24/07/2024 to 01/08/2024 till 1:00 PM** at school premises.

| Sl.No. | Name of Post | Requisite Qualification | No. of Post | Fixed Pay @ per month |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Science | B.sc | 01 | |

N.B.- The subject teacher's general requisite qualification is B.Sc with recognised university. The special preference will be given to local candidate. Complete biodata, scanned copies of the educational testimonials from HSLC onwards along with original documents and the latest passport-size photo should be submitted at the time of the interview. Further Payment will be made after receiving GIA from Govt. from the financial year 2024-2025 onwards. No arrear salary can be claimed by the incumbents till then. Please note that no TA/DA is admissible for the purpose.

Sd/-
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Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) Dehradun

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 01 DECEMBER 2024 FOR THE TERM JULY 2025

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OR
To be sent Demand Draft for Rs.600 (UR) and Rs.555/- (ST/SC) in favour of "THE COMMANDANT RIMC FUND"
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- Entrance Examination:-** Applications are invited from Boys & Girls students for admission into the RIMC, Dehradun for the term July 2025 Term which will be conducted on 1st December 2024 (Sunday).
- Age Group:-** The candidate should be in the age bracket of 11Y 6M to 13Y as on 01/07/2025 i.e. they should not be born earlier than 02 JULY 2012 and not later than 01 JANUARY 2014.
- Educational Qualifications:** The candidate should either be studying in class VII or have passed class VII from any recognized school at the time of admission to the RIMC, i.e., on 1st July 2025.
- Written Examination:-** The written part of the examination will consist of 3 (three) papers as shown below:
1st Paper: English (09.30-11.00 hrs) 2nd Paper: General Knowledge (12.00-13.00 hrs) 3rd Paper: Mathematics (14.30-16.30 hrs)
- Date of Examination:-** 01/12/2024
- Examination Center:-** Guwahati
- Viva-Voce and Medical Test:-** Students who are qualified in the Written Examination will have to appear in Viva-Voce & Medical Test. Minimum pass marks in each paper including the interview will be 50%
- Scholarships:-** The Government of Assam grant scholarships to the meritorious domicile students of Assam @ Rs.50000.00 PA.
- Where to submit the Application Form:** Examination & Training (ET) Branch, Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam, Kahilipara, Road, Kahilipara, Guwahati, Pin-781019, Assam
- Last Date of Submission of Application Form:** 30/09/2024

Documents to be submitted:- 1) Original Application Form two copies, 2) Domicile Certificate, 3) Copy of Aadhaar Card (both sides), 4) Birth Certificate, 5) ST/SC Certificate, 6) Pass Port Size Photograph four copies, 7) Postal Envelop with 42 Rs. stamp for speed post of Admit Card, 8) School Certificate in which students now studying

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GOVT. OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SPORTS OFFICER,
KARBI ANGLONG: DIPHU.

No. DSO/Dev. 15(A)/2024-2025/295 Dated, Diphu the 22-07-2024

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender affixing non-refundable KAAC Court fee Stamp (Receipt) Rs. 10.00 (Rupees Ten) only eventual to be drawn up in form are hereby invited from KAAC/PWD/Society registered Contractor/Supplier and will be received by the undersigned up to 3.00 P.M. on 02/08/2024 and will be opened on the same date place and the hours in presence of the Contractor or their authorized agent if any. If the day or opening of tender happens to be any holiday, non- working day the tender will be opened in the next day. The undersigned has the right to accept/ reject tender without assigning any reason thereof and will not be bound himself to accept the lowest tender.

| Sl. No. | Name of Work/Goods | Tender amount (In laths) | Earnest Money | Time allowed for completion |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Supply of Sports Goods for the year of 2024-2025. | Rs. 70.00L | 1% for SC, ST & 2% for Genl. (On tender value). | 30 days |
| All total | | Rs. 70.00 L | | |

(Rupees Seventy lakh) only.

Details of tender documents may be obtained from the office of the **District Sports Officer, Karbi Anglong District, Diphu from 25/07/2024 during working hours.**

Terms and Conditions:-

- The rate quoted as % (Percent) above/below/ as per schedule rate for works for all division under APWD.
- Earnest money should be deposited in favour of the undersigned in the form of call deposit/ Bank draft & should be attested with the tender, otherwise tender will not be accepted.
- The works must be carried as directed by the Executive Engineer (Works), KAAC, Diphu.
- The following documents should be enclosed with the tender:-
 - Professional Tax Clearance Certificate.
 - Sale Tax & GST Clearance Certificate.
 - Council/ PWD Registration.
 - Call Deposit.
 - Caste Certificate.
- Payment will be made subject to availability of Fund.

Sd/-
District Sports Officer,
Karbi Anglong, Diphu.
No. DSO/Dev. 15(A)/2024-2025/295(A) Dated, Diphu the 22-07-2024



Action-director Sea-Young Oh on 'Kill': Wanted real hits and punches, not acting

MUMBAI, July 23: "Let's do it for real" was the only brief that South Korean action director Sea-Young Oh had for actors Lakshya and Raghav Juyal while working on "Kill", which has been hailed as one of the most unique action movies to come from India.

The story, produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions and Guneeet Monga's Sikhya Entertainment, is set on a moving train as one man and his friend take on a group of violent goon who board the train and start looting and killing passengers randomly.

Oh has emerged as Bollywood's favourite action director in recent years and has worked with stars like Shah Rukh Khan, Hrithik Roshan and Salman Khan on movies such as "Fan", "War" and "Tiger 3".

The action master, known for his work on Korean as well as international projects such as "Parasite", "Snowpiercer", "Avengers: Age of Ultron", "Ode to My Father" and "Sym-

phony for Mr Vengeance", said "Kill" director Nikhil Nagesh Bhat wanted action sequences to convey the vulnerabilities of an ordinary man bent on revenge.

"It really took months to design the action sequences... Lakshya and Raghav performed action so well that

I didn't have much briefs to give them. There was only one thing I had to request to them: 'Let's do it for real. Not acting like it is real, but do it literally with real hits and punches'," Oh told PTI in an interview.

The action in "Kill" makes excellent use of the train's narrow corridors, restricted spaces, berths, and toilet seats, and the South Korean action director said this presented a challenge and required meticulous planning and execution.

"Doing action in such a compact space is particularly dangerous because of the tight distance they have to fight in. Any misdirected punches or misuse of weapons could become a threat to their co-actors."

"The challenge was to design in a way that everybody could perform the action safely, and for that we had to go through rigorous training. Everybody got hurt almost everyday, but nobody was severely injured. It's always a challenge if the action space is too small, or too big. But that's the kind of challenge I enjoy," he said.

The small budget thriller emerged as a favourite with critics when it premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last year. It has earned over Rs 20 crore in three weeks and continues to enjoy a box office run.

Asked about similarities between "Snowpiercer" and "Kill", both set in a moving train, Oh said while some scenes could look similar because of the space, they all are unique stories designed with different sentiments.

"It's hard to word out the details, but the similarities would be that all the above-mentioned films are set inside a train, and the differences are the stories and the characters. And these differences are the factors that determine the action design."

"My past experience (on 'Snowpiercer') didn't help much for this film," he said.

Production company, 87Eleven Entertainment, who are responsible for the groundbreaking "John Wick" series, will produce the Hollywood remake of "Kill".

Oh said he is proud that the film is getting a Hollywood remake but whether he will work in the Hollywood version is not in his hands.

"I can't be involved in that film just because I want to. They would want to hire me. It's rewarding to know that the John Wick producer is planning to produce a remake of 'Kill'. I'm so proud that 'Kill' is receiving so much love and praise," he said.

Asked about any action film in Bollywood that he enjoyed recently, Oh had a surprising answer: Alia Bhatt-starrer "Gangubai Kathiawadi". (PTI)



Camila Mendes and Madelyn Cline in talks to star in 'I Know What You Did Last Summer' reboot

LOS ANGELES, July 23: "Riverdale" star Camila Mendes is in talks to lead Sony's upcoming reboot of popular slasher thriller "I

Sarah Pidgeon, who starred in "Tiny Beautiful Things" are also in discussion for the movie alongside "Goat" actor Tyrriq Withers and

in the project directed by Jennifer Kaytin Robinson and written by Sam Lansky and Kaytin Robinson from a draft by Leah McKendrick.

The original film "I Know What You Did Last Summer" released in 1997 and starred Sarah Michelle Gellar, Freddie Prinze Jr., Jennifer Love Hewitt and Ryan Phillippe in the lead roles.

The horror-mystery was directed by Jim Gillespie and was adapted from Lois Duncan's novel "I Know What You Did Last Summer" which was published in 1973.

Made on a reported budget of USD 17 million, the film went on to earn ₹125 million at the box office despite mixed reviews. It is considered a cult hit in the slasher

genre alongside "Scream" franchise.

The story follows a group of four friends bound by an accidental death during their holiday gone wrong.

They reunite later and realise they are being stalked by a hook-wielding maniac who may or may not know their secret. The film became an instant hit on its release and a sequel was made the following year, titled "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer."

A TV series was also made on the story in 2021.

The upcoming remake is slated to release in theatres on July 18, 2025. Prinze Jr. and Hewitt, who starred in the original film are also in talks to star in the movie. (PTI)



Know What You Did Last Summer".

Actor Madelyn Cline of "Outer Banks" fame and

"World on Fire" star Jonah Haur-King.

According to Variety, the actors, if finalised, will star

Glen Powell on returning to 'Top Gun 3': I have a date



LOS ANGELES, July 23: Glen Powell, who is riding high on the success of disaster drama Twisters, has shared that the sequel to Tom Cruise-headlined aviation drama, Top Gun: Maverick, is going ahead.

The actor said he has a date on which the pre-production work on the yet-untitled movie will

begin. Powell and Twisters co-star Daisy Edgar-Jones was asked if it was more likely to get a Normal People continuation or a third Top Gun film first, prompting Powell to offer an update during his appearance on the Happy Sad Confused podcast.

"I mean, I have a date," he

said. Asked if he could provide more details, the actor said, "Absolutely not." Powell played LT Jake "Hangman" Sersin in the movie, which marked Cruise's return as Captain Pete "Maverick" Mitchell after over three decades. Cruise first played Maverick in Top Gun in 1986.

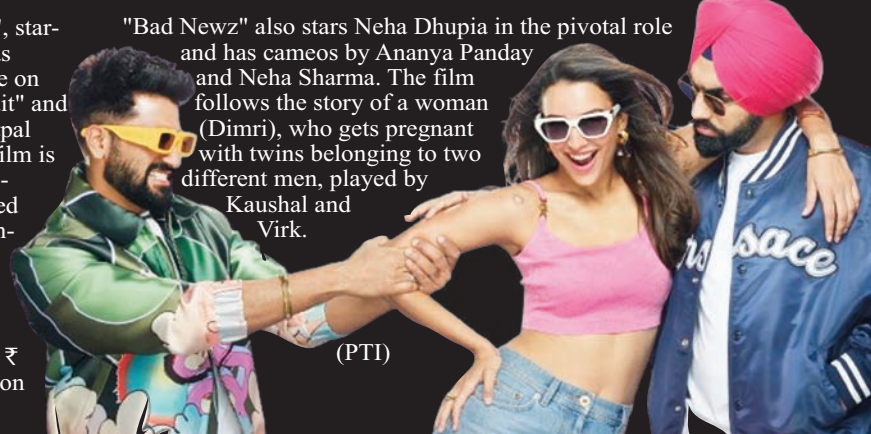
Cruise has been cheering Powell on since they worked together on Top Gun: Maverick in 2022. The Mission Impossible star made a surprise appearance on the red carpet for Twisters and actor Anthony Ramos later confirmed that the superstar enjoyed the movie. Powell's stocks have risen in Hollywood in the last few months, starting with the success of the romantic drama Anyone But You and then Richard Linklater's Hit Man, about a professor who pretends to be a hitman for hire to get potential criminals implicated. (PTI)

Anand Tiwari's 'Bad Newz' earns ₹ 34.37crore

MUMBAI, July 23: Bollywood movie "Bad Newz", starring Vicky Kaushal, Tripti Dimri and Ammy Virk, has earned ₹ 34.37 crore at the box office since its release on July 19. Directed by Anand Tiwari of "Bandish Bandit" and "Love Per Square Feet" fame and produced by Amritpal Singh Bindra, Apoorva Mehta and Karan Johar, the film is performing well at the box office despite middling reviews. "Aapka pyaar sab toh vadda nikla ji," captioned the makers on their 'X' post as they shared a poster announcing the film's theatrical performance so far.

"Entertainment Ka Zabardast Package! 34.37 crore," the text on the poster read. It also mentioned per day collection of the film which has been ₹ 8.62 crore on the opening day with ₹ 10.55 crore on the following Saturday, ₹ 11.45 crore on Sunday and ₹ 3.75 crore on its fourth day.

"Bad Newz" also stars Neha Dhupia in the pivotal role and has cameos by Ananya Panday and Neha Sharma. The film follows the story of a woman (Dimri), who gets pregnant with twins belonging to two different men, played by Kaushal and Virk.



'This is a true story': Ryan Reynolds reveals Hugh Jackman put on a show for his kids

WASHINGTON, July 23: Ryan Reynolds shared a heartwarming story about Hugh Jackman performing "The Greatest Showman" for his children, reported People.

He revealed that he walked in on his fellow Deadpool & Wolverine co-star, 55, performing hits from The Greatest Showman with his kids.

"I've come in, I've heard The Greatest Showman playing, and I come around the corner, and there is my kids watching the movie, singing along," he recalled. "And Hugh is acting it out with them, like, just this big kid."

Reynolds said that it is a true story and he is not

making this up. He told how he had found Jackman mimicking the hit film with his children in his living room.

"This is a true story, I'm not making this up," Reynolds said, before revealing he had walked into his house to find his 'Deadpool' co-star acting out the hit film with his kids.

Notably, the two frenemies have been making the rounds in order to promote their new movie, the highly anticipated Deadpool & Wolverine. Deadpool & Wolverine will see Reynolds and Jackman reunite as their respective characters since 2009's Wolverine: Origins.

The movie will mark the

introduction of the X-Men to the Disney-owned Marvel Cinematic Universe after the company purchased 20th Century Fox, under which the first two Deadpool films were distributed.

"Actually, you're not even wrong. My kids watch 'Greatest Showman' all the time," said Reynolds, who shares daughters Betty, James and Inez, as well as a fourth baby, with wife Blake Lively.

Reynolds recalled the impromptu scene as one of "the most heartbreaking, beautiful things I'd ever seen," adding that Jackman has outperformed him in both musicals and as a fa-

ther. He shared that after this incident he knew that nothing he would ever do could surpass what Hugh did for their children.

"I knew I would never be able to top it. So I've started a new life in a new country with a secret family." Confirming the story, Jackman chimed in, "By the way, we didn't rent it, we bought it on your account. Residuals." "Thank you, I've been avoiding that for years," the 'Proposal' star fired back, joking, "I live to line your pockets."

Earlier, Reynolds shared, "Shawn Levy told me something that stuck with me forever, that people

tend to only talk about their wins. But I think it's really important for your kids in particular to know that you lose."

"You don't get what you want all the time. Something you worked on really hard didn't work," Reynolds continued. "You feel like you said something embarrassing today, you did something that didn't sit right with you. It's just so important that [your kids] see that and don't just hear, 'Oh, Dad nailed it.' Because you lose so much more than you win."

"It's really stuck with me," he added. "Deadpool & Wolverine" is in theatres on July 26, according to People. (AGENCIES)



