











# Trump to rally backers every day until election in North Carolina, swing state he won twice

GASTONIA (US), Nov 3: Donald Trump will rally supporters in North Carolina every day until Tuesday's election, a flurry of late activity in the only swing state that he won in both his 2016 and 2020 campaigns.



Even as Trump looks to expand the electoral map and project strength with trips to New Mexico and Virginia, two Democratic states not widely viewed as competitive, he is putting considerable time into North Carolina, which last backed a Democrat for president in 2008.

and displaced residents in several counties, including the liberal city of Asheville and the conservative rural areas surrounding it. Trump's team has said it is confident about his chances in North Carolina. Democrats see Trump's attention on the state as a signal of optimism for Harris.

Trump campaigned in Gastonia, west of Charlotte, and Greensboro on Saturday, with a stop in Salem, Virginia, in between. He will be in the eastern city of Kinston on Sunday and in Raleigh on Monday. Those four rallies will bring his total events in North Carolina since Oct. 1 to nine. His running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, has been in the state six times during the same period, most recently on Friday.

"The repeat appearances may signal Trump's campaign is in trouble," said Democratic state Rep. Marcia Morey of Durham. "If Trump continues with his dangerous, violent rhetoric these last few days, it may backfire. A campaign of personal retribution does not win votes from people."

Vice President Kamala Harris, Trump's Democratic rival, also was in North Carolina on Saturday for a concert and rally in Charlotte. Her campaign has not announced any other travel to the state before Election Day, though she's sending her husband, second gentleman Doug Emhoff, to Greenville on Monday.

"I'm not worried about anything," Miller told reporters Friday. "We have a smart strategy that's going to get President Trump across 270, maybe even a couple of states that surprise you, that slide in there. But we're going to follow our strategy. Our strategy comes from our data and our targeting."

The extensive damage from Hurricane Helene across western North Carolina has created a dose of uncertainty about the state of play here. Flooding destroyed homes

Later in Greensboro, only about half of the seats were filled in a massive 22,000-seat arena when Trump started speaking after 9 p.m. Trump spoke at another arena that's part of the same complex just 11 days earlier, though Harris filled the larger venue when she spoke there recently.

As he does at most of his events in North Carolina, Trump said in Gastonia that his daughter-in-law, Lara Trump, whom he installed as co-chair of the Republican National

Committee, is from the state, and that Lara and Eric Trump named their daughter Carolina. "It's an amazing place. You've been through a lot," Trump said, alluding to the hurricane before repeating a debunked claim that the Federal Emergency Management Agency prioritized people living in the country illegally over hurricane victims. "Your government has not helped you too much, I can tell you. Your government, FEMA, has let you down because they wanted to spend the money on illegal migrants instead."

# US says Iranian-American held in Iran as tensions high following Israeli attack on country

DUBAI, Nov 3: An Iranian-American journalist who once worked for a US government-funded broadcaster is believed to have been detained by Iran for months now, authorities said Sunday, further raising the stakes as Tehran threatens to retaliate over an Israeli attack on the country.

posted two messages suggesting he had returned to Iran despite Radio Farda being viewed by Iran's theocracy as a hostile outlet. "I arrived in Tehran on March 6, 2024. Before that, I had unfinished negotiations with the (Revolutionary Guard's) intelligence department," the message read in part. "Eventually I came back to my country after 13 years without any security guarantee, even a verbal one."

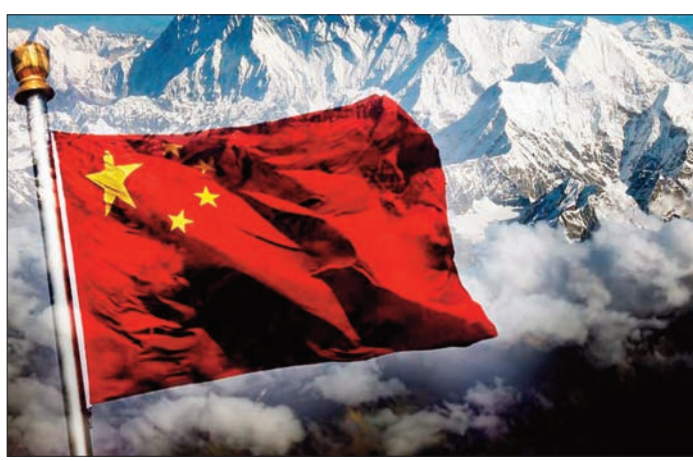
Valizadeh added the name of a man who he claimed belonged to Iran's Intelligence Ministry. The AP could not verify if the person worked for the ministry. Rumors have been circulating for weeks that Valizadeh had been detained. The Human Rights Activists News Agency, which monitors cases in Iran, said that he had been detained on arrival to the country earlier this year, but later released.

He was then rearrested and sent to Evin prison, where he now faces a case in Iran's Revolutionary Court, which routinely holds closed-door hearings in which defendants face secret evidence, the agency reported. Valizadeh had faced arrest in 2007 as well, it said.

# Chinese scholars highlight Ramayan's footprints in China buried in Buddhist texts

BEIJING, Nov 3: China has had footprints of the stories of Ramayana cloaked in Buddhist scriptures for centuries, scholars here have said, bringing to the fore perhaps for the first time, the influence of Hinduism in the country's checked history.

At a symposium on "Ramayana-A Timeless Guide" organised by the Indian Embassy here on Saturday, a host of Chinese scholars associated with longstanding research on religious influences, made candid presentations tracing the historical routes through which Ramayana reached China and its influence on Chinese art and literature.



"As a classic intertwining the religious and the secular world, the influence of Ramayana has grown ever more significantly through cross-cultural transmission," Dr Jiang Jinghui, Professor and Dean of the Institute for International and Area Studies of Tsinghua University said.

"China, too, has absorbed elements of this epic, which not only left traces in Chinese (majority) Han culture but was also reinterpreted and given new meaning in Chinese Xizang (Tibetan) culture," he said. China officially refers to Tibet as Xizang.

# Harris appears on 'Saturday Night Live' as mirror image of Maya Rudolph with election looming

NEW YORK, Nov 3: Vice President Kamala Harris made a surprise appearance on "Saturday Night Live" in the final days before the election, playing herself as the mirror-image double of Maya Rudolph's version of her in the show's cold open.



The first lines the candidate spoke as she sat across from Rudolph, their outfits identical, was drowned out by cheers from the audience. "It is nice to see you Kamala," Harris told Rudolph with a broad grin she kept throughout the sketch. "And I'm just here to remind you, you got this."

with the vice president moments before the live airing began. The official insisted on anonymity to discuss plans before they were made public.

Harris took the stage in Charlotte after rocker Jon Bon Jovi warmed up the crowd, sticking closely to the speech she's been delivering in her final tour of the battleground states. Harris supporter Gwen Garnett, 66, said Trump barnstorming North Carolina is "just part of the process. It does not worry me at all."

Harris departed immediately after the opening segment. She told reporters, "It was fun!" as she boarded the plane to leave New York. Host John Mulaney and musical guest Chappell Roan shifted the show away from politics. Neither addressed the election.

# Crashing waves in hilltop village, night of terror from Spain's floods

CHIVA (SPAIN), Nov 3: Irene Cuevas will never forget the sound of the waves crashing below her apartment's balcony. If only there had been a flash of lightning in the darkness to let her glimpse what sounded like a roaring sea.

Mulaney, the standup comic and former "SNL" writer, hosted for the sixth time and talked about his kids with wife Olivia Munn, Catholicism, and his stint in rehab. Some expected Roan, the 26-year-old singer who has become a major star in recent months, to make a political statement in her first appearance on the show.

Chiva got more rain in eight hours than the town had experienced in the preceding 20 months. Cuevas was at home and saw how the gorge dividing her village suddenly overflowed with rushing water. The tsunami-like wall of water claimed at

# Welcoming working conditions encouraging more Indian women seeking employment in Saudi Arabia: Official

RIYADH, Nov 3: Indians represent the second-largest expatriate community in Saudi Arabia and "welcoming conditions" for women are increasing the kingdom's appeal for Indian women seeking meaningful employment here, according to the country's human resources and social development ministry.

Asked about some instances of Indians being duped by agents and touts in India on employment opportunities in Saudi Arabia, he said Saudi Arabia is dedicated to upholding international labour standards and has implemented substantial labour reforms to protect workers' rights.

# Women's safety key for 'Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura': CM

## 'Various beneficiary schemes are being implemented for them'

**HT Correspondent**

**AGARTALA, Nov 3:** Chief minister Manik Saha said on Sunday that the state government has undertaken various important schemes for the welfare of women, and additionally, the current state government is giving special attention to the safety of women in line with 'Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura' vision.

"We all have to unite to build an Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura. The state government has initiated various important schemes for the welfare of women, and besides this, the present state government is prioritizing women's protection," said Dr. Saha.

Dr. Saha said this during a function held at his official residence in



Agartala on the occasion of Bhai Phonta on Sunday. The chief minister expressed that sisters from various parts of the state came to his official residence today and

sought blessings for him.

"They prayed that no one can harm me and that I may have a long life. I am very happy and excited. Everyone from Bharatiya

Janata Party's Pradesh Mahila Morcha to corporators joined the celebration. I also pray to God for all of them. Protecting our sisters and mothers is one of our duties. Let us hope that their lives will be spent happily and their socio-economic status will improve further," he said.

The chief minister also mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to the development of all.

"He always provides guidance for the welfare of the people. Various beneficiary schemes are being implemented for them. On this auspicious occasion, I just want to say that we should come together to build Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura," he added.

# Six militants arrested in Manipur

**IMPHAL, Nov 3:** Six militants belonging to two proscribed outfits have been arrested in Manipur's Thoubal and Bishnupur districts, a police statement said.

Five militants of Kangleipak Communist Party (People's War Group) have been apprehended from Charangpat Mayai Leikai in Thoubal for their alleged involvement in abduction and extortion.

They were identified as Thokchom Bikram Singh (29), Sinam Bijen Singh (37), Thangjam Deepak Singh (30), Lambamayum Naobi Singh (26), and Huining-sumbam Ton Singh (21), the statement said.

A hand grenade, five demand letters of the outfit, five mobile handsets, 13 SIM cards and a four-wheeler were seized from their



possession during their arrest on Friday.

In another incident, police arrested one militant belonging to the PREPAK (PRO) outfit from Kumbi area in Bishnupur district

on Saturday.

The militant, identified as Nongmaithem Gunamani alias Allu (32), was also allegedly involved in extortion. A hand grenade was seized from his possession. (PTI)

# Naga organisations condemn alleged torture of youths



**IMPHAL, Nov 3:** The Rongmei Naga Students' Organisation, Manipur (RNSOM) and the Rongmei Naga Youth Organisation, Manipur (RNYOM) jointly condemned the "heinous and inhumane physical assault and torture" of V Hrangao Blessom Poumai of Kodom Khullen and Dalou Poumai of Liyai Khullen village, belonging to Poumai Naga community from Senapati district, in the wee hours of October 31, 2024 at Lamsang area while the duo was on the way back to senapati, by people "suspected to be from the Arambai Tengol and some valley based underground cadres".

The two men are daily wage earners who came to Thoubal and brought some cattle to sell in the Senapati district to support their families, the two Rongmei bodies

said in a joint statement signed by Ripuilan Pamei, president of RNSOM, and Kamei Meikhangsuang, president of RNYOM issued to Newmai News Network this evening.

The joint statement then said, "It may be noted that the Naga people in their consultative meeting held on May 16, 2023, under the aegis of the United Naga Council (UNC) unanimously decided to maintain neutrality in the ongoing Kuki-Zomi-Hmar and Meetei ethnic conflict".

That meeting further decided to play the role of peacemaker in between the two conflicting communities, the statement also said.

Accordingly, the UNC had also constituted a peace committee to bridge the two conflicting parties, and the said committee had also reached out to both sides in the re-

cent past, the Rongmei bodies added.

However, the RNSOM and the RNYOM and the Rongmei people in general are taken aback to note that the two daily bread earning innocent Naga public were not only physically assaulted but also extorted their money which they had been earning with their sweat and labour to support their families.

"Despite the Naga people maintaining neutrality, why time and again the valley based militants and militias have been targeting the innocent Naga public including hijacking vehicles and extorting money?" the two Rongmei organisations asked.

The RNSOM and the RNYOM demanded that the culprits involved in the "brutal assault" of V. Hrangao Blessom Poumai and Dalou Poumai should be brought to book and initiate punitive actions according to the law of the land.

Therefore, the two organisations urged both the Government of Manipur and the valley based civil society organisations to discipline them not to repeat such "unwanted and uncivilized acts of physical assaulting and extorting money and properties of the innocent Naga public in the near future so that tranquility and normal situation between the Naga public and the valley people would not be disturbed".

The RNSOM and the RNYOM then said they will fully support any action as and when the apex Naga body initiated in the larger interest of Naga public. (NNN)

# Campaigning for Sinlung Hills Council polls ends

**AIZAWL, Nov 3:** Campaigning for the elections to the Sinlung Hills Council (SHC) in Mizoram ended on Sunday.

The polling for the 12-member council will be held on Tuesday.

The ruling Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) and Hmar People's Convention (HPC) combine held a slew of rallies on Saturday to mark the conclusion of campaigning in all 12 constituencies with ministers, MLAs and senior party leaders addressing them.

Similar programmes were also held by the opposition MNF and Congress. A total of 23,789 voters, including 11,914 women, will decide the fate of 49 candidates in the SHC polls.

Counting of votes will be undertaken as soon as voting concludes.

The government has sealed all entry points at the inter-state borders with Assam and Manipur to avoid untoward incidents and ensure peaceful polling. (PTI)

# Human Rights body takes suo-moto against ragging at Tripura Medical College

**HT Correspondent**

**AGARTALA, Nov 3:** The Tripura Human Right Commission has a suo-moto cognizance after FIR has been filed against 12 students in Tripura Medical College for their alleged involvement in ragging and directed the District Magistrate, District Superintendent of Police and the college authority to inquire the matter and submit a detailed report within next three weeks.

In the suo-moto cognizance the Chairperson of the commission Justice SC Das, members Udit Chowdhury and BK Roy said that ragging is not only a criminal offence, but it also violates the human rights of the ragged students. It calls for immediate action in terms of "The Tripura Educational Institutions (Prevention of Ragging) Act, 1990".

"The Commission recalls that earlier also, on the basis of newspaper reports, Commission had taken cognizance of such incidents occurred in Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bandowar, Udaipur under Gomati District, Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kherenjuri, Dharmanagar under North District etc.

Certain recommendations were made by the Commission in Complaint No. 08 of 2022, the case relating to Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bandowar, Udaipur. It is reported in the news item that ragging is practiced at random in Tripura Medical College (TMC), Hapania, West Tripura and a case has been registered against 12 students.

It is also reported that the College authority has failed to prevent and/or stop the ragging, which has polluted the learning atmosphere of the Medical Col-



le. It is not clear from the newspaper report as to whether action has been taken or not in terms of the State enactment. Any leniency in taking action in terms of the provisions would encourage such anti-social activities in the educational institutions", the report said.

The Commission further directed the Principal, Tripura Medical College and Hospital to submit a detailed report about the incident within 3(three) weeks.

"The Commission also thought it appropriate to have an independent inquiry by the District Magistrate, West Tripura in respect of the incident and get a report within 3(three) weeks.

The Superintendent of Police, West Tripura also should inquire into the matter and submit a report within 3(three) weeks. Send a copy of this order along with a copy of the news item to the authorities for submission of reports", the order said.

# Bangladeshi citizen held in Tripura

**HT Correspondent**

**AGARTALA, Nov 3:** Tripura Police arrested a Bangladeshi national today after a tip-off led to the identification of an individual believed to be in the area illegally from Sonamura under Sepahijala District.

The arrested individual identified as Salim Ahmed (40) from Comilla district, Bangladesh, had allegedly crossed the border into India several months ago seeking employment.

According to police sources, the mobile police unit received confidential information early Sunday about a suspected Bangladeshi citizen wandering in the Aralia area of Sonamura.

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Spotting the police, Salim reportedly attempted to flee, but officers quickly apprehended him. During interrogation, Salim confessed that he had entered India without any legal documents, intending to find work. He was employed in a cabinet shop in the Ahariya area.

The police reported that Salim could not produce any valid identification or documents justifying his presence in the country.

A senior officer at Sonamura Police Station said that Salim would be presented in court on Monday, where a request for police remand will be made to aid further investigation into his activities and verify his background.

# Call for better infrastructure, traditional dress code in Tripura schools, colleges

**HT Correspondent**

**AGARTALA, Nov 3:** The Tipra Indigenous Students Federation (TISF) the students body of Tipra Motha Party, met Tripura Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu demanding establishment of libraries, providing good infrastructures including all the basic facilities to the students and making Rignai a traditional dress code twice in a week in all the educational institutions.

The TISF in the memorandum said that as a student federation body they observed many disadvantaged points are redraw the future generations at very far from.

"As a state representatives we all around the schools and colleges of the state and found looks different small issues are creating major issues in about the students carrier and needs. As student federation body we observed that there are many schools in the state but the schools only having the name of a study center but it is not have any particular materials of a schools needs. We all know school, Colleges and study centers are made

for every single student where belongings from any religion, community, caste and tribe can join and can earn the same knowledge under a roof of institutions", the memorandum reads.

It said that after visiting every colleges and most of the schools there are not a single room arrangements of the study materials which are the main source of the students, no proper rest rooms for girls and boys, no proper drinking water managements the basic needs of human beings, as same no proper sitting arrangements and schools without proper needs of electricity, without proper education facilities if we say in a single word.

"Establishment of libraries in every schools where the students basic needs may get relief in a large number. We strongly demand for the compulsory traditional Dress code (RIGNAI) for every school, college's and education institutions at least twice in a week. "RIGNAI" attire known as identity of our state and our rich custom from so long reflects our



state and identity by it's self", the TISF demands.

They have also demanded to the Governor in making of proper Scholl by providing the student good Infrastructures in every schools and education institutions by providing good sitting arrangements, water connectivity, proper restrooms especially for girls, proper Class rooms and every single needs the students are de-

served without any negligence.

"We the Tripuri's always respect others and step forward without expecting from so far. We acknowledged for the same in every education institutions without any fall in regular way. All these issues can be easily solved by anytime for the people's of the state and the future generations can deserved it as their rights as a student of nation", it added.

# NCERT team to visit Tripura to review Vidya Pravesh implementation

## Team will review the improvement of students after undergoing Vidya Pravesh module

**AGARTALA, Nov 3:** A six-member team of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is scheduled to visit Tripura from November 5-7 to review the implementation of Vidya Pravesh school preparation module for class 1 students, an official said on Sunday.

Vidya Pravesh is an NCERT prescribed project aimed at bringing newly admitted class 1 students to a common platform of learning level.

"The NCERT team will visit Gomati, West Tripura, Sepahijala, Khowai and other districts to review the improvement of students after undergoing Vidya Pravesh module," Abhijit Samajpati, Officer on Special Duty of School Education Department, told PTI.

"Since students coming from various backgrounds, including pre-primary schools, Anganwadi centres or directly from home take admission in class 1, there is a need to bring them on a common learning level before they start taking classes under the curriculum," he said.

Samajpati said students of class 1 must recognise all the alphabets, read easy words and recognise numbers up to 10.

"Considering these factors, the state has adopted a nine-week bridge course on Vidya Pravesh, running it from the



first day of class for students," he said.

Earlier, Vidya Pravesh was evaluated by an NCERT team in June this year.

"In the first phase of review, officials not only evaluated the students, but also interacted with teachers and parents regarding the pros and cons of the project," he said.

"The NCERT team was very pleased

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Sealed tender affixing non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only in the prescribed form subsequently to be drawn in A.P.W.D. F2 form of Tender Agreement are hereby invited from the registered contractors of Irrigation Department, Assam for the following works and will be received by the Division up to 2.00 PM on 05/11/2024 and will be opened on the same place and date at 3.00 P.M by the undersigned or officers authorized to open in presence of intending bidders or their authorized agent who wish to be present.

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1	Boring and Installation of Tube Well Installation and Commissioning Solar PV Modules including Mounting Structures, Construction of Approach road, operator shed, Boundary Wall and Sign Board at Bheterkur FIS under Tamulpur Division (Irrigation), Tamulpur	Rs.22,56,954.00	I	2 % for General and 1% for MOBC/OBC/ST/SC	60 Days
2	Bed filling and raising of walls of existing R.C.C canal from ch. 0.00m to 210.00m of Bheterkur FIS under Tamulpur Division (Irrigation), Tamulpur	Rs.7,13,333.00	II		30 Days
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4	Construction of Afflux Bund at Kalbari Batia Dong FIS under PMKSY-HKKP for the year 2021-22	Rs.8,89,706.00	IV		30 Days
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7	Strengthening of U/S afflux Bund of Ajaladong FIS under Tamulpur Division (Irrigation), Tamulpur	Rs.1,00,000.00	VII		15 Days
8	Strengthening of U/S afflux Bund of Sorendong FIS under Tamulpur Division (Irrigation), Tamulpur	Rs. 38,000.00	VIII		15 Days
9	Silt clearance of Main Canal and U/S river bed of Beaker Bund FIS under Tamulpur Division (Irrigation), Tamulpur	Rs.2,90,000.00	IX		20 Days

Detail particulars may be seen in the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Tender papers may be obtained from the aforesaid office on payment of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred) only in cash, up to 1.00 PM on 05/11/2024.

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## Shah Rukh Khan celebrates 59<sup>th</sup> birthday with family, fans

MUMBAI, Nov 3: Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan celebrated his 59th birthday on Saturday, marking the occasion with his family and attending an event to connect with his fans.

Shah Rukh's wife, Gauri Khan, shared a glimpse of the intimate family celebration on Instagram, featuring their daughter Suhana Khan in the photo. Meanwhile, Suhana shared throwback photos with her father on Instagram Stories, writing, "Happy birthday. Love you the most in the world."

In the evening, Shah Rukh celebrated with fans at a city event, where videos circulating on social media captured him cutting a cake decorated with his initials, "SRK," as fans sang "Happy Birthday." Later, he expressed gratitude on social media platform X, posting, "My love to everyone who made it for my birthday. And for those who couldn't, sending you all my love."

As is customary, many fans gathered outside Shah Rukh's iconic sea-facing bungalow, Mannat, in Bandra. Due to security measures, however, some fans couldn't gather directly outside, adding a bittersweet note to the celebrations. Over half a dozen police officers and a van were stationed outside his residence. Despite the restrictions, fans displayed their devotion with gestures like 59 crown-shaped balloons and reenacting Shah Rukh's iconic wide-arm pose.

Among the fans was Sudhir Kothari from Chennai, who leads the SRK Chennai Fan Club. "We celebrated with our club members, bringing banners, posters, and dancing to his songs," Kothari shared. This year, the fan club gifted Shah Rukh a ceramic figure of his character from Jawan.

Known as King Khan, Shah Rukh is one of Bollywood's last true superstars, alongside Salman Khan and Aamir Khan. His illustrious career includes iconic roles in Baazigar, Darr, and Anjaam, with seamless transitions into romance and action through films like Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Veer Zaara, Chak De! India, Swades, Don, Pathaan, and Jawan.

Birthday wishes poured in from across the film industry. Kareena Kapoor Khan wrote, "Happy birthday King," with a heart emoji, while Katrina Kaif posted, "Nobody like you." Director Farah Khan, who collaborated with Shah Rukh on Main Hoon Na, Om Shanti Om, and Happy New Year, shared throwback photos and wrote, "Tons of happy memories & lots more to make.. happy birthday SHAH @iamsrk."

Shah Rukh's last release was Rajkumar Hirani's comedy-drama Dunki in 2023. Earlier in the year, he delivered blockbuster hits with Pathaan, directed by Sidharth Anand, and Jawan, an action thriller by Atlee. Next, Shah Rukh will star in King, directed by Sujoy Ghosh of Kahaani fame, with Suhana Khan in a pivotal role. (PTI)



## Actor Trisha Krishnan's name featured in New York Times crossword puzzle

NEW DELHI, Nov 3: Actor Trisha Krishnan was in for a surprise on Sunday when she found her name mentioned in the New York Times (NYT) crossword as one of the answers in the puzzle.

On her Instagram Story, the actor shared a screenshot of a social media user's post which read 'Actress Krishnan of South Indian cinema' as a clue for the number 52 word across 'TRISHA'.

"I made it to New York today," she wrote.

According to NYT Crossword, Trisha's name featured as an answer for the Sunday crossword.

"K bye! Done showing off (sic)" the "Ponniyin Selvan" star wrote in another Instagram Story.

Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu also gave a shout-out to Trisha on social media.

"NYT crossword @trishakrishnan QUEEN," Samantha wrote.

In her reply, Trisha said: "Awww Sam, you all heart my gal (sic)"

Trisha will next be seen in a string of films, including "Vidaamuyarchi", "Thug Life", "Vishwambhara", and "Identity". (PTI)

## GOA TO HOST FIRST EDITION OF GREEN STORIES DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL FROM NOVEMBER 5



PANAJI, Nov 3: The inaugural edition of Green Stories, billed as Asia's first mentoring and pitching lab for wildlife and environment documentaries, will take place in Goa from November 5 to November 10.

According to the organisers of the festival, the non-profit initiative, launched in April 2024, aims to fill a critical gap in the global film industry by providing a much-needed space for mentorship and exposure to filmmakers across India and Southeast Asia.

"Supported by the National Geographic Society and Royal Enfield Social Mission, and hosted in association with Sunaparanta Goa Centre for the Arts, Green Stories brings together filmmakers, mentors, and industry leaders in an effort to foster impactful storytelling that addresses pressing environmental challenges," the organisers said.

Over 55 submissions were received for the first edition, out of which 16 projects were selected to participate in an intensive, four-day incubation lab where they will be mentored by global experts, including Emmy, Academy, and Peabody Award-winning filmmakers. "This hands-on guidance will culminate in a major pitch event, where participants will present their projects to a panel of 25 plus international broadcasters, distributors, and festival organisers, offering an unparalleled opportunity for global exposure and collaboration," the organisers added.

Kaitin Yamall, Chief Storytelling Officer, National Geographic Society, said the organisation believes in the power of stories to illuminate and protect the wonder of our world. "Central to the power of our stories are the storytellers who dedicate their time, talent, and creativity to telling them. For this reason, we are honoured to work with Green Stories to further support storytellers in India, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, those dedicated to bringing stories that inspire illumination and protection," Yamall said.

Mike Pandey, founder of Green Stories, said Green Stories is not just an event, it's a platform for change.

"Our vision is for Green Stories to evolve into a nurturing mentorship safe space for filmmakers, while also creating crucial access to markets and resources, something we all stumble around for." (PTI)

## Tom Holland says he Googles partner Zendaya 'to see if everything's good'

LOS ANGELES, Nov 3: Actor Tom Holland may not be on social media but he says he often Googles news about his partner and frequent collaborator Zendaya to check on her.

The couple met on the sets of 2017's "Spider-Man: Homecoming", which stars Holland as the titular superhero/ Peter Parker and Zendaya as his classmate and love interest, MJ.

The "Spider-Man" co-stars, who have been dating since 2021, have continued to keep their relationship private despite posing together at red carpets and other promotional events.

On Samah

Dada's "On The Menu" podcast, Holland said: "The last thing I Googled was actually Zendaya. I'm not on (social media), and I delete it when I'm not using it." "Sometimes, like, it's more of a bit of an anxiety thing, but I'll check to see if everything's good and to make sure we're all cool. So I just give her a little Google and look (through) the news, and I'm like, "She's good. We're fine," he added.

Holland and Zendaya, both 28 reprised their characters in 2019's "Spider-man No Way Home" (2021).

They will return for the currently untitled fourth "Spider-Man" film that will start filming in summer. (PTI)

## Rohit Bal was truly inspirational, put India on map of couture: designer Rick

MUMBAI, Nov 3: Legendary is how one would describe Rohit Bal and that's what will always be, says film costume designer Rick who worked with the late fashion industry veteran when he was just starting out. One of India's fashion pioneers, Bal fondly called Gudda by peers and friends died on Friday at a south Delhi hospital following a heart attack at the age of 63.

Bal was "the OG of what fashion used to be in India", Rick said remembering his mentor.

"I worked with Rohit Bal for a couple of years as a backstage helper for fashion shows. So I used to meet him often. He was truly inspirational. He put India on the map of couture. He was a pioneer in the world of fashion."

"I can't tell you how amazing it was to have access to his clothes and to him. It's very sad, but I guess he was suffering for a long time. He

was legendary, and the word legendary is what Rohit Bal was and he will always be that," Rick told PTI.

Rick, who has styled Bollywood stars like Vidya Balan, Akshay Kumar, Sonakshi Sinha, and Sonam Kapoor, said Bal was an institution in himself.

"What we used to study in design was that there are different kinds of finishing. Like in couture or high fashion, garments need to have a certain kind of finishing. That's what makes it different from ready-to-wear stuff."

"Rohit was one of those designers whose finishing was brilliant. It was what we were learning in school. To be able to experience those amazing garments, touch and see them was brilliant," added the former student of Mumbai's National Institute of Fashion Technology. Besides being a celebrated designer, Rick said

Bal's sense of styling garments was "phenomenal". Recalling an anecdote from behind-the-scenes of a fashion show in the early 2000s, Rick said the designer once entered a room with the clothes from his collection along with four bags full of jewellery.

"Swarovski jewellery was not that prevalent in 2003 and 2004. He came with like these four to five boxes, full of broaches and gorgeous jewellery, and he gave it to me and another assistant. He said, 'These are the clothes, these are all the broaches, I just want you guys to put all the broaches on all the clothes and I want to see what you guys do'."

"I was like, I'm a child. I'm 18', and he was like, 'You're a student and I'm sure you have ideas. So, I want you to implement your ideas'. It was extremely important and a big show. Celebrities, his clientele

and everybody was going to be there. And he gave us those boxes and said, 'Do what you feel like I want to see what you guys can do with it'. I'll never forget it. It was an amazing experience," he added.

Rick said Bal's clothes used to be "outrageous and completely different" from other designers.

"He was a creative genius... The fact that who he was and how he used to walk into every fitting, I'm influenced more by the person he was, and his personal style rather than his design aesthetic... He was like this amazing ball of energy." (PTI)





