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'Unnecessary controversy over cutting trees for flyover' Sahityarathi statue issue: Himanta targets Hiren Gohain

GUWAHATI, Nov 6: Amidst the ongoing row over cutting century-old trees to give way for a flyover, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has claimed that a section of people have created "unnecessary controversy" to target the developmental works of the government.



the statue and shall remain where it is now. "I feel that these two controversies were created by a few people targeting the developmental works of the government. Those who created the unnecessary controversy that Dighalipukhuri trees would be chopped were not based on facts. We informed the Gauhati High Court accordingly," the CM alleged.

thinker, has been at loggerheads with Sarma and BJP for many years over the government's "communal and anti-people" policies. According to an RTI reply, the Public Works Department, which is looked after by the chief minister, stated that the authorities have decided to go ahead with uprooting the trees surrounding the historic Dighalipukhuri without carrying out any environmental impact assessment and public hearing.

CM addresses by election campaign in Sidli LAC

KOKRAJHAR, Nov 6: Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday addressed a mammoth gathering of the electioneering campaign at Bengtol playground in Chirang district in support of UPPL candidate, backed by the NDA alliance, Nirmal Kumar Brahma.

Five civil servants suspended for refusing to join new postings

GUWAHATI, Nov 6: Five Assam Civil Services (ACS) officers have been suspended for refusing to join their new places of posting in the Election Department, according to official orders.



Rakibul Hussain to be interrogated after bypolls

GUWAHATI, Nov 6: Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on Congress MP and former minister Rakibul Hussain alleging that the latter gave government jobs through backdoor during his tenure as minister in the state.

US ELECTIONS Trump reclaims White House with historic win

WASHINGTON, Nov 6: Four years back, Donald J Trump was a sullen man after he lost the presidential race to Joe Biden. And when a violent mob, mostly his supporters, stormed the US Capitol weeks later, it appeared an end to the Republican leader's political career.



leader will return to the White House in January. "It is one of the biggest political comebacks in American history," said Capitol Hill veteran and communication strategist Anang Mittal.

Convention (RNC) in July after remaining in the political wilderness for months following several court cases. In effect, he became the first former President to get the nomination for the top office after being convicted of a felony.

Vehicles of MLAs, NSUI chief damaged in Samaguri

NAGAON, Nov 6: At least three vehicles in which two Assam Congress MLAs and NSUI national president travelled were damaged in the bypoll-related violence at Samaguri in Nagaon district, police said on Wednesday.



cles and are investigating the matter. The situation is under control now," Dutta told PTT. Dhubri MP Rakibul Hussain, who was the Samaguri MLA before he was elected to Lok Sabha earlier this year, visited the site and demanded immediate action by the police to nab the culprits.

Court orders registration of FIR against IAS officer for harassing subordinate

NALBARI, Nov 6: A court in Assam's Nalbari district has ordered registration of an FIR against an IAS officer, who is a District Commissioner, for harassing a subordinate officer.



opinion that police have failed in their duty cast upon them by law. An FIR needs to be registered for the allegations filed by the complainant and

proper investigation of this case needs to be carried out as per law," Goswami said in her order. She directed the officer-in-charge of Nalbari police station to register a case, conduct an investigation and submit the final report expeditiously related to Sarmah's complaint against Deka.

Meeting held in Karbi Anglong for Chhat Puja celebrations

DIPHU, Nov 6: The District Administration of Karbi Anglong held a meeting at Circuit House Conference Hall here on November 4 to ensure a safe and peaceful Chhat Puja celebration.

nani Dekha to take immediate action. Otherwise, the administration will be responsible for any law and order situation arising in this connection while arranging self-defence for Congress workers," he added.

J&K Assembly passes resolution seeking restoration of Art 370

SRINAGAR, Nov 6: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution asking the Centre to hold dialogue with elected representatives for the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile state, prompting protests by BJP members who tore copies of the document and raised slogans against the speaker.

ported the resolution during the voice vote. While many political parties here welcomed the move, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said it was a "half-hearted" effort and the resolution could have been written "in a better way".

Misinformation and disinformation continue to pose serious risks India slams Pakistan for 'peddling lies' on Kashmir

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 6: Slamming Pakistan for "peddling lies and falsehood" and using the UN forum for its "divisive, political agenda" after it raised the Kashmir issue at the UN, India has said that no amount of disinformation and misinformation will change facts on the ground.



yardsticks," he said. Delivering a strong retort in the UN debate after Pakistan raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, Shukla said, "Let me be clear. Real democracies function differently. The people of Jammu and Kashmir turned out in record numbers in the recently concluded free and fair elections."

The Congress leader is part of a delegation of 12 MPs from India for diverse engagements at the UN. Shukla said that guided by the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", which means the world is one family, India emphasises that information must transcend barriers of nationality, gender, religion or culture.

YRF TO RE-RELEASE 'VEER-ZAARA' IN THEATRES TO MARK ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY



NEW DELHI, Nov 6: Veer-Zaara, starring Shah Rukh Khan and Preity Zinta, will re-release on Thursday, days ahead of its 20th anniversary. Production house Yash Raj Films will re-release the movie internationally in 600 screens, with first-time premieres in Saudi Arabia, Oman and Qatar. It originally released in cinema halls around the world on November 12, 2004. Veteran filmmaker Yash Chopra directed Veer-Zaara from a screenplay written by his son Aditya Chopra. Spanning two decades, the film is a cross-border love story between Veer Pratap Singh, an Indian Air Force officer, and Zaara Hayaat Khan, the daughter of a Pakistani politician. One of the most iconic Indian films of all time, Veer-Zaara was the highest grossing Indian movie of the year both in India and worldwide, the banner said in a press release. Nelson D'Souza, Vice President, International Distribution of YRF, said Veer-Zaara has a cult following across the globe and on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, they wanted to re-release this iconic love story for the fans to savour the world over. "As we entered the 20th year of this unanimously loved film, we could sense that the fans wanted to see this love story worldwide. "From the chatter on social media, to fan requests to our offices globally, we could sense that people were waiting for us and wanting us to take this decision. So, this move by YRF is our hat-tip to the fans of the film," D'Souza said in a statement. It also starred Rani Mukerji, Amitabh Bachchan, Hema Malini, Divya Dutta, Boman Irani, Kirron Kher, Anupam Kher, Manoj Bajpayee, and Zohra Sehgal. The film is still remembered for its melodious soundtrack which boasts of songs like "Tere Liye", "Main Yahaan Hoon", "Do Pal", "Aaya Tere Dar Par Deewana", and "Aisa Des Hai Mera" with music based on old and untouched compositions by late music director Madan Mohan, as revised by his son Sanjeev Kohli. Javed Akhtar penned the songs, which were sung by Lata Mangeshkar, Jagjit Singh, Udit Narayan, Sonu Nigam, Gurdas Mann, Roop Kumar Rathod, Ahmed and Mohammed Hussain and Pritha Mazumder. "Veer-Zaara" will re-release in global markets like the USA, Canada, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, the UK, Ireland, Germany, Austria, France, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa, according to the makers. The re-release prints of the film will include the deleted song "Yeh Hum Aa Gaye Hain Kahaan", sung by Mangeshkar and Narayan, they added. (PTI)

Bad guys have all the fun until the end: Denzel Washington on 'Gladiator II' role

NEW DELHI, Nov 6: Bad guys have all the fun, says Denzel Washington who turns antagonist for Ridley Scott's "Gladiator II" and took the conscious decision to not watch the first Russel Crowe starrer because he didn't want to be connected to it. The veteran Hollywood star plays Macrinus, a former slave turned wealthy, conniving arms dealer, in the sequel to the blockbuster 2000 original. "I didn't go back to watch the first film. I didn't want to be connected to that. I watched the first film years ago. So I didn't want to look at it," Washington told PTI in a virtual interview from London. In "Gladiator II", Scott brings back the epic gladiatorial battles made famous in "Gladiator", the classic that bagged five Oscars, including for best picture and best actor for Crowe. Washington, 69, had earlier worked with Scott on the director's 2007 "American Gangster", also co-starring Crowe. "Ridley Scott first, last and always," Washington said. "He called and I said yes. He's one of my favourite if not my favourite directors that I work with... he and his brother. But when he called, I said yes. It's as simple as that," the actor said. Asked if he had fun playing a bad guy again after his Oscar-winning role in "Training Day", where he plays a corrupt narcotics officer, Washington said, "Absolutely. You know bad guys have all the fun, until the end." "Gladiator II" features an ensemble cast also including Paul Mescal, Pedro Pascal, Joseph Quinn, Fred Hechinger as well as Connie Nielsen and Derek Jacobi, who reprise their roles from the first part. While "Gladiator" focused on Maximus, the sequel takes place many years later and centres around Mescal's Lucius, the son of Maximus and Lucilla. Exiled at a young age, Lucius' home is invaded by the Roman empire and he turns gladiator at the Colosseum with hopes that he will one day avenge his family's death. Washington's role as Macrinus sees him playing a gladiator 'owner' who views Lucius as a key instrument in his plans to overthrow Rome's young emperor twins Caracalla and Geta. Washington, who won his first Oscar, a best supporting actor trophy, for playing an American Civil War soldier in the war drama "Glory", said he didn't discuss the character much with Scott before working on the movie.

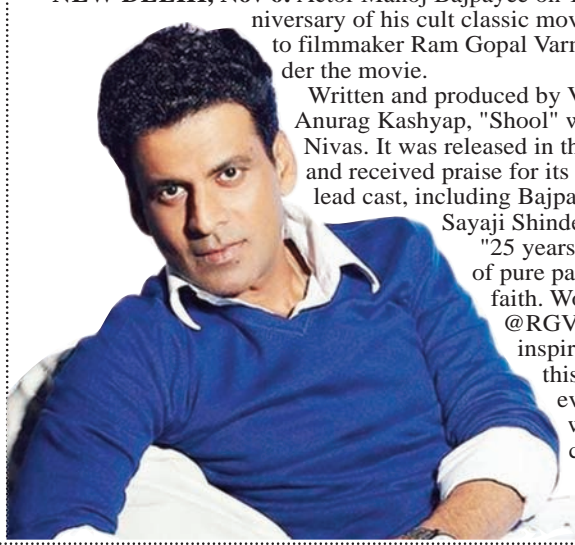
"He leaves me alone and I kind of do my own thing. This film was so huge. He's got 10-15 million things going on at the same time. So, he kind of left me alone to my own devices and that was that," Washington said. He was a frequent collaborator of the late Tony Scott on films such as "Crimson Tide", "Man on Fire", "The Taking of Pelham 123" and "Unstoppable". Washington had fulsome words of praise for Mescal, who took a huge leap in his career with "Gladiator II" after his breakout role in the series "Normal People" and the Oscar-nominated role in the independent movie "After-sun". "He, Fred, those guys are the future. That's a tough pair of shoes or sandals to put on. And, obviously Russell did a brilliant job years ago. And this young boy, really, he pulls it off. So I'm happy for him and proud of him," Washington said. Washington, one of the most celebrated actors of his generation, has

delivered noteworthy performances in movies such as "Cry Freedom", "Philadelphia", "Remember the Titans" and "The Tragedy of Macbeth" as well as the three "Equalizer" movies. He said, however, that he wouldn't describe himself as a "big movie person" at this point in his life. Washington also remembers fondly his time working on Mira Nair's 1991 romance drama movie "Mississippi Masala". "We had a great time together... that was a while ago. I don't remember everything, but we had a great time together," he said about the movie, which explored the interracial romance between an Indian American girl, played by Sarita Choudhury, and an African American man. Asked what his criteria is for choosing a project at this stage in life, Washington said, "Filmmaker and script. Had some really interesting conversations with some great filmmakers. Can't talk about it right now, but there's some good opportunities for me in the next couple of years." "Gladiator II" will be released in India by Paramount Pictures India on November 15 in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu in 4DX and IMAX. (PTI)



MANOJ BAJPAYEE ON 25 YEARS OF 'SHOOL': A journey born out of pure passion, grit and unwavering faith

NEW DELHI, Nov 6: Actor Manoj Bajpayee on Tuesday marked the 25th anniversary of his cult classic movie "Shool" and said he owes it to filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma who trusted him to shoulder the movie. Written and produced by Varma with dialogues by Anurag Kashyap, "Shool" was directed by Eshwar Nivas. It was released in theatres on November 5, 1999, and received praise for its story and performances of the lead cast, including Bajpayee, Raveena Tandon and Sayaji Shinde. "25 years of 'Shool', a journey born out of pure passion, grit, and unwavering faith. Working with the visionary @RGVzoomin was nothing short of inspiring. His belief in me to carry this story on my shoulders meant everything, especially at a time when few would take that chance. Thank you," Bajpayee posted on X.



RGV, for trusting me, guiding us, and creating a film that would resonate across generations." Bajpayee posted on X. Set in Bihar, "Shool" featured Bajpayee as an upright cop who goes against a corrupt politician, a battle that takes an immense toll on his personal and professional life. Varma, who gave Bajpayee his career's breakthrough role as Bhiku Mahtre in "Satya", released a year before "Shool", praised the actor, saying it was his "ultra intense performance" which carried the movie. "Everyone else's contribution, including mine, was just marginal. What you did in that film is a textbook example of what a SERIOUS ACTOR can do to a ROLE (sic)," the filmmaker tweeted. Bajpayee also expressed his gratitude to "Shool" director Nivas for bringing "intensity to every scene", Kashyap for his raw and powerful writing as well as the rest of the cast, including Tandon, Shinde, Shilpa Shetty, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Vineet Kumar, Virendra Saxena, Yashpal Sharma and Rajpal Yadav. "Shool" wouldn't be the same without each of you. Special cheers to @ShankarEhsanLoy for their unforgettable music and to my friend Sandeep Chowtha for a background score that brought so much heart to every scene. "To everyone who's embraced 'Shool' as a cult classic, this milestone is as much yours as it is ours. Here's to timeless cinema. #Shool25," said the actor. Bajpayee is currently awaiting the release of his latest movie "Despatch", directed by Kanu Behl, and "The Fable" by Raam Reddy. (PTI)

'GANGS OF WASSEYPUR' TEAM, SONU NIGAM, KAVITA SETH PAY RICH TRIBUTES TO SHARDA SINHA

NEW DELHI, Nov 6: Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Richa Chadha, Huma Qureshi, and Sonu Nigam were among the prominent cinema personalities who condoled the death of popular folk singer Sharda Sinha, fondly called 'Bihar Kokila' by her fans. Sharda, who was undergoing treatment at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi following a health complication due to multiple myeloma, died on Tuesday night. She was 72. The Padma Bhushan recipient lent her voice to songs prominently in Maithili, Bhojpuri and Magahi languages such as 'Chhathi Maiya Aayi Na Duariya', 'Ho Deenanth', 'Dwar Chekai', and 'Patna Se', but had also sung Hindi film songs like 'Taar Bijli' (Gangs of Wasseypur), 'Kahe Toh Se Sajna (Maine Pyar Kiya), and 'Babul (Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!). Anurag, who directed Gangs of Wasseypur, shared Sharda's photo on his Instagram Stories with the lyrics of 'Taar Bijli'. "Sharda Sinha," he captioned the post with a broken heart emoji.

Bihar-born Manoj, who played the role of Sardar Khan in the 2012 film, said he was saddened by the news of the singer's death. "I pay my respects to the great singer Sharda ji who took Bhojpuri music and singing to the national and international level with her singing! May God give peace to her soul," he wrote on X. In revenge drama, "Taar Bijli" plays out as part of the pre-wedding celebrations of Faizal Khan (Nawazuddin Siddiqui) and Mohsina Hamid (Huma Qureshi) with the Khan family matriarch Nagma Khatoun (Richa Chadha) singing the song. Richa said the news of Sharda's death has come as a shock. "The world of folk songs and music will miss a natural and trained singer like Sharda ji... We are grateful to her. My respects," she wrote on her Instagram Stories. Varun Grover, who penned "Taar Bijli", in his tribute recalled how Sharda came into the lives of non-Biharis like him as the voice of 'Kahe Tohse Sajna', the song from 1989's Maine Pyar Kiya, and then stayed here. "When we developed an understanding of folk

music, her true status was revealed to us. It was a great fortune that I got the opportunity to create a song with her. Rounds of tea, laughter, stories and paan continued and the song kept being created," the lyricist wrote on X. "My respects. Your voice is and will always be the background music of every Chhath festival," he added, sharing the link to Sinha's Maithili song 'Mohi Lekhin Sajni Mor Manwa'. In a video about the making of the music of Wasseypur, composer Sneha Khanwalkar described Sharda's voice as "pure wine" and recalled how they first met. "Anurag suggested, 'Do you want to try Sharda ji?' So I went to her house and I sang a few lines to her. She brought out her harmonium and sang those lines so I thought this is the best...." Sneha recalled. Sharda also sang the song 'Nirmohiya' for the second season of the Bihar-set web series Maharani, fronted by Huma. The actor, who plays the lead role of Rani Bharti in the Sony LIV show, shared a clip of the song on Instagram. "RIP@shardasinha_official ma'am," Huma wrote. Born in Supaul in Bihar, Sinha became famous not only in her home state but also in parts of eastern Uttar Pradesh. (PTI)



