

CM Pema Khandu, Dy CM Chowna Mein pay floral tribute to late mother of Taba Tedir

Across Party Lines: Leaders come together to condole Late Taba Yaja's Passing

HT Correspondent

ITANAGAR, Sept 9: The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu, along with Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, ministers, senior officials, and public leaders, visited Belo village in Keyi Panyor on Tuesday to pay floral tribute to the late Taba Yaja, mother of former Minister Taba Tedir, an official statement said.

The condolence visit took place as the team was returning to Itanagar after a four-day tour of Injaw and Lower Subansiri districts.

The tour was aimed at inaugurating developmental projects, interacting with local communities, and participating in the "Cabinet Apke Dwar" initiative at Ziro in Lower Subansiri district.

Accompanying the chief minister and deputy chief minister were several dignitaries, including minister for environment & forest Wangki Lowang, minister of agriculture Gabriel Denwang Wangsu, Commissioner to the CM Sonam Chombay, chairman of the Sports Authority of Arunachal (SAA) John Neelam, Lishi Yapu Wahge (wife of Health & FW Minister Biyuram Wahge), Kamle SP Techhi Henyir, Keyi Panyor SP Angad Mehata, and other political leaders, community representatives, and well-wishers.



In a social media message, chief minister Pema Khandu expressed deep condolences, stating, "With profound reverence, I offer my heartfelt Shradhdanjali to Late Taba Yaja, beloved mother of former Minister Taba Tedir. May her soul attain Sadgati and may the family find strength and solace during this difficult

time. Om Shanti."

Former Minister Taba Tedir, expressing gratitude, wrote, "My deepest gratitude to the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu, for their gracious presence during the last rites of my beloved mother, Late Taba Yaja, beloved wife of Late Taba Tat, PI (Rtd.). Your kind presence, condolences, and words of comfort have given us immense strength in this difficult time. We are truly humbled and honoured by your solidarity and support, which will always remain etched in our hearts."

The last rites for Late Taba Yaja were performed on Monday at her native village in Belo, Keyi Panyor district.

The ceremony witnessed participation from people cutting across party lines, religious affiliations, and professional backgrounds.

Several lawmakers, political leaders, social workers, community leaders, and members of local organizations gathered to pay their respects.

Among those present were former chief minister and North East Congress Coordination Committee (NECC) Chairman Nabam Tuki, former minister Lishi Legi, Yachuli MLA Toko Tatung, as well as senior police and civil officers including IGP Chukhu Apa,

Taba Tusar, Keyi Panyor SP Angad Mehata, Naharlagun SP Nyelam Nega, Secretary Pige Legu, and Itanagar Capital DC Toko Babu.

Also present were SLUB Director Joram Pupa, Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) team led by Kani Nada Maling, Bharatiya Majdoor Sangh (BMS) team led by Ringu Chapo, Tebw Lappa Welfare Society (TLWS) led by President Taba Tara, Camdir Welfare Society (CWS) led by President TC Tok, along with representatives from various political parties, religious groups, and community organisations.

Born in 1935, Late Taba Yaja was the wife of the late Taba Tat, a respected public figure in the region.

Known for her dignity, kindness, and compassion, she was a beloved member of the community and leaves behind a legacy of love and wisdom. Her passing has left a deep void among family, friends, and the wider community.

Condolences have poured in from across the state, including messages from chief minister Pema Khandu, deputy chief minister Chowna Mein, Home & Border Affairs Minister Mama Natung, and many others, reflecting the widespread grief and respect for her contributions to the community.

Governor extends Pham Kho Sowai festival greetings to Khowa Community

HT Correspondent

ITANAGAR, Sept 9: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General KT Parnaik, (Retd), has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, especially the Khowa community, on the occasion of the Pham Kho Sowai festival, an official statement said on Tuesday.

In his message, the Governor expressed his hope that the festival would usher in a season of good harvests, prosperity, and happiness for all households. He highlighted the significance of festivals in preserving the cultural identity and values of communities, while fostering unity and a sense of belonging.

"Festivals are the soul of our communities. They reflect who we are, what we cherish, and the values we pass on to the next generation. In Arunachal Pradesh, where agriculture plays a vital role in our way of life, our festivals are closely connected to the rhythms of the land. The Pham Kho Sowai, celebrated during the harvest season, is a shining example of this bond between people, culture, and nature," the Governor said.

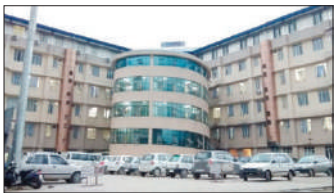
He further expressed confidence that the festival would continue to nurture and safeguard the rich cultural heritage of the Khowa tribe, ensuring that traditions are carried forward by future generations.

Concluding his message, the Governor conveyed his solidarity with the Khowa community and offered prayers to the Almighty for good health, peace, and contentment in everyone's lives.

"On this special day, I join my Khowa brethren in offering prayers for good health, peace, and contentment," he added.

The Governor's message underscores the importance of cultural festivals like Pham Kho Sowai in promoting harmony and preserving the unique heritage of Arunachal Pradesh.

HRA demands removal of health minister after patient's death at TRIHMS



HT Correspondent

ITANAGAR, Sept 9: The Human Rights of Arunachal (HRA) has urged the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh to immediately remove Health Minister Biyuram Wahge and hold hospital authorities accountable following the death of 22-year-old Bengia Ama Gora at TRIHMS, Naharlagun, an official statement said.

In the letter addressed to the chief minister, Dr Kipa Kaha, Chairman of HRA, expressed concern that the patient's death was the result of grave negligence by the medical staff at TRIHMS.

The organisation has demanded the termination of the hospital's Director, Superintendent, and doctors responsible for the incident, in addition to calling for a time-bound and transparent inquiry.

HRA has also called for compensation of ₹1 crore to the deceased's family to ensure their livelihood and has emphasized the need for urgent reforms in healthcare infrastructure and patient safety.

The statement further criticized the assurance given by the Health Minister to form an inquiry committee, calling it a delay tactic that undermines the demand for justice.

Highlighting systemic issues, the HRA noted that despite substantial funds allocated to the health sector under the leadership of chief minister Pema Khandu, citizens continue to face poor healthcare facilities and lack of accountability.

Dr Kaha said, "It is in the greater public interest that the chief minister takes decisive action by removing the Health Minister and holding all responsible officials accountable. Ministers should not enjoy the privileges of power without responsibility."

The letter has been circulated to all print and electronic media in the state, seeking public attention and intervention.

District level NCORD meeting at Yingkiong reviews drug prevention initiatives

HT Correspondent

YINGKIONG, Sept 9: The District Level NCORD (Narcotic Coordination) meeting was held on Tuesday at the Conference Hall of the DC Office in Yingkiong to review ongoing efforts and strengthen coordinated action against drug abuse in Upper Siang district, an official statement said on Tuesday.

Organised by the District Police, the meeting brought together key officials, line departments, and community representatives to assess progress on drug prevention measures and identify future strategies.

The discussions centered on implementing and expanding efforts initiated as per the minutes of the last meeting, with a renewed focus on joint action, innovation, and community involvement.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Upper Siang, Token Saring, in his opening remarks, underscored the primary objectives

of NCORD and called for enhanced cooperation among departments.

"We must rise above individual efforts and work collectively with innovative approaches to address drug-related issues in our district. A coordinated strategy and proactive participation from every stakeholder are vital if we are to ensure a drug-free Upper Siang," he stated.

During the meeting, Dr Karo Teng, Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Yingkiong, presented a detailed report on the department's interventions.

He informed participants that integrated health camps had been conducted in 10 schools across the district as part of awareness and prevention efforts.

Additionally, progress was shared regarding the ongoing development of the De-addiction Centre at Yingkiong, aimed at providing treatment and counselling services for those affected by substance

abuse.

Ine Pertin, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) and Deputy Director of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), highlighted the role of Anganwadi workers under the Nasha Mukti Abhiyan.

"Our frontline workers have been sensitized on their responsibilities, and action plans have been implemented at the grassroots level to educate families and communities about the dangers of drug abuse," she said.

Further, the Deputy Director of School Education (DDSE) shared that Prahari Club Committees had been constituted in schools across the district to actively promote anti-drug campaigns.

These student-led committees are responsible for spreading awareness about the risks of substance abuse, supporting peer education initiatives, and fostering a healthy and drug-free learning environment.

The meeting also emphasized the need for sustained efforts and innovation in tackling the issue.

Officials called upon departments to explore new methods, collaborate across sectors, and encourage community participation in drug prevention programmes.

The gathering concluded with a collective resolve to intensify anti-drug campaigns and strengthen support mechanisms to safeguard the health and well-being of the youth in Upper Siang.

The official statement further noted that the District Level NCORD meeting reaffirmed the administration's commitment to promoting a safe and healthy environment.

Participants unanimously agreed that persistent coordination, awareness drives, and timely interventions are critical to preventing drug abuse and protecting future generations from its harmful effects.

Upper Siang district launches awareness campaign on POCSO and Child Rights

HT Correspondent

YINGKIONG, Sept 9: In line with the recommendation of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (APSCPCR), the District Administration of Upper Siang has launched a series of sensitization and awareness programmes on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and child rights, an official statement said.

The campaign aims to promote awareness and ensure strict implementation of child protection laws across educational institutions, government offices, commercial establishments, and administrative outposts in the district.

The initiative was formally launched with a programme organized at the Conference Hall of the DC Office, Yingkiong, which brought together government officers and staff to deliberate on child safety and legal provisions.

The programme is being conducted under the supervision of Smti Ine Pertin, Deputy Director (ICDS), Department of Women and Child Development, Upper Siang. Addressing the participants, Advocate Omem Apang, Para Legal Counsellor at the One Stop Centre (OSC), Upper Siang, delivered a detailed session on the POCSO Act, 2012.

He emphasised the importance of preventing and reporting cases of sexual offences against children and outlined the procedures for intervention and support.

Advocate Akoying Tekseng, Legal cum Probation Officer at the District Child Protection Unit, Upper Siang, provided insights into child rights and the legal framework designed to protect children from abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

He sensitised the participants on their role in identifying and addressing child protection concerns and ensuring that legal provisions are implemented effectively. According to the official statement, this initiative is part of a broader effort to foster a child-friendly environment and ensure that the rights and safety of children are upheld in all sectors of society.

Similar awareness sessions on POCSO and child rights are scheduled to be conducted across Upper Siang in schools, commercial spaces, government offices, and administrative units.

'Milestone for wildlife research'

ITANAGAR, Sept 9: Deep in the high-altitude wilderness of Arunachal Pradesh, a landmark wildlife survey has thrown up rare treasures of nature -- among them, the first-ever photographic proof of the mysterious and little-seen Pallas's cat.

The survey, conducted by WWF-India with the support of the state Forest Department and local communities, also recorded the presence of snow leopard, common leopard, clouded leopard, leopard cat, and marbled cat above 4,200 metre, indicating the landscape's unique wildcat diversity.

"The discovery of the Pallas's cat in Arunachal Pradesh is a milestone for wildlife research in the eastern Himalayas," said the state's Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Nyilyang Tam.

A total of 136 camera traps were set up at 83 locations across 2,000 sq km of rugged high-altitude rangelands in the West Kameng and Tawang districts under the project funded by the UK government through the Darwin Initiative, WWF-India's director of Assam and Arunachal office, Archita Baruah Bhattacharyya, said.

The survey documented the highest elevation records for several species, such as the common leopard at 4,600

metre, the clouded leopard at 4,650 metre, the marbled cat at 4,326 metre, the Himalayan wood owl at 4,194 metre, and the grey-headed flying squirrel at 4,506 metre, she said.

The elevation records were the highest in India to date and may exceed previously known global limits, she added.

The Pallas's cat was recorded slightly lower than the absolute global maximum of 5,050 metres. This cold-adapted wild cat is one of the most elusive, rarely photographed and therefore remains one of the least studied feline species.

Its documentation in Arunachal Pradesh significantly extends the known distribution of the species in the eastern Himalaya, adding to earlier confirmed records from Sikkim, Bhutan, and eastern Nepal.

WWF-India's head for science and conservation of the Himalayas Programme, Rishi Kumar Sharma, said the discovery of Pallas's cat in Arunachal Pradesh at nearly 5,000 metres is a powerful reminder of how little is still known about life in the high Himalayas.

"That a landscape can support snow leopards, clouded leopards, marbled cats, and now Pallas's cat alongside vi-

brant pastoral traditions speaks to its extraordinary richness and resilience. These findings highlight why community-led conservation, grounded in science and local knowledge, is indispensable for securing the future of our fragile rangelands," he said.

The survey involved meticulous planning and days of trekking through remote and high-altitude areas. The camera traps were kept active for over eight months, often in extreme weather and remote, difficult-to-access terrain, he added.

In a rare behavioural observation, the camera traps also documented a snow leopard and a common leopard scent-marking at the same location, offering fresh insight into how these big cats share fragile alpine habitats.

The survey also captured images of the Brokpa herding community and their livestock, underscoring centuries-old pastoral traditions that have enabled coexistence between people and wildlife in these high-altitude rangelands.

Tam, the PCCF, said the active participation of herders and villagers in the survey demonstrates that conservation, traditional knowledge, and their livelihoods can go hand in hand in protecting the fragile mountain ecosystems. (PTI)

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Nagaland pre-service teachers raises alarm over recruitment irregularities, demands immediate action

KOHIMA, Sept 9: An association of pre-service teachers in Nagaland on Tuesday raised concerns over the alleged irregularities and lack of transparency in the recruitment of primary teachers in the state.

The All Nagaland Pre-Service Teachers Association (ANPSTA) alleged that over the past decade, more than 1,000 primary teacher posts remained unadvertised, though appointments have continued through questionable practices.

An Education Department official said that the matter is being examined as the pupil-teacher ratio in the state is already 7:1, higher than the national ratio.

The issue will be looked into under the ongoing process of rationalisation of teachers, the official said.

In a press conference, the association's representatives presented findings claimed to have been obtained through multiple Right to Information (RTI) applications, which exposed discrepancies in the recruitment data.

According to the RTI responses, 401 primary teachers were appointed between 2016 and the present time. However, upon careful scrutiny, the association found that many names were repeated or missing, bringing the total down to 397 confirmed appointments, the ANPSTA claimed.

Only two posts were advertised during this entire period - one in Mon district in 2020 and another in Wokha district in 2021 - leaving 395 posts apparently filled through backdoor appointments without any public notice or fair process, the association alleged.

The association also alleged that 65 of these appointed teachers lack the mandatory teacher qualifications. The ANPSTA criticised the education department for failing to provide proper justification or accurate data in response to RTI queries. They argued that this opaque system endangers the quality of education and constitutes a "time bomb" for the future generation.



Expressing frustration at the government's inaction despite repeated appeals, the association demanded an immediate open recruitment process for the 1,168 pending primary teacher posts.

They referenced a Supreme Court directive from November 2023, stating that recruitment must be conducted exclusively for qualified Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) candidates, rejecting ECCE or Montessori qualifications as valid.

Highlighting the larger impact, the association said this situation reflects not only a failure in public administration but also contributes significantly to rising unemployment among trained teaching professionals in Nagaland.

Many qualified candidates, especially DLA trainees, are now at risk of becoming overage or having their careers permanently derailed due to inaction.

A memorandum outlining these demands and evidence was officially submitted during the day to the Principal Director of School Education, the association said, adding that they would wait for three weeks and resort to a democratic course of action if the department does not positively respond. (PTI)

NSF wants stringent documentation for ILP ₹ 700-cr project to alleviate Shillong's water woes: CM

HT Correspondent

DIMAPUR, Sept 9: The inner line regulation commission (ILRC) of the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) on Tuesday stressed that the very essence of the inner line mechanism lies in maintaining stringent documentation for all non-indigenous individuals entering or residing in Nagaland.

It also reiterated that no waiver of ILP fee, whether long-term or short-term, should be granted under any circumstances.

"Even short-term visitors must obtain and carry a valid ILP document, without exception," the ILRC said in a release. The ILRC also reaffirmed its commitment to constructive collaboration with the state government and district authorities to ensure that the inner line system, strengthened by Article 371(A), is uniformly enforced.

"In doing so, we must preserve its original purpose of safeguarding the land, identity, and heritage of the Naga people, while adapting resiliently to contemporary challenges," it stressed.

Further, aligned with the very spirit of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) 1873, where the executive phrase "inner line pass" was originally used, the ILRC urged all district administrators and government offices to revert to the original nomenclature "inner line pass", not "inner line permit."

SHILLONG, Sept 9: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Tuesday said his government has sanctioned ₹ 700 crore for a new water supply scheme for Shillong, which is at an advanced stage of implementation.

Speaking in the assembly, Sangma said it will provide relief to the people of Shillong and adjoining areas.

He said the Wahrynthem water project, having a capacity of 33 million litres per day, is also being planned with the Umngot river at Dawki as the source.

The project, he added, is expected to ease the water crisis in the region.

Leader of Opposition Mukul Sangma expressed concern over the sustainability of the water sources in the wake of erratic weather patterns and climate change.

The CM said the state is addressing the challenges through externally aided projects, focusing on natural resource management, rejuvenation of springs and catchment area protection.

He also stressed the role of the Meghalaya Climate Council in this regard.

"The council is guided by the state's water policy, adopted in 2019. We were the first state to adopt the water policy," Sangma said, adding that efforts are underway to ensure the sustainability of water sources amid climate-related challenges.

He admitted that the state has been hit hard by a 50 per cent rainfall deficiency this year, but noted that the government is tapping different sources to meet the demand.

Public Health Engineering Minister Marcuse N Marak said the much-awaited Greater Shillong Water Supply Scheme (GSWSS) would be completed by March next year.

"In Shillong city, the gap is expected to reduce on completion of GSWSS (Phase-III)," he said.

Marak said Shillong city and its adjoining areas require 5,58,30,000 litres of drinking water daily, but the available supply is only 4,17,80,000 litres, resulting in a shortfall of 1,40,50,000 litres.

With regard to Mawlai, he said 64,75,000 litres of water is being supplied daily, but a deficit of 27,75,000 litres remains. (PTI)

C-CAMP, Nagaland sign pact to strengthen public healthcare

HT Correspondent

DIMAPUR, Sept 9: The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), a Government of India-supported initiative through its biotechnology department, signed an MoU with the Nagaland government to strengthen the state's public healthcare system through innovative indigenous health technologies.

C-CAMP director and CEO Dr Taslimarif Saiyed and commissioner & secretary, Nagaland health & family welfare department, Anoop Khinchi made this announcement at the directorate of health & family welfare in Kohima on Tuesday.

This collaboration builds on C-CAMP's earlier efforts to support Nagaland's public health system.

The C-CAMP successfully established two

oxygen-supported augmented hospital facilities in the state during the COVID-19 pandemic - a 50-bed facility at Dimapur district hospital and a 39-bed facility at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital in Mokokchung. These facilities played a crucial role in enhancing oxygen-supported care capacity during the pandemic surge and continue to serve patients today.

Commissioner & secretary Khinchi said the objectives of the partnership include introducing and implementing innovative technologies for improving health outcomes in public health settings together with C-CAMP, adding the vision for the partnership is long-term.

It aims to build a resilient, inclusive, and innovation-driven health system that ensures equitable access to quality care for every citizen of the state, he said.

guage, and 50,000 more will be identified shortly, he said.

Kokborok, the mother tongue of the Tripuri tribe, has already been introduced in the Google translation platform.

According to the 2011 census, the northeastern state has 79,000 people belonging to the Chakma community, one of the 19 tribes in the state, and the population of this group has now grown to around 1,20,000, he said.

The Chakma language is being taught in 123 government schools, in which over 4,000 students from classes I to VIII are studying, the minister said.

"A total of 172 Chakma-speaking teachers are engaged in these schools. The advisory committee also decided to constitute nine sub-committees for the overall development of the language," he said. He also emphasised the development of the languages of all the tribes living in the northeastern state. (PTI)

Chakma language words to be included in Google translation platform: Tripura minister

AGARTALA, Sept 9: The Tripura government on Tuesday decided to include words of the Chakma language in the Google translation platform so that the content in the tribal language can be converted into English, Hindi and Bengali, a state minister said.

Agriculture Minister Ratan Lal Nath said the government also decided to observe Chakma language and script day on August 7 from next year onwards in a bid to protect the culture of the indigenous people in the state.

He said an advisory committee for the development of the Chakma language took these decisions in a meeting during the day.

"The panel decided to include words of the Chakma language in the Google translation platform so that the content in the tribal language can be converted into English, Hindi and Bengali," the minister said.

For this purpose, the committee has already collected 50,000 words of the Chakma lan-

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Dated Diphu, the 08th September, 2025.

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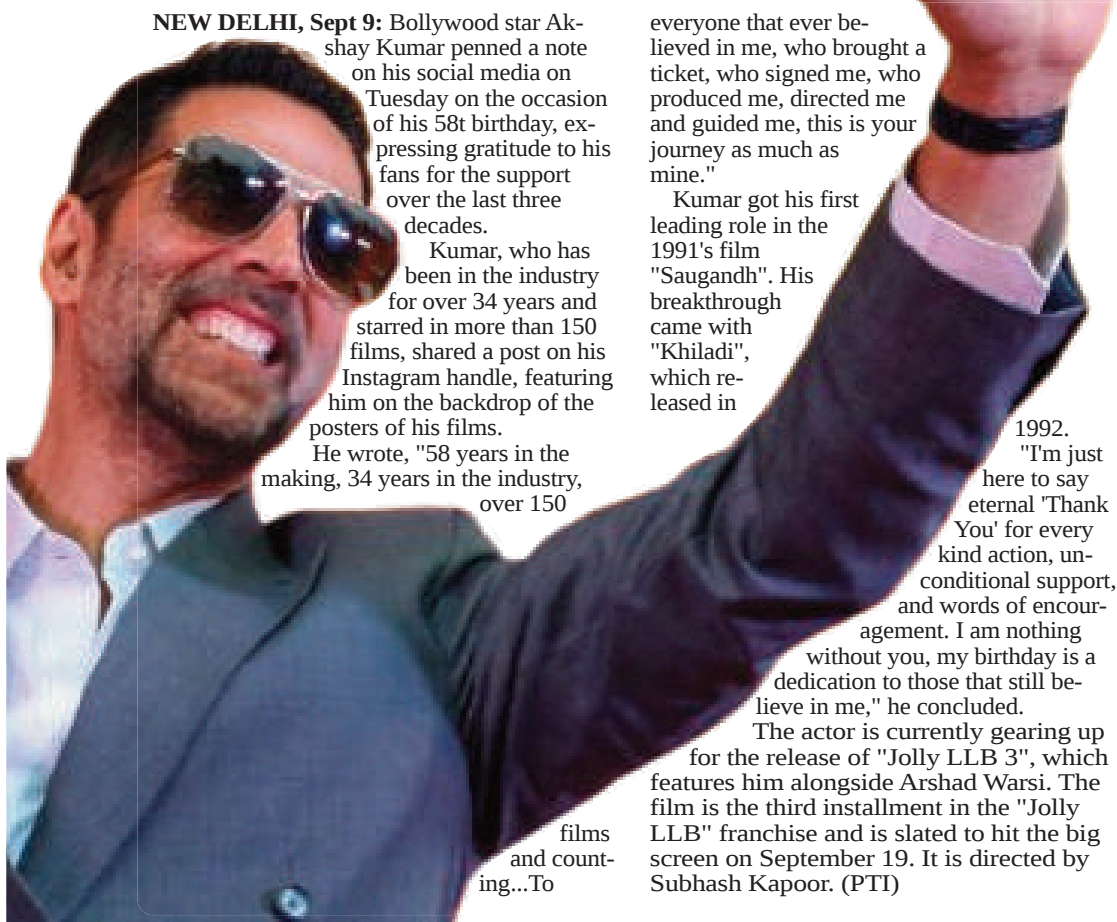
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Director-Cum-Addl. Chief Engineer,
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Dated Diphu, the 08th September, 2025.

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I AM NOTHING WITHOUT YOU: AKSHAY KUMAR THANKS FANS ON 58TH BIRTHDAY



NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Bollywood star Akshay Kumar penned a note on his social media on Tuesday on the occasion of his 58th birthday, expressing gratitude to his fans for the support over the last three decades.

Kumar, who has been in the industry for over 34 years and starred in more than 150 films, shared a post on his Instagram handle, featuring him on the backdrop of the posters of his films.

He wrote, "58 years in the making, 34 years in the industry, over 150

everyone that ever believed in me, who brought a ticket, who signed me, who produced me, directed me and guided me, this is your journey as much as mine."

Kumar got his first leading role in the 1991's film "Saugandh". His breakthrough came with "Khiladi", which released in

1992. "I'm just here to say eternal 'Thank You' for every kind action, unconditional support, and words of encouragement. I am nothing without you, my birthday is a dedication to those that still believe in me," he concluded.

The actor is currently gearing up for the release of "Jolly L.L.B 3", which features him alongside Arshad Warsi. The film is the third installment in the "Jolly L.L.B" franchise and is slated to hit the big screen on September 19. It is directed by Subhash Kapoor. (PTI)

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Manisha Koirala pays tribute to grandfather B P Koirala amid Nepal protests

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Bollywood star Manisha Koirala on Tuesday paid tribute to her grandfather, former Nepal prime minister Bishweshwar Prasad Koirala, and remembered him as a man who "gave voice to love, conflict, and resilience".

Koirala's post on Instagram came amid the violent anti-government protests in the neighbouring country. The "Heeramandi" actor shared an old photograph of her grandfather on Instagram.

"Remembering B P BA on his birthday — Nepal's first elected Prime Minister and a writer who gave voice to love, conflict, and resilience. As students rise today against corruption and for freedom, his words feel timeless. 'Democracy is indivisible; if you want democracy at home, you cannot afford to neglect all struggles for it.' — B.P. Koirala," the 55-year-old actor wrote.

Nepalese Prime Minister KP Sharma

Oli resigned on Tuesday in the face of massive anti-government protests sparked by anger over corruption and a ban on social media, with the demonstrators attacking private residences of several top politicians, including President Ramchandra Paudel, and vandalising the parliament.

Though the Nepal government on Monday night revoked its ban on social media websites following the protests led by 'Gen Z' youths, the agitators continued their demonstration against corruption while demanding accountability for the death of 19 people in police action against protesters.

The actor on Monday condemned the violent crackdown on protesters in Nepal in a post on Instagram. She posted a picture of a bloodied shoe along with a caption that read, "Today is a black day for Nepal- when bullets respond to the voice of the people, outrage against corruption and demand for justice." (PTI)



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LeBron James uses basketball diplomacy to bridge US-China tensions

HONG KONG, Sept 9: At a time of tensions and tariffs, LeBron James is harnessing basketball diplomacy as a way of finding some common ground for people in the U.S. and China.

The NBA legend wrote a rare op-ed in Chinese state media, following his first visit to China since 2019, saying: "Basketball is not only a sport, but also a bridge that connects us."

The op-ed appeared in Monday's edition of the People's Daily newspaper and got the attention of the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post, which reported: "It is rare for the mouthpiece of China's ruling Communist Party to run articles carrying the byline of foreign sports stars. It is more common for international sporting heroes to connect with fans in China via Chinese social media."

James was in China ahead of two NBA pre-season games next month in Macao between the Phoenix Suns and the Brooklyn Nets, part of the league's efforts to rebuild the brand in greater China.

The games on Oct. 10 and 12 will take place more than five years after the league was effectively banned for a while in China over NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's decision not to punish Daryl Morey in 2019 for tweeting support of anti-government protesters in Hong Kong.

The geopolitical rift started when Morey, then the general manager of the Houston Rockets and now GM of the Philadelphia 76ers, tweeted support for protesters while the Nets and Los Angeles Lakers were in China.

The tweet was deleted quickly, but the fallout lasted years. No NBA games were shown in China for a year, and broadcasts of games only started returning regularly in 2022. There's been a series of moves toward a return to normalcy between China and the league, including a visit by Golden State's Stephen Curry and Sacramento's De'Aaron Fox last year that drew enormous crowds. Curry returned for a visit last month. (AP)

INDO-PAK ASIA CUP CLASH

No instructions but Surya and Salman 'won't stop' on-field aggression



DUBAI, Sept 9: India skipper Suryakumar Yadav on Tuesday said his side will not hold back on aggression in the high-voltage Asia Cup clash against Pakistan on September 14 as it is an important aspect of playing international sport.

His Pakistani counterpart Salman Ali Agha had identical views -- no instructions but no shying away from it either. Before the Pakistan game, India will open their campaign against the UAE on Wednesday.

"Temper? Sir, aggression is always there on the field when we take the field. And without aggression, I don't think you can play this sport. And I'm sure, I'm very excited to take the field on the front foot," Suryakumar replied when asked whether players will be told to dial down the intensity in the much-awaited Sunday clash of the T20 event.

The Asia Cup match is being held in the backdrop of border tensions between India and Pak-

istan after 26 tourists were killed by terrorists in Pahalgam earlier this year leading to military action by India under Operation Sindoor.

Salman held a similar view on aggression but added that he wouldn't be issuing any specific instructions to his players.

"Well, you don't need to say anything to any player. Because everyone is individually very different. If someone wants to be aggressive on the field, they are more than welcome to do that."

"When it comes to fast bowlers, they are always aggressive," Salman said.

The captains' press conference and the trophy unveiling ceremony was followed by a question and answer session. The emcee requested the media to ask only apolitical questions.

In fact, Suryakumar and Salman weren't even seated together as Afghanistan skipper Rashid Khan took the place between them.

The Indian skipper was also

asked if he would like to see a change in his team's approach and philosophy.

"Why are you needling me?" he cheekily retorted.

"When you play a format you need to know how good is your preparation. Why mend something that isn't broken? If something has given us results why would we need to change that aspect separately?" he said.

There was the inevitable question about who among Sanju Samson and Jitesh Sharma will make the cut in the playing XI on Wednesday.

Like all other skippers, Suryakumar also kept cards close to his chest but did not let go of his trademark cheeky humour while responding to the query on Samson as the scribe who threw the question at him also hailed from the keeper-batter's native state Kerala.

"I will message you the whole team sir," he laughed and then in a slightly serious tone added: "We are taking good care of him."

Don't worry, we will take the right decision tomorrow."

When quizzed on the pressure of being title favourites, he admitted that there is pressure of coming good.

"Who said that? (favourites) I haven't heard it. But you have played in this format and you know how your preparations are. If your preparations are good, then you will be very confident when you take the field. We are playing T20 as a team after a long time."

For Salman, the challenge is to prove that the team has moved beyond Babar Azam and Muhammad Rizwan -- the two senior players who were dropped.

"We are playing very good cricket. I think for almost four months, we have won three series out of four. So we are doing very well as a team and at the same time, we are very excited."

"A lot of the boys will play Asia Cup for the first time but they are ready for the challenge," he added. (PTI)

Chaos reigns as Gattuso's Italy scrambles to avoid missing a 3rd straight World Cup

ROME, Sept 9: Own goals. Uncharacteristic defensive lapses. General disorder. But lots of attacking flair.

If the idea in hiring Gennaro Gattuso to replace the fired Luciano Spalletti was to restore order and discipline to Italy's under-pressure squad -- which is still facing the possibility of failing to qualify for a third straight World Cup -- there's still plenty of work to be done.

Italy's 5-4 victory over Israel in a World Cup qualifier was, Gattuso acknowledged, "the craziest game I've been involved with as a coach."

"But that's my fault and not down to the players," Gattuso added. "If we want to play in a certain way, we need to get better at this. We were crazy to systematically go on the attack. That's what Israel was waiting for. They hit us on the counter every time."

Italy helped Israel with two own goals for the opponent, and Monday's game wasn't decided until Sandro Tonali's curled winner in stoppage time.

Still, it was a victory and three more points after Italy also scored a handful of goals in Gattuso's debut in charge, a 5-0 win over Estonia on Friday.

Italy on course for another playoffThe results meant that Italy leapfrogged Israel into second place in their qualifying group. Norway, which was hosting Moldova on Tuesday, leads the group with a perfect 12 points from four games. Italy is next with nine points from four games followed by Israel with nine points from five games -- trailing on goal differential. Winning the group is the only way to ensure direct qualification to next year's tournament in North America. The second-placed team goes into the playoffs, the stage where Italy was eliminated by Sweden and North Macedonia and ruled out of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, respectively.

But at least Italy, which started qualifying with a 3-0 loss at Norway, is now in position to make the

playoffs.

Assuming that Erling Haaland's Norway continues to cruise, four-time champion Italy needs to be perfect in its remaining qualifiers and vastly improve its goal differential -- the first tiebreaker -- before a likely decisive final group game against Norway at the San Siro in November.

Norway's goal differential entering Tuesday's game was +11 while Italy's was +5.

Calafiori benching questionedGattuso was criticized for benching Arsenal defender Riccardo Calafiori against Israel, with center backs Gianluca Mancini and Alessandro Bastoni unable to stop Manor Solomon from slaloming his way through the Azzurri defense.

Napoli center back Alessandro Buongiorno was unavailable due to injury, and veteran Francesco Acerbi's days with Italy appear done after he turned down a call up for the Norway match under Spalletti.

There were also glaring mistakes from new Manchester City goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma and Juventus midfielder Manuel Locatelli.

"We're a crazy team, because we're too fragile, we concede ridiculous goals too easily," Gattuso said. "The guys know that. But this is my problem, not theirs. My staff and I need to figure out solutions."

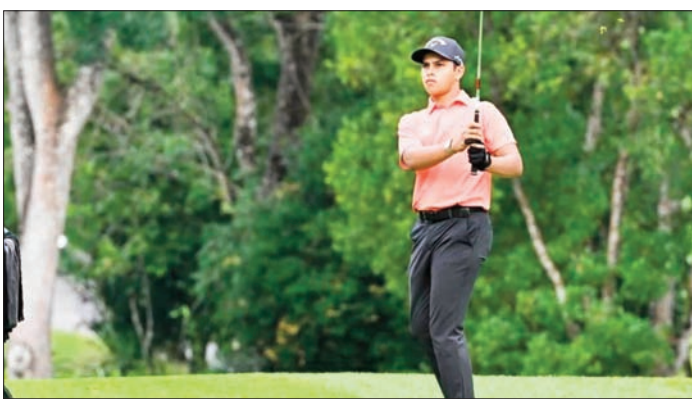
Gattuso likened the match to the wild 2005 Champions League final, when the AC Milan team he played for squandered a 3-0 half-time lead and lost to Liverpool in a penalty shootout.

"We need to learn that these matches are never finished," Gattuso said.

10 goals in 2 matchesOn the positive side, Gattuso has several in-form forwards.

Mateo Retegui scored two goals and provided three assists in two matches; Moise Kean scored three goals and Giacomo Raspadori scored two and assisted on two off the bench. (AP)

Rakshit and Anshul lead Indians at Asia-Pacific Amateurs in Dubai



DUBAI, Sept 9: Reigning All India amateur champion Anshul Mishra and promising Rakshit Dahiya will be among prominent golfers representing India at the 16th Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship to be played here from October 23 to 26.

As per the current entry list, India will also have Raghav Gulati and Ranveer Mitroo, alongside Dahiya and Mishra. All four players have had considerable international experience, with Gulati, in particular, having played a lot in Dubai, where he spends most of his time.

The tournament has the most attractive prizes in amateur golf with the champion receiving an invitation to the 2026 Masters Tournament and an exemption into The 154th Open in 2026.

The runner(s) up finisher(s) will receive exemption into The Open Qualifying Series and the top-three receive an exemption into The 131st Amateur Championship.

Of the four Indians currently on the list, only Dahiya has earlier played in the AAC. He played at the 2024 edition in Japan, made the cut and finished Tied-37th with a consistent showing.

Dahiya has had a very good year, winning the Delhi Golf Club Juniors, Delhi NCR Cup and Samarvir Sahi amateurs, all prominent Indian amateur events.

However, his standout recent performance came in a Pro event on the Professional Golfers Tour of India, where he registered a creditable Top-10 finish at Coal India Open against some of India's top pros.

Mishra, winner of the storied and 132-year old All India Amateurs in

2024, has had varied experience over the last few months. Second at the FCG Callaway event in US, he also had Top-10s in Dubai and Singapore.

The young star also played at a series of junior events in the US, including the prestigious Boys Junior PGA, US Junior amateurs, FCG Callaway and Uswing Mowing Junior World.

Gulati had wins in two events in Dubai, so he will be in a familiar environment. He won the FJT Middle East and the Tommy Fleetwood Pathway International Pathway event presented by DP World.

Mitroo, too, is not short on experience, having had Top-10s in Asia-Pacific Juniors in Hong Kong and then in Singapore, besides a Top-10 in an American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) event in the US.

Around 120 players will tee off at the event, which was established in 2009 by the Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC), The R&A and the Masters Tournament to further develop amateur golf in the Asia-Pacific region.

Players from 41 APGC member organizations have accepted invitations with 117 confirmed thus far for the 120-player field.

The top stars expected this year include Harry Takis of Australia, the 2024 runner-up Ziqin Zhou of China, Kent Hsiao of Chinese Taipei, Jeffrey Shen of Hong Kong, Rayhan Latief of Indonesia, Taisei Nagasaki, Taishi Moto and Rintaro Nakano of Japan, and Fifi Laopakdee, Ratchanon TK Chantananuwat and Chanachon Chokprajakchat of Thailand. (PTI)

Indian women's recurve team in bronze final; men bow out, compound archers fall short

GWANGJU (SOUTH KOREA), Sept 9: The women's recurve team of Deepika Kumari, teenager Gatha Khadake and Ankita Bhakate entered the bronze medal playoffs at the World Archery Championships here on Tuesday but the men made a shocking first-round exit and the compound archers failed to add more to their tally of two medals.

The third-seeded Indian trio secured back to back wins before losing to Japan 2-6 in the semifinals. India will now face South Korea for the bronze, aiming for their first women's team medal at the World Championships since 2015.

So far, India have won two medals, both in the compound section -- a first ever men's team gold and a mixed team silver for Rishabh Yadav and Jyothi Surekha Vennam.

Four-time Olympian and former world No.1 Deepika led the women's charge in the recurve

competition, finishing sixth in qualification with 677 points.

Gatha, seeded 14th with 666, and Ankita, seeded 30th with 656, ensured India took third place in the team qualification to earn a direct entry into the second round.

The trio began strongly, ousting 10th seeds Slovenia 5-1, shooting 50, 55 and 55 against their rivals' 48, 55 and 53.

In the quarters, they overcame an early setback against Turkey, losing the opening set 51-55 after a wayward seven. But they stormed back with 55 and a superb 57 to turn the match around before sealing it 6-2 with another 55. Their fine run ended in the semifinals against Japan, who prevailed 6-2.

After a 56-all opener, Japan raised their game with a near-flawless 58 in the second set to lead 3-1.

The third set was tied again at 56-all, leaving India with all to



play for.

But in the fourth, the Japanese slipped to 54, only for the Indians to falter with a seven and an eight, totalling a poor 51.

That handed Japan the set, the match, and a place in the final against Chinese Taipei, who shocked hosts South Korea in a shoot-off.

In contrast, the men's recurve

team endured a disappointing outing. Seeded ninth, the trio of Neeraj Chauhan (670, 36th seed), Olympian Dhiraj Bommadevara (669, 39th) and Rahul (657, 62nd) slumped to a shock first-round defeat to 24th seeds Denmark.

The match went into a shoot-off, where India managed only 26 against Denmark's 28 to bow out 4-5.

Sharath hopes to shape India's first TT Olympic medallist by 2036 with some help from German football



Nadu government, with a singular aim to produce an Olympic medallist.

"I'm looking at my main goal at this very moment is setting up the High Performance Centre, making it run and hopefully what I couldn't achieve in my career of you know the Olympic medal, I hope I can live the dream through

the young talents that are there here and I can support them in their career."

"Yeah. So we're looking at 2036 Olympic Games. Hopefully it happens in India. That would be the best. Even if it doesn't happen, still giving myself 11 years time," said Sharath in an interview to PTI on the sidelines of the

National Ranking Table Tennis event here on Tuesday.

Sharath, who is busy with administrative roles at the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), will be the sporting director of the HPC while full-time coaches are being sought from Germany, and sport's powerhouses China and Japan.

Sharath also revealed that he is in talks with top German football club Borussia Dortmund to help his HPC in talent identification. The facility will be up and running by October.

"I need a lot of help from abroad also. So I have been talking to the German Table Tennis Federation where I have played for a long time and also to a couple of football clubs (including Borussia Dortmund) in Europe where we can have some exchanges on in terms of talent

identification. Because talent identification is something I feel we don't do very robustly."

"I haven't explored so much into the Indian cricket side, but European football I do know that they have a fantastic structure in terms of talent identification and getting them," said Sharath.

The HPC will be looking to work with the talent in the 11-15 age bracket so that they have enough time to ready for the 2036 Olympics.

"So it's almost like two and a half Olympic cycles where we can identify talent between the age of 11 to 15 and groom them at the same time. These days there's a lot of sports science advancement that's been available and which I feel like we can make use of it."

Sharath and his team is looking to groom the players in three phases. (PTI)

