

## MUMBAI HOSTEL RAPE-MURDER: AUTHORITIES IGNORED HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS FOR YEARS, CLAIM INMATES

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Mumbai: Barkha\*, a former resident at the government-run Savitribai Phule Women's Hostel at Mumbai's Charni Road, narrates an incident involving her younger sister who also stayed at the dormitory. The sister and her friends found that one of the male staffers at the hostel mess would ogle at them lecherously. When the students complained about the uncomfortable stares to Dr Varsha Andhare, the long-time warden of the hostel, they were in a rude shock. "Your sister's batch too had a lot of complaints, but we know how clean they were," was the terse response from the Warden, reported Barkha.



This dismissiveness and character assassination in response to allegations of harassment have been a norm, according to a number of past and present inmates of the hostel, which recently hit headlines last week after one of its inmates, an 18-year-old female student from Akola, was found to be raped and murdered in her room on the fourth floor of the building. The gruesome crime, according to Marine Drive police, was allegedly committed by the hostel security guard, who appears to have killed himself by jumping in front of a running train.

Past, present residents share ordeal While the incident shocked everyone, especially the scores of women for whom the hostel was home during their time as students in the city, it also unmaskes years of lackadaisical approach towards the women's safety and dignity at the institute. From male staff having easy access to dormitories to the administration ignoring persistent complaints about harassment, several past and present residents of Savitribai Phule Hostel shared their ordeal at an online meeting held late on Thursday night to support the current occupants traumatised by the alleged rape and murder of their hostel mate.

"We faced a lot of emotional abuse during our time at the hostel. There were questions about our security, too," said Vaishali\*, a human rights lawyer at the Supreme Court and former inmate of the hostel.



**Made for Rs 15 crore, earned Rs 912 crore, this is India's most profitable film ever, not Mughal-e-Azam, Sholay, Lagaan**

Sudipto Sen's film 'The Kerala Story' was released on 5 May and despite being surrounded by controversies, the film has so far earned Rs 238.87 crore.

Bollywood witnessed its worst phase during the COVID-19 period and it got a chance to recover due to films like 'The Kashmir Files', 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa', 'Pathaan' etc, viewers now want to see some more good Hindi films. In this article we will talk about 8 films which were made on low-budget but they went on to become blockbusters.

## OPINION: HOW DO MUSLIMS VIEW 9 YEARS OF MODI RULE? DATA REVEALS...

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around the slogan of sab ka saath, 15The idea of 'Muslim Mind' seems to influence our public discussions in an interesting manner. Although sab ka vikas, sab ka vishwas claiming there has always been some curiosity about "how Muslims think and behave in secular India", the rise of that there is no need to treat Muslims the Modi-led BJP as the dominant force at the national level has transformed this sincere concern into as a separate social entity. The party, political anxiety.

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**In Navi Mumbai, boyfriend (20) arrested for pushing 16-year-old to death from 7th floor after 'party'**

NAVI MUMBAI: The police team probing the accidental death of a 16-year-old girl due to a fall from the seventh floor of an under-construction building in Belapur, arrested her boyfriend on Sunday after her mother lodged a complaint that he pushed her. Shivam Nanavare (20) has been booked for murder under section 302 of IPC, said Pramod Toradmal, senior inspector of NRI coastal police station.

Police said that on June 8, the Panvel girl had gone to meet Shivam at his Belapur residence, where they had planned a 'beer party'. Thereafter, they went to the abandoned building in Belapur along with a common friend Sai Kadam (23).

Police had earlier registered an accidental death report and had detained Shivam and Sai for questioning. A murder case was registered after the mother lodged a complaint suspecting foul play.

## WATCH: MUMBAI FAMILY REJOICES AFTER SON SCORES 35% IN CLASS 10 BOARD EXAMS

The student completed his 10th class from a Marathi medium school and scored 35 marks in all 6 subjects, leading to a 35% score in his SSC exams.

In India, academic success is mostly associated with marks. More so, Indians are obsessed with board exam results and expect their child to secure top scores, as they think high marks guarantee success. The results bring both happiness and disappointment across the country to scores of families.

However, a family in Mumbai broke stereotypes and celebrated their son passing the 10th board exam even when he scored only 35%. The student completed his 10th class from a Marathi medium school and scored 35 marks in all 6 subjects, leading to a 35% score in his SSC exams. Instead of scolding him, or getting angry, the boy's parents were proud and happily displayed his marks. The video has been shared by IAS officer Awanish Sharan.

"A class 10th student from Mumbai secured 35% marks in the examination. But instead of being sad or angry, his parents celebrated his success," the caption of the video reads when translated from Hindi.

Internet users were pleasantly surprised and delighted to watch the parents' heartwarming reaction.

One user wrote, "Congratulations to the boy for getting through and to the parents for being the parents every student needs."

Another commented, "Great initiative. Parents shouldn't pressure their kids to get good grades. They need to stay positive."

## BENGALURU: 26 WOMEN RESCUED AS CCB BUSTS PROSTITUTION RACKET

The women were brought to Bengaluru a month ago under the false promise of job opportunities. The Central Crime Branch (CCB) has reported conducting simultaneous raids in western Bengaluru to bust a prostitution racket.

Officials from the CCB's women's protection wing successfully rescued 26 women from different states and apprehended nine suspected pimps. According to the CCB's statement, these women were brought to Bengaluru a Block, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, falling month ago under the false promise of job opportunities but were coerced into engaging in prostitution. Out of the rescued individuals, nine are from Mumbai, eight from West Bengal, four from Delhi, and one each from Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. The CCB launched its crackdown based on a tip-off received on June 8. Investigations revealed that the pimps would contact potential customers via phone and direct them to the traffic junction at Sir M Visvesvaraya Layout, 1st receive cash payments, and then accompany the customers to buildings originally intended as paying guest accommodations. However, these buildings were, in reality, being utilised as prostitution dens, the CCB said.



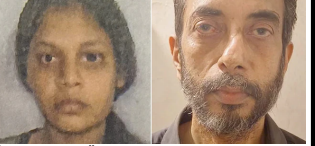
# MUMBAI MURDER VICTIM'S SISTER BREAKS DOWN ON SEEING PICS OF HER LONG HAIR

One of the sisters, after seeing a photograph of Saraswati Vaidya's long hair, broke down and recalled she used to love her long hair, police said.

**Mumbai:** One of the sisters of 32-year-old Saraswati Vaidya, who was allegedly killed and chopped into pieces by her 56-year-old live-in partner Manoj Sane, got emotional after seeing a photograph of Ms Vaidya's long hair that the accused had cut and kept on the kitchen platform in their flat.

According to Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar Police, she broke down while recording her statement. During their investigation into Ms Vaidya's death, police found out that she has four sisters and three of them recorded their statements.

Ms Vaidya's sisters confronted accused Manoj Sane for the first time after the murder and police said they were all furious and urged the police to make such a strong case that he gets the strictest punishment.



harassment". "At 1.30 pm women officers took the woman wrestler to Brij Bhushan's official residence in Delhi. They were there for half an hour. They asked her to recreate the scene and recall the places where she faced harassment," PTI reported.

Earlier, the wrestlers also had an encounter with the police when the officials detained them for "breaching the law and order in the capital". This happened on the day of the inauguration of the new Parliament. With the intention of holding a women's maha panchayat near the parliament.

# BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: THE BAHUBALI, WHO WAS A ONE-MAN FEDERATION

**HE RAN THE FEDERATION WITH HIS STRONG-MAN INSTINCTS: HE WAS THE OVERALL PRESIDENT, SELECTION COMMITTEE CHIEF AND CHAIRED ATHLETES' GRIEVANCE PANEL - WAS THE JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER.**

In a cold, winter evening a few years ago, a former Sports Secretary was winding down in his ground-floor office at Shastri Bhavan when a phone call turned an ordinary day into one he would not forget so easily.

It was from a fuming Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, then Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president. The Sports Ministry, the secretary says, withheld some of WFI's proposals and did not clear a foreign tour, demanding clarity over the team selection process. That did not go down well with Brij Bhushan who was used to on his strong-man instincts or quintessentially getting things done his way, largely unquestioned.

In the secretary's telling, Bhushan reminded him you are on. Of his stature as elected MP, and uncourteous Brij Bhushan has been accused of sexual language was used. The secretary says he stood harassment by seven women wrestlers. The up for himself, and refused to kow-tow, chargesheet in the case, Union Sports Minister reminding Bhushan of the required etiquette. Anurag Thakur has said, will be filed by June. It was his brush with the BJP MP and the sports 15. And while this is the most serious secretary was unequivocal in his assessment: allegation against him, India's three top "Brij Bhushan was a bully."



4 Olympics, 5 medals A 'bully', a Bahubali who is never shy of relying on his strong-man instincts or quintessentially getting things done his way, largely unquestioned. president depends on what side of the debate

## MUMBAI: 12 BIKERS FINED FOR RIDING RASHLY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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More than 12 bikers who were creating a nuisance, indulging in rash driving and creating a ruckus amid the Mumbai Police's Sunday Streets initiative at Marine Drive were fined on June 11.

The police said a biker who was driving rashly abandoned his two-wheeler at the spot and fled on seeing the cops.

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## ANDHRA PRADESH'S DEVELOPMENT POSSIBLE ONLY WITH BJP AND MODI, SAYS KIRAN KUMAR REDDY



Regional parties will only concentrate on getting Central funds and siphoning them off with corrupt practices, alleges Kiran Kumar Reddy

The last Chief Minister of unified Andhra Pradesh, N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, who had recently joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said on June 10 (Saturday) that development of Andhra Pradesh would be possible only with the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Speaking at the party's 'Mahajan Sampark Abhiyan', a public meeting, at Srikalahasti, Mr. Kiran Kumar Reddy, while referring to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), said development of Andhra Pradesh was not possible with the regional parties.

## "ILLEGAL MONUMENT" OF TIPU SULTAN REMOVED FROM MAHARASHTRA'S DHULE

**THIS COMES AFTER THE RECENT COMMUNAL CLASHES THAT ERUPTED AFTER A SOCIAL MEDIA POST UPLOADED BY A FEW PEOPLE HAILING MUGHAL EMPERORS AURANGZEB AND TIPU SULTAN FOLLOWING THE 350TH CORONATION DAY CEREMONY**



Dhule (Maharashtra): An allegedly illegally built monument of Tipu Sultan was removed from Maharashtra's Dhule, said police officials. This comes after the recent communal clashes that erupted after a social media post uploaded by a few people hailing Mughal emperors Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan following the 350th Coronation Day ceremony.

Dhule, Superintendent of Police, Sanjay Barkund said that monument of Tipu Sultan was built on the main road, without permission. "A monument of Tipu Sultan was built here on the main road, there was no permission for it. We got information that it is an illegal monument. We had a meeting to remove it after which it was removed. There is peace in the area," said Sanjay Barkund, SP Dhule, Maharashtra on Friday.

Tension gripped Kolhapur after some youth allegedly posted objectionable posts on social media with a reference to Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan.

Sanjay Barkund said that the monument was illegally built at the intersection of 100 feet of Vadjai Road.

"Since it was built illegally, the matter was discussed with the MLA (AIMIM) and he has also agreed that if there is any illegal construction in it, then it will take a step from its own side to remove it. Ready to take back. After a discussion between the Collector and other officials, it was decided to remove it. Initially, whether this land belongs to the Municipal Corporation or the PWD, there was definitely some dispute in this matter. But keeping that controversy aside, because this construction was illegal, action has been taken to remove it and due to this the atmosphere of the city is not tense at all," the SP added.

The local administration had suspended internet services in the district until Thursday midnight after tensions erupted over alleged objectionable social media status with reference to Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan.

## GOD GIVE COURAGE TO ALL: VINESH PHOGAT AFTER MINOR'S FATHER ADMITS TO FILING FALSE SEXUAL HARASSMENT CHARGES

Asian Games gold medalist and one of the prominent faces of the wrestlers' protest against WFI chief, Vinesh Phogat tweeted, "May these daughters not lose courage one by one because of the delay in this fight for justice??? God give courage to all." Phogat's tweet came days after the 'minor', whose complaint had formed basis of FIR against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh under the POCSO Act withdrew her sexual harassment allegations against the outgoing WFI president. The minor wrestler's father told PTI that they levelled sexual harassment charges against Singh because he wanted to settle score with the WFI chief, who he held responsible for his daughter's defeat in trials for the Under 17 Asian Championships.

## CROCODILE RESCUED IN 5-HOUR OPERATION IN OSHIWARA



The crocodile was first spotted a few days ago by a paani puri vendor in the area. He reported this to people in the neighbourhood but no one took him seriously

After a challenging, five-hour-long operation that took place in the early hours of Sunday, a Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) team and Wildlife Welfare Association (WWA) volunteers managed to successfully rescue an Indian marsh crocodile from a nullah in Oshiwara.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) Vijay Barabde from SGNP said, "The crocodile was securely captured around 2 am on Sunday by three members of the SGNP with the assistance of Honorary Wildlife Warden Rohit Mohite and his colleagues from the WWA. The 2.5-foot-long crocodile weighed 6 kg. It has undergone a medical evaluation by the SGNP veterinary officer and is healthy enough for release." The reptile will be released into its natural environment as soon as the medical certification is released.

According to Mohite, the SGNP team and 10 WWA volunteers reached the location where the crocodile had been spotted around 9 pm on Saturday to install a cage trap.

## ANAND MAHINDRA THINKS THAT THIS 'CHARPAI VEHICLE' CAN BE A LIFESAVER IN REMOTE AREAS. VIDEO IS VIRAL

Anand Mahindra took to Twitter to reshare a video of a man driving a vehicle fashioned out of a charpai. The clip was originally shared by a user named Manjari Das.

Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra's Twitter account is a haven for thought-provoking, witty and motivational content. He is quite active and his posts do go viral in no time. Moreover, the industrialist is a huge fan of the Indian juggad. And we do have proof of this with us. On June 10, Mahindra shared a video of a man's unconventional vehicle that he had fashioned out of a charpai. Yes, you read that right.

The now-viral video was shared on Twitter originally by a user named Manjari Das. It was reshared by Anand Mahindra. He also claimed that the video was sent to him by at least ten of his friends but he thought that the charpai vehicle might be a prank juggad. "I must have received this video from at least ten friends. I didn't RT it because it seemed more like a prank juggad to get attention & also violates most regulations. But to be honest, I never thought about the application you have referred to. Yes, who knows, it could turn... Show more



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