

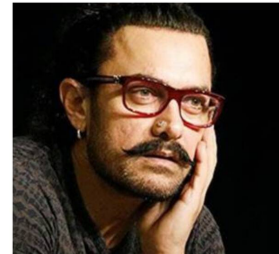
# BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY: IN SUPREME COURT, BIG SETBACK FOR CENTRE

**THE CENTRE HAD SOUGHT THAT THE CASE BE REOPENED AND UNION CARBIDE'S SUCCESSOR FIRMS BE DIRECTED TO PAY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION WORTH ₹ 7,844 CRORE**

**New Delhi:** In a big setback for the centre, the Supreme Court today dismissed its petition seeking more compensation from Union Carbide for the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy that killed over 3,000 people. The centre had sought that the case be reopened and Union Carbide's successor firms are directed to pay additional compensation worth ₹ 7,844 crores to victims of the gas leak disaster. The government had argued that the enormity of the actual damage caused to human lives and the environment could not be assessed properly at the time of the settlement in 1989.

Rejecting the petition, the five-judge Constitution bench said the settlement can be set aside only on the ground of fraud and that the centre had not argued on this point.

The court also said that the centre had not provided any rationale for raking up this matter after two decades. It directed that a sum of ₹ 50 crores lying with the Reserve Bank of India be used to clear the pending compensation claims.



## WHEN SATISH KAUSHIK REJECTED AMIR KHAN FOR MR INDIA BECAUSE HE CAME FOR INTERVIEW IN A CAR

**Amir Khan once recalled that he was interviewed for an assistant director position by Satish Kaushik.**

Amir recalled their meeting, and said, "I had gone and met Shekhar Kapur because he was one of my favourite directors. So I told him that I want to work with you as an assistant. At that time, Satish Kaushik was his chief assistant director. I had a meeting and showed my paperwork on what I do, kitna kuch aata hai and wo bohot impress hue the paperwork se because uss time industry mein koi paperwork karta hi nahi tha. Na Satish karta tha (They were very impressed with the paperwork, because nobody in the industry did paperwork at that time)."

Amir said that he was a terrific AD because he's great at managing sets, but he didn't get the job. Later, he learned why. He continued, "Later Satish told me that tu jab aaya tha mujhse milne meeting ke liye, to tu gaadi chala ke aaya tha and mere paas gaadi nahi thi. To mujhe laga main jis junior ko hire karunga, uske paas gaadi hai (When you had come for a meeting with me, you came in a car and I didn't have a car. So, I felt that the junior who I will hire has a car)."

He told Kaushik that the car wasn't his, and that he was running an errand for somebody on that day, which is why he had it. Amir couldn't believe the irony, and told Kaushik that despite coming from a film family, he used to travelling in public transport.

Kaushik gained further repute and fame as an actor in the 1980s, and remained a regular presence in Hindi films for nearly four decades.



## AMITABH BACHCHAN IS ELATED AS INDIA WINS OSCARS, CHEERS FOR RRR, THE ELEPHANT WHISPERERS: A RECOGNITION LONG OVERDUE...

**Amitabh Bachchan is elated as India wins two Oscars, for RRR and The Elephant Whisperers. Here's what he said.**

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan has reacted to India winning two Oscars at the 95th Academy Awards. Taking to Twitter on Tuesday, Amitabh wrote, "T 4585 - We win! We win two! We win for the country and the people! We win !! Bharat ka jhanda gaad diya, videsh mein (India has planted its flag, abroad)! OSCAR 95." RRR and The Elephant Whisperers both won Oscars, making it a historic day for Indian filmmakers and the audience. (Also Read | Kartiki Gonsalves' The Elephant Whisperers wins at Oscars 2023. Know all about director who dedicated award to India)

Taking to his blog, Amitabh wrote, "We won .. a recognition long overdue .. accepting the reward in the eyes of the beholder .. he that Maketh ; Delivereth .. and deliver he did .. eventually .. But are we so conscious of the attention .. yes we are not considered .. but we do get .. and deservedly so ..." He also added, "But an attention ruled and governed by an alien nation ... that that receive make us proud .. we are no less .. never less than any other .. And in the recent time we or rather I discover.

## APPLE IPHONE 14, IPHONE 14 PLUS IN YELLOW COLOUR TO BE AVAILABLE IN INDIA FROM TODAY

After announcing the pre-booking for the iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus in a new Yellow colour option in India and more than 60 other countries and regions recently, the US-based tech giant Apple has now announced the in-store availability of the latest iPhones in the country from Tuesday, March 14 (today).

There are no changes to the devices beyond the new Yellow finish. The Apple iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus is available in yellow in 128GB, 256GB, and 512GB storage capacities, starting at Rs 79,900 and Rs 89,900, respectively. The iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus is also available in midnight, blue, starlight, purple, and (PRODUCT) RED options.

The iPhone 14 measures 146.70 x 71.50 x 7.80mm and weighs 172.00 grams. Both models include a dual-camera system for stunning photos and videos, the powerful A15 Bionic chip, and innovative safety capabilities including Emergency SOS via satellite and Crash Detection.

iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus have a durable Ceramic Shield front cover, an updated internal design for better sustained performance and easier repairs, and amazing battery life, with iPhone 14 Plus offering the longest battery life of any iPhone ever.

"People love their iPhone and rely on it every day for all that they do, and now there's an exciting addition to the lineup with a new yellow iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus," Bob Borchers, Apple's vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing, had said.

"The extraordinary battery life, lightweight design, pro-level camera and video features, groundbreaking safety capabilities like Emergency SOS via satellite, and all iOS 16 has to offer make iPhone 14 a great option for anyone in the market for a new iPhone,"

# JAIL OR BAIL? AIR INDIA FLYER TRIES TO 'LECTURE' JUDGE, WANTS ₹250 FINE OR...

The accused told the court he had read online that the fine payable under section 336 of the IPC is ₹250, which he was willing to pay, but not the bail amount.

A man booked for alleged unruly behaviour and smoking on an Air India flight was sent to jail by a court here after he refused to pay ₹25,000 for bail and instead cited online 'search' to claim the fine payable under the IPC section was ₹250.

A court has granted the accused, Ratnakar Dwivedi, a cash bail, but he refused to pay the amount and told the court on Monday he was ready to go to jail. He was booked under section 336 (the act of endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Indian Penal Code after he was allegedly caught smoking in the lavatory of Air India's London-Mumbai flight and behaving in an unruly manner on March 10.

The accused told the court he had read online that the fine payable under section 336 of the IPC is ₹250, which he was willing to pay, but not the bail amount. Following this, the Andheri metropolitan magistrate sent him to jail on Monday.

Air India had said a passenger was found smoking in the lavatory of the flight and behaved in an unruly and aggressive manner, despite repeated warnings. According to Mumbai Police, the accused also caused a disturbance on the aircraft and endangered the lives of all passengers, besides disobeying the pilot's oral and written instructions to keep calm.

## VIRAT KOHLI GIVES "BRUTALLY HONEST" ANSWER TO RAHUL DRAVID'S QUESTION ON CENTURY DROUGHT

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After a gap of over 1200 days, Virat Kohli reached the triple-digit score in Tests, scoring 186 runs for India in the first innings of the Ahmedabad Test against Australia. The biggest chunk of the last three years wasn't the most pleasant in Kohli's career, with the batter struggling to score big runs in all three formats of the game. However, Kohli's will to bounce back paid off and in a matter of months he has multiple centuries in all three formats of the game. However, joining India's head coach Rahul Dravid for a chat after the conclusion of the Ahmedabad Test, Kohli was asked if the century drought in Tests was 'hard' for him. The batter gave a 'brutally honest' response.

In a video shared by BCCI.TV, Dravid asked Kohli if it was 'hard' for him to have not scored a Test century for such a long period. In response, Virat said: "To be honest, I've led the complications to grow on me a little bit because of my own shortcomings. I think the desperation to get the 3-figure mark is something that can grow on you as a batsman. We've all experienced that at some stage or the other. I think I led that happen to me to a certain extent."

"But also the flip side to it is that I am not a guy who is happy with 40 or 45 runs. I am someone who always takes pride in performing for the team.



## MUMBAI: FIRE WIPES OUT 1,000 HOUSES IN MALAD SLUM

One body pulled out; blaze spread as fire brigade found it tough to navigate narrow approach road in densely populated Appa pada



A Fire engulfed nearly 1,000 houses at Anand Nagar slum in Appa pada, Malad East, and killed one person on Monday, officials said. Rescue operations were underway until late night. Firefighters struggled to reach the forestland, where the blaze erupted, due to narrow lanes.

The body was sent to HBT Trauma Care Centre and a search operation is underway to find any injured and missing people, said officials.

Witnesses told mid-day that slum dwellers heard multiple cylinder blasts late afternoon and ran out of their houses, which are located close to a forestland. The fire brigade contained the blaze by 7 pm and started cooling operations.

"The fire was confined to 800 to 1,000 huts over 10,000 square metres. Around 15 to 20 cylinder explosions had occurred," said a fire official.

Bapu Santish Borade, a resident of Sainath chawl committee, Ambedkar Nagar, Appa pada, said, "I was in my office when I got a call from my wife about the fire. Only my wife and son were at home and I told them to immediately leave the house and go to a safe place. My wife with the help of our neighbours removed the gas cylinder and vacated the area. All our belongings have been destroyed in the fire."

### STRUGGLE NAVIGATING

The fire was reported around 4.45 pm, but the fire brigade faced difficulty to reach the spot due to small lanes and the geography of the area. Officials declared it a level-three fire at 5.15 pm and more fire engines were rushed to the spot.

mid-day also saw the challenges the police and fire brigade faced while navigating the traffic, as the road off Western Express Highway, leading to Appa pada, is narrow. The highway became even more crowded in the evening.

### SGNP saved

A police constable, requesting anonymity, told mid-day, "The fire brigade and the police made every effort to prevent the fire from spreading to the forest, or else there would have been a huge loss to the forest cover in Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP)."

# 'HOW STUPID...': SILICON VALLEY BANK EMPLOYEE BLAMES THIS PERSON FOR COLLAPSE

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The Silicon Valley Bank collapse has triggered frenzy among financial experts who are concerned about the state of US economy. The Biden administration has announced measures for the depositors allowing them access to all of their money, even as it says that the American banking system is resilient and on solid foundation.

However, blame game has erupted over what led to the bank's collapse. The US tech sector has blamed Silicon Valley Bank's chief executive officer Greg Becker. A bank employee, on condition of anonymity, told CNN, 'was dumbfounded' by the CEO's public acknowledgement of the extent of the lender's financial troubles.

The employee who worked on the asset management side of the bank said the move was 'absolutely idiotic' as the transparency and 'forthrightness' led to the woes.

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