

IIFA Awards 2023

'Drishyam 2' wins best picture, Alia Bhatt & Hrithik Roshan bag acting honours

ABU DHABI, May 28: Ajay Devgn-starrer "Drishyam 2" won the top prize of best picture at the star-studded IIFA Awards ceremony here that saw Alia Bhatt and Hrithik Roshan bagging the female and male acting trophies, respectively.

The two-day extravaganza, held at a foreign location every year to celebrate the best of Hindi films, concluded Saturday night at the Etihad Arena, part of Yas Viceroy Hotel on Yas Island.

Producers Bhushan Kumar and Kumar Mangat accepted the best picture award for "Drishyam 2", a remake of popular Malayalam movie of the same title. The film also won the award for best adapted story.

Bachchan and Vicky Kaushal on "Ek Pa Ki Jeena" from his debut movie "Kaho Na Pyaar Hai".

Ranbir Kapoor and Bhatt-starrer "Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva" registered the most wins for a film, including -- best playback singer (female) for Shreya Ghoshal, best playback singer (male) for Arijit Singh (Male), best lyricist award for Amitabh Bhattacharya and best supporting actor (female) for Mouni Roy.

Veteran actor Anil Kapoor won the award for best performance in a supporting role - male for "Jugjugg Jeeyo".

Actor R Madhavan was honoured with the best direction award for his maiden filmmaking effort "Rocketry: The Nambi Effect".

Pervez Sheikh and Jasmeet Reen bagged the trophy for best original story for "Darlings".

Late Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan's son, Babil Khan, won the best debut (Male) award for the film "Qala". He shared the award with Shantanu Maheshwari of "Gangubai Kathiawadi" fame.

Actor Khushali Kumar was adjudged the winner of best debut (female) for "Dhoka Around the Corner".

Music maestro A R Rahman felicitated cinema icon Kamal Haasan with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema honour at the IIFA Awards.

"I am a child of cinema, I was born in movies. I have been here for three-and-half decades. I always feel I haven't done enough. I will have to go back and work

harder," Haasan said after receiving the award.

The awards night saw some electrifying performances from superstar Salman Khan, Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Jacqueline Fernandez, Nora Fatchi and Rakul Preet Singh.

Khan showcased his dance moves as he performed on tracks like "Aaj Ki Party" from "Bajrangi Bhaijaan", "Seeti Maar" from "Radhe", "Aaja Soniye" from "Mujhse Shaadi Karoge" and "Jumme Ki Raat" from "Kick".

Dhawan paid a tribute to Bollywood directors Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Rohit Shetty, and Karan Johar by dancing on popular songs from their films.

Fatchi performed on old Bollywood cabaret numbers such as "Laila O Laila" and "Monica Oh My Darling", whereas Singh paid an ode to the black-and-white era with an act on classic tracks such as "Aajeb Dastaan Hai Yeh" and "Pyaar Hua Ikrar Hua".

The IIFA Awards and Weekend were held in collaboration with the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), and Miral, Abu Dhabi's leading curator of immersive destinations and experiences. (PTI)

ISRO begins countdown for launch of navigation satellite

SRIHARIKOTA (Andhra Pradesh), May 28: Scientists at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Sunday at 7.12 am commenced the 27.5 hour countdown for the launch of a navigation satellite on board a GSLV rocket here on May 29.

The Bengaluru-headquartered space agency is all geared up to launch the second-generation navigation satellite series, a significant launch which would ensure the continuity of NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) services -- an Indian regional satellite navigation system, similar to GPS, providing accurate and real-time navigation in India and a region extending to 1,500 km around the mainland.

NavIC signals are designed to provide user position accurate to better than 20-metres and timing accuracy better than 50 nanoseconds. The 51.7 metre tall Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, on its 15th flight, would carry the navigation satellite NVS-01 weighing 2,232 kg on Monday at 10.42 am from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR) here, about 130 km from Chennai.

Nearly 20 minutes after the flight, the rocket is scheduled to deploy the satellite in a geosynchro-

nous transfer orbit (GTO) at an altitude of about 251 km, ISRO said.

The NVS-01 carries navigation payloads L1, L5 and S bands and in comparison with the previous one, the second-generation satellite would also carry an indigenously developed rubidium atomic clock. It is for the first time that an indigenously developed rubidium atomic clock would be used in Monday's launch, ISRO said.

According to the space agency, scientists earlier used imported rubidium atomic clocks to determine date and location. Now, the rubidium atomic clock developed by Ahmedabad-based Space Applications Centre will be on board. It is an important technology that only a handful of countries possess, it said.

ISRO developed the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) system to meet the positioning, navigation and timing requirements of the country, particularly with regard to civil aviation and military requirements. NavIC was earlier known as the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).

"The L1 navigation band is popular for providing position, navigation and timing services for civilian users and for interoperability with other GNSS (global navigation satellite system) signals," ISRO said.

Some of the applications of NavIC include terrestrial, aerial and maritime navigation, precision agriculture, location-based services in mobile devices and marine fisheries, among many others. NavIC is designed with a constellation of seven satellites and a network of ground stations that operate 24x7.

NavIC offers two services -- Standard Position Service (SPS) for civilian users and Restricted Service for strategic users. NavIC SPS signals are interoperable with the US global navigation satellite system signals, GPS, Glonass from Russia, Galileo (European Union) and BeiDou, China. Monday's mission is the sixth operational flight of the GSLV with indigenous cryogenic stage. The mission life of NVS-01 is expected to be better than 12 years, ISRO said. (PTI)

Kavinder slams Mehbooba for supporting Yasin Malik

JAMMU, May 28: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today slammed PDP chief, Mehbooba Mufti for supporting terrorist Yasin Malik, for whom the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has sought death sentence from Delhi High Court.

Talking on the sidelines of congregation of Khajuria Community here at Baba Amboji Devsthan, Bahu Fort, the BJP leader said that NIA has rightly moved the Delhi High Court as the crimes committed by the life-term convict Malik are unpardonable but in the course, the real face of Mehbooba has been exposed as her support to one of the top ter-

rorists of all times in J&K is the testimony to the fact that there might be some connection between the two.

He sought thorough probe into the whole gamut and strict action against Mehbooba if found guilty.

Kavinder said that entities like Mehbooba and her ilk have led the Jammu and Kashmir to the edge and it was on the brink of collapse, when PM Narendra Modi took the reins of the country and ensured stability, peace and progress once again by abrogating Article 370 and tightening noose around the elements inimical to peace and tranquility. He demanded action against the Mehbooba for her devious role in acts which were detrimental to the region and the country.

Follow 'Hindu Muslim Sikh Ittihad' slogan to turn 'Vishwa Guru': Rana

MENDHAR, May 28: President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Pir Panjal Zone, Javed Rana has said that India cannot attain the target of becoming the 'Vishwa Guru' without following the slogan of 'Hindu Muslim Sikh Ittihad' in letter and spirit.

Addressing a public meeting here today, the senior NC leader asserted that in order to become a world leader, it is inevitable to make the nation strong and a vibrant democracy first. He said that in this direction, the unity among various communities especially, the Hindus, Muslims and the Sikhs is must. Without naming any party, he said that it is quite unfortunate that communal politics is being played today for winning elections thus creating communal divide among the people. He said that though it may satiate the vested interests of the party adopting this tool, but it will ultimately weaken or even lead to disintegration.

Rana said Pir Panjal has been victimized by the vindictive politics of the incumbent government, due to which this region is

facing discrimination. As a result of this discrimination, the region has further suffered in terms of development. He said the region suffered a lot due to partition but the BJP has further plunged this region and its people into utter backwardness.

The former Legislator asserted that the entire Pir Panjal area is facing neglect and has been left on the mercy of God. He expressed great disappointment against the government for not paying any attention towards this backward region, situated closer to the LoC.

Rana asserted that such stance of those in governance will only create fissions in the society which does not augur well with democratic health of Jammu and Kashmir. He said there is dire need to strengthen the democracy in J&K by holding Assembly elections at the earliest.

The senior NC leader asserted that the slogan of 'Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Ittihad- Zindabad' be made the fundamental principle to run this nation so that democracy which stands endangered today, thrives across the nation.

KEEWA delegation calls on MD PDC, submits memorandum

SRINAGAR, May 28: A delegation of Kashmir Electric Employees & Workers Association (KEEWA) called on MD J&K Power Development Corporation (PDC) Pankaj Mangotra here and discussed various issues of Corporation employees with him.

The delegation was led by the president of the Association Nazir Ahmed Magray. It also submitted a memorandum to MD PDC and demanded settlement of the issues.

It said that executive and technical posts were sanctioned for generation divisions of J&K UT but no such posts have been provided for USHP-II Kangan. Though proposals have already been sanctioned but the same is pending which needs immediate consideration.

It said the dearth of staff in power projects has drastically affected the work culture and the functioning as well. The delegation demanded immediate rationalization of staff.

It, while highlighting the issue of insitu promotions and pending SRO-43 cases demanded that the pending cases be considered without further delay.

The delegation expressed concern over delaying tactics adopted in settlement of pension cases of PDD/PDC employees which has resulted into lot of problems to these hapless employees who attained age of superannuation since 2012. It demanded their cases be settled and employees be paid retirement benefits.

The delegation also demanded formation of rules and regulations for Corporation which came into existence in 1989 and was registered in 1995 but no rules and regulations have been made since then due to which the employees are deprived of all amenities.

The delegation also demanded securing of PDC land and buildings, regularization of daily wagers, implementation of SRO 59, release of Hardship Allowance etc.

The MD assured that the demands will be looked into.

The other members of the delegation included Shah Mohammad, Mohammad Shaban Bhat, Javed Ahmed Shah, Manzoor Ahmed Rather, M D Mir, Molvi Majeed, Mohammed Latif Mir, Abdul Wajid.



Meritorious students & youth of Rajput community being awarded by Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha at Samba on Sunday.

Rajput Sabha awards scholarship to EWS students of community

SAMBA, May 28: Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, Jammu today held a programme at Rajput Sabha Samba, in which scholarship was awarded to the meritorious students of economically weaker section of Rajput community.

Scholarship was given to meritorious students who have recently passed out 10th and 12th standard exams.

Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha Jammu also felicitated youth from Rajput community for their achievements in the field of studies, sports and social activities.

Kunwar Narayan Singh, former President of Rajput Sabha Jammu and presently Prabharri BJP Samba unit, was chief guest on the occa-

sion. He motivated youth to inculcate leadership and entrepreneurship qualities in them and contribute for the development of nation.

Narayan Singh also appealed the entire Rajput community to come forward for extending an helping hand to the economically weaker families of the community so that they may not feel alienated and deprived.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion, included Jagdish Singh Sangwal, Vice President Rajput Sabha J&K; Mangleshwar Singh, General Secretary Rajput Sabha J&K; Capt Inder Singh, President Rajput Sabha, Distt Samba; Karan Singh, Kawala Singh and Raj Singh.

Burglary case solved in Baramulla, 3 arrested

SRINAGAR, May 28: Police in Baramulla today solved a burglary case by arresting 3 accused persons involved in the commission of the crime and recovered stolen property from their possession.

As per police, on May 27, Police Station Boniyar received a complaint from one person Mushtaq Ahmad Ahanger, who is the accounts officer of Small Hydro Electric Project Boniyar, stating therein that some unknown burglars have stolen steel shuttering plates from the construction site at Maidan Boniyar.

"Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Boniyar and an investigation was initiated," police said.

During the investigation, police said, officers with the help of technical and human resources zeroed in on some suspects for questioning.

Among them, police said, 3 suspects identified as Aqib Ahmad Shah son of Mohammad Hafeez Shah resident of Nangli Pora Sopore, Bashir Ahmad Jander son of Sayia Jinder resident of Madian Boniyar & Sajad Ahmad Thakar son of Gulam Qadir Thakar resident of Uranbowa confessed their involvement in the commission of the crime after thorough interrogation.

On their disclosure, officers have also recovered stolen property from their possession. "They have been arrested and shifted to the police station where they remain in custody."

GMCH Kathua clarifies report

KATHUA, May 28: The Government Medical College Hospital (GMCH) Kathua while denying that the woman patient had died in hospital yesterday due to negligence of doctors said that despite best efforts of doctors they could not save the patient as her attendant did not cooperate with the doctors and provided a wrong information to them besides gave oral feeding to the patient who was put by doctors on Ryle's tube.

In a statement issued today, Dr Surinder Atri, Principal GMCH, Kathua said that a 45 years old female admitted in our hospital on 24/05/23 with history of vomiting and unconsciousness. Her BP at admission was 180/100 and pupils of both eyes were constricted. So management started for high BP and CT Scan head was done which was normal.

However, patient's condition deteriorated and was intubated and shifted to ICU. After about 2-3 hours of admission attendants told the doctor on duty that she may have consumed some poisonous substance. Patient was immediately started on treatment for Organophosphate poisoning based on her clinical signs and symptoms and managed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) until stabilized.

Afterward, the patient was extubated and shifted to a regular

ward with a Ryle's tube in place, which is a tube inserted through the nose to provide nutrition. However, after the attendants gave something orally to the patient, the patient suddenly collapsed. Initially attendant told about feeding orally but later refused to provide further information and even manhandled the doctor and damaged the hospital property.

Dr Atri further said patient was again intubated and shifted to ICU but unfortunately she expired.

Later it was also revealed by the attendants that patient had some psychiatric disorder and had stopped the medications for that.

This situation highlights the importance of transparent communication and cooperation between medical staff and attendants to ensure the patient's well-being and safety, he said.

Religiosity may improve stress levels: Dr Sushil Sharma

JAMMU, May 28: To enlighten the masses regarding the role of religion and spirituality in prevention of cardiac ailments, Head of Department Cardiology, GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma today organized cardiac awareness cum health checkup camp in association with SVS Charitable Trust at Rajouri.

The camp was inaugurated by Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwamanand Ji Maharaj along with Dr Sushil Sharma and Vibodh Gupta amidst vedic invocations for universal peace and health for all. Around 2000 people benefitted from the health checkup camp. Free medicines were given as per advice. Important body tests viz., ECG, Lipid-profile, BMD, Blood sugar were also conducted.

Swami Vishwamanand said religion is an important aspect of health care and attention to religious needs has been increasingly emphasized by healthcare professionals. The strength and comfort obtained from one's faith in a personal relationship with God as a

higher power include a sense of meaningfulness and well-being. Religious coping strategies and a sense of meaning help the patients suffering from chronic diseases to trust their strengths, accept new conditions, and cope through finding their inner selves.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that studies have reported positive relationships between religiosity, general health, and mortality. Some studies suggested that more frequent participation in religious activities led to lower rates of smoking, and others reported that practicing religion may be related to lower all-cause mortality. Religiosity may improve health through several mechanisms. Religiosity may improve stress levels by providing an outlet to cope as it also encourages people to live healthy lives, including the prevention of substance or alcohol abuse. Social support among believers may also provide positive effects on their health. Prayer and meditation as a part of religious activities may also be a form of relaxation.

4 gamblers held, stake money seized

SRINAGAR, May 28: Police in Kulgam today arrested 4 gamblers and seized stake money amounting to Rs 46 thousand from their possession.

Acting on specific information regarding gambling activities in the jurisdiction of Police Post Mirbazar, a police party headed by Incharge PP Mirbazar

raided the suspected gambling site at Furrah and apprehended four gamblers on the spot.

"They have been identified as Shah Nawaz Ahmad Lone of Bashir Ahmad Lone resident of Malpora, Javed Ahmad Mir son of Mohd Amin Mir resident of Furrah, Nisar Ahmad Khanday son of Ghulam Ahmad Khanday and Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani son of Abdul Aziz Wani both residents of Zadoora," police said.

As per police, officers have seized stake money of Rs. 46,000/- 4 mobile phones and a set of playing cards from their possession. "They have been shifted to the police station where they remain in custody."

Accordingly, police said, a case vide FIR No. 93/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police station Qazigund and an investigation has been taken up.

Man killed in road accident

JAMMU, May 28: A 62-year-old man died in a road accident here, officials said today.

They said Atma Ram (62) son of Laxmi Narayan of Janipur at present The Grand Flats, Akhnour Road, Jammu, was admitted to Government Medical College Jammu on May 23 after he was hit by a Scooty near his current place of residence.

"The sexagenarian man breathed his last at the hospital today," officials said.

Police have shifted the body of the deceased man to the mortuary of the hospital for conducting the post-mortem while a case under relevant sections of the law stands registered at concerned police station.

Panch 'commits suicide' with minor daughter

RAMBAN, May 28: Bodies of Panch of Ward number 1 of Panchayat Rakhjadokh in Batote along with his five year old daughter, who allegedly committed suicide, were not traced so far while they were reported missing since last afternoon.

Police sources said Panch Purshotam Lal, 32, son of Sham Lal, resident of Rakhjadokh, falling under Police Station Batote in Ramban district, allegedly committed suicide along with his five years old daughter Rohni Devi by jumping into Baglihar reservoir in Dhamoond, Panchayat of Batote, 3 km from his residence Rakhjadokh.

Police said some belongings of Purshotam Kumar including a

mobile phone, a pair of sleepers and lighter were found from the bank of the reservoir.

Police received the missing information regarding the Panch and his daughter on Sunday morning.

According to Police and locals, Purshotam was depressed after the death of his wife few months back. Rohni was also not normal and the Panch also had a son.

It is suspected he along with his minor daughter have jumped into Baglihar reservoir.

Police along with local QRT and SDRF were searching for both in the reservoir till late Sunday evening.

Dy.SP Headquarters Ramban, Pardeep Singh Sen said that search operation was suspended for night but will resume in morning.

Dr Dogra gets Global Educational Excellence Award

NEW DELHI, May 28: Dr. M.L. Dogra, an Indian theatre personality and scholar, of Jammu and Kashmir, UT known for bringing creative Dogri and Hindi theatre, awareness through folk media, lyrical Musical plays internationally, was awarded "Global Education Excellence Award & Global Star Excellence Award 2023" for his achievements and contribution in Computer and Music Education by the Global National Urban Rural computer literacy & Skill Development mission at India

International Cultural centre, New Delhi supported by MSME & Ministry of Cooperate Affairs Government of India.

The programme was inaugurated by Koushal Kishore, Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs in the presence of Bollywood playback singer Arpita Chakraborty, Bollywood Actress Priyanka Tiwari, Priya Mallick, playback singer, S.M. Sahai, D.G.P. of J&K, Additional Secretary of Government of India, while B.L.Verma Minister of State co-operation, Government of India was guest of Honor.

Welcome address was given by the Sunil Kumar, Director NURCLM, India Dr. Dogra is one of the few names of the country who have made a unique contribution in establishing a folk Theatre awareness Seminars, cultural programs, workshops, group discussions for the benefit of general public in India.

He has created over three dozen Dance drama spectacles which really represent the ethos, aspirations of the society and has also written more than 50 lyrical Musical Plays, Books, Scripts and more than 2000 Songs in Dogri and Hindi, Punjabi languages on healthcare and social sector and presented in far flung are of the various Indian States.



Special Secretary, School Education, Anu Behl inaugurating a blood donation camp at Domana, Jammu.

Blood donation camp organized

JAMMU, May 28: Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation (Social Wing of Sant Nirankari Mission) organized a blood donation camp in Branch Domana (Zone 1- Jammu).

The camp was inaugurated by Anu Behl (Special Secretary - School Education), Ranjeet Singh (State Taxes) and Mahohar Lal (District Treasury Officer) in the presence of Ajit Singh (Zonal Incharge, Sant Nirankari Mission, Zone 1, Jammu).

Speaking on the occasion, Ajit Singh admired donors for their true selfless service for the welfare of the people. He told that the first blood donation camp was organized in 1986 and since then blood donation camps are being organized by the

Mission to spread the message of Baba Hardev Singh Ji 'blood should flow in veins not in drains'.

"Till now Sant Nirankari Mission has donated more than 12,50,000 units of blood," said Ajit Singh and highlighted the other socio spiritual activities of the Mission.

Parshotam Singh (Mukhi branch, Domana) presented the vote of thanks. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Dr Salvi, Dr Deepshikha and Dr Yaseer from Blood Bank of GMC Jammu, Vishal Shoor (SDPO Domana) and social workers of the society.

The camp was held in collaboration with Blood & Transfusion Department of Government Medical College Jammu, Indian Red Cross Society and JKSAACS.

Admn gets community bunker vacated

POONCH, May 28: District Administration got a community bunker vacated which was being used by some individuals as personal property at Karmara border village in Poonch district.

Official sources said that community bunkers meant for local population are being used by some individuals as personal property which could pose a threat to the life and security of public.

"In compliance with the directions from Deputy Commissioner's office, community bunker was vacated in Karmara area of Poonch and placed under 'Spurdnama' of concerned Numberdar and Chowkidar of the village.

A senior officer said that this shall be followed across Tehsil Haveli in Poonch and all such bunkers being used as personal property shall be vacated and handed over to local Numberdar/Chowkidar.

Two injured in bike accident

POONCH, May 28: Two youth were injured in motorcycle accident near Kalai bridge in Poonch district today.

Official sources said that the accident took place in Kalai area this evening. Both the injured persons were shifted to District Hospital, Poonch for treatment.

Injured were identified as Sajid Hussain, son of Basharat Hussain and Mukhtar Hussain, son of Mohd Yaseen, residents of Hari Marhote in Surankote.

Doctors said that both were treated at DH Poonch and kept under observation for some time but the condition of both was stable. Meanwhile, Police has taken the cognizance.

2 peddlers held with cannabis, brown sugar

SRINAGAR, May 28: Police today arrested 2 drug peddlers in Baramulla, Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, a police party led by SHO PS Baramulla under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla Sajjad Bukhari during Naka checking near the Hospital crossing Baramulla intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully.

During the search, police said, 15 grams of Brown Sugar-like substance was recovered from his possession.

Similarly in Kulgam, a police party headed by in-charge PP Frisal during naka checking at Damiidulla Crossing intercepted one person identified as Tariq Ahmad Kuchay son of Abdul Majeed Kuchay resident of Kadder Kulgam.

"During the search, 5 Cannabis sticks (105 grams) were recovered from his possession."

Both the drug peddlers have been arrested and shifted to their respective police stations where they remain in custody. "Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of the law have been registered at respective police stations," police said.