

Grahan Trailer: Based on the novel Chaurasi, the series speaks about father-daughter relationship & havoc of 84!



The 1984 anti-Sikh riots have been presented on the big screen multiple times in Indian cinema. Whether it is Konkona Sen Sharma-starrer Amu (2005), Kaya Taran (2004), Punjab 1984 (2014), or Chauthi Koot (2016), each film has showcased the violence spiraled out of control in Delhi when Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards. The famous novel Chaurasi, also speaks about the heinous crime that happened in the capital. Penned by Satya Vyas, the book is about a cute love story based on the background of the 1984 riots which created havoc for the Sikh community. Now, the novel has been adapted for a web series Grahan by Ranjan Chandel. Disney Plus Hotstar Specials released the trailer of the series on Thursday.

The series plot revolves around a young IPS Officer Amrita Singh (Hussain) who has been handed over a case related to the riots of 1984. But things take a different turn when she gets to know that her father Gursevak (Pavan Malhotra) has been accused of an atrocious crime. The police department removes Amrita from the case. Now, the big question is will she be able to prove her father's probity or will follow the protocols. Well, to know the answers you have to watch the series on June 24.

Helmed by Ranjan Chandel and produced by Jar Pictures. The series stars Pavan Malhotra, Zoya Hussain, Anshuman Pushkar, Wamiqa Gabbi, Teekam Joshi and Sahidur Rahman. Grahan will stream on Disney Plus Hotstar on June 24.

Shah Rukh Khan reacts to Tom Hiddleston's love for himself, says, 'hope there's no mischief!'

Shah Rukh Khan has an immense fan following in foreign countries where his Bollywood movies have always received great audience response. The actor is known as King Khan, the Badshah of Bollywood and King of Bollywood, because of his worth on the global platform. If we would say that he is the ultimate NRI hero, then it wouldn't be wrong. Recently, the actor got more prestige when famous Hollywood star Tom Hiddleston who is promoting his Marvel Cinematic Universe web series 'Loki' said that he is SRK's fan. Well, in the Loki promotional video, the actor played the Word Association game. When he was asked about India, Tom replied with the name of Shah Rukh Khan and he again reverted with the actor's name when he was ques-



tioned by word Bollywood. Seems like Tom is a big SRK fan. Now, Shah Rukh Khan has also responded to his video and while resharing the video on the Instagram story, he wrote, 'You are kind, God of Mischief..hope there's no mischief behind this claim though. Lots of love @twhiddleston and can't wait to binge Loki Starting now-Ép!!.' More on the work front, Shah Rukh Khan will be seen sharing the screen with Om Shanti Om actress Deepika Padukone in YRF's spy action film Pathan. Salman Khan is also reprising his Tiger character in the film. Apart from it, Shah Rukh Khan will be seen next doing cameo roles in R Madhavan's 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect', and Ayan Mukerji's 'Brahmastra'.

Bhumi Pednekar shares her feelings on restarting her shoot life

With the unlock in Maharashtra, the entire Bollywood is resuming the film shoots. B-town celebs are also welcoming the state government decision and gearing up for starting new projects. Bhumi Pednekar also shared her excitement on restarting her filmy shoot life. The actress expressed her feelings on social media while saying bye-bye to her pyjamas.

Bhumi Pednekar shared a gorgeous selfie on Instagram while donning a black tank top. The actress captioned it, "Bye bye pyjamas, ready to restart life :)." The actress is soon to start Anand L.Rai's directorial venture Raksha-Bandhan in which she will be seen opposite Akshay Kumar.

On the professional front, last time we saw the actress in G. Ashok's 'Durgamati' along with Arshad Warsi. Now, Bhumi will be seen next in Badhai Do opposite Rajkumar Rao.



J&K prepares capacity expansion plan to tackle possible third wave of COVID

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday chaired a meeting to oversee the preparation of action plan for tackling a possible third wave of COVID in Jammu and Kashmir based on the recommendations of an expert Advisory Committee headed by Prof. Mohammad Sultan Khuroo.

Financial Commissioner, Health & Medical Education, Atal Dulloo; Prof. Mohammad Sultan Khuroo, and Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM) participated in the meeting.

The Chief Secretary complimented the efforts of the Health & Medical Education Department in combating

the COVID-19 pandemic by maintaining high level testing and vaccination rates, and ramping up COVID dedicated medical facilities. He emphasized the need for strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behavior in addition to vigorous vaccination drives for successful containment of the disease.

It was informed that in comparison to the first wave which was slow, gradual, and mostly affected elderly/co-morbid population; the second wave was abrupt, steep, and severely infected the young and middle-aged population. As such, it was stressed that the trajectory of the disease must be put under meticulous surveillance for early

detection of new trends towards a probable third wave. The Health and Medical Education Department was asked to constitute a medical advisory team consisting of field experts in virology, epidemiology, and microbiology to provide multi-dimensional scientific recommendations for evidence-based scientific management of COVID-19.

The Chief Secretary directed the Department to conduct stratified serological surveys in Jammu and Kashmir for ascertaining natural/ vaccine induced seropositivity in the population and identifying susceptible groups and areas in the Union territory to be taken under targeted vaccination drives.

Cong leaders daydreaming on Art 370, retaining power: Kavinder

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Saturday retorted against senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh's remark that his party will restore Article 370 after coming to power.

While addressing people during visit to Nai Basti and Patel Nagar areas in Gandhi Nagar constituency, Kavinder said that no one can stop Congress leaders from daydreaming but the reality is contrary to the statement of Digvijay and his ilk as there is no chance of Congress retaining the power again as it is a spent force now and as far as Article 370 is concerned the abrogation of the same has been carried out under statutory provisions of the Constitution with Parliament of India's nod

therefore restoring the same is not a child's play anymore.

He said that Congress taking anti-national stance is not a new thing as this party has the history of sitting in the lap of Pakistan.

"Another national level leader of Congress Mani Shanker Aiyar was also exposed while taking support from Pakistan to form Government here", he said adding that people of the country are now fully aware of the deceit and devious policies of Congress and that is the reason this party can no longer get a chance to steer India again.

Kavinder said that dream of Digvijay will always remain a dream now because Congress has no future in India especially when the challenge is nationalist BJP, which has a credibility and clean record of doing things which are in the interest of every Indian citizen.

Earlier, Kavinder Gupta today started blacktopping of road works at Nai Basti and Patel Nagar areas in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

GST Council cuts tax on COVID medicines, equipment

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The GST Council on Saturday slashed the tax rate on COVID-19 medicines such as Remdesivir and equipment like oxygen concentrators and medical grade oxygen.

While GST on Tocilizumab and Amphotericin B is slashed to nil from 5 per cent, the rate on Remdesivir and anti-coagulants like Heparin is lowered from 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

Tax on medical grade oxygen, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, BiPAP machines and high flow nasal cannula (HFNC) devices has been cut to 5 per cent from 12 per cent, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

Also, tax on Covid testing kits has been brought down to 5 per cent from 12 per cent. Pulse oximeters, hand sanitisers, temperature check equipment and ambulances too will attract lower 5 per cent tax, she said.

Display philanthropy feed stray animals, birds regularly: Rajkumar

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Social activist and philanthropist who is also the President of Gau Raksha Samiti, Raj Kumar Gupta (Raja) has impressed upon the people to display benevolence by feeding stray animals and birds amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and scorching summer heat.

He stated this while addressing people at a Bhandara organized by Gau Raksha Samiti at Gau Shalla (Cow Shelter) on the occasion of Shani Dev Jayanti.

A large number of people thronged the Bhandara venue amid strict adherence to COVID-19 SOPs.

Rajkumar, while highlighting the significance of Shani Dev, said that the said deity is the Lord of Justice and His blessings can be earned by worship cow on daily basis. Moreover, Shani Dev can be appeased by providing food and water to cows, stray animals and birds on regular basis. Even otherwise it is very important to act humane towards these innocent ani-

mals. He said that in the ongoing pandemic times, with the closure of sources of food like restaurants, hotels and other eateries, these animals are found almost starving and in such it becomes the duty of the people to take care of these creatures.

Rajkumar Gupta warned that in case of failure to take care of them it would lead to aggression against them and ultimately endanger the human lives because already weak animals would succumb to infections, thus not only effecting themselves but others living in the surrounding areas.

The Gau Raksha Samiti President made a fervent appeal to the people to rise to the occasion and conduct philanthropic and charitable initiatives both individually and jointly to ensure that the stray animals and birds do not starve especially in the summer with mercury shooting high due to scorching heat.

Devika Project to reflect our collective pride, faith: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS UDHAMPUR: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that the River Devika National Project is going to reflect our collective pride and faith, and will be the first-of-its kind in North India.

Therefore, he said, it is important that the concerned authorities executing the work should take all sections of society in confidence, regardless of ideology or political affiliation, so that when this project is accomplished, it is seen not only as a role model for similar other projects in other parts of the country but should also signify a sense of harmony and unity which river Devika has symbolised over the centuries.

During a visit to the site of the Devika Rejuvenation Project and the subsequent meeting here today, accompanied by DDC Chairman Lal Chand Bhagat, District Development Commissioner Indu Kanwal Chib, Municipal Chairman Dr Yogeshwar Gupta, former Minister Pawan Gupta, Heads and senior officers of different Engineering wings and executing agencies, Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated that while there should not be any compromise in the quality of work, at the same time, there should be no hesitation to receive logical suggestions or inputs coming from any quarter.

He said, he visualises the historic Devika Project not



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh during a visit to the site of upcoming River Devika Project at Udhampur, on Saturday.

only as a project of faith but as a monument of consensus and conciliation. Comparing it with the pioneer "Namami Gange" project of the Central Government, the Minister thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for sanctioning the Devika project, which was formally launched by Modi during his visit to Jammu in early 2019.

He said, it is now the responsibility of all of us to accomplish this project with the same spirit and confidence with which it was cleared and sanctioned by the Modi Government.

Dr Jitendra recalled that only last week he had conducted a thorough review of the project through a virtual meeting, which was also attended by Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta and Principal Secretary Urban Development Dheeraj Gupta. He had emphasised on increasing the pace of work to make up for the time lapse on account of COVID pandemic and had also stressed the impor-

tance of optimum coordination between the Contractor agency and the Engineering wings. He had, in that meeting, stressed the importance of monitoring the project on a regular basis and his visit to the site today was also meant to underline this.

At the site, Dr Jitendra Singh was updated about the current status of the work. He was also informed that alleged lack of cooperation from the Contractor agency reported earlier has been sought to be corrected by imposing a fine on the Contractor, who had now given assurance that there would be no laxity hereafter. Under the Centrally funded Rs.190 crore National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) Devika project, bathing "ghats" (places) on the banks of the Devika River will be developed, encroachments will be removed, natural water bodies will be restored and catchment areas will be developed along with cre-

mation ground.

The project includes the construction of three sewage treatment plants of 8 MLD, 4 MLD and 1.6 MLD capacity, sewerage network of 129.27 km, development of two cremation ghats, protection fencing and landscaping, small hydropower plants and three solar power plants. On completion of the project, the rivers will see reduction in pollution and improvement in water quality.

The Devika river also holds great religious significance as it is revered by Hindus as the sister of river Ganga. In June last year, Dr Jitendra Singh had also inaugurated the important Devika Bridge in Udhampur. Apart from taking care of traffic congestion, the Devika Bridge was also meant to help smooth passage of Army convoys and vehicles.

At the same time, the accompanying officers also conveyed that as per the instructions of the Minister, a "Work Audit" was planned to ensure that there was no compromise on the quality of work. During the site visit and the subsequent meeting, the Minister was accompanied by prominent local leaders including DDC Chairman Lal Chand Bhagat, Municipal Chairman, Dr Yogeshwar Gupta, former Minister Pawan Gupta, senior leaders Puran Chand, Vivek Gupta, Parashar, and others, local Councilors, youth leaders led by Sushant Gupta and others.

Army dedicates 50-bed COVID facility set up in Srinagar to people

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Indian Army on Saturday dedicated a 50-bed COVID-19 facility set up in Srinagar to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to help the union territory prepare for an anticipated third wave of the pandemic, a defence spokesperson said here.

The facility established at the 216 Transit Camp in Batwara was inaugurat-

ed by Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Mohammed Aijaz Asad, he said.

"To combat the rapid surge of COVID-19 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and also to prepare for the anticipated third wave of COVID-19, the Indian Army's Chinara Corps on Saturday dedicated a 50-bed facility to the awaam of Kashmir, PRO, Defence, Lt Col Emron

Mosavi said. The facility has 10 ICU beds with ventilator support, 20 high dependency unit beds with oxygen support and 20 oxygen beds, he said.

It also has a laboratory, a radiology department and Blood Gas Analyzer for efficient management of patients, the official said.

The PRO said the Army will provide round-the-clock dedicated doctors,

military nurses and paramedical staff from the 92 Base Hospital here for the facility.

Speaking on the occasion, HOD, Medical Department, Chinara Corps, Brigadier C G Muralidharan assured the people of the Valley and the UT administration of all possible assistance in the fight against COVID-19.

Healthy India Stronger India launches sanitisation drive

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A special drive has been launched by Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman-Healthy India Stronger India (HISI) to aware people and sanitise religious places that are frequently visited by them in the Jammu city.

As part of their initial initiative, members of Healthy India Stronger India carried out, thorough sanitization of Radha Krishan Mandir, Gadadhari Mandir, Bhairavnath Mandir, Ram Mandir, Shiv Mandir and Police Station in Panjirthi; Shiv Mandir and Shiv Shakti Mandir; along with complete Mubarak MandiComplex; Mahalakshmi Mandir of Paeca Danga and Gurudwara Baba Chanda Singh at Jain Bazaar.

Appropriate COVID behaviour awareness drive was also carried out by distribution of



Chairman HISI, Hira Lal Abrol launching sanitisation drive in Jammu.

pamphlets; masks and sanitizers to the visitors of these complexes.

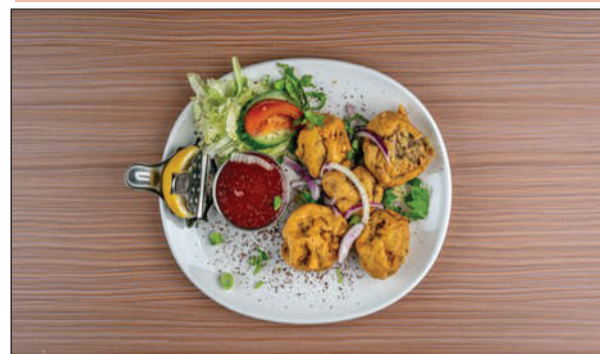
Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman-Healthy India Stronger India interacted with the people and discussed about the importance of timely COVID vaccination and its procedures. Members of HISI namely, Dalbir Singh, Paramjit Singh, Ranneek Sharma, Derwari Lal Verma, Akhil Sharma, Raj Kumar Sharma and Chaman were also present during the occasion.

They distributed books and stationary items to children and motivated them to continue their studies without any hindrance.

Healthy India, Stronger India is an NGO founded by its Chairman, Hira Lal Abrol. This NGO is running a 'Free Training Centre' for skill development of needy and poor children from BPL families. The training center offers 3 months, free courses in Basic Computers; Cutting &



Mushroom Pakora



Ingredients

- 1 cup mushroom
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 4 red chilli
- 2 onion
- 2 teaspoon red chilli powder
- water as required
- 1 cup grated cheese cubes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoon corn starch
- 2 cup refined oil
- 2 teaspoon coriander leaves

Method:

Wash and clean the onions and mushrooms, chop them into fine pieces. Carefully chop the red chillies and coriander leaves separately and keep them aside.

In a deep bowl add in the mushrooms followed by bread crumbs, onions, corn starch, red chillies, coriander leaves and red chilli powder.

Mix all the ingredients well. Once done, add the grated cheese to the mixture and mix again.

To give the mixture a little bit of moisture, add enough water followed by salt and mix well.

Take a deep bottomed pan, put it on medium flame and heat refined oil in it. Add in small ball-like portions of the prepared mixture in the pan and deep fry until you get a crispy golden shade. Transfer the prepared pakoras to tissue to remove excess oil. Serve with your favourite chutney or dip!