

IN BRIEF



Bengali actor-politician Tapas Paul passes away

KOLKATA Veteran Bengali actor and Trinamool Congress leader Tapas Paul passed away in Mumbai on Tuesday...

GoAir flight aborts take-off after bird hit

MUMBAI A GoAir flight to Bengaluru had to abort take-off following a bird hit...

Railways cracks down on illegal ticketing software

NEW DELHI In a relief for train travellers, the Railways on Tuesday claimed that it had arrested at least 60 people...

Bengali question paper leaked during exam

KOLKATA Purported images of the Bengali question paper went viral on WhatsApp soon after the first language examination...

SC voices concern over deforestation

The court was hearing a plea challenging cutting of old trees for an overbridge in West Bengal

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Deforestation is so rapid that before anyone knows everything will be lost, Chief Justice of India Sharad A. Bobde said on Tuesday...

A three-judge Bench, led by the Chief Justice Bobde, was hearing a petition challenging the cutting of heritage trees in West Bengal to create space for an overbridge...

an, for the petitioner, agreed that in another 50 years, the effects of climate change might take a turn for the worse.

'Greed and profit' Chief Justice Bobde did not hold back while condemning humanity's tendency to abuse natural resources for greed and profit.

"I understand you don't have the brains to build new ones [water conservation systems], but you are also destroying what is there," said Justice Bobde.



The court said the green cover must be preserved. "People are not willing to explore alternatives. There could be a way to create a

path without cutting trees, though it might be a little more expensive," Chief Justice Bobde said with the reference to the over-bridge project.

A tree's value The Bench even considered taking on board economists and environmentalists to estimate the value of a tree, factoring in the value of the quantum of oxygen it emits in its lifetime.

"When you cut a heritage tree, imagine the value of the oxygen the tree produced all

these years. Compare it with how much you would have to pay for the equivalent amount of oxygen if you have to buy it from somewhere else," Chief Justice Bobde had observed at an earlier hearing.

Mr. Bhushan had suggested a change in the alignment of the project or even an underbridge.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, for West Bengal, had said the State had discussed the issue for 18 months before deciding on cutting as few trees as possible.

Box office receipts cross ₹10,000 cr.

Hollywood big gainer with 31% rise in collections

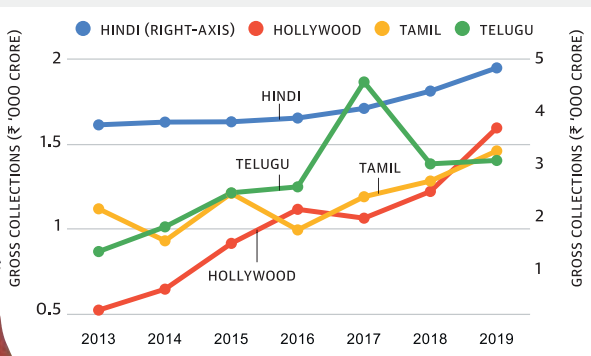
NAMRATA JOSHI MUMBAI

Gross box office receipts crossed the ₹10,000 crore mark for the first time in 2019, making it a historic year for cinema in India...

Hollywood on high

Gross box office collections of Hollywood movies in India grew

204% since 2013, overtaking the Tamil and Telugu movie industries to rank second after Bollywood in 2019



Total gross earnings across all languages rose almost 12% last year to ₹10,948 crore, according to the report. The reduction in GST slabs also helped boost net earnings...

Ironically, the biggest gainer was Hollywood, with its productions registering a 31% jump in gross collections (across all languages, in original as well as dubbed versions) to touch an all-time high of ₹1,595 crore.

and Telugu to the number two spot in terms of earnings after Hindi.

Till last year, Hindi had led the race followed by Tamil and Telugu, with Hollywood placed fourth. The biggest film in India last year was the Marvel superhero movie Avengers: Endgame...

Besides Avengers: Endgame, The Lion King did well for Hollywood with ₹184 crore gross box office earnings across all language versions.

controversial Kabir Singh (₹321 crore).

Hollywood also increased its box office share. While Hindi led with 44% of the gross domestic box office, Hollywood (in all language versions) stood second with 15% share...

Shailesh Kapoor, CEO and founder of Ormax Media, points at the increasing success of multilingual cinema.

"Saaho got 60% of its earnings from the Hindi than the Telugu or Tamil versions," said Mr. Kapoor.

"It shows that the success of Baahubali was not one off," said Mr. Kapoor. "Hindi film industry will continue to get challenged by dubbed versions of the South and Hollywood films," he added.

Hiked funds for Telangana, says Centre

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD

Indian Railways and Union government have enhanced funds for Telangana by "10 times" in the last five years...

The funds allocated in 2014-15 was ₹258 crore finalised by then UPA government whereas it is ₹2,602 crore in 2020-21 just for TS projects...

Mr. Goyal appeared piqued at State Animal Husbandry Minister T. Srinivas Yadav urging the Railways to "shed North India bias" and "also look at south India" for railway projects during his speech at the function earlier.

India is becoming a Hindu Pakistan: Iltija

'Centre unable to handle the situation'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Iltija Javed, the daughter of the former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, said on Tuesday that the Centre was not able to handle the consequences of the revocation of Article 370...



Iltija Javed men's Press Corps.

She said she did not have any plan to take the political plunge yet.

"I will not say Kashmiris are not angry with my mother or other political parties, but they are angrier with the government. Today, I will do a salaam to [Union Home Minister] Amit Shah if he goes to Kashmir and roams around freely...

"This is not the country I grew up in. I am a proud Indian but we are now becoming a Hindu Pakistan. The discourse has fallen so low... I have full respect for the Prime Minister. Either he is being misled or wilfully misleading the country," Ms. Javed said, addressing journalists at the Indian Women's Press Corps.

Special court allows Karti to travel abroad

He was told to submit itinerary to CBI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

A special court on Tuesday allowed Congress MP Karti Chidambaram to travel to the U.K. and France with the condition that he would provide a copy of his itinerary to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) before leaving.



Karti Chidambaram

for the special court that he had to meet his daughter and her tutors at the University of Cambridge in the U.K., and that he also had a business meeting to attend. The CBI opposed the request, submitting that the reasons stated were not backed by evidence.

THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE SEEDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED. RFP Notice No. APSDDCL/ENG/SMP/RKV/2020-2. Date: 17-02-2020. Notice regarding RFPs for seed processing machinery and testing services.

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED. Tender No. PDS 1735/Sugar Tender/Apr to Jun-2020. Dated: 18.02.2020. Notice regarding sugar supply.

TAMIL NADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED. Notice Inviting Tender. Tender No. 192013/007240. Scope of work: Unloading, Stacking and Feeding of Eucalyptus...

M. P. PASCHIM KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN Co. Ltd., GPH COMPOUND, POLOGROUND, INDORE. Notice Inviting Tenders. Online tender for turnkey works.

KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION. Tender Notice. Sealed Tenders are invited in the prescribed format and in two cover system...

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH. REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) For Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Program (HPSRTP).

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PLACEMENT LINKED SKILL TRAINING. No. 3617/P/2016/KSHO. 14.02.2020. Expression of interest invited for placement linked skill trainings.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE. INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT). Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only. Tender for repairs to damaged portion of Bagalur Main Road.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Dense fog likely in isolated parts over Odisha. Under the influence of western disturbance over Kashmir & neighbourhood influence, light isolated to scattered rainfall is likely to occur over the western Himalayan region during the next two days.

Table with columns: CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN, CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN. Lists rainfall and temperature data for various Indian cities.

Table with columns: CITIES, SO2, CO, NO, PM2.5, PM10, AQI. Shows air quality index and pollutant levels for various cities.