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Arjun Kapoor on PM Narendra Modi's Man Vs Wild episode with Bear Grylls 'Outstanding'

Dems turn up the heat on Republicans who back Trump's attempt to gut Obamacare

WASHINGTON - Democrats rolled out a gambit Wednesday to put the squeeze on vulnerable Republicans over President Trump's attempts to chip away at the Affordable Care Act.

Among other things, the landmark health care law signed by former President Barack Obama set standards to guarantee minimum levels of care, and protection for people with preexisting medical conditions.

But the Trump administration recently released new rules that would let states evade some of those protections through a waiver program that was designed to encourage innovation.

Democrats say the new rule will create "junk plans" that offer only phantom coverage, and deny protections for people with preexisting conditions, an assessment that independent analysts echo.

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3 Aug, 2019

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Tuesday

6 Aug, 2019

7:30 PM



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PRESIDENT TRUMP STARTS THE NEW YEAR

by insulting decorated Army veteran 'known for big, dumb mouth'

President Trump kicked off 2019 by insulting four-star Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

The commander-in-chief — who intermittently boasts about having “incredible respect” for the U.S. military — took a shot at the retired special operations commander on Tuesday, deriding him as a partisan “dog” with a “dumb mouth.”

“‘General’ McChrystal got fired like a dog by Obama,” Trump tweeted as the rest of the nation welcomed the New Year. “Last assignment a total bust. Known for big, dumb mouth. Hillary lover!”

Trump’s McChrystal slight came after the former military official said in an interview that he would not join the administration even if he was asked to because he considers the President “immoral.”

“I don’t think he tells the truth,” McChrystal told ABC News correspondent Martha Raddatz on Sunday.

Despite Trump’s claim, McChrystal was not fired but rather tendered his resignation in 2010 after he was found to have privately criticized former President Barack Obama while serving as the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

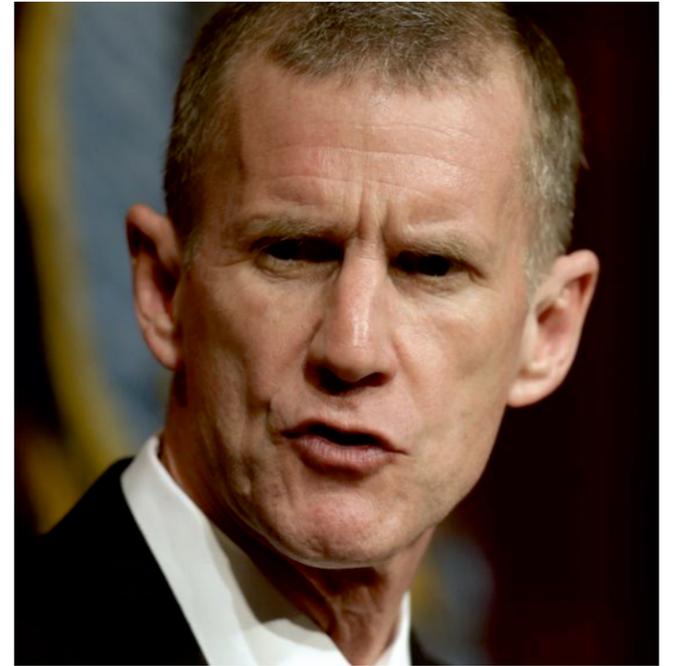
McChrystal, who’s best known for spearheading the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan and serving as the commander of the Joint Special Operations Command, did not respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

Trump’s toxic tweet was criticized by voices on both sides of the political spectrum who denounced the President for insulting someone who fought in one of the longest wars in American history.

“Another day, another veteran having their service attacked by Donald Trump,” said Will Fischer, a U.S. Marine combat veteran and government relations director of left-leaning advocacy group VoteVets. “Trump has made it crystal clear that he doesn’t care one iota about veterans or military families, except when he needs political prop. He’s a liar, a charlatan, and has once again shown just how unfit he is to serve as commander-in-chief.”

The missive also raised eyebrows over Trump’s peculiar usage of “dog” — which he has a long history of invoking as an insult.

“Trump is the first US President in nearly 130 years not to have a dog,” former Republican Illinois Rep. Joe Walsh tweeted. “He doesn’t like dogs. He doesn’t understand dogs. Which says a lot about him.”



Source : nydailynews.com

Ronald Reagan complained to Richard Nixon about ‘those monkeys from those African countries’ in racist call



Ronald Reagan once complained to Richard Nixon about “monkeys from those African countries” when referring to African delegations at the United Nations, according to shocking newly released audio.

On Oct. 26, 1971, then-California Governor Reagan was a staunch supporter of Taiwan and was unhappy

their actions when speaking to then-President Nixon, according to The Atlantic, which brought the clips to light Tuesday.

“Last night, I tell you, to watch that thing on television as I did...” Reagan said in the call, which was taped by Nixon.

“Yeah,” Nixon said.

with the previous day’s United Nations vote to recognize the People’s Republic of China.

After the controversial vote, the Tanzanian delegation danced in the General Assembly. Reagan later belittled

“To see those monkeys from those African countries,” Reagan said. “Damn them, they’re still uncomfortable wearing shoes!”

Nixon responded with boisterous laughter.

Earlier in the conversation, Nixon had said he was most disappointed in the votes from African nations.

The president then reached out to his Secretary of State William Rogers, saying the racist complaints were Reagan’s reason for calling rather than the UN plea, according to The Atlantic.

In Nixon’s version, Reagan, who would later become the 40th President of the

United States, had referred to the delegations as “these, uh, these cannibals on television last night,” he told Rogers. “And he says, ‘Christ, they weren’t even wearing shoes, and here the United States is going to submit its fate to that,’ and so forth and so on.”

Later that day, Nixon restated a slightly altered version for Rogers: “‘These cannibals jumping up and down and all that.’ And apparently it was a pretty grotesque picture.”

“Apparently, it was a terrible scene,” Rogers agreed. Neither man had actually watched the scene.

“That sort of thing will have an effect on people,” Nixon eventually added.

Source : nydailynews.com

INDIA DAY PARADE, HICKSVILLE, LONG ISLAND



IDP Hicksville Press Conference was held on July 25 th at Lotus Restaurant at Hicksville Press conference was attended by more than 150 people and was very well organized. All media print and TV were present and all were acknowledged with the beautiful medals. President Jasbir Jay Singh, along with his full Executive Council and volunteers committee of 108 people received all media and sponsors with warmth.

IDP is celebrating 7 th India Day Parade which will be on Sunday 4 th August, 2019 and will be starting from Patel Brothers at 12:00 noon Hicksville and will end at E Barclay Street Parking Lot opposite Asamai Temple. Grand Marshal Raj Kummur Rao, bollywood celebrity along with Consul General Sandeep Chakravorty and Iraada Foundations' Chintu Patel are Grand Marshals. Gujarati Screen star Aarti Patel is going to be Guest of Honor with some other

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Marianne Williamson calls for slavery reparation citing 'toxicity,' 'emotional turbulence' and a 'dark, psychic force'

The all white DNC debate got interesting when the topic of slavery reparation came up. And viewers waiting for Marianne Williamson to invoke terms like "dark, psychic forces" got what they wanted too.

After former Texas representative Beto O'Rourke said that as president he'd sign a reparations bill into law "so we can have the national conversation we waited too long in this country to have," Williamson started a conversation of her own.

The author and spiritual guru started by stating that "a debt is owed" to descendants of slaves and that number should be somewhere between \$200 billion to \$500 billion.

"It is time for us to simply realize that this country will not heal, she said.

"People heal when there's a truth telling."

Williamson then explained her math, which took into account how many Americans were slaves in the centuries leading up to emancipation and said \$500 billion is conservative considering their labor. She also said the entire country would benefit from addressing the issue.

"So many Americans realize there is an injustice that continues to form a toxicity underneath the surface, an emotional turbulence that only reparations will heal," she said, evoking one of the night's loudest ovations.

Williamson also spoke of a "dark psychic force of the collective hatred that this president is bringing up in this country."



Source : nydailynews.com



Spraying cops with water could be felony under state legislation announced after cops doused and mocked

Anyone who throws or sprays any substance on police could face up to four years in prison under state legislation unveiled after videos surfaced of NYPD officers being doused with water and mocked.

The bill from Republican Assemblymen Mike LiPetri (Long Island) and Michael Reilly (Staten Island) would make it a class E felony to throw or spray water or any other substance against an on-duty cop or peace officer.

"It's a sad day in the history of New York state when we have to legislate civility," LiPetri said announcing the legislation on the steps of City Hall Wednesday. "This time it's water — but what's next? Gasoline? Acid?"

Reilly said the behavior "demoralizes our communities." Anyone violating the law would be arrested and processed, instead of getting a desk appearance ticket, according to LiPetri. The GOP pol said he was "confident" the bill could move forward even though both the Assembly and State Senate are controlled by Democrats.

Police have made several arrests after NYPD cops were captured getting doused with water and mocked in a series of videos, including one where an officer in Harlem was hit with a bucket in the back of the head.

The alleged perpetrators have been charged with felony criminal mischief and other lesser charges, including disorderly conduct, obstructing

government administration and criminal tampering. The NYPD anticipates making more arrests. The water incidents sparked outrage police union officials and others who said Mayor de Blasio and the City Council created a disrespectful environment for officers because of their anti-cop rhetoric and the NYPD's increasingly hands-off approach to low-level offenses.

"If mopeds will dump water over the head of New York City police officers, they'll do it to everyone," Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch said. "It may be a water bucket today, it may be a cement bucket tomorrow." The head of the Transportation Workers Union said spitting on police officers and subway

or bus workers should also be a felony. "No disrespect to police officers, but if you are going to make dousing a police officer with water a felony then you should also make spitting on a transit worker, or police officer, a felony," TWU Local 100 President Tony Utano said in a statement. Last year, bus and subway workers were spit at more than 150 times and 13 were spit at in the subways this July alone, according to Utano.

"There is nothing more disgusting or vile than this type of abuse that transit workers are subjected to for just wearing the MTA uniform," Utano said. "Spitting is now just considered harassment, a violation, under the law. It's offensively weak and needs to change."

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Leave the money: New York State's campaign finance system is a gaping mess

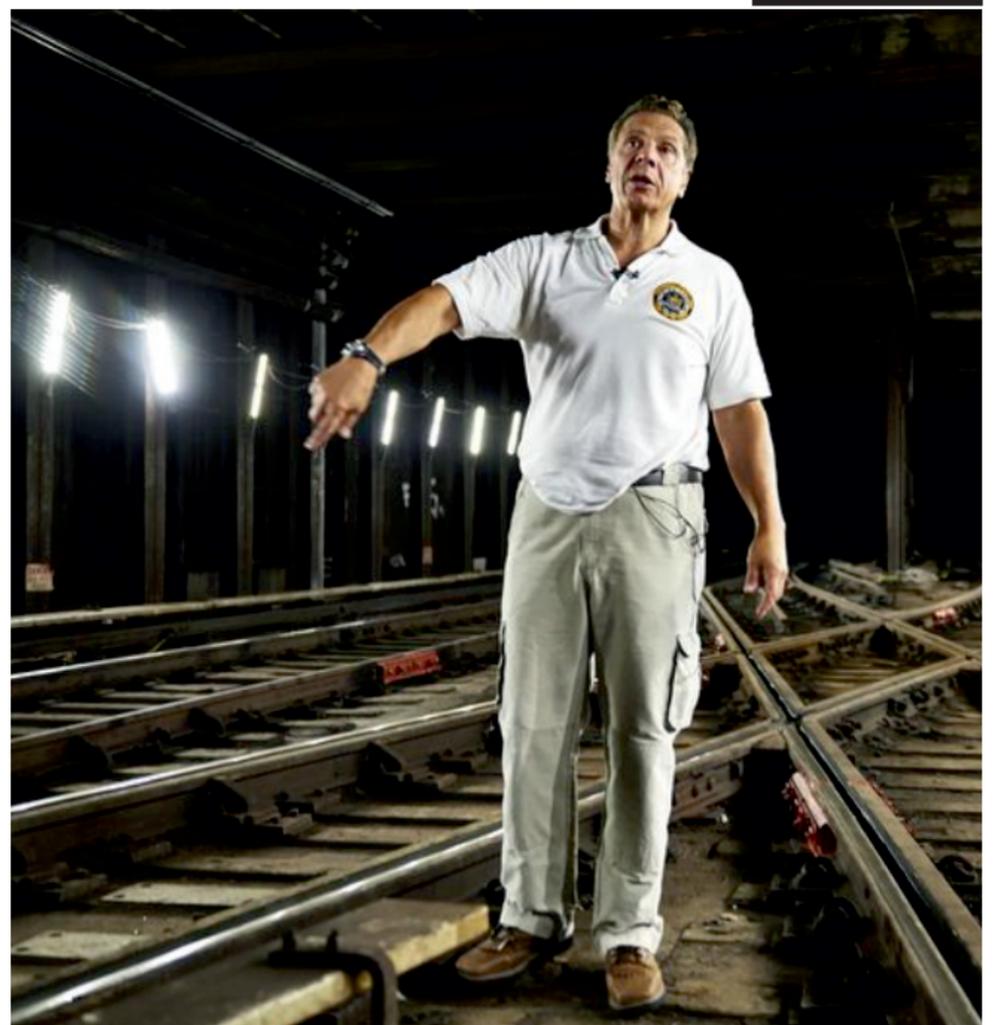
The outside contractors who were brought in to flush out the subway's clogged drains did a fine job, clearing the gunked-up flow-ways and enabling trains to run better.

Now we need an industrial-strength declogging of the state's gunked-up campaign finance system, which allowed those contractors to contribute big money to Gov. Cuomo's reelection effort, as The New York Times has pointed out. Whether they donated to express admiration for Cuomo's leadership, or in a tacit thank-you for getting the work, or to prime the pump to get more of it, doesn't matter. The appearance of back-scratching undermines public confidence. Cuomo, who says all this was kosher, who insists he has nothing at all to do with the MTA's procurement process, is not alone in pocketing political money from persons with financial interests before

the state. But the governor has a unique responsibility to lead. Cuomo has proposed legal fixes many times, including lowering the ridiculously high contribution cap of \$69,700 for statewide contenders. The Legislature, typically miserable on this issue, has failed to act.

The answer is simple: The governor should unilaterally change the rules for his own campaign. No contributions, or at the very least no obscenely large ones, for companies doing business with state government or affiliated entities.

second avenue for reform is a nine-member Public Campaign Financing Commission that will produce a binding plan by Dec. 1, unless a new law overrides it within 20 days. It should lower overall limits and restrict donations from those seeking or holding state business.



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Dems turn up the heat on Republicans who back Trump's attempt to gut Obamacare

"These plans let the insurance companies get away with everything, with murder, figuratively speaking," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.). "These junk plans cover virtually nothing, and people end up paying a lot of money for almost no coverage."

Democrats said they will try to block the rule with a little-used tool called the Congressional Review Act, which lets Congress pass a resolution to overturn new White House rules with a simple majority vote. Unlike with other legislation in the Senate, the majority cannot stop the vote.

All 47 Democrats in the Senate back the move, and they would just need to attract four Republican supporters to pass the measure, known as a resolution of disapproval.

Republicans, including Trump, have insisted they want to protect people with preexisting conditions. Yet, most have backed the White House's ongoing lawsuit that would end Obamacare and its safeguards for such people.



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"We've got a chance to make sure that every American knows how every single senator feels on the question of protecting preexisting conditions," said Wyden.

The office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) did not immediately comment on the plan.

Democrats plan to force the issue in the fall, after Congress returns from its August vacation.

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Great researcher and preacher of Shreemad Bhaawat Geeta

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Since 2002 she has been involved actively in the Sai Mandir in Baldwin, Long Island where she set up a similar program for children and young adults. This program has been running successfully for 17 years.

She extended this program to the Saneeshwar Mandir in New Hyde Park, Long Island. Again thanks to her pioneering efforts, the program has taken off to a strong start here since 2016 and continues to gain ground.

Besides children's programs she is also actively involved in bhajans, producing plays on religious characters, organizing lectures and discourses on spiritual subjects and in other community services like Food Drive for the poor, Toy

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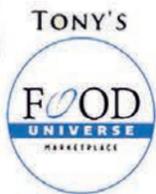
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Passing of triple talaq bill a distraction; Modi govt needs to urgently address issues driving India's economic slowdown

Narendra Modi received an unprecedented mandate for a second consecutive term as prime minister. In many respects, we saw a presidential form of polling in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha election with Modi being the prime and perhaps only issue. The pro-incumbency vote — a rarity in Indian politics — is a strong endorsement of Modi's leadership. It is also indicative of the trust the electorate has placed in him.

Trust brings its own burden. Modi is perched on an inflection point in history. He is lucky to receive a tremendous opportunity of the kind leaders in democracies may only dream of. What he does from here could shape and transform India's near-term future. From an account of the first 50 days in office, Modi 2.0 is evidently sprinting instead of walking towards his target. But is he moving in the right direction?

This question has arisen so soon because a sense is gaining ground that the NDA has got its priorities wrong. Take the case of triple talaq bill. The Rajya Sabha took up the

Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Marriage) Bill, 2019, commonly known as the Triple Talaq Bill, on Tuesday. After many failed attempts to clear the final hurdle, the Modi government finally cleared the bill in the Upper House. BJP's floor managers ensured a 99-84 victory for the NDA as cracks appeared in the Opposition front.

The Centre played its cards right and managed to finally criminalise instant divorce — a practice prevalent among some Muslims in India. It placed the legislation as a push for gender justice, women's dignity and equality. It's hard to disagree with these points, and equally amusing to note that BJP's move has forced "liberals" in India to defend a man's right to instantly divorce his wife. This must count among the government's significant wins and indicates that Upper House numbers are finally bending in its favour. The importance of this bill's passage must be noted but the issue at hand is different. It is evident that the BJP toiled hard to push through a legislation that remained a polarising issue. To that extent and the fact that a



patriarchal, regressive practice finally may come to an end, the government should be satisfied. But the moot question remains: Is legislation on triple talaq the most pressing issue before the nation at this point?

Shouldn't the prime minister, who has amassed tremendous political capital, be spending it on issues that require immediate attention, political resolve and an ability to take risks? India is staring at an economic slowdown and the government appears oblivious to it. The Budget, that was expected to give a filip to the economy, has failed to address the various factors behind slowdown. It has instead destroyed

investor confidence and ushered in traits of 1970s socialist economics.

The puzzling thing is, the Modi government plans to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024. If that target has to be achieved, the government's priority should be in boosting GDP growth, creating well-paid jobs, developing and nurturing investor confidence, ending tax terrorism, fixing labour laws, bringing stability and predictability to policymaking and creating an enabling atmosphere for export-led growth and for Indian firms to grow more competitive in global marketplace.

Source : firstpost.com

Nitin Gadkari expresses confidence in Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, says it will lead to decline in accidents

New Delhi: Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday expressed confidence that the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill will cause a decline in accidents. "This is not only a Motor Vehicle Act, but also a road safety bill. I believe it will cause a decline in accidents, the passing of this bill is a tribute to those who lost their lives in accidents", he said while talking to reporters after the Bill was approved by Rajya Sabha. "Five lakh accidents happen in our country causing 1.5 lakh deaths, every year. We are number one in accidents in the world. Now, we have got the chance to correct this", he added.

Earlier in the day, Parliament approved the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019 that seeks to impose strict penalties on violation of traffic rules and address the dire state of road safety in the country.

The Bill was passed in Rajya Sabha after a division sought by CPI-M's E Kareem was negated. The



government easily sailed through the vote with 108 members in its favour while 13 voted against it. Earlier, all the amendments moved by the opposition members were negated by the voice vote.

Gadkari asserted that the Bill was a step ahead in the direction of road safety and the number of accidents can be reduced to half after it becomes an Act. "The government has no intention, directly or indirectly to encroach upon the rights of the states. We are not taking any of the rights of the states. We are modernizing the law to improve the traffic system", he said replying to the discussion by members on the Bill.

The Bill proposes to amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and also proposes the removal of the requirement for minimum educational qualification as long as the applicant holds a certificate from a driver training school or establishment.

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Arjun Kapoor on PM Narendra Modi's Man Vs Wild episode with Bear Grylls: 'Outstanding'

Arjun Kapoor said about Bear Gryll's next episode of Man Vs Wild featuring PM Narendra Modi: 'Modiji to see you and your personality emerge in moments like this makes us even more proud as Indians'.



Actor Arjun Kapoor took to social media after watching the promo of Bear Gryll's next edition of Man Vs Wild featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi and termed it 'outstanding'. In the Instagram video, Arjun can be heard saying, "Modiji and Bear Grylls...outstanding! Kudos to you guys at Discovery for pulling this off. I am so, so excited to watch this."

Arjun captioned the video, "I would like to say to our prime minister, 'Modiji, you have done such amazing work for our country. To see you and your personality emerge in moments like this makes us even more proud as Indians to watch every single thing that you do. Thank you.'"

Shot in Jim Corbett National Park, the special episode focuses on wildlife conservation and issues related to environmental change. PM Modi and Grylls are even seen making a raft and crossing a jungle river together. The show will be telecast on August 12.

Earlier, in a statement, the PM said about the show, "For years, I have lived among nature, in the mountains and the forests. These years have a lasting impact on my life. So when I was asked about a special programme focussing on life beyond politics and that too in the midst of nature I was both intrigued and inclined to take part in it. For me, this show presents a great opportunity to showcase to the world India's rich environmental heritage and stress on the importance of

environment conservation and living in harmony with nature. It was a great experience spending time in the jungle once again, this time with Bear, who is blessed with indefatigable energy and quest to experience nature at its purest."

The host of the show added, "It is such a privilege to be taking Prime Minister Modi on an adventure into the Indian wilderness and I feel truly honoured to get to spend time with this remarkable world leader. The wild reminds us that we need each other and that together we are stronger. I am so excited to spend time with the PM and to get to know the man who leads this great nation."

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London Hotels Enjoy Revenue Boost from Sporting Events in Mid-2019

According to HVS London, AlixPartners and STR, London hotels collective RevPAR rose 6% in Q2 2019 on the back of visitors traveling to the capital to watch the ICC Cricket World Cup and the Major League Baseball.

On the back of both major sporting fixtures London's hotels saw average room rate rise 5.6% to £156.89 year-on-year, with occupancy up 0.6% to 84%.

It was a different story in the regions, however, despite a number of the cricket fixtures being held in Birmingham, Manchester and Southampton. Outside the capital RevPAR [rooms revenue per available room] was down by 0.9% for the quarter, average room rate fell 0.6% to £73 compared with the previous year, and occupancy was down 0.3%. This was the second consecutive quarter that RevPAR has decreased in hotels outside London. "Unfortunately these fixtures were not enough to boost occupancy sufficiently in hotels outside London. The combination of top line retraction, cost pressures and continuing new supply is still putting significant pressure on regional hotel margins," commented HVS chairman Russell Kett. The pipeline for new hotels in London currently stands at 10% as a

percentage of supply, with a 6% active pipeline for the regions.

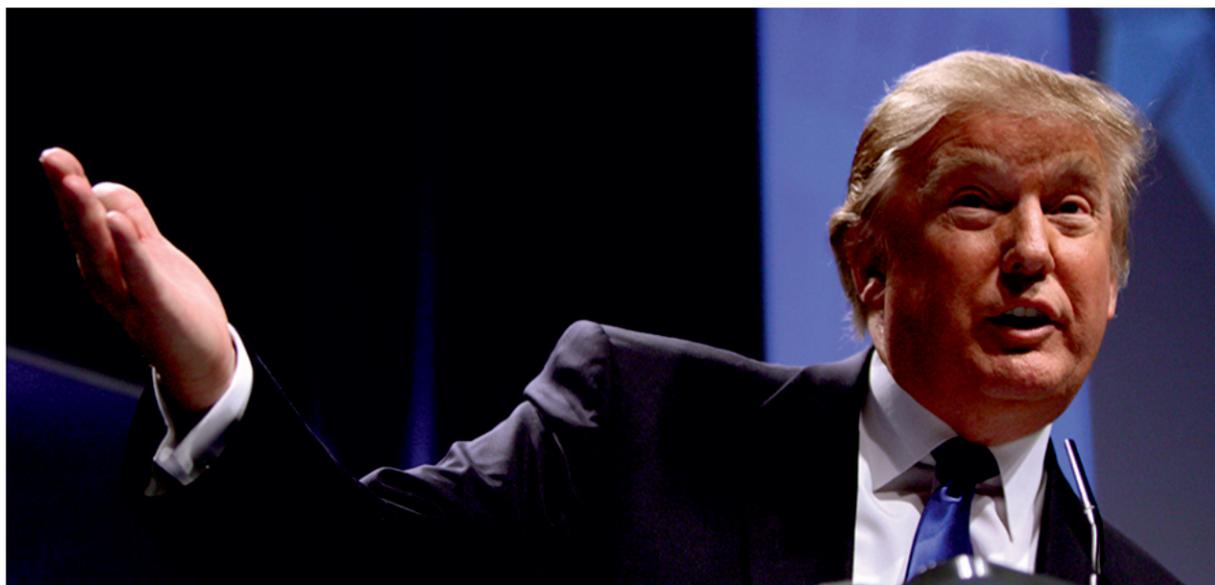
"With revenue declining, costs increasing and a strong active pipeline operators are likely to struggle to increase profitability, particularly in locations outside the main tourist hubs, and those not benefitting from robust corporate activity," he added.

While slower than in Q1, transaction activity in London remained strong in Q2, with £2.1bn-worth of deals completed in the 12 months to Q2 2019, up 54% on the previous year. This was boosted by the sale of the Grange portfolio in Q1 for £1bn, and the 163-room Crowne Plaza Kensington in Q2 for £84m.

The regions saw some £2.9bn-worth of transactions, down 15% year-on-year. "The transaction market is still somewhat suppressed due to Brexit-related deal reticence, with transactions either being put on hold or with some taking longer to complete," said Kett.

"Once Brexit is completed in October we should see more UK transactions being completed as some of the uncertainty is removed and confidence begins to be restored."

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U.S. Home Builders Applaud President Trump's Commitment to Workforce Development

Marking the one-year anniversary of the White House executive order on workforce development this week, Greg Ugalde, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders issued the following statement:

"The NAHB applauds President Trump for his tireless commitment to expand job-training and apprenticeship opportunities for students and mid-career workers alike so that they will develop the skills and tools needed to secure well-paying jobs and succeed in the American workforce.

"As a representative of an industry that is vital to the U.S. economy, it is my honor to attend this White House event marking the first anniversary of the president's executive order that established the National Council for the American Worker.

"With the housing sector grappling with severe labor shortages, NAHB is pleased to do its part to help in this vital initiative by pledging to train 50,000 new workers over a five-year period for a career in the residential construction trades.

Our commitment to workforce training starts with the Home Builders Institute, a member of the NAHB federation, and a national leader in workforce training for the construction industry.

"NAHB shares the president's dedication to training a workforce that meets our needs at home and makes America more competitive abroad and we are proud to participate in this worthy endeavor."

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U.K. Luxury Country Home Sales in 2019 Muted by Brexit Uncertainty



According to global property advisor Knight Frank, sentiment is the key driver of activity in prime regional markets in the U.K.. Uncertainty surrounding the UK's political landscape means discretionary buyers and sellers are cautious. Consequently, pricing has been subdued and stock levels are muted.

Prime regional values were virtually unchanged in the three months to the end of June 2019, up by 0.1%. On an annual basis, prices were 2.3% lower. Knight Frank agents noted that despite the uncertainty there remains a market for well-priced stock. Buyers, however, are price sensitive and are increasingly knowledgeable about the market.

Though transactional activity is muted, there are increasing signs of pent-up demand, with the average number of new applicants registering per Knight Frank office at its highest level in five years in the second quarter, and the average number of viewings per office also at its highest level since 2014.

Given the more discretionary nature of prime markets outside of the capital, whether this translates into a pick-up in activity will remain largely dependent on the political and economic outlook, but it suggests that underlying demand is building should political clarity be forthcoming in the coming months.

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The life of Sri Krishna



Radha-Krishna

In fact, Krishna never returned to Vrindavan. The pain of separation was unbearable for the gopis. It drove their minds into a fever pitch, wherein their every thought was of Krishna. Through this, their minds were purified and they slowly became able to see their Beloved in all things: in the trees, in the rivers, in the mountains, in the sky, in all people, and animals—even in their own selves. This was the realization that Krishna had intended to bring about within them from the very beginning.

The devotional fervor Krishna created in the gopis is perhaps best exemplified by the rasa-leela dance, wherein each of hundreds of gopis perceived the eight-year-old Krishna to be dancing with them alone. Amma says, “The rasa-leela did not take place on the ordinary plane of the senses, the way people today interpret it. During the rasa-leela the gopis experienced the beatitude of the jivatma merging in the Paramatma. Because of their divine love, the Lord appeared to each of the gopis. With his power, he blessed each

gopi with a vision of the Self.” Radha is said to have been the most devoted of the gopis. Theirs was the highest love—a love to inspire mankind forward on the path to God. Amma has even said: “Krishna’s lifting of the Govardhana Mountain as a child was not the real miracle; the real miracle was the gopis’ love for Krishna.”

The next major role in Krishna’s life was as a friend to the Pandavas, five devoted and dharmic brothers whose kingdom was usurped by their 100 half-brothers, the egoistic and adharmic Kauravas. In the eventual war between the two, Krishna served as the charioteer of the Pandava Arjuna. And it was also to Arjuna that he advised the 701 verses of The Bhagavad-Gita (the centerpiece of The Mahabharata). It is the Gita that stands as Krishna’s most important gift to the world. In fact, some people believe that the whole purpose of Krishna’s birth was to deliver this “Song of the Divine.” It comprises Krishna’s advice to Arjuna on the cusp of the Mahabharata War. The Gita

delivers the essence of spirituality in a way that the common man can understand. As the great Swami Chinmayananda often said, “With the Gita, Sri Krishna took the knowledge of the Upanishads down from the Himalayas and into the marketplace.” Here was a true handbook for life delivered by the Lord himself. Amma herself says, “One studies the Gita to become Krishna.”

“Lord Krishna’s teachings are suitable for everyone,” Amma says. “He didn’t come just for the sake of a particular section of society. He showed everyone—even prostitutes, robbers and murderers—the path toward spiritual progress. He urges us to live according to our true dharma, to remain steadfast in it, and thus advance in life toward the ultimate goal.”

Krishna’s instructions were not just for monks. He advised everyone to his capacity. His instruction to Arjuna, in fact, was to remain in the world, performing his dharma. “His life was a perfect example of how to remain unscorched in the midst of worldly fire,” Amma says. “It is like keeping a piece of chocolate on your tongue without salivating.

... He shows how to succeed in life while remaining in the midst of obstacles. The Lord doesn’t advise us to turn away from our relationships in order to attain Self-realization. He explains that we should be free from all attachments while still maintaining loving relationships and upholding our family responsibilities.”

Lord Krishna left his physical form at 125 at the hands of a hunter. But he died as he was born and as he lived—with a beatific smile upon his face. In fact it is said that his final act was to bless the hunter who had accidentally shot him. Such was his love.

Amma says, “Throughout his life, Lord Krishna had to face different crises that arose like waves, one after the other. Even then, not once was his countenance clouded by sorrow. He faced every difficulty under the sun, but there was no place for sorrow in Sri Krishna’s presence. He was the embodiment of bliss. In his company everyone rejoiced, forgetting all else. In his presence they tasted the bliss of the Self. Even now, after all this time, doesn’t the mere thought of him fill us with bliss?”



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Hrithik Roshan

confirms Krrish 4, says Satte Pe Satta remake may be his next

High on the box office success and critical acclaim his latest film Super 30 has received, actor Hrithik Roshan is now talking about his upcoming projects and has suggested that he may feature in Satte Pe Satta remake. He has also said that he will soon begin work on Krrish 4.

Talking to Zoom TV, Hrithik said, "It's a biopic so Anand sir's life I knew about, I spoke to him about it but when I am on set, I have to react to the energy of the actor who is playing my father. So, the connection looks real, it was live-action. So, I really just felt like he was my father not keeping in mind what Anand sir's and his father's relationship was. We just establish our own relationship because what really matters on-screen is to live or see something that's authentic. It should look real."

Confirming the fourth film in his home production and hit Krrish franchise, Hrithik told the entertainment website, "So, we are in the final stage of the script. Its script's final stage is where we are at. That's what I would say... depends on what I plan to do next. If I plan to do another film before Krrish 4 then maybe that (the release date of Christmas 2020) will shift."

Asked about taking time to chose his films, Hrithik added, "I would not 'not want' to do films. So, I spent about six months to hunt for my next film, I found Super 30 after about 7-8 months of the release of Kaabil. And then once we got started we were shooting non-stop. And then, of course, there were other incidents that took place which delayed the film for 6-7 months. So aise aise ho gaya but

abhi kya karein. But, in a way it is good also because now you are going to see two of my films back to back. So, that is also a good thing, everything happens for the best."

Speaking with Bollywood Hungama in another interview, Hrithik said, "I have about 3-4 scripts with me right now. I still have to read them all and then accordingly I will make up my mind about the next film. Satte Pe Satta remake might be one of them." We also asked him about the ongoing rumors of him doing a film with Aanand L Rai opposite Sara Ali Khan which he denied completely. He said, "No that is not true, I have not been contacted by Aanand sir, not so far at least."

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Magadheera completes a decade: Ram Charan thanks SS Rajamouli for the memorable film, says 'learnt so much from you'



Actor Ram Charan took to Instagram to post a heartfelt message, celebrating ten years of his successful run of his film Magadheera which released a decade ago on this day and thanking filmmaker Rajamouli for giving him a memorable film.

"Can't believe it's been a decade already! Still seems so recent! A big thank you to the dream team of #Magadheera, Keeravani garu, @kajalaggarwalofficial & @geethaarts for this memorable film. @ssrajamouli garu, learnt so much from you back then and continuing to do so even now. #10YearsofMagadheera," Ram Charan posted. Fans have been trending #10YearsofMagadheera since Tuesday night on social media and it has already gone viral.

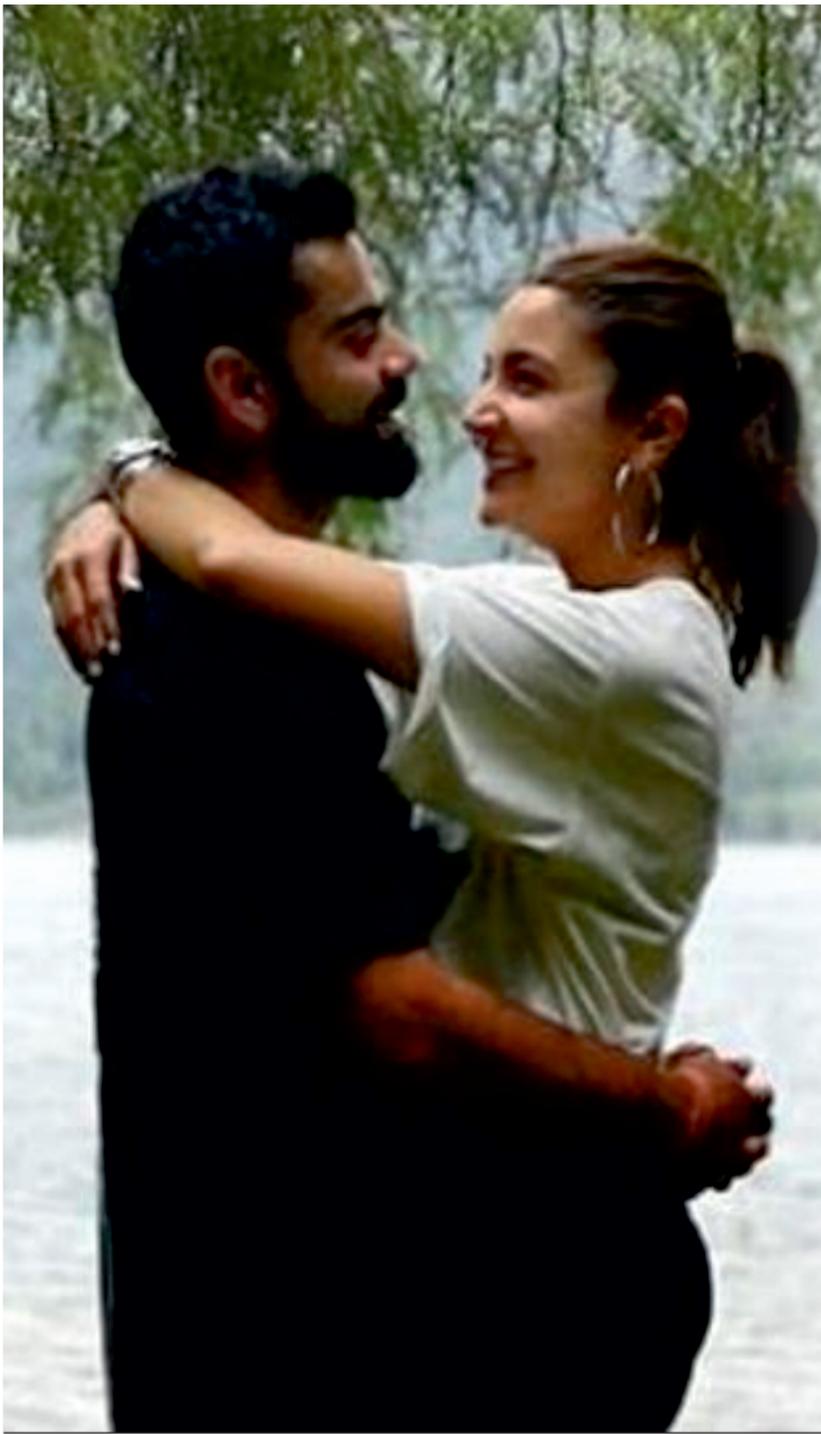
Magadheera was the story of estranged lovers – played by Ram Charan and Kajal Aggarwal - meeting in another life and realising they share a strong connection. Directed by Rajamouli, who also introduced him to the world, the film starred late Sri Hari in one of his career best performances. Magadheera remains one of the biggest grossing films in Ram Charan's career.

Ram Charan will soon join the sets of Rajamouli's RRR, in which he shares screen space with Jr. NTR for the first time in his career.

It will be a fictional story set in 1920s pre-independent era, based on the lives of two real heroes and well-known revolutionaries – Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem. While Jr. NTR will be seen as Komaram Bheem, Ram Charan will be essay Alluri Sitharama Raju's role. The film, which is being produced on a budget of Rs 300 crore, will also star Alia Bhatt and Ajay Devgn in key roles.



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Anushka Sharma on Virat Kohli's aggression: 'He's like that on field because he's so passionate, he's the most shaant person I know'

Actor Anushka Sharma has often been referred to about her influence on husband and cricketer Virat Kohli, be it before or after their wedding. The actor has claimed that unlike his on-field demeanour, Virat is the calmest person she know.

Talking to Filmfare about Virat's on-field image, Anushka said, "He's one of the calmest persons I've met. Off the field, he's so relaxed. You can ask my friends, my team. He's like that on field only because he's so passionate. He's not aggressive in real life. That's only his demeanour on the field. He's the most shaant person I know. I look at him and I'm like, 'Wow! You're so chill.'"

Talking about how they sometimes see off and pick each other at the airport, Anushka said, "Those are the moments you steal when you lead lives that are

so demanding. For that, your priorities have to be set. I'm never going to be like, 'Oh please spend more time with me at the cost of your work'. No, please do your work. He's the same with me. When you respect each other's work and your own, there's respect in the marriage."

Anushka had joined Virat for the ICC Cricket World Cup in the UK. The actor returned with him post the final though India couldn't make it through. She is currently working on her production ventures which include a Netflix Original series, titled Mai. The series will revolve around a middle-aged woman who finds her ferocity in the underworld when she accidentally kills a notorious mafia leader. How she is pulled deeper into the criminal and political underworld with the growth of her cult will form the crux of the story.

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SONAKSHI SINHA APPEARS ON MADHURI DIXIT Nene's show Dance Deewane to promote Khandaani Shafakhana

Ahead of the release of Khandaani Shafakhana, Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha has been on an exhaustive promotional spree. Sinha has been spotted on sets of multiple reality shows and interviews, sometimes accompanied by co-stars Badshah and Varun Sharma as well. Sinha recently made an appearance on Madhuri Dixit Nene's ongoing dance reality show Dance Deewane, which has the Bollywood veteran as one of its judges.

From the social media posts, it seems obvious that Sonakshi and her Kalank co-star Madhuri had a blast after their reunion. After her meeting, Sinha even posted a cute boomerang video of the two of them on sets of Dance Deewane.

Sonakshi seems to be out on a mission to dispel the stigma or shame around sex clinics in the country with this film. Taking on such a bold subject, debutante director Shilpi Dasgupta takes on the narrative from a script written by Gautam Mehra.

Sonakshi had confirmed the news of signing the slice-of-life drama in a statement to DNA, where she said, "I'm extremely happy to be part of a film, which is so close to the world around us. I will get to step into the shoes of a small-town girl, and face the hilarious, madcap challenges thrown at her. It's full of flavour, fun, and emotions. I am looking forward to this journey."



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