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S Jha Brings Nana Patekar & Mahie Gill Together



Hailing from Bihar, Shekhar S Jha is a Humanities graduate from the University of Delhi and an Indian Revenue Service Officer of 1991 Batch. But despite the bureaucratic background, Shekhar always harboured a desire to unfold himself finds expression in performing arts including Cinema. For him Cinema forms his blood and bones as it is the perfect conglomeration of all art forms; be it music, dance, painting, acting, so on and so forth. Besides numerous dramas, short films, training films, documentaries; he has penned and directed Eik Dasttak (2007) and Prem Mayee (2012) as feature films.

With Wedding Anniversary, being his third directorial venture, featuring Nana Patekar and Mahie Gill in the lead, Shekhar has worked towards presenting a story which speaks about love, life and relationships where a Mumbai based couple Kahani (Mahie) and Nirbhay (Priyanshu Chatterjee) decide to get back to celebrating their first wedding anniversary in Goa, the place from where their love story began. But their plan takes a complete turn of events where Mahie finds herself in Goa with a man named Nagarjuna (Nana Patekar) and the story unfolds through some compelling scenes. Presented by Bharat Shah, Produced by Kumar V Mahant and Achut Naik of V K Productions, the film is scheduled to release on 24th of February, 2017 and with the casting coup and the story line that it holds, one can't wait for the film to release.

Alankrita Bora, signs for Raja Abroadiya



Alankrita Bora, Miss Diva Universe 2016 finalist, International dancer from Dubai, Miss beauty face of the year, Miss Northeast powered by signature, calendar girl and 1st youngest girl to represent Miss Diva Universe 2016 have signed Hindi film Raja Abroadiya. She will be playing Twinkle in the film. Regarding the character Alankrita says - I loved the script and the character is fun loving, bubbly, cheerful. Lakhwinder Shabla is producing and directing the film Raja Abroadiya under his banner Shabla Films Pvt Ltd. The film will be shot in India and Germany. Raja Abroadiya is a rom com story of a rich but less educated boy and poor but highly educated girl who decides to go abroad by doing fake marriage. Story of the film is written by Mani Manjinder Singh, Cameraman is Ishaan Sharma, Casting done by Dinesh Sudarshan Soi, Art Director Abhishek Redkar, Music by Jaidev Kumar and Mukhtar Sahota.

Summer Fashion Bridal show by Libas Riyaz and Reshma Gangji



Riyaz and Reshma Gangji showed a preview of their Summer wedding collection at the Derby. The collection showcased light pastels and delicate embroideries with western cuts for gowns and blouses. The menswear had innovative colours and embroideries worked on simple traditional cuts.....the feel of the show was that of a sangeet function - light and fun with the mood set by the soft mint and peach colour - light that dominated the ramp. Show was opened by Miss Globe Dimple Patel and Supermodel Shawar Ali and his lovely wife Marcela walked as showstoppers for the designer duo. Libas Chairman Nishant Mahimtura and Vasant Bhandari were also snapped at the event.

Gutru Gutargun : Working in Remote Rural Areas of Udaipur

Udaipur: Swachh Bharat Mission, Udaipur brand ambassador and actress Asmita Sharma's recently released Bollywood film Gutru Gutargun is inspiring many women to construct toilets and not to openly defecate in rural tribal belts of Udaipur district. This film is tax free in Rajasthan and for 2 weeks or so Udaipur district administration and other NGOs are encouraging remote rural people to watch the film. The film was premiered in Udaipur on 3rd February 2017. Lead actress Asmita Sharma who is now brand ambassador of Udaipur Swachh Bharat Mission said "This film might be the first Hindi film on the issue of women and sanitation which raises the issue with entertainment and humorous way". A full house show with more than 550 women from remote region of Phalasiya and Kurabad block of the district

was organized on 8th February 2017 with support from Wells for India, UK and its partner NGOs Mahan Sewa Sansthan and Hanuman Van Vikas Samiti. The film was so much appreciated especially by the women that lady Sarpanch Geeta Devi Gamar from Amaliya village of Phalasiya block committed to make her Gram Panchayat open defecation free as soon as possible. Geeta Devi very emotionally said after watching the film "Mahilao ko Jitani takleef hoti hai utni purush ko nahi hoti" meaning it is women who suffers most than men for not having toilet. After going back to her village which is almost 3 hrs drive in and around house, I was relating my own problem too while watching the film like getting up early in the morning to go for defecation and wait till whole day till sun sets, it real-



from Bhalon ka Guda Gram Panchayat of Kurabad block said "After watching the movies and seeing how women suffer by just having no toilet in and around house, I was relating my own problem too while watching the film like getting up early in the morning to go for defecation and wait till whole day till sun sets, it real-

ly painful. Apart from this when we go out we are always feel fear of panther attacking too.... I have started the construction and will complete by 20th February to come over with such problems and live a dignified life. Hudi bai w/o Chatra Ji from Sankroda Gram Panchayat said "I went to Udaipur to watch

the movie which is very emotional and inspiring. The movie highlighted the daily struggle of women like me for not having a toilet close to our house. I told to my husband many times to construct the toilet but he denied but after watching the film I strongly communicated and share why we need to have a toilet. My son and

daughter-in-law now started the toilet construction work and we will complete the construction soon. After watching the film, in last one week or so more than 50 women with their families started construction of toilets in this remote tribal region of the Udaipur district. Udaipur Zilla Parishad CEO Avichal Chaturvedi said "Government with support from international agencies like Wells for India and UNICEF are trying to change the age old mindset in Udaipur district. Film like Gutru Gutargun is one the best way to bring change with entertainment". Prateek Sharma Director of the film after hearing the story of women starting construction of toilets said "Such stories especially from remote regions of Udaipur district are always inspirational and it also justifies our efforts when we hear the changes on ground"

Lubrizol and Finolex Industries Limited Join Hands

Udaipur: The Lubrizol Corporation, inventors and the largest manufacturers of CPVC compound world wide, and Finolex Industries Limited, the leading PVC pipes and fittings manufacturer in India, today announce the signing of, FlowGuard Processor agreement for the manufacturing and sale of Finolex FlowGuard Plus pipes and fittings in India. The product will be launched in the market by Finolex Industries Limited in the last week of March 2017 and will cater to the building and construction industry. "Lubrizol is dedicated to supplying the highest quality CPVC compounds to service the Indian hot & cold water plumbing markets," explains Matthew Timmons, Managing Director, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Ltd. "Our partnership with Finolex Industries highlights the need and importance of quality CPVC pipes and fittings made from time-tested CPVC compounds provided by Lubrizol. Since January 2016, we have been manufacturing these world quality materials from a state-of-the-art plant in Dahej, Gujarat. Our association with Finolex will further strengthen

FlowGuard's commitment to delivering reliability in India through Finolex's wide spread network in the country." Timmons continues, "Since we introduced FlowGuard to the Indian market, we remained committed through our support of processors who continue to benefit from our more than 50 years of expertise in manufacturing and compounding. Prakash Chhabria, Executive Chairman of Finolex Industries Limited expressed his views on the special occasion, saying, "We are committed to strengthening the plumbing industry through our association with Lubrizol falls in line with the culture of Finolex Industries in providing quality products "Made in India" for the Indian market. We are confident about Lubrizol's global expertise in compounding and appreciate the work done by them in changing the plumbing industry from metal-based to CPVC-based piping. With FlowGuard's raw material and support, our track record of providing superior products for Indian market gets strengthened. We look forward to a successful partnership."

Airtel Payments Bank enables over 40 villages across Rajasthan to go cashless

Udaipur: Airtel Payments Bank, India's first payments bank, has enabled over 40 villages across Rajasthan to go cashless as part of its endeavour to take its banking services deep into rural/unbanked areas and contribute to financial inclusion in the country. These villages now have access to basic banking services and the option of making digital payments, making them less reliant on cash. With 200 villages across India covered already, Airtel Payments Bank aims to enable 5000 villages across the country to go cashless under this initiative. "Every village (with no previous access to formal banking) now has at least one Airtel Payment Bank outlet that provides convenient banking services including cash deposits and withdrawals, and seamless money transfer facility. "Majority of the village households now have a savings account with Airtel Payments Bank and can bank/transact even with basic feature phones. "Merchants/shops in the village accept digital payments via mobile phones from Airtel Payments Bank customers. "In addition, farmers/small

artisans in the village have been trained to accept digital payments for their produce/goods/services. Residents of these villages no longer have to travel huge distances to access a bank and no longer need to keep their money at home and worry about its safety. They are also able to earn a healthy interest rate on their savings deposits. Most households in these villages have one or more family member working in cities/towns across the country and they can now receive money transfers from family members/friends conveniently. Manoj Murali, CEO - Rajasthan, Bharti Airtel said, "Airtel Payments Bank began its journey with Rajasthan and with this cashless village initiative, it is our endeavor to make villages across Rajasthan less cash dependent. We are fully committed to the government's vision of digital economy and financial inclusion and will continue to work towards adoption of digital payments across Rajasthan." Shashi Arora, MD & CEO - Airtel Payments Bank said, Airtel Payments Bank, a fully

digital and paperless bank, aims to take banking services to the doorstep of every Indian by leveraging Airtel's vast retail network with massive reach in rural pockets. Airtel Payments Bank currently has a network of over 250,000 neighbourhood Airtel retail stores, which also function as banking points. This is more than the total number of ATMs in the country. The Bank aims to scale its network to 600,000 banking points across the country. Airtel Payments Bank will not charge any processing fee from its customers and merchants partners for digital transactions, thereby encouraging them to adopt cashless payments. Airtel Payments Bank has committed an investment of Rs. 3000 crore across its national operations and plans to build a digital payments ecosystem with over 5 million merchants. Over one billion merchants have already been onboarded across India. Airtel payments Bank's bouquet of innovative and convenient services include: "Digital Banking: Quick and paperless account opening using Aadhaar based e-KYC.

This requires no documents at all, only the customer's Aadhaar number is needed. "The customer's mobile number will be his/her bank account number. "Interest rate of 7.25 % p.a. on deposits in savings accounts, the highest in India. "One minute of Airtel mobile talktime for every Rupee deposited at the time of opening a savings account. "Money transfer to any bank account in India (Free money transfer from Airtel-to-Airtel numbers within Airtel Payments Bank). "Free Personal Accidental Insurance of Rs. 1 Lac with every Savings Account. "Easy deposit and withdrawal facility across a wide network of Airtel retail outlets. Airtel Payments Bank's services can be accessed by customers on their feature phones as well through USSD by dialing *400#; or via a simple IVR by dialing 400. Both the USSD & IVR options are available in 12 local languages. Customers can also access services by dialing 8800688006 in addition to visits to any designated Airtel retail outlet to access services.

Interfaith Sanitation and Harmony Conference



Two day Assam Sanitation Conference in Khanapara Field, Guwahati was organised from the 16-17th February with the technical support of UNICEF and participation of Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, revered interfaith leaders of the Global Interfaith WASH Alliance India, President of Parmarth Niketan

Swami Chidanand Saraswati, Founder of Ahimsa Vishva Bharti and eminent Jain Acharya Dr Lokesh Muni, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Divyanand Teerth, Maulana Mahmood Madani, Minister of State Drinking Water & Sanitation Shri Ramesh C Jigajinagi, PHE Minister of Assam Rihon Daimary, Ven-

Lama Lobzang, Rev Dr Roger, UNICEF India representatives, Many saints, leaders, thousands of Gram Panchayat Presidents of Assam and other dignitaries. Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal addressing the conference said that whole world likes cleanliness. Invocating that sanitation oath should reach from Assam to Asmaan (Sky) he said that every section of India should reach the sky and for that construction of toilets are necessary. Acharya Lokesh Muni on the occasion said that Cleanliness is our religion, unhygienic environment invited diseases and poverty. This destroys both our internal and external environment. He said that for health and meditation both internal and external environment should be clean. Without clean-

liness and hygiene we can neither religious ritual nor spirituality can be achieved. It is our duty towards the society that we face these social challenges like water, sanitation and hygiene. He said that ideological pollution is more harmful than environmental pollution. We must respect other cultures and believes. Swami Chidanand Saraswati on the occasion said that the aim of this conference is to address Assam Government towards encouraging active participation of local religious leaders and families in making Assam open defecation free by October 2017. Also involve them in Clean Assam- Clean India' mission. On the occasion Maulana Mahmood Madani and Shri Ramesh C Jigajinagi also expressed their views.

Rhabilitated 300 Myanmarse Handicapped

YANGON (Myanmar): The month-long Jaipur Foot on-the-spot fitment camp of Jaipur based Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samity began here. The camp will rhabilitate 300 Myanmarse handicapped persons with artificial limbs that would enable them to walk with dignity. The camp was inaugurated in the presence of the India's ambassador to Myanmar Vikram Misri, the founder and the chief patron of the BMVSS D R. Mehta, the Buddhist high priest Tipitaka Dara Dhamma Bandar Karika Badhanta Ashin Thilakkhanda Hi Wun Thu, the chairperson of the U Nu Daw Mya Yi Foundation Than Than Nu and the elites of the Yangon society including persons of the Indian origin living in the Myanmar's Capital Yangon. The camp has been organized jointly by the Indian embassy, U Nu Daw Mya Yi Foundation and the BMVSS. The Indian ambassador Vikram Misri said that the Indian government has supported the artificial limb fitment camp to enable rehabilitate the handicapped persons.



Reiterates its Commitment to Hybridization in India

Udaipur: As Toyota Motor Corporation announces its achievement of selling more than 10.05 million hybrid vehicles globally, Toyota Kirloskar Motor reiterates its commitment to hybridization in India by announcing the launch of its two hybrid models- the new Camry Hybrid and the Hybrid Pioneer: All-new Toyota Prius. Toyota believes environment friendly vehicles can have a positive impact on the environment only if they are used widely and this can be further reiterated by Toyota's feat of having more than 10 million happy hybrid vehicle customers across the globe. To further reinforce its commitment to hybridization in the Indian market, Toyota Kirloskar Motor has launched the new Camry Hybrid and the all-new Prius which are both powered by the most advanced and eco-friendly Hybrid Synergy Drive: the world's leading hybrid technology.

The Camry Hybrid is India's first strong luxury hybrid model to be manufactured in India, the Camry Hybrid has come a long way ever since its introduction in 2013 in India. The revolutionary hybrid technology, dynamic exterior, superlative comfort and uncompromising safety standard makes the new Camry hybrid futuristic on every count. The new Camry Hybrid is equipped with Electronically- Controlled Continuously Variable Transmission producing a highly responsive performance and also reducing fuel consumption. The 2.5 L Engine with an electric motor produces a total system output of 205 PS. This advanced hybrid technology reduces fuel consumption and offers a mileage of 19.16 kmpl (as certified by test Agency under rule 115 of CMVR, 1989 under standard test conditions) Safety is a high priority at Toyota and this reflects with the kind of safety features that have been offered in the new Camry Hybrid. The new hybrid now comes with best in class 9 SRS airbags including a driver knee bag, New Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), New Back Guide Monitor, New Emergency Brake Signal, Impact absorbing vehicle body, rear seats complying with ISOFIX standard, vehicle stability control with Traction Control & Hill start assist control ensuring utmost safety for both the driver as well as passengers. The exteriors of the new Camry Hybrid are designed to enhance the car's sporty looks- be it the bigger 15 spoke Alloy wheels or the stylish new LED Fog Lamps & LED Headlamps which don't just look good but also consume less power. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Akito Tachibana, said, "India being a crucial market for us, we believe there is more to the market beyond just the numbers. We have taken good stock of our priorities for the road ahead and we do not want to make just more vehicles but also want to address other critical issues associated with energy, environment and safety.

7th IIGlobal Women Leaders in India and Awards ceremony held

Women Leaders in India and Awards is initiated by Mohammed Ishaq of IIGlobal Business Information Private Limited have become an integral part of the Indian business calendar, celebrating the remarkable achievements of successful Women leaders, entrepreneurs and professionals. The award was given to women from every walk of life. Actress and social worker Salma Agha, Deepshikha Nagpal, Rituparna Sengupta, Miss India finalist Vaishnavi Patwardhan, Miss Diva 2016 Alankrita Bora, Vibha Bhat from ABP News, Rekha Khan Navbharat Times, Choti Maa, Khooshi Thakkar of Perfect Women Magazine, Fauzia Arshi, Ameer Jainik senior lawyer from Ahmedabad and many more received the award in different fields.