



Mixed bag of honour

Murmurs have already begun and barbs are already being pointed, if not hurled, at some of the recipients of the 67th National Awards. As a rule, the National Awards are considered the ultimate badge of honour, a true hallmark of cinematic talent celebrating excellence in Indian cinema. Of late, alas, the prestigious awards have been losing their sheen and the announcements are invariably followed by controversies. Aspersions are already being cast on the Best Actor Award for Kangana Ranaut, who has in the recent past transformed into an unofficial spokesperson of the ruling party at the Centre. As she picks up her fourth National Award, more than eyebrows are being raised.

Most of the jury's choices can be faulted. Despite the rich haul of Malayalam cinema, the Best Feature Film award for Priyadarshan's Marakkar: Arabikadalinte Simham is a reminder that the country's top awards recognise cinema that apes Baahubali-kind of historicals, if not outright Bollywood masala. Moreover, Manoj Bajpayee, an actor par excellence, and gifted actor Dhanush deserve the Best Actor Award. Even in the case of Kangana, beyond her party affiliations, she remains a talented actor. Yet, the National Awards can't be seen as a reward for party loyalists. Nor should these be handed out to appease certain sections of fans, as the award to Sushant Singh Rajput starrer Chhichhore in the Best Hindi Film category is being read by many sceptics.

Undeniably, no award jury can ever arrive at a 'please-all' formula and as veteran director Shyam Benegal once said, 'another jury will come out with a different set of winners.' Yet those at the helm of saluting the best must not only be fair but like Caesar's wife be above suspicion. The National Awards are far too prestigious to come under the shadow of censure. Amidst the circus which other award shows have become, the National Awards must stand tall. These should neither fall prey to increasing Bollywoodisation nor to partisan selections.

Editorial

Release of Short films on World Water Day and Gift of Script of popular play on World Theatre Day



Martand Foundation, Udaipur released two short video films "Half glass of water" and "accelerator and Brake" on the occasion of World Water Day, 22 March, 2021. The writer and director of films Vilas Janve has made the films entertaining by using puppets and songs besides human characters. The objective of film is to sensitize people towards the value of Water and contribute in its conservation. Manish Sharma, Preeti Kukreja, Bhavna Sharma, Miraya Mehta, Kiran Janve and Abhinav Mehta have shown their talent in the films. The videography was done by Shivam Rajdeep Sharma, Sound by Samarth Janve and Editing by Bhuvan Sharma. Martand Foundation will be happy to share the films with interested and committed people for conservation of Water. These films are also available on the Face book of Royal Harbinger and can be downloaded. Going one step ahead Martand Foundation is keen to energize children in creating stage performances to enhance their creative pursuits. To start with the Foundation will help children with the readymade script of play "Raakh sako to Raakh Paani" an entertaining and educating play written and directed by Vilas Janve. This play was staged at the Rajasthan Prasth Shikshan Samiti, Jaipur on March 27, 2009. The play was released on the same day in the presence of senior theatre director Ranveer Singh, Rajendra Boda, president of the State Reference Center, and senior educationist Ramesh Thanvi. Since then, the plays have been performed in various states of the country. "Water being most important aspect of human life, we have to return to our old style of living where all the important aspects of Nature were given full regard" says Janve. Based on water conservation and rain water harvesting this play gives ample scope to children to use their own imaginations to add or improvise scenes according to local circumstances. Interested children, teachers and theatre persons can get script of the play from RH as gift of World Theatre Day. If needed, free consultancy will also be given by Vilas Janve through RH to enhance the effect of the play.

Ph-PIMS

Rare heart surgery in PIMS

Udaipur: Physicians at the Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Hospital Umrada have given life to the patient through the rarest of heart surgeries. This is the first rare surgery of the Udaipur division.

PIMS Chairman Asheesh Agarwal said that the 60-year-old patient of Bhillwara had a heart attack four months ago. He was unable to do his daily work due to chest pain, nervousness, and breathlessness. Meanwhile, the patient got her treatment done in many hospitals, but there was no improvement in her condition. Recently, the patient was brought to PIMS Hospital. The investigation here revealed that the patient had blockages in both arteries. A large hole was also formed due to the cutting of the middle wall of the heart. Heart pumping almost worsened due to a heart attack, and there was Sevier leakage in both valves. Despite having so many heart complications, PIMS underwent a complete surgery in one go. This included repairing both valves, bypassing and completely repairing the heart hole without opening the large heart chamber. The surgery was performed by Dr. Sudeep Chaudhary, Head of the Department of Cardiac and Vascular Surgery. Dr. Vipin Sisodia and the team were supported in the surgery. According to Dr. Chaudhary, it was the rarest operation that was successfully completed. The patient is completely healthy and has been discharged from the hospital.

Women prove their ability, show their rights, tell and snatch them if needed: Mehta

Udaipur: Shekhar Mehta, International President of Rotary International 2021-22, said that we do not need women's empowerment in the current era because they are empowered. I want to see women in all walks of life touching their lofts, being assigned, and in positions of leadership. They prove their ability, assert their rights, tell and snatch them if needed. Now is the time for women and honor, paying tribute to their unprecedented participation in the home, family, and society. Mehta expressed this view on behalf of the Rotary Club of Udaipur Meera as Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony of the two-day 'Sangini-Conference for Women', which started on Saturday at Labah gah Palace Resort in Udaipur under the aegis of Rotary District-3054. Shekhar Mehta, First Lady Rashi Mehta of the club, District Governor Dr. Rajesh Agarwal, and other guests inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the lamp in the presence of club members and officials from across the country.

Spokesperson Sushma Kumawat said that there would be many events in the Sangeeni Conference on various themes of women empowerment for two days. The event is being organized in the notable presence of Sangeeta Program Chairman Madhu Sareen, Organizing Secretary Preeti Sogani, Rotary Club Meera President Vijaya lakshmi Galundia, Secretary Sangeeta Mundra. Before this, Preeti Segani got the information revealed by showing a short film filled with various activities and Rotary Club

of Udaipur Meera achievements. The welcome speech was given by Madhu Sareen, while Club President Vijayalakshmi Galundia gave thanks. The directory of the club was also released on occasion.

Chief guest Shekhar Mehta said that you should abandon Ladies First's mentality because they are now standing at par. She has surpassed men in many areas of life. Now the need is to completely change the mindset towards women in the home, family, and society and respect women at all levels. The Rotary Club has ensured that women's participation at every level in its organization spread over 200 countries of the world. District Governor Dr. Rajesh Agarwal said that women are mentally strong and have made their mark in all places, including political and corporate. Through such conferences, women get a chance to know themselves, express themselves and create new opportunities. Organizing Secretary Preeti Sogani said that women could touch the sky with their Confidence. Rashi Mehta administered the oath to the new members of Rotary Province.

Achieved significant mileage with indomitable will: Preetam Goswami

In the second session as the keynote speaker, International Motivator Preetam Goswami gave a PowerPoint presentation to show how women of general background can also achieve great status by their indomitable will. The sensitivity shown by women in balancing working life as well as family life is unmatched.



Ice Breaking-You Can Do It: Dr. Anuradha Tote

International Life Coach, Motivational Speaker, Corporate Trainer, Dr. Anuradha Tote said that women should expand their horizons and reach new heights of success by making full use of their capabilities. You can start your conversation with anyone with many simple things, including a smile, hello. Ice-breaking means breaking your hesitation and moving forward. Whenever you meet you inadvertently, talk with the Confidence, learn from their suc-

cess and keep adding their qualities to your personality.

13 Distinguished Talents Honored

On this occasion, Rajasthan and Gujarat's outstanding talents, who have made outstanding contributions in various fields, were honored. Those to be honored include Yashita Jain, Police Officer Chetana Bhati, Dr. Nutan Kanitkar, Dr. Reena Rathore, Anshu Dandia, Ruchika Bhardwaj, Gaurav Singhvi, Rajulben Desai, Mittal Maulik Patel, Nipa Patel, Pooja Shukla, Renu Heda, Meera Damor.

Decline in women employment

Women and children faced the biggest brunt of the Corona epidemic. Lockdowns and other strict regulations have caused many sectors worldwide to stagnate or collapse, causing the most affected economy and causing a sharp decline in employment. Now that the impact of the epidemic seems to be diminishing, in such a situation, India along with all the countries of the world is trying to overcome it. In such a situation, it is a big challenge to bring the economy back on track, for which the Central Government has issued a series of relief packages; gradually the market and general activities are moving towards normalcy. But in the meantime, there is worrying news about female employment. A think tank called the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) has reported that only 7 percent of urban women in India are employed or looking for it. According to CMIE, our country lags behind Indonesia and Saudi Arabia in terms of employing women. The corona epidemic has exacerbated this problem.

Due to the policy and schemes of the Central Government, new records have been set in the last few decades for the empowerment of women, the achievements of women from public life to the front of the economy and the achievement of being self-reliant, there is a sharp decline

in time, which is disturbing. According to the CMIE report, such a small number of urban women are employed in India. For the reasons of Corona epidemic, the sectors that women directly depend on for employment were the most affected. Be it domestic help, schooling sector, tourism or catering sector. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, a large number of women were evacuated from these sectors.

At the same time, many women had to leave their jobs due to the extra burden of children's care due to the closure of children's schools. Due to these reasons, the employment or job sector which has been the biggest means of empowerment of women, the proportion of their participation in it has reached a very worrying situation. It is worth noting that the survey conducted by Bubble AI during the last two months from January this year has revealed the fact that women are suffering big losses in many areas. According to Indian references, due to Covid-19, many women had to leave their jobs in the middle. This has further reduced the already low participation of women in the labour sector.

Apart from CMIE, a survey by the International Labor Organization has also revealed the frightening fact that Covid-19 has affected the employment of women more than



men. The organization conducted a survey in Mumbai and found that while the epidemic affected the employment of three-fourths of men, the share of women was about 90 percent. It was found in this survey that it was eight times easier for men to get new employment than women. For example, men took up the job of delivering things, which women could not easily do in a society like India.

According to CMIE, 9.7 percent of urban women were part of the labour force in the year 2019. But during the epidemic this share decreased to 6.9 percent. The institution has presented these facts after talking to one lakh 70 thousand families across India. The report said that seventy-one percent of working men at workplaces are just eleven percent. Obviously, unemployment figures are also decided on these grounds. There is no doubt that the struggles that women face every day in social situations, they are still uplifted. But the truth is that

after losing their place in public life is very hard and the sudden loss of job and employment has a direct impact on their mental health and they are also struggling with it. Whenever there is a sudden or planned turmoil in any country or society, any disaster, war and political or man-made problem arises, it has the most negative effect on women and they have to bear the brunt of it. Women were also the most affected in the crisis of the epidemic.

The latest survey has raised concerns over the crisis in jobs and employment. Earlier, there have been reports that cases of domestic violence against women increased rapidly due to the total ban imposed due to Corona. The question is why a situation arises in which women have to bear the brunt of every crisis.

For the empowerment of women, it is necessary that the Government of India must take necessary steps to provide employment to more women. The Indian government will

have to change the mind-set to focus only on the IT sector. It will have to call companies investing in other sectors. Like the textile industry, which has now shifted to Bangladesh, women get good employment in this industry. The government will have to focus on it. The government will have to give up its sexist thinking. Only 11 percent of the Indian government's own employees are women. More and new opportunities for women in government jobs are important.

In the World Economic Forum in Davos, Oxfam, in a report called 'Time to Care', shocked the world by revealing the economic conditions of domestic women. The women, who handle their home, take care of the family, do countless difficult tasks, from getting up in the morning to sleeping at night. If we say that maintaining the house is the most difficult task in the world then it probably will not be wrong. This is the only profession in the world in which you are at work for 24 hours, seven days a day, suffer a crisis every day, and meet every deadline and that too without leave. Think, she does not take any salary in exchange for performing so many tasks. Her hard work is not usually given special importance by being called a regular household chore.

At the same time, this work of her is not labeled as being beneficial in the progress of

the nation. While that much work would have been done by the servants, a large amount would have to be paid as salary. On the other hand, a woman who works in a company, after working for a fixed period and a fixed number of days, gets a specified amount of salary. This work of her and her sequence is seen as a contribution to national progress (GDP). It is believed that such a woman's contribution in the economic development of the country. The question is why the labour of domestic working women is not evaluated economically? Why this outrageous treatment of domestic women?

Actually, the reason for such situation is social and narrow thinking. In the patriarchal social system, the center of power has usually been men and women have been marginalized in the sharing of labour and resources. This kind of tradition developed centuries ago, but it is regrettable that today, when the world is claiming to be modern and civilized, the Narendra Modi government in India is ready to give equal status to women and its self-respect. In that too, women have not got the right to fair share in resources for the most part. There is a big question that how long will all the evils, pandemics and national crises continue to fall on women.

- Lalit Garg

One Day Peer Educator Training Program organized by Red Ribbon Club

The Red Ribbon Club organized the Peer Education Training Program at the University Guest House under the aegis of Mohanlal Sukhadia University and Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society, Jaipur, NACO and Population Foundation of India. The Director of the Red Ribbon Club workshop, Dr. P.S. Rajput, welcomed everyone. The program was chaired by Prof. Amarika Singh, Vice-Chancellor Mohanlal Sukhadia University.

Under the guidance of The head of the department in charge of the music department, Dr. Pamil Modi's "Red Ribbon song" was performed. Mohanlal Sukhadia University is the first university in the country where the website of the Red Ribbon Club has been prepared, and the song has also been composed. This song will be played in every program across the country.

In the program, Professor Amarika Singh discussed the Super Sarathi Center's establishment, awareness related to health and education in rural male service and tribal areas, and issues related to women upliftment. Prof. Singh spoke about blood donation and the development of life, and the continuous efforts being made by the university and nationalism; he called upon all the peer educators to work for the social benefit in their lives.

Garima Bhati, Deputy Director of AIDS Control Society, Jaipur, spoke about peer education training and gave detailed information about their goals and objectives. Mr. Neeraj Gupta of Population Foundation of India provided detailed information about adolescent and youth health.

Head Injury Awareness Day

celebrated in the Paras J. K. hospital



Udaipur: World Head Injury Awareness Day was celebrated in the Paras J. K. hospital. Hospital director Vishwajit Kumar said that a workshop was organized for nursing

workers to deal with emergency-like Troma during this time. In the workshop, Neuro Surgeon Dr. Ajit Singh informed that last year more life loss due to corona had been caused by road accidents, which tells Troma's horrors. The patient should be admitted to the Multispeciality Hospital within an hour after having a trauma on the road. During this time, the patient should take care not to move too much. Besides, the patient should be brought directly on the plane surface by lying on it. If there is blood coming from somewhere, it should be cleaned with a clean cloth and damped.

Neurosurgeon Dr. Amitendu Shekhar said that trauma could be avoided only by taking precautions. Traffic rules should be followed to avoid trauma occurring in road accidents. Lighting should be good in homes, anti-slip mats and shoes, slippers, etc., should be of good quality to protect the elderly from the house, park, or the surrounding stroma. This will prevent trauma from occurring at home. Sometimes an internal injury to the head shows everything right from the outside, but later the injury shows the effect. Symptoms such as fainting, bleeding, vomiting, bleeding from nose and ears, poor hearing, low heart-beat, excess, seizures after the injury are seen. In such a situation, there is a risk of paralysis or coma. In such a situation,

the patient should be taken to the nearest hospital immediately. During the workshop, pre-treated Troma patients were honored by providing mementos.

PEPPERFRY LAUNCHES ITS FIRST STUDIO IN UDAIPUR

Udaipur: Pepperfry, India's No.1 furniture and home products marketplace, has announced the launch of its first Studio in Udaipur, Rajasthan. After witnessing a great response from its experiential Studio in Jaipur, Pepperfry is further expanding its presence in the state. In line with its aim to build the largest omni-channel network in the furniture and home segment, Pepperfry has established 60 plus studios (owned and franchise) in 20 plus cities across India, thus far. The newly launched Studio, which is launched in partnership with Glentwood, is located at a prime location at Savina Main Road, Sector 5 in Udaipur. The experiential centre, which spans a carpet area of 1,000sq.ft, offers customers a first-hand experience of a curated range of furniture and décor carefully selected from the differentiated portfolio of more than 1 lakh products available on Pepperfry's website. These Studios provide the touch and feel experience to consumers to understand wood finishes and quality of these big-ticket items before purchasing them. It also houses design experts that offer complementary design consultancy to help consumers in creating their dream homes.

Pepperfry has pioneered a truly differentiated omni channel business and we are looking forward to participate in their journey to create the largest omni channel home and furniture business." Taking cognizance of how these Studios emerged as key consumer touch points in a short span of time, Pepperfry is planning to launch 10 new franchisee-owned and franchisee-operated (FOFO) experience Studios across Tier-2 and 3 cities by March 2021.