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White Tiger fails to fetch Indian actor BAFTA win

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Indian actor Adarsh Gourav lost Best Lead Actor race to thespian Anthony Hopkins at the 74th British Academy Awards (BAFTA).

The annual movie awards ceremony was held virtually after several postponements due to the pandemic.

It was divided into two evenings, April 10 and 11. The technical awards were given out on Saturday and the main event was held on Sunday.

Nomadland — an American drama film written, directed, edited and produced by Chloe Zhao — won four major awards, including Best Film, Best Leading Actress, Best Director, and Best Cinematography.

Adarsh Gourav, meanwhile, was in elite company, competing against not just the legendary Hopkins but also the late Chadwick Boseman and Riz Ahmed.

He was nominated for The White Tiger, a film based on the award-winning eponymous book by Aravind Adiga. It also starred Rajkumar Rao and Priyanka Chopra Jonas

Meanwhile, Christopher Nolan's action thriller Tenet, which also starred Dimple Kapadia, won the Best Special Visual Effects award.

Tika Utsav: 30 lakh vaccinated on Day 1

Riya Joseph

Nearly 30 lakh vaccines were administered to Indian citizens on Day 1 of Tika Utsav, according to a statement by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The mass vaccination drive began on the Sunday, April 11, with 63,800 Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) made operational, which is 18,800 more than the usual number of operational CVCs in the country.

Most CVCs were operational in the private work places. Despite it being a Sunday, which generally witnesses a lower vaccination count, the first day recorded 29,33,418 vaccines being administered to the public,



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said the ministry.

Of this, 27,01,439 beneficiaries were vaccinated

across 38,398 sessions for the first dose, and 2,31,979 beneficiaries received their

second dose of the vaccine.

India continued to hold the top spot in terms of the

number of doses administered globally with an average of 40,55,055 doses administered per day.

Covid-19 cases continued to rise in various states across India, with Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan reporting 83.02 percent of the new cases.

In all, 1,68,912 new cases were registered on April 11, with Maharashtra reporting the highest number of cases at 63,294, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 15,276 and New Delhi with 10,774 new cases. Nine states, including Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim, have not reported any Covid-19 deaths in the last 24 hours.

2,500 jobs from Flipkart-Adani deal?

Nandita Narayanan

Flipkart on Monday, April 12, announced a strategic and commercial partnership with the Adani Group for logistics and data-centre businesses. This partnership is expected to create 2,500 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs.

Flipkart said in the joint statement that it will work with Adani Logistics Limited and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone

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Limited to strengthen its supply-chain infrastructure and enhance its ability to serve its customers.

The e-commerce giant also said it will set up its third

Adaniconnex Private Limited is a new Joint Venture formed between EdgeConneX and Adani Enterprises Limited.

As part of the agreement, Adani Logistics Limited will reportedly build a 534,000 sqft fulfilment centre in its upcoming logistics hub in Mumbai that will be leased to Flipkart to service the e-commerce demand in Western India and "support market access of several thousands of sellers and MSMEs in the region," said the statement.

State may see isolated rainfall from April 14 to 16

Suhas S Kashyap

The south-interior Karnataka region is likely to get heavy rainfall from April 14 to April 16, said the National Weather Forecasting Centre of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday, April 12.

Heavy rainfall is expected at isolated places over coastal and south-interior Karnataka soon, and this is expected to continue till April 16.

Under the influence of cyclonic circulations over the south peninsula, rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds reaching up to 30-40 kmph are very likely over southwest peninsular India during next five days, said the forecast.

Rain and thunderstorms occurred on Sunday in some parts of Karnataka.

The trough in easterlies persists from north Kerala to above cyclonic circulation over southwest Madhya Pradesh & neighbourhood across Interior Karnataka and Marathwada at 1.5 km above mean sea level.

Thundershowers are also expected in areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Mahe.

Model Josephite wins accolades

Worinphi Ronra Shimray

BENGALURU: Most people with a dislocated shoulder would prefer to stay home and recuperate for a few days but not Songashim Rungung.

He actually braved the pain and went on to win the title of Rubaru Mr India-United Continents at the Rubaru Mr India 2020-2021 competition in Goa.

Rubaru Mr India is the country's biggest annual pageant for men.

Bengaluru-based Rungung, who belongs to the Tangkhul Naga community, works as a freelance model.



Songashim Rungung

Rubaru India

This alumnus of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) told The Beacon: "I feel this is still the beginning of my journey, so there is no time for me to feel proud. I still have to work hard and move on and I'm happy that at least I'm one of the winners of

Rubaru Mr India but I still have a long way to go."

He added, "I have to prepare mentally, physically and respect is one of the biggest things I have to focus on because if I don't respect anyone then I'm not fit to be a winner and this is the preparation I had to focus a lot more on.

I met with an accident just before the finale and dislocated my shoulder which was one of the biggest challenges. Despite everything, I worked hard and achieved it."

Besides the title, Songashim also won the award for the Best National Costume.

New rly washing plant promises cleaner trains

Jesly Pulikotil

BENGALURU: In the wake of Covid-19 and the increasing attention to cleanliness and hygiene, the Ministry of Railways in a recent tweet shed light on an Automatic Train Washing Plant at Wadi Bunder Coaching Yard in Mumbai, which is expected to ensure better cleaning of trains while conserving water, time and electricity.

Saji Vargese, Assistant Yard Master at Lonavala Railway Station Yard, said, "Once this system is implemented all

over the country, it will become very easy to clean trains — especially local and passenger trains — after every trip."

The ministry tweet, meanwhile, said the automatic washing system is "quick, economical and environment friendly".

It requires minimum electricity and manpower for operating it, which also ensures low maintenance.

The requirement of water, soap and disinfectants required are lesser compared to conventional methods of washing.