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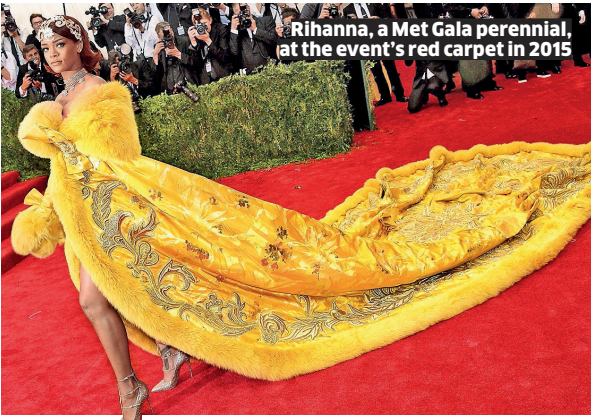
Everything you need to know about the 2024 Met Gala

First things first: What is the Met Gala? Officially, it's the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute benefit, a black-tie extravaganza held to raise money for the museum's fashion wing, the only curatorial department at the Met that has to pay for itself.

Unofficially, it's the party of the year and the Oscars of the East Coast. Last year's event raised almost \$22 million, while the Met's Art & Artists Gala raised \$4.4 million.

What is the secret sauce? Two words: Anna Wintour. Wintour, the global editorial director of Condé Nast and the editor-in-chief of *Vogue*, has been the gala's chief mastermind since 1999 after first signing on in 1995, and has transformed the event into the ultimate celebrity-power cocktail of famous names from fashion, film, tech, politics, sports and social media. Every brand scratches every other brand's back.

When is it this year?
The big day is May 6. In



theory, the timed arrivals — each guest is allotted a slot — start at 5:30 pm, usually with the evening's hosts, and end around 8 pm. But you try telling Rihanna when to show up. Last year, she came so late that other guests had already begun to leave.

Is there a theme?
This year, the show is called 'Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion'. It will be built around treasures in the museum's fashion collection that are so old and delicate that they

cannot be displayed on mannequins. Instead, the exhibit will involve AI and 3D recreations of the work, as well as sound and smell.

Who are the hosts?
Joining Wintour as the 2024 gala's co-chairs are Jennifer Lopez, Zendaya, Chris Hemsworth and Bad Bunny, while the honorary chairs are Jonathan Anderson of Loewe and Shou Chew, the CEO of TikTok. Like the party itself, the combination of hosts is all about the mix: Music, film, fashion and social media.



Who's invited?

The guest list is a closely guarded secret. The Met Gala is invitation-only. Entry is not just about price — which this year is \$75,000 for one ticket (\$25,000 more than last year), with tables beginning at \$350,000. Qualifications for inclusion have more to do with buzz, achievement and beauty than money. Wintour has the final say over every invitation and attendee.

That means that even if you give tonnes of money to the museum, you won't necessarily qualify; and even if a company buys a table, it cannot choose everyone who will sit there. It must clear any guests with Wintour and pray for approval. This year, there are about 400 Chosen Ones.

Rihanna has confirmed her presence. There will probably also be a Kardashian/Jenner or two, judging from years past, and odds are good that Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sanchez will step out — though the hottest speculation is around names such as Caitlin Clarke, Sam Altman and the current celebrity royal couple, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce.

— The New York Times

Agony and ecstasy

Bruno Fernandes has asked his Manchester United teammates to be prepared for criticism and praise in equal measure

Sports World Play



I feel an all-rounder's role is in danger with the impact player rule. Every team is looking to play either a pure batter or a pure bowler as the impact player, and the all-rounders aren't being used

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KKR vs PBKS	
EDEN GARDENS, KOLKATA	
7:30PM (Star Sports / Jio Cinema)	
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LAST 3 MATCHES	
KKR won by 5 wickets	2023
PBKS won by 7 runs	2023
KKR won by 6 wickets	2022

Xavi to Stay as Barcelona Coach

Barcelona boss Xavi Hernandez said he had unfinished business with the club and money was not what led him to reverse his decision to step down at the end of the season and agree to stay in charge for the 2024-25 campaign. Xavi on Thursday said he had seen a huge improvement in the team's performances and morale over the last two months. Barca announced on Wednesday that Xavi, who said in January that he'd step down at the end of the campaign, would honour the last year of his contract after agreeing to a series of unspecified conditions set by the club.

Reuters

The Moment Reds Surrendered

Liverpool's title challenge all but over after losing their first Merseyside derby at Goodison Park in almost 14 years

Richard Jolly

So now Jurgen Klopp has another reason why he will not to miss the Merseyside derby. His last trip to Goodison Park was his worst. On a night when Everton had multiple reasons to celebrate, they saw off Klopp with the result that all but secures them a 71st consecutive season of top-flight football and may in effect finish off Liverpool's title challenge. "You lost the league at Goodison Park," chorused the Evertonians. Klopp has caused them untold pain over the last eight years. Finally, he was given a taste of how painful Merseyside derbies can be for the losers.

Klopp has seen Sadio Mane and Divock Origi snatch victory in these fixtures. He had to watch Jarrad Branthwaite and Dominic Calvert-Lewin assume the mantle of the heroes of half of a divided city. Klopp spent his final night on the Goodison Park touchline haranguing the fourth official Simon Hooper, a picture of frustration. As Everton's identity was intensity, a strangely lacklustre Liverpool performance was laced with misicks and mistakes. This was not the way he had hoped

to bade farewell to a rivalry which, while he said he has not enjoyed, he has dominated.

This was just Klopp's second defeat in 19 derbies. A succession of Everton managers have lived and laboured in Klopp's sizeable shadow but now Sean Dyche finds himself in distinguished company with Carlo Ancelotti as the only ones to beat the German. As the Italian's victory came in lockdown, Branthwaite's opener made it the first time a crowd had even seen Everton lead since 2013.

Their previous triumph at Goodison was so long ago, in 2010, that one of the scorers may be title-winning manager now, Mikel Arteta could certainly savour his old club's long-awaited triumph.

For Klopp, it was a first loss at Goodison. Everton displayed many of the traits the Liverpool manager wants: the fervent commitment, the fast start, the energy to galvanise the crowd. Goodison's penultimate derby was a raucous affair,

2010

the last time Everton had beaten Liverpool at Goodison Park, their home ground

Everton attacking with urgency and defending with defiance. For the most part, Liverpool had no answer to them.

After 13 matches without a victory, Everton have won three in four. They are improving as Liverpool are regressing.

Klopp had restored six of his premier players to the starting 11 but Liverpool played better with the weakened team he fielded at Fulham. They looked cowed: as against Atalanta and Crystal Palace at Anfield, Liverpool suggested their race this season — and under Klopp — is run. They have gone from formidable to fragile, from peaking to losing form, individually and collectively. Not for the first time of late, they were poor in both penalty boxes. In part, that reflected on Darwin Nunez, who squandered a wonderful chance to equalise. An exception may be made for Alisson, whose saves included a brilliant effort to claw away Calvert-Lewin's close-range header.

But too many of Liverpool's pivotal performers were poor: Alexis Mac Allister was off colour, Mohamed Salah subdued even when his immediate opponent in the second half was Ashley Young. It felt Klopp raised the white flag when he substituted Andy Robertson and Trent Alexander-Arnold.

And on a day when Liverpool moved closer to appointing Klopp's successor, Everton all but ensured that Arne Slot will not inherit the reigning champions.

Jurgen Klopp with Darwin Nunez

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The Independent

I wouldn't be Here Without Vishy Sir: Gukesh

D Gukesh on Thursday thanked the legendary Viswanathan Anand for playing a huge role in shaping his career, saying "I wouldn't have been close to what I am now if it wasn't for him".

The 17-year-old Grandmaster scripted history on Monday by winning the Candidates Chess Tournament in Toronto to become the youngest ever challenger to the world title, beating a record created by the legendary Garry Kasparov 40 years ago.

The triumph paved the way for Gukesh's clash against reigning

world champion Ding Liren of China later this year.

"Vishy sir has been a huge inspiration for me and I have heavily benefitted from his academy. I am truly grateful to him and wouldn't have been close to what I am now if it wasn't for him," Gukesh said at a press conference a few hours after his arrival here to a rousing reception from fans and schoolmates.

Gukesh has trained at the Westbridge-Anand Chess Academy which came into existence in 2020. Incidentally, before Gukesh, Anand was the only



D Gukesh with his mother

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Indian to have won the Candidates, the last time being 2014. Speaking about his much-anticipated clash against Liren, Gukesh said, "The biggest challenge

against Ding would be how I prepare myself and being in the right state of mind since it will be a big match. There are a lot of expectations and a lot at stake. I have full belief in myself and will be going in with the same strategy. Hopefully, it will work out well."

WARM RECEPTION

The history-making teen was swamped by fans as he returned to an enthusiastic reception early this morning. Hundreds of students from the Velammal Vidyalaya, the school where Gukesh studies, lined up at the airport at least one hour before his flight landed to greet him.

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Pharma, Financial Services Lead in Female KMP Representation

POWER PACKED Pharma sector had half a dozen women in such roles, one more than fin services

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Bengaluru: The pharmaceutical sector led the pack — edging out financial services — in employing women in key management personnel (KMPs) roles across the top 200 BSE-listed companies.

While female KMPs in the financial services sector were all professional leaders, in pharma, they were promoters, according to data from FY23 collated for ET by executive search firm EMA Partners India.

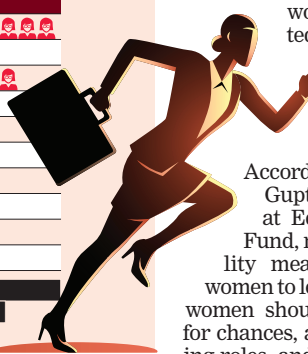
However, Indian companies continue to struggle to have a better gender balance when it comes to KMPs. According to the Companies Act, KMPs are the CEOs or managing directors, chief financial officers, company secretaries and wholtime directors.

The top 200 BSE-listed companies had a total of 447 KMPs in FY2023. Among them, 28 (6.26%) were women: 12 professionals and 16 promoters. The total count of female KMPs earning a million dollars or more in annual compensation was seven, the data revealed.

Pharmaceuticals had half a dozen women in KMP roles, one more than in financial services. The hospitals/medical segment came in next, with fo

Gender Balance

Leaders and Laggards: The sectoral mix	Professionals	Promoters
Pharmaceuticals	5	6
Financial services	5	4
Hospitals/medical	1	2
Industrial/manufacturing	1	2
Insurance	3	1
FMCG/consumer	1	2
Media & hospitality	-	1
F&B/QSR & food services	1	-
Oil & gas	1	-
Digital & ecommerce	-	1
Total key management personnel in BSE 200 companies: 447	Female KMPs 28 Promoters 16 Professionals 12	



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said. "Today, organisations are positively inclined to provide that, and this will ensure that career mortality of women will be limited, especially during the most vulnerable phases in their careers."

According to Radhika Gupta, MD and CEO at Edelweiss Mutual Fund, real gender equality means empowering women to lead. Starting out, women should actively look for chances, aim for challenging roles, and get guidance at different points in their lives for more achievements.

"We need to rethink how workplaces work and make them more fair. To fix this, support hiring based on skills, provide mentorship at different stages, and help women to scale up in their careers," Gupta said.

Vinita Bali, an independent director and former MD at Britannia, makes a case for legislating and mandating initiatives around women. "Somehow, India follows things when they are legislated and made mandatory, like in the case of women directors. This also has to be mandated. Otherwise, very little action is happening voluntarily," Bali said.

ur female KMPs.

GETTING MORE KMPs: THE ROAD MAP

Explaining the numbers, K Sudarshan, managing director-India and regional chair-Asia at EMA Partners said: "The numbers reflect a broader trend on the representation of women in the upper layers of management across sectors. However, most boards are seized of the matter and there is a sense of urgency visible today to encourage diversity across. It will call for concerted efforts

from all stakeholders over the next two decades for the balance to be restored." For example, in certain sectors like manufacturing, there is a need to address the issue right at the grassroots from supply side. In sectors such as technology and software

services, it is more about channelling resources appropriately to ensure representation at the top.

Workplace flexibility will be another factor which will positively impact the emergence of female leaders, Sudarshan

T20 WC Free Streaming may Draw 450 m Viewers: Disney

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Mumbai: Disney+ Hotstar, the streaming platform owned by Disney Star, will stream the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 for free on mobile while charging on Connected TV (CTV), continuing its previous hybrid monetisation model for live sports, said people familiar with the development.

In its marketing pitch to sponsors, the streaming behemoth stated that the month-long T20 competition, which will take place in the West Indies and the United States from June 1 to 29, has the potential to

reach over 450 million viewers. Between March and August, it has offered brands an additional 150 million incremental reach with entertainment shows like *Showtime Part 1* and 2, *Kaphal*, *Special Ops 2A*, *Pratipashchandra*, and *Abhinay*.

"Disney+ Hotstar will stream the T20 World Cup for free on mobile, having achieved tremendous success with the 50-over WC in 2023," said a source close to the development, adding that CTV audiences will have to subscribe to either ₹299/three months or ₹499/three months plans to stream the event. Disney Star declined to com-

ment on the development. In 2022, it shelled out \$3 billion for the ICC TV and digital rights for the 2024-27 cycle.

The streaming giant, with over 38 million paid customers and 500 million app downloads, introduced free mobile streaming of major sports events like the Asia Cup and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, followed by the Pro Kabaddi League in 2023. Before streaming these events for free, Disney+ Hotstar had kept live sports behind the paywall. However, rival JioCinema's free sports streaming of premium properties like the FIFA World Cup and Indian Premier League (IPL) prompted it to follow suit.

Disney+ Hotstar's free strategy for live sports has yielded significant results, as it attracted a record number of viewers for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

As per the platform's internal analytics, it achieved a significant reach during the marquee 50-over tournament, with over 550 million unique users tuning in to the platform during the tournament.

Furthermore, the tournament was live-streamed on Disney+ Hotstar by 295 million unique viewers, representing 61% of the Indian OTT universe. The tournament reached 57 million unique viewers on 16.2 million CTV devices.

Yash Shares Looks to Beat ₹851-cr Bid to Buy Rolta India

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Mumbai: Mumbai-based Yash Shares has proposed to beat Ashdan Properties' ₹851 crore bid for Rolta India in an unsolicited offer to bankers, a development that has come as yet another twist to the case of the Mumbai-based software company which was admitted to the bankruptcy process in January last year.

Yash Shares, which was among the initial nine applicants to take over the company in November, approached lenders with a revised offer a few days ago, said four people familiar with the matter. Though its offer has not been opened, Pune-based Ashdan Properties, which was so far the highest bidder, approached the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and urged its intervention in not allowing a late bid.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Section 102 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF
MR. VINAY BHADOURIA, Personal Guarantor of M/s NIL Infrastructures Private Limited

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1. Name of the Personal Guarantor	MR. VINAY BHADOURIA
2. Name of the corporate debtor in which guarantee given	M/S NIL INFRASTRUCTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
3. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	09/10/2007
4. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	ROC-Delhi
5. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U45400DL2007PTC201844
6. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Regd. Office: B 801, HAPPY HOME APARTMENT SECTOR-7, DWARKA NEW DELHI South West Delhi DL 110075 IN.
7. Address of personal guarantor	Present Address: Mr. Vinay Bhaduria S/o Sh. Mahendra Singh Bhaduria E-8/12, Basant Kunj, Arera Colony, Bhopal (M.P.)- 462016
8. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	28/03/2018
9. Details of order of commencement of insolvency in respect of personal guarantor	Order No. C.P.(IB) No.147/(PB)/2022 dated 23.04.2024, Order received on 24.04.2024
10. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as resolution professional	Sajjan Kumar Dokania IBBI/IFA-003/IP-N000150/ 2017-2018/ 11729
11. Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	25, Globus Fab City, Kolar Road, Chuna Bhatti, Near Suyash Hospital, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, 462016, email: sajjan_suman@hotmail.com
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13. Last date for submission of claims	17.05.2024

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi has ordered, under Section 95(1) read with Section 100 of IBC 2016, the commencement of insolvency resolution process against Mr. Vinay Bhaduria (resident of as mentioned at entry no.7) on 24/04/2024.

The Creditors of Mr. Vinay Bhaduria are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on form B as provided in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) Regulations, 2019 (available on IBBI website at https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads) on or before 17/05/2024 [within 21 days from the date of issue of this publication] to the resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 11.

1. The creditors may submit their claims through electronic means or by hand or registered post or speed post or courier.
2. In addition to the claims referred to in sub-section (1), the creditor shall provide to the resolution professional, personal information and such particulars as mentioned in Form B (available on IBBI website at https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads)
Note: Submission of false or misleading claims with proofs shall attract penalties or imprisonment in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code, 2016 and any other applicable laws.

By order
Place: Bhopal Issued by Sajjan Kumar Dokania, Resolution Professional
Date: 26-04-2024 on behalf of Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority, Principal Bench, New Delhi

'India Granted Over 1 L Patents'

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New Delhi: India granted 1.03 lakh patents in financial year 2023-24, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks Unnat Pandit said on Thursday, as he assured that there will be "no delay" in the Intellectual Property Office as it prioritises timely clearance of applications.

Addressing an Assocham event here, he shared that 40% of the applications were disposed of within 30 months of the request for examination. "We are going to have no delay in the IP office, that's the motive with which we have .. that IP should be granted and under Chapter 8 of the Act it should also be utilised by the applicant ... that will generate the economic value of IP," Pandit said.

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